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Colorado City law enforcement officials are looking for Brittany Hill and her daughter, Khloe Wheeler, who went missing Wednesday.

Courtesy photo



Mom, child missing

Colorado City authorities seek public's help

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials in Colorado City are searching for a 23-year-old mother and her child after investigators say she was reported missing Wednesday.

Reports made to the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office indicate Brittany Hill and her

2-year-old daughter, Khloe Wheeler, were last seen Wednesday around 3 p.m. in Hill's 2002 blue-gray Toyota Highlander.

According to investigators, there is a white cross-shaped sticker and a decal reading "In Memory of Jessica Castillo" on the back of the vehicle.

Hill is described as 5-feet, 7-inches tall with red and

black hair and brown eyes. Her daughter is described as having brown hair and brown eyes, according to Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs.

Hill also has a leopard spot tattoo on her left shoulder, as well as lip and nose rings, according to police reports.

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Early voting ends today

Polls close at 5 p.m.; election day is Tuesday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Howard County residents looking to cast their ballots early in this year's political party primaries have until 5 p.m. today to do so, as early

voting wraps up ahead of Tuesday's election day.

According to Sandra Bloom, county elections administrator, turnout during early voting in this year's primary has been slower than

expected, with daily tallies hovering around the 100- to 150-ballot mark.

"The first four days of early voting we didn't even break

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Hangar 25 hosts event Monday

By **AMANDA MORENO**

Staff Writer

Food from the past is what's on the menu at Hangar 25 Air Museum.

In recognition of Memorial Day, several local residents will be gathering together in order to bring the "Cooking With Hangar 25" cookbook to life.

From noon until 2 p.m. Monday, the museum will be open for people to come in and sample each of the dishes, which will all be made from recipes in the cookbook. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1 for

children under 12.

"This is a great way to promote our cookbook while

getting involved in the

Memorial Day activities

What: Memorial Day services and ceremony

Where: Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home

When: 10 a.m.

What: Vietnam Memorial Committee ceremony

Where: Vietnam Memorial

When: 11 a.m.

What: Hangar 25 Cookbook cook-off

Where: Hangar 25 Air Museum

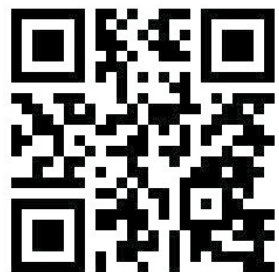
When: Noon until 2 p.m. (Gift shop open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.)



What: County Memorial Day Ceremony

Where: Trinity Memorial Park

When: 2 p.m.



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G-City seniors graduate tonight

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — Katie Multer and Reggie Halfmann are the top graduates for Garden City High School' Class of 2012, school officials announced.

Multer, the daughter of Tanya and Warren Multer, is class valedictorian. During her high school career, she has been active in National Honor Society, student council, University Interscholastic League academics, Fellowship of



Multer



Halfmann

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Garden City graduating senior's photos are on Page 6.

Christian Students, Future Farmers of America, one-act play, Business Professionals of America and robotics.

In athletics, she participated in tennis, power-lifting, cheerleading and was a member of the regional-qualifying girls' golf team in 2011.

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Crossroads commencements



TONIGHT

Borden County: 7 p.m., school auditorium.
Westbrook: 7 p.m., high school auditorium.
Garden City: 7:30 p.m., school auditorium.
Big Spring: 8 p.m., Garrett Coliseum.
Stanton: 8 p.m., high school auditorium.

SATURDAY

Grady: 6 p.m., school auditorium.
Forsan: 8 p.m., high school gymnasium.

Absolutely perfect

Reba Smith hasn't missed one day of school — ever

By **AMANDA MORENO**

Staff Writer

Perfect attendance each six weeks is something most kids can accomplish. Gaining perfect attendance all year is another somewhat common achievement, but 13 years of perfect attendance is not something heard of all that often.

Reba Smith, a senior at Big Spring High School, is one of those few.

Smith pushed herself to attend school each day, no matter what, throughout her elementary, junior high



Smith

and high school career.

"I just told myself, each day you miss is a day you didn't learn something," Smith said.

Her 13-year streak isn't something she plans on ending once she goes to college either. After graduation she will be attending Sul Ross University, pursuing an education degree and then

See **PERFECT**, Page 3A

Obituaries

Mary Elizabeth Grandey

Mary Elizabeth Grandey, 91, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 22, 2012, in a local nursing home. A private family memorial will be held in Dallas.

She was born June 14, 1920, in Greenville, Texas. Mrs. Grandey had worked as a switchboard operator at Sears. She was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Pettitt of Big Spring and Nancy Rogers and husband Bill of Athens; four grandchildren, Kelly Hunter and wife Liliana, Jana Hunter, Jenny Parum and Jim Louis and wife Lori; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, two sisters and a son-in-law, Leeon Pettitt.

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

Paid obituary

Jerry L. Turney



Jerry L. Turney, 71, of Big Spring died Thursday, May 24, 2012, in a local hospital. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, May 26, 2012, at the funeral home.

He was born Jan. 15, 1941, in Lamesa, Texas, and married Euna Vallene Wilkerson in July 1959. They had two sons, Jeffery and Jay. He later married Winnie E. Dippel on June 3, 1981.

Jerry graduated from Levelland High School and worked in automotive maintenance in Levelland and then in Big Spring. Jerry worked for Coca Cola Bottling Co., Cabot for 13 years, for Dorchester Gas in Sterling City for several years and retired from Sid Richardson Carbon Company after 20 years. He was a member of the Big Spring Regional Antique Automobile Club. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Winnie Turney of Big Spring; two sons, Jeffery L. Turney and wife Phyllis of Midland and Jay Turney and wife Amy of Phoenix, Ariz.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, C L. "Jack" and Lucille Turney.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Big Spring Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0823, the American Heart Association, P. O. Box 841125, Dallas TX 75284-1125, or to a favorite charity.

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James McVicars

James McVicars, 85, of Midland died Saturday, May 19, 2012, at Parkview Nursing Home in Big Spring. Memorial services will be held in Toronto, Canada, at a later date.

He was born in Stirling, Scotland, March 27, 1927, and after serving in the British Marines moved to Toronto, Canada. James worked as a dance instructor for many years, opening studios in Jacksonville, Florida and Lubbock, Texas. He later started a construction business in Midland, Texas.

Survivors include three daughters, Tina McVicars of Lubbock, and Tammy McVicars and Patsy McVicars, both of Toronto, Canada; one son, Shaun McVicars of Forsan; and seven grandchildren.

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Sandra B. McKaskle

Sandra B. McKaskle, 70, of Stanton died Thursday, May 24, 2012, at Home Hospice House in Odessa. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 26, 2012, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Monte Kreis officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, May 25, 2012, at the funeral home.

Sandra was born Aug. 3, 1941, in Stanton, and married James Conrad McKaskle July 17, 1961.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Stanton.

Survivors include her husband, James Conrad McKaskle of Stanton; four daughters, Mary McCaddell and husband "Beeper" of Carrizo Springs, Anna McCabe and husband Terry of Trophy Club, Shawn Cook and husband Todd of Andrews, and Sandi McKaskle-Zupp of Stanton; one brother, Bobby Shipp of Dumas; seven grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

Sandra was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Elnora (Conner) Shipp.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice Home Foundation, 901 N Sam Houston, Odessa TX 79762.

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

Support Groups

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

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

Marjorie E. 'Margie' Bentley



Marjorie E. "Margie" Bentley, 89, of Carrollton formerly of Stanton, died Saturday, May 19, 2012, in a Fort Worth hospital from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, May 28, 2012, at the Evergreen Cemetery, Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, May 27, 2012, at the funeral home

She was born May 4, 1923, in Stanton, Texas, and graduated valedictorian from Stanton High School. She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, John Jackson Bentley.

Margie was a life-long member of the Church of Christ. She worked as a switchboard operator and in the county clerk's office in Stanton, in administrative services at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, and as a secretary to the librarian at Lubbock Christian College in Lubbock before maintaining a position at FDIC in Dallas, where she retired.

She is survived by her five children, Diane Wright, John Bentley, Jane Bowers, Elizabeth Childress and Thomas Bentley; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

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. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

- GLENN DETRICT LOTTMAN II, of New Braunfels, Texas, was arrested Thursday on charges of driving while intoxicated, driving while license invalid, failure to signal lane change and disregarding a red light.
- ANTHONY ROBERT SANCHEZ, 25, of 1415 Tucson, was arrested Thursday on charges of failure to identify – giving false information and driving while license invalid – DWI related.
- ANTHONY HEATH WRIGHT, 24, of 1106 Stanford, was arrested Thursday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- KAELE ROZELLIN MENDOZA, 19, of 601 Caylor, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft – shoplifting.
- JOANN HERNANDEZ LOPEZ, 44, of 1312 Lamar, was arrested Thursday on warrants for failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information, driving while license invalid, speeding and failure to appear (two counts).
- KANDICE KAELEYN HODNETT, 18, of 6000 block W. I-20 N. Service Road, was arrested Thursday on four warrants from other agencies.
- DENNIS LEE WILLIAMS, 63, of 1715 E. Highway 350, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.
- BILLY EDMONDSON, 31, of 1605 S. Runnels, was arrested Thursday on warrants for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, theft – more than \$50 and less than \$500 and harassment.
- JUAN SOSA RODRIGUEZ JR., 42, of 805 Rosemont, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for theft by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500.
- DAVID RAY HENSON, 43, of 5205 Longshore Dr., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 1800 block of Wasson.
- In the 800 block of W. FM 700.
- In the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- THEFT was reported: In the 1800 block of E. FM 700.
- In the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this report.

- ANTHONY HEATH WRIGHT, 24, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- JERRY DONALD RAY II, 24, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – blood alcohol more than 0.15.
- DENNIS WILLIAMS, 63, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- JOANN LOPEZ, 44, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information and municipal warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to appear, speeding and violation of a promise to appear.
- KYLE LARAND COMBS, 41, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- KAELE ROZELLIN MENDOZA, 19, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property – more than \$50 and less than \$500.
- AMBER MICHELLE GUTIERREZ, 36, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a Travis County warrant for parole violation and a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information.
- BILLY JOE EDMONDSON, 31, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of theft, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and a charge of

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 5/26	Sun 5/27	Mon 5/28	Tue 5/29	Wed 5/30
				
97/70 Partly cloudy. Hot. High 97F. Winds SSE at 20 to 30 mph.	95/70 More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	94/71 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	101/72 Abundant sunshine. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the low 70s.	104/69 Sunshine. Highs 102 to 106F and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:45 PM	Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:45 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:47 PM



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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	93	68	pt sunny	Kingsville	94	72	pt sunny
Amarillo	93	65	mst sunny	Livingston	92	66	pt sunny
Austin	91	69	pt sunny	Longview	93	67	pt sunny
Beaumont	90	70	pt sunny	Lubbock	94	66	pt sunny
Brownsville	94	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	94	68	pt sunny
Brownwood	94	69	pt sunny	Midland	96	71	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	89	75	pt sunny	Raymondville	94	73	pt sunny
Corsicana	91	68	pt sunny	Rosenberg	90	70	pt sunny
Dallas	93	70	pt sunny	San Antonio	92	72	cloudy
Del Rio	93	72	pt sunny	San Marcos	92	70	pt sunny
El Paso	97	68	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	93	68	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	94	68	windy	Sweetwater	94	68	pt sunny
Gainesville	91	68	pt sunny	Tyler	92	66	pt sunny
Greenville	91	66	pt sunny	Weatherford	92	67	pt sunny
Houston	90	70	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	96	69	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	93	70	sunny	Minneapolis	67	66	rain
Boston	87	59	pt sunny	New York	83	69	mst sunny
Chicago	84	67	t-storm	Phoenix	79	57	mst sunny
Dallas	93	70	pt sunny	San Francisco	59	50	mst sunny
Denver	84	49	windy	Seattle	72	51	mst sunny
Houston	90	70	pt sunny	St. Louis	98	74	sunny
Los Angeles	69	54	mst sunny	Washington, DC	88	68	pt sunny
Miami	87	74	t-storm				

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harassment.

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• KANDICE HODNETT, 18, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on charges of non-guardian permitting unlicensed driver to drive, violation of a promise to appear (two counts) and no driver's license.

• LAUREN RACINE SMITH, 24, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on charges of assault – family violence (two counts).

• DAVID RAY HENSON, 43, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Indian Hills. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3500 block of E. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of Eighth Street and Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 600 block of Matthews.

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► State briefs

P&G to add latches to make detergent packs safer

DALLAS (AP) — Procter & Gamble says it will change the design of packaging for its miniature laundry detergent product to deter children from eating the brightly colored packets that look like candy.

Procter & Gamble spokesman Paul Fox says the Cincinnati-based company plans to create a new double latch lid on tubs of Tide Pods “in the next couple of weeks.”

Doctors say children sometimes swallow the pods thinking they are edible. Nearly 250 cases have been reported to poison control centers this year — a fraction of the thousands of poisoning calls received every year. No deaths have been reported.

Fox says to reduce the risk of poisoning, household cleaners and laundry detergents should be kept out of children’s reach.

Mayor optimistic Lon Morris College will reopen

JACKSONVILLE, Texas (AP) — The mayor in the East Texas town where Lon Morris College is located says he’s optimistic about the future of the 158-year-old school even though all but 11 of its employees have been furloughed.

Mayor Kenneth Melvin told the Tyler Morning Telegraph (<http://bit.ly/KG-GkG5>) that the private, two-year institution is “doing everything they can do” to reopen in the fall.

Dave Hubbard, executive director of student enrollment, says the school is still working on freshman orientation and is

“full speed ahead” despite its ongoing financial woes, including three missed payrolls.

The college, 110 miles southeast of Dallas, furloughed most of its workforce Wednesday. At the same time, Miles McCall resigned as the college’s president.

An Austin-based consulting firm is working to help the school reorganize.

Enrollment is about 1,000 students.

North Texas girl on tricycle hit by car dies

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A 9-year-old North Texas girl has died after the tricycle she was riding was struck by a car.

Arlington police say Jasmine Abdelaziz was crossing the street in her neighborhood around 7 p.m. Thursday when the accident occurred.

Police spokeswoman Tiara Ellis Police says the girl was hit and dragged down the street a short distance before the car’s driver stopped.

Jasmine was taken to a Fort Worth hospital where she died from her injuries.

Police continue to investigate circumstances surrounding the accident though Ellis says the driver showed no signs of being impaired and has cooperated with officers.

AWOL Muslim soldier guilty in Fort Hood bomb plot

WACO, Texas (AP) — Walking around a gun store one day last summer, the young man never took off his sunglasses as he asked questions about items he piled on

the counter — behavior that struck the manager as odd.

Pfc. Naser Jason Abdo had already traveled hundreds of miles since going AWOL from Fort Campbell, Ky., three weeks earlier. He bought a gun from an online seller in Nashville and paid cash for thousands of dollars of bomb-making components at a major Dallas-area retail store. Trying to avoid being caught, he wore a baseball cap and sunglasses most of the time, never used credit cards while staying in motels and traveling by bus or cab, and he had his roommate’s driver’s license.

But his luck ran out in Killeen, a city about 150 miles southwest of Dallas and near one of the nation’s largest Army posts — Fort Hood. Guns Galore manager Cathy Cheadle “just had this feeling” about him. She and an employee talked about it and then called police — who had Abdo in custody less than 24 hours later at a motel, where authorities say he had started to build a bomb. Police hadn’t even known his name or background until they detained him.

A federal jury Thursday convicted Abdo, a Muslim soldier, on six charges in connection with his failed plot to blow up a Texas restaurant full of Fort Hood troops, his religious mission to get “justice” for the people of Iraq and Afghanistan.

“A disaster was averted because somebody picked up the phone and made a call,” prosecutor Mark Frazier told The Associated Press after the trial. “The people who work in businesses like this are vigilant ... and risked being embarrassed if their suspicions turned out to be nothing, but that’s what we want people to do.”

MISSING

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Both her and her daughter are caucasian.

According to unconfirmed reports, Hill was last seen in the company of her boyfriend, whose identity has not been released to the press at this time.

Colorado City has come under national scrutiny during the past two years due to another missing person case, as the investigation into the disappearance of 13-year-old Hailey Dunn gained national attention.

Dunn disappeared from her home in Colorado City on Dec. 27, 2010. The case has remained at an apparent standstill for more than a year.

Anyone with information concerning the Hill or her daughter’s whereabouts or circumstances concerning their disappearance are asked to contact Mitchell County authorities at 325-728-5261 or the Colorado City Police Department at 325-728-3161.

Contact Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext.232

GRADS

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Multer plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in pre-communication disorders.

Halfmann, son of Nathan and Gena Halfmann, is class salutatorian. Among his high school activities are NHS, student council, UIL academics, Texas Math, Science and Computer Associates, FCS, FFA and 4-H.

In athletics, he participated

in football and basketball.

Halfmann plans to attend Texas Tech with a major in agriculture business.

GCHS will hold 2012 commencement exercises at 7:30 p.m. today in the school auditorium.

Members of the Garden City

High School Class of 2012 are:

Sarah Avery, Blayne Batla, Britni Cook, Jacob Dalton, Reggie Halfmann, Shanna Halfmann, Cassie Hirt, Diana Huerta, Taylor Hughes, Calleen Jansa, Grant Jeffress, Jessi Jones, Michael Lopez, Ruben Mier, Katy

Multer, Amanda Olgin, Jessica Olveda, Shelby Schwartz and Frankie Zuniga.

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VOTING

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the 100 ballot mark,” Bloom said. “After that, we’re between 120 to 150 ballots cast each day, so it has picked up a bit, but not much.”

Bloom said it’s hard to pin down the reason for the slow turnout in voting during this year’s primary, especially considering the fact it includes a presidential contest.

“I think all of the school activities — from graduations, proms and playoff games — have certainly contributed to the low numbers, but I don’t think you can blame that

alone,” Bloom said. “I believe a big part of it is because of how late the primaries are being held this year. We’ve seen a dwindling interest in the presidential races since earlier in the year — when we would normally hold our primaries — and that appears to have taken a toll.”

Bloom said the problem of low voter turnout isn’t just a problem in Howard County.

“It’s a statewide problem, there’s little doubt of that,” she said. “Looking at a lot of the other counties, we’re seeing a similar trend. The only places where we’re not seeing the low turnouts are where they are having hotly contested races.”

The elections office is located on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

“Some of the offices will be closing early today for the holiday weekend,” Bloom said. “However, we will be open until 5 p.m., as will the courthouse. We’re really hoping for a last minute rush of early voters, but we’ll just have to wait and see what happens.”

Seats up for election in the 2012 election include 118th Judicial District Attorney, held by Hardy Wilkerson; Howard County sheriff, held by Stan Parker; county attorney, held by Joshua Hamby; tax assessor collector, held by Kathy Sayles; Precinct 3 county

commissioner, held by Jimmie Long; and Precinct 1 county commissioner, held by Emma Brown.

Parker is running for reelection, as are Long, Green and Wilkerson. Parker has an opponent in local resident M.O. Horton. The two are on the Republican ticket, with the winner of the primary expected to go uncontested in the November election.

Brown has a trio of challengers. Howard County Jailer Larry Torres, former Big Spring Council member Oscar Garcia and Ed Ware, who has attempted to unseat the longtime commissioner previously, face off for the Precinct 1 seat on the court.

Brown faces Torres in the Democratic primary, while Garcia and Ware are competing for the Republican nomination. The winner of the party nominations will go head-to-head in November.

Diane Carter, an employee of tax collection office, will be running unopposed for the office on the Republican ticket for tax assessor.

Also running unopposed are Long, Green and Wilkerson. All three are running on the Republican ticket.

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HANGAR

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community,” Genevieve Stockburger, museum administrator, said.

There will be salads, breads, entrees and desserts available for sampling at the cook-out. During the

event, cookbooks will be marked down to \$20 for those wanting to purchase one.

The gift shop will also be open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. as well on Memorial Day.

“Staying involved in the community is important to us,” Stockburger said. “This is a way we can do it while having fun.

“This is a family oriented event and we encour-

age everyone to come out to the Hangar that day.”

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

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Juanita Stinnette Roberts, 93, died Tuesday. Graveside services were at 11 a.m. today at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel

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plans to attend seminary school to obtain her degree in youth ministry.

“I always looked up to my teachers and they served as good role models so education was a good choice,” Smith said. “My youth director — even though he has only been here a year — changed my life for the better.”

Her parents — Robert and Denise Smith — and sister — Stormi, who also did not miss a day of school in 13 years — will continue to serve as motivation to continue her perfect attendance while at college, Reba said.

“In not missing a day of school, I was able to see and do more than most people,” Smith said.

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Jeff White and Brandon “Jake” Smith for being promoted to apparatus engineer within the Big Spring Fire Department. Both had to pass a written test and prove themselves over the past several years to earn this rank. Each will be assigned a truck they will be responsible for during their 24 hour shift.

- Howard County volunteer firefighters for taking the time and making the effort to thank the community for all the support that has been offered throughout the past year.

- Big Spring High School senior Ashtyn Payne for winning third place in the National Congressional Art Competition for the 19th Congressional District of Texas with her multimedia painting “Texan’s Past.” The painting will hang in Congressman Randy Neugebauer’s Big Spring office for the next 12 months.

- All 2012 graduates from area high schools including Big Spring, Forsan, Coahoma, Stanton, Garden City and Borden County.

- Corey Green, Big Spring High School algebra teacher, for being named winner of the Big Spring Mason’s Mirabeau B. Lamar Award. The award is presented annually to the top teacher in the local school district.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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The Herald is always interested in our readers’ opinions.

In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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- By telephone at 263-7331
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May You and Your word, Lord, be our new project.

Amen

Fed up? Vote like an Egyptian

We take a lot of things for granted in this country.

Simple luxuries such as clean, flouride treated drinking water, coal-consuming central air and supermarkets crammed wall-to-wall with high fructose corn syrup-laden goodies accessible by our 10 mpg SUVs may not be uniquely American anymore, but more than two-thirds of the world’s population is still considered to be third-world countries (actually, sociologists no longer like that term, they are now referred to as “developing” nations) that are devoid of such daily amenities.

Material commodities aside, United States citizens also have certain inalienable rights (albeit not as many as we did prior to Bush’s freedom-strangling Patriot Act and Obama’s vile counterpart, the National Defense Authorization Act), one of which is the right to vote. Even woman and minorities can vote here — a concept still too progressive for the likes of a handful of nations.

Sure, the two presidential puppets may not be much different from one another with regards to policies — take Obama and Romney, our two cookie-cutter candidates offered up to us in 2012 — but by God, we have the right to choose which marionette will animate the White House every four years and we should exercise that right.

Egypt, one of the world’s oldest civilizations, voted Wednesday for the first time in more than 5,000 years of existence to determine a replacement for the disgraced Hosni Mubarak.

According to reports, the masses flooded in to cast their ballots to determine whether Egypt will take the first step toward becoming a secular, more Westernized nation or if they wish to remain governed by an Islamist regime. The Egyptian people felt like they finally had

a say in the political process and they couldn’t be happier. Estimates say anywhere from 60 percent to more than 75 percent of Egyptians participated in the historic vote.

So how many eligible voters in the states partake in their right to choose their leader? Roughly 50 percent. In a country that is polarized by political division, only half of its citizens care enough to pull a lever once every two or four years.

I realize I referred to our “choices” as puppets earlier. If we only have empty suits to choose from, then why would Americans rush to the polls? After all, we have an outdated electoral system, only two corrupt parties to choose from for more than 300 million citizens of all different persuasions, voter fraud that has been proven to be rampant in both parties and a convoluted campaign finance system which has made it impossible for anyone but a wealthy elitist to attach his or her name to a national ballot.

I know of many people in this country who feel their vote is pointless. Suppose someone wants to vote for Obama, and lives in West Texas. That ballot is as good as void, as it is a right-wing stronghold and the electoral vote will go by way of the Republicans nearly every time. The same goes for the conservative (and I mean, *the* conservative) in San Francisco who wants to see Romney get the nod.

Others simply don’t care anymore. They have acquiesced to the notion that no matter who is voted in, the results won’t be as profound as the blustery campaign rhetoric and fiery talk suggested.

They may be correct. Free-market types were (and still are for some reason) paranoid about Obama’s “socialist” agenda — despite the fact that he maintained — and even added — capitalist purists from Wall Street to his administration, surpassing even G.W. Bush when it comes to so-called free-market influences.

I, however, suggest that if 100 percent of the voting populace

made it a point to vote — every election year — over time there will be better candidates to choose from. You got to keep these slimebags on their toes. They thrive on the power we bestow upon them.

As long as we the people choose not to exercise our democratic rights, as long as we fight tooth-and-nail amongst ourselves about wedge issues — gays, immigrants, abortion etc. — nothing will ever change at the top. That, my friends, is by design and we have magnificently adhered to the architects’ blueprints.

If we have learned one thing over the previous 12 years, it’s that both parties are guilty of impeding our collective progress, just as Mubarak did in Egypt. It’s time for a regime change. Not just dem-to-repub, and back again, I am talking about a long-term, hard-fought battle of wills between the masses and the massively arrogant greedheads that have been propped up in Washington for too long.

I endorse Ron Paul in 2012. I do not agree with every one of Paul’s viewpoints, but he is certainly a breath of fresh air. Paul takes little to no money from lobbyists and refuses to draw a government pension even after 30 years in Congress. He believes his careers as a doctor and politician have given him a comfortable enough life. As opposed to Romney, who stashes his fortune in offshore accounts to avoid paying taxes to the nation that made he and his family wealthy in the first place. (Kind of funny, considering Romney would be the richest man to ever become president, should he succeed.)

But, I digress, how you vote is really not the issue. If Americans would take the initiative, slow but certain change can be effected. And if voting to decide the leader of a nation is good enough for the common people of Egypt, it should be good enough for us.

We did pioneer the concept.

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at sports@bigspringherald.com or by calling the office at 432-263-7331 ext. 237.

Susan Mary Riley, we’ll miss you

It’s her voice that I keep hearing in my head. “Susan,” she would say, in that quiet, commanding tone she had, before explaining something to me: how to deal with the Irish boys in politics in the ’80s, what to do about a friend’s son having problems, or how I definitely, absolutely needed to start buying real estate.

We met back in 1979, when women were still a rarity in presidential politics, even in the ambit of the Senate’s most famous liberal, Ted Kennedy. I’m not sure what her title was in the 1980 presidential campaign (she worked closely with campaign manager Paul Kirk, whom she’d known for years), but it may as well have been the person who knew everything. She had two babies: one really a baby, Julia, and the other, Anne, 3. To this day, I don’t know how she did it. Her then-husband was working on the campaign, as well, but Susan was really doing double duty — and she never lost it.

Maybe it was being a former nun.

To be honest, I was a little put off when I heard that. I didn’t know any nuns, present or former. My language, particularly then, was not polite.

Susan said: Well, how else was a working girl from Chicago going to get an education?

And it was clear that come whatever or high water, Susan Mary Riley was going places.

But as I look back, I know it was more than that. Not reli-

giously — that I don’t know. But definitely spiritually. Definitely in terms of the best values of the church: charity, compassion, caring.

Susan took care of everyone. Friends, friends of friends, anyone. When our friend Francie went to Russia with money strapped to her waist to pick up the three Russian-speaking orphans she was adopting, there was no question of who would go with her, with cash strapped around her waist, as well, plus a toddler and two rambunctious boys for the long flight home, eating bananas (can you guess?) like they’d never seen fruit: Susan.

She nursed everyone. She was always there. You could pick up the phone after years to get help for a friend who needed it, and she was on the case.

She knew how to give and how to love.

It was her native tongue, the point of all the advice I hear in my ear. She was right about most things: the real estate, the politics, the story behind the story that explained the inexplicable.

But most of all, she was right about what matters most.

Her children. Loving them. Campaigns are mostly full of married men (with kids) and single women (who don’t have them). Campaigns are tough on families. Susan worked as hard as anyone, but it was always clear what — who — mattered most: the girls.

It was 10 years before I had children of my own, but knowing her two girls and our friend Francie’s 3-year-old, Tali, was what really turned me into a mother-to-be. Some mothers hold their children tight, not

wanting anyone to share in that special bond. Susan, bond-secure and wanting me to understand that the love of a child is God’s greatest gift, shared her girls with me. In the years we worked together, she taught me many things, but none more important than that.

I kept in touch, but not as well as I should have or would have liked to. Her girls, when I saw them, would sometimes roll their eyes when I asked about their mother, the way girls in their teens and 20s often do. But when she died, her oldest — a Facebook friend of my daughter — changed her status to “Susan Mary Riley I will miss you so much.”

If I told you the whole story, of the late diagnosis and all, you’d say she took better care of everyone else than she did of herself. Of course. I can’t imagine her any other way. Do as I say, not always as she did. Just because she was so smart doesn’t mean she was always smart about herself. Maybe she wasn’t selfish enough. Maybe that was what made her as special as she was. Maybe it was the nun in her, to the end.

I was Auntie Susan before I was a mom. At Susan Mary Riley’s feet, I learned about people and politics, about housing markets and real estate investing, and about determination and perseverance. But most of all, I learned about the love of friends and family.

Susan Mary Riley died on May 21, 2012.

I will miss you so much.

To find out more about Susan Estrich visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.



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Church News

Forsan Baptist Church

Best wishes to our three graduating seniors who are headed off to college in the summer and fall. Congratulations 2012 graduates.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school is at 9:50 a.m. with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday youth activities have been suspended for the summer but will resume in August.

Wednesday services are at 6 p.m. Our youth are planning a trip to Camp Eagle this summer and the Truth Project is underway Sunday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. for Challengers. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First Baptist Church

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship is at 10:50 a.m. Sunday we will be honoring our armed forces veterans and active personnel. The choir will sing a tribute to all five branches of our military services. Cody Karnes will provide special music Sunday.

Vacation Bible School is two weeks away, June 4-8 for children kindergarten through sixth grade. Workers are still needed. If you are interested, call the church at 267-8223. Volunteers are needed to furnish cookies each day. Summerama begins May 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and continues every Tuesday through the summer. This is for children kindergarten through sixth grade. Wednesday evening at 5 p.m. for a meal in the family life center then prayer meeting in the chapel at 6 p.m.

Circuit Riders Cowboy Church

Circuit Riders Cowboy Church has relocated to the former Central Baptist Church building at 5108 Nichols Road.

Donuts and coffee are at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday's meeting is at 10 a.m.

We will be hosting our second play day of the season Saturday, June 2. Books open at 8 a.m. and events begin at 9 a.m. This is for all ages — lead line — adult.

Events include barrels, poles, straight barrels, flag race and goat tying.

Prices are \$5 per event or \$20 for all. Prizes will be awarded.

We need a signed release form for all participants. Minors release must be signed by parent or legal guardian. Notaries on sight. These are only required once per year. We also need a current negative Coggins for any horses brought on site.

Who is it we are putting our trust into?

“In God we trust; all others must pay cash.”

These were the words posted above a snack bar in a Christian retreat center. When I first read those words years ago, I was somewhat offended. Although I fully expected to pay for my soft drink and junk-food snack, I was a little disconcerted about the blatant reminder that I was not trustworthy.

I couldn't help wondering if the cashier behind the counter was really qualified to take my money, or if he too was untrustworthy compared to God.

History records that “In God We Trust” first appeared on our coins and currency in 1795. Years later in 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a law establishing those four little words as our national motto. The same thought is echoed in our national anthem. The final verse of the “The Star-Spangled Banner” includes the phrase “And this be our motto: ‘In God is our trust.’”

Even though most of us can still read, “In God We Trust” printed on our money if we have a powerful enough magnifying glass, we have cause to doubt our country's allegiance to our national motto.

Not only have we abandoned the use of cash in favor of credit cards, debit cards and electronic transfers. In many establishments, God seems to have been left on the sidewalk while we embrace political correctness as the new standard for doing business.

Instead of trusting God implicitly, we have cast suspicion upon His name and questioned His reliability. We have relegated Him to our no-fly lists

For more play day information, contact Kim Armstead at 432-816-7314 or Robin Torbik at 432-935-4137.

For church information, contact Courtney Ballard at 432-816-1697 or email us at bigspringcrcc@gmail.com.

Alive in Christ

Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is <http://www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/>. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Carroll Kohl will conduct the worship service Sunday.

Jill Alsobrooks will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Acts 1:12-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-15 and John 17:11b-19.

The flowers on the altar are given by Bo and Heidi Vizcaino in memory of Efrain Vizcaino and Darlene Haugen and in honor of Lidia Vizcaino and Gerald and Theola Haugen.

Sunday will be First Communion for: Mateo Rodriguez, son of Dana Byrd and John Rodriguez; Sydnie Gilbert, daughter of James and Shele Gilbert; MaKayla Overton, daughter of John and Amy Overton; and McKenna Alsobrooks, daughter of Doug and Jill Alsobrooks.

Last Saturday, our church hosted a barbecue luncheon in memory of Gerry Marino. Thank you, Pastor Bob Boyce, for playing Gospel and Cowboy music. Thank you to all who made this a successful event.

Last Sunday, the LWML hosted a reception for our graduates: Ashli von Hassell and Maegan Walker, between church and Sunday school. Thank you to all who made this a special day in the lives of our graduates.

June 11, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet June 12, at 7 p.m. at the church. The LWML will not meet until September. The elders meet June 21 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Board of Assimilation will meet June 26, at 7 p.m. at the church.

Spring Creek Fellowship

“3 Days of Life” at Spring Creek Fellowship on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. through Tuesday. Evangelist Ken Freeman will be back in town for three days sharing about life with Jesus. Monday we will celebrate Memorial Day with the Klint Bratcher Band at the amphitheater at 6 p.m. Spring Creek Fellow-

ship is at 501 Birdwell Lane.

Congratulations to seniors recognized for the class of 2012 Sunday, May 20. Graduates were Aaron Hanes. McKenzie Metcalf, Matt Tompkins and Spencer Wells. We wish them all the best.

Sermon series for May is entitled “Life is a Soap Opera” and Sunday's message title is “The Young and the Restless.”

June 3 at 5 p.m. begins our “Girls Bible Study” ages 13-19, led by Rachel Jo Eckert.

Our free movie for Father's Day weekend will be “Courageous” on Saturday, June 16. We will honor our law enforcement, firefighters, EMT's, GEO and FCI correctional officers. Nursery is available for age 4 and younger. Admission is free. Popcorn and drinks will be available. Donations are accepted and go toward youth camp and events.

“Between the Lines” Women's Ministry meets the third Friday of the month. The next meeting is June 15 at 6 p.m. Call the church office for more details.

Vacation Bible School begins June 24 and goes through June 29 at 6 pm.

Lyrical Dance Academy classes for girls ages 4-12 meet Tuesday evenings. Contact the church office for more information.

Spring Creek prayer ministry is at 1:45 p.m. Thursdays at the church. Come and spend an hour interceding for our fellowship and our community. Childcare 4 years old and under is available.

Sunday school classes/Connection groups are available for all ages. Classes meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. “Holy Grounds Café” is open from 10:15 a.m.-

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While these words weren't written about America, God's truth is universal. Any nation whose God is the Lord will be blessed. Perhaps we should trust in God and make all others pay cash.

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10:45 a.m. with snacks and fellowship. Worship is scheduled from 10:45 a.m. until noon.

Join us Wednesdays for a meal at 5:30 p.m. Bible

study and youth and children's activities at 6 p.m.

Men's prayer breakfast and fellowship is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in the dining room at the church.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

First Christian Church

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad Street. Sunday fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Worship service is at 10:50 a.m. May 27, the Rev. Kenneth McIntosh will deliver the message "A new power source" from Romans 8:22-27.

Sunday is Pentacost Sunday. Special offering given will support new churches in Texas and New Mexico and will train pastors and their spouses to start new congregations across the country.

Vacation Bible School will be Tuesday through Thursday at 6 p.m. VBS will again be shared with Presbyterian and Episcopal churches. Each evening will include dinner, singing, storytelling, games and crafts. To help or for more information, call Ken McIntosh at the church, 517-4821.

The youth group has concluded their meetings for this school year and will resume after Labor Day. There are numerous opportunities for those age 4 through grade 12 to attend summer church camp at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center. Camp registration forms are in the office or you can register for camps online at www.centralareacamps.com.

Volunteers are needed for Isaiah 58 to help unload the truck Monday mornings and to assist clients. Client hours are Mondays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Isaiah 58 is located at 107 Runnels. Call 268-9530 or the church office for more information.

Samaritan Counseling is available Thursdays from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. You do not have to be a member of First Christian Church to use their services.

For questions or further information, call church office at 432-517-4821, email fcbs125@yahoo.com or view the website at www.fcbigspring.org.

First Presbyterian Church,
Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt

and Tom Koger, meets Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. in the church library. The chancel choir will not practice this week but will resume practice next week.

The Tri-Church Vacation Bible School, which we are having with St. Mary's Episcopal and First Christian Church, begins Tuesday at 6 p.m. and continues through Thursday at St. Mary's Episcopal, 1001 Goliad.

Patti Horton is in charge of "Take Ten" refreshments this week. Liturgist for May is Christine Boling.

The lectionary is Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-35; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4-15. We will honor our high school graduates, Jodi Jones from Big Spring High School and Diana Heurta from Garden City High School and college graduates Kyle Conley from Texas Tech and Meredith Morgan from The University of Texas Austin during worship Sunday. The Chancel Choir will present "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" by K. Lee Scott and "Hymn to the Holy Spirit" by Craig Courtney as the offertory anthem. The Noisy Offering will be collected during worship. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM, at 11 a.m. To have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. Visit our website at www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt.

First United Methodist

Sunday is Pentecost Sunday and the worship committee invites the congregation to wear red to accentuate the celebration of Pentecost. Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Pastor Bill Ivins preaching. Sunday school classes are at 9:45 a.m.

The church offices will be closed Monday in honor of Memorial Day.

Wednesday at the noon luncheon and Bible study, Pastor Bill will begin a new study on "The Holy Spirit." Serving of the meal begins at 11:50 a.m. with Cowboy's catering.

Summer sessions of our Children's Day Out program begin June 4 as does the new "Kids With A Purpose" for school age children. Check with Becky Woodall and/or Brenna Hoff for open availability.

There are a few openings on our flower calendar. To reserve a Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one, contact Ernestine Day or check at the church office. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board just outside the secretary's office.

We have the final report from the First Methodist Relay For Life team. The total raised for this big event was \$2,946. Congratulations to Beau, Bonnie and all those who participated.

Annual conference for the Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held in Lub-

bock, beginning June 4. Our pastor and a number of our congregation will be attending.

First United Methodist Church is located in the heart of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry.

First Presbyterian Church,
Coahoma

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Ruling Elder Tom Koger.

The lectionary for the Day of Pentecost is Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-35; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4-15.

College Baptist Church

Pastor Ken McMeans will be preaching on living and loving from God's point of view, "The Effects of the Love of God, Part 2" on Sunday morning.

College Baptist Church is preparing for Vacation Bible School which begins June 3 and continues through June 7. This year the theme is, "Amazing Wonders Aviation." All children from age four through sixth grade are invited. The school will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A snack meal will be furnished each night for all students and workers. VBS will end Thursday night, June 7, with a family fun night with hot dogs, drinks and fun things to do.

North Birdwell Lane
United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets Sunday for worship at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Billy Bates leading the service.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. Adult class discussion will be "The way, the truth and the life" and will be taken from the gospel of John 14:1-14. Bill Lovelace will be the discussion leader.

Remember the burn ban is in effect; when you meet a volunteer firefighter don't forget to say thank you.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell. For use of the food pantry or other information, call 267-2203 or 267-3241. If no answer leave a message and telephone number.

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Congratulations all area seniors on your graduation. As you begin your new journey in life, keep Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord".

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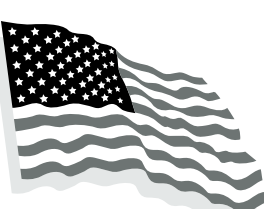
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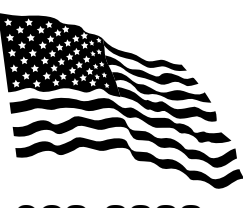
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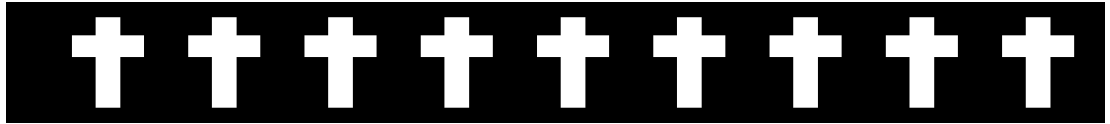
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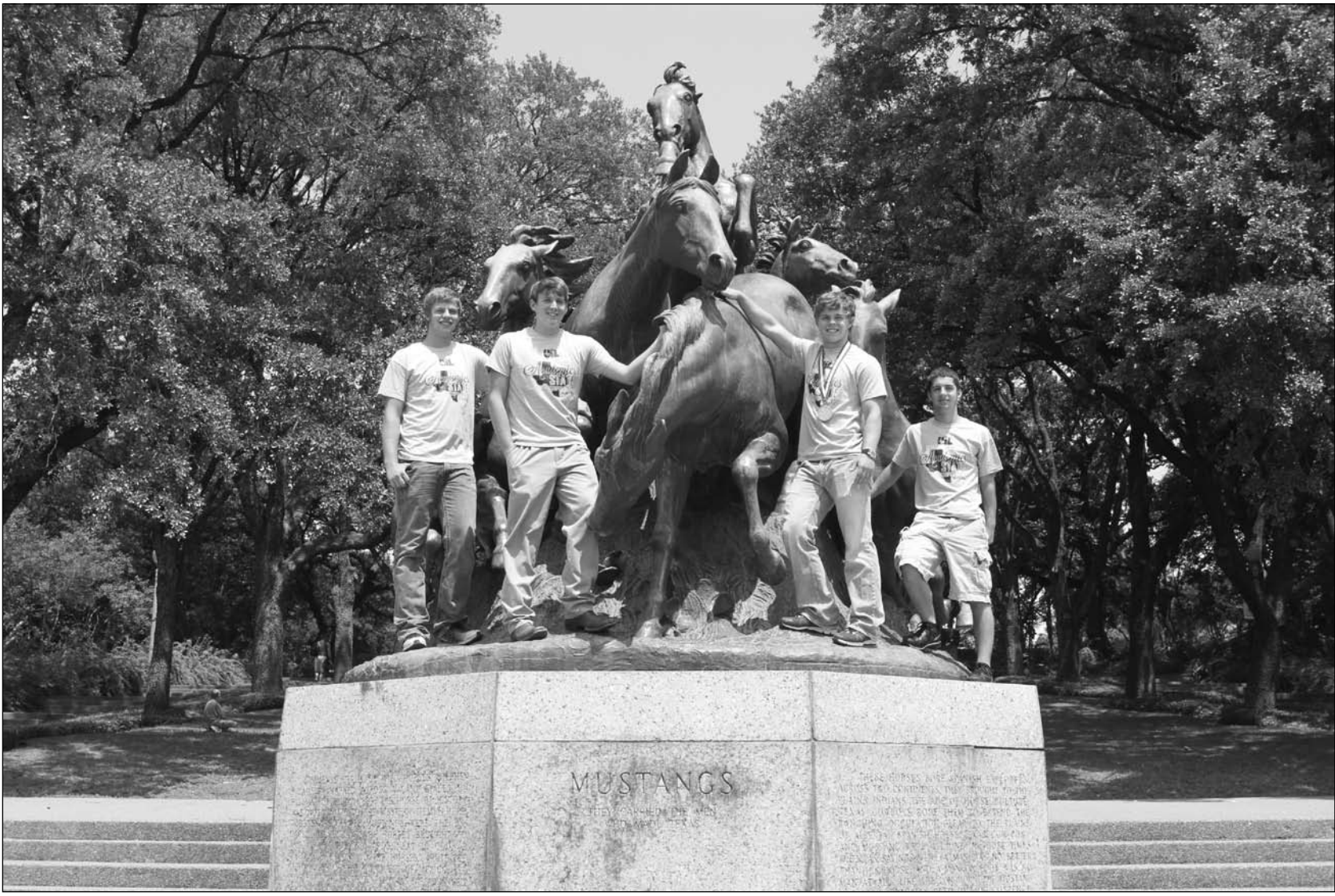
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Sands High School Mustang number sense team placed fourth at the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet. Representing the school were Hayden Ware, Preston Zant, Jared Staggs and Aaron Ragle.

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Bob Fishback 5K Run/Walk held Saturday CHURCH

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Participants in the third annual Bob Fishback 5K Run/Walk gathered Saturday before they started the race on Scenic Mountain. The money raised from registration will benefit the Howard/Glasscock Relay For Life.

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CHURCH

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children/youth groups meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Sunday morning youth and children's classes begin at 9 a.m. with children's church following. Adults are welcome for fellowship with coffee and snacks prior to 10 a.m. service. Kaylha Martin also keeps the youth energized with IMPACT Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 267-7015. You can visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org where you can view a live service and we are also on Facebook and Twitter.

this fall's kindergarten class. Contact New Hope Christian School at 263-0203 for more information.

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The time has come to move on

We are moving.

After 43 years of marriage and 11 years in the same house, we are selling, moving everything into storage and going to Germany for the summer to work with an English speaking church. It is an exciting journey and we are energized by it. But going through our "stuff" and trying to sort out the junk has been a challenge.

We have found unopened boxes that followed us from Texas to Minnesota and back, still sealed after 20 years. We have thrown away dozens of trash cans full of junk, we have given car loads to Goodwill and hauled boxes to our kids for a garage sale.

Still, we have stuff.

Some things have attached themselves and will not let go. We still have boxes labeled "keepsakes and junk" that hold tangible memories: the roller skates I had when I was a kid (the four-wheel kind with a skate key to clamp them to the soles of my shoes); a baseball I wrapped with electric tape when I couldn't afford a new ball, my daughter's hand-scribbled cards signed with X's and O's, the shoeshine kit my son made for me; my wife's wedding dress in a box that has remained sealed for 43 years. Multiply these a hundred-fold and you get the idea. What do you do? You rent a storage room, I guess.

The Bible recognizes the importance of tangible memory markers for God's faithfulness. After the flood, God gave Noah the rainbow as a reminder of

His promise.

"Whenever I bring clouds over the Earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind."

When Jacob was on his journey to find his wife he erected a stone at Bethel to remind him of the dream God gave him.

"Surely God was in this place and I did not know it."

After the Exodus, God instructed Moses to observe the Passover so each generation would remember God's deliverance. The night before his crucifixion, Jesus established the Lord's Supper so we would not forget his broken body and shed blood.

Memories are good. They give us identity and I feel pleasure when I handle these tokens of by-gone days. The reminders of my childhood and youth make me thankful. They give me courage and hope for more to come. Some day, I will take them out again and add to them memories from the future that is yet to be.

But, it is important to "move on."

We must always be ready to read the next chapter yet to be written. I expect this is what the Apostle Paul meant when he said, "Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14).

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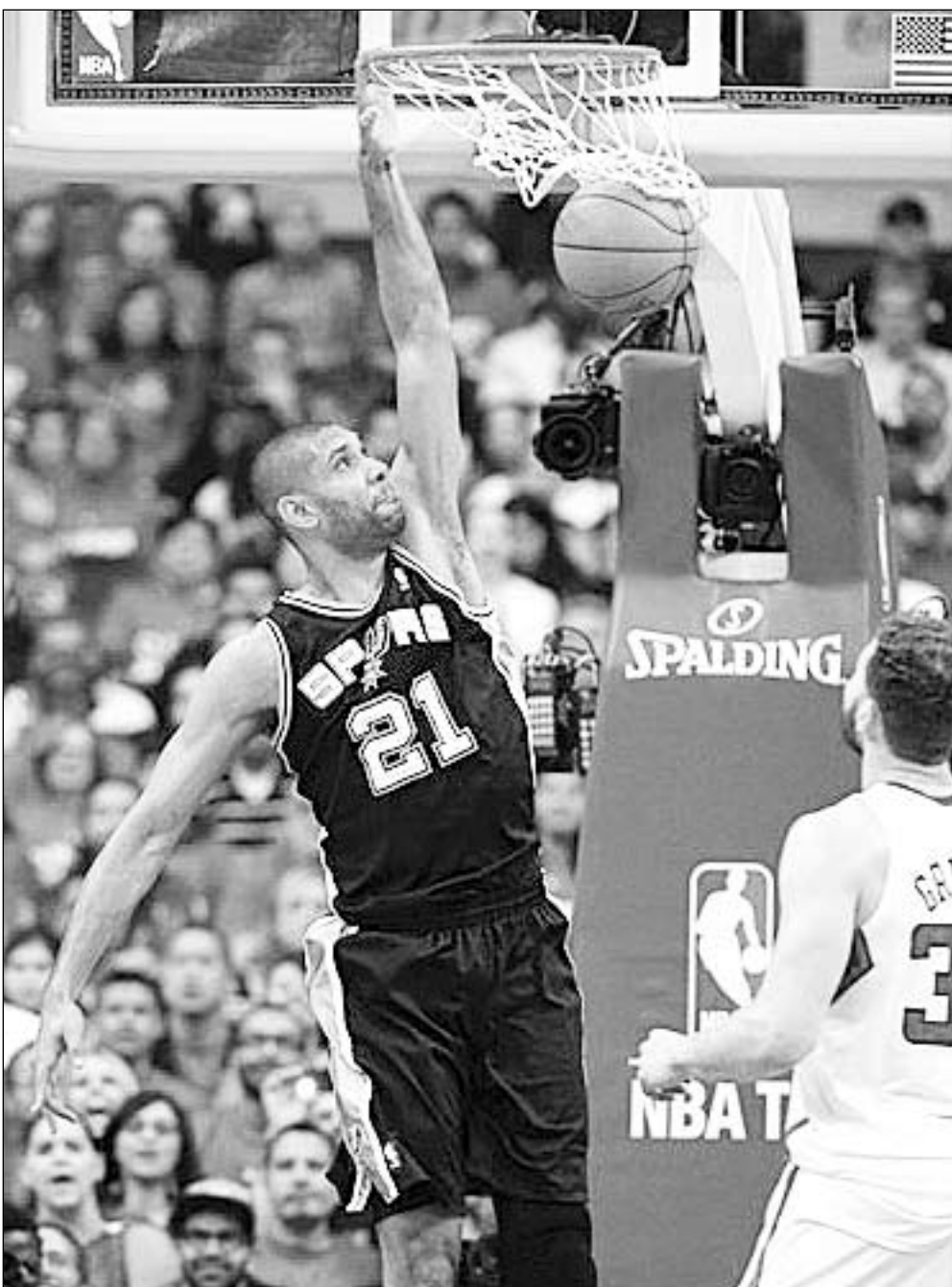
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San Antonio Spur Tim Duncan drops one in the basket during a game earlier this season. The Spurs will meet the Oklahoma City Thunder in Game 1 of the NBA West Finals on Sunday

Former San Antonio staffer Presti models OKC after Spurs

JEFF LATZKE

AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — When Clay Bennett was seeking a leader for his team that would one day become the Oklahoma City Thunder, he picked a rising star from a San Antonio franchise on the verge of winning its fourth NBA championship in a decade.

It was the start of a process that would model Bennett's franchise after the Spurs, leading up to their meeting in the Western Conference finals starting Sunday night.

The standards that led to San Antonio's success rubbed off on Sam Presti, who got his start as a video intern for the Spurs before rising through that organization and eventually getting hired by Bennett as general manager of the relocating Seattle SuperSonics.

He recognized the importance San Antonio placed on humility, sacrifice and a family atmosphere and has tried to instill those standards in the Thunder.

"I think everyone within the NBA has great respect for what the Spurs have accomplished and the standards that they have established in recent years but I think every organization has to have their own identity," Presti said Thursday.

"Certainly, we're always going to look to try to pull from organizations such as the Spurs in our effort to build an identity and a foundation for an organization in Oklahoma City that has great endurance."

The similarities are numerous. Each team plays in a smaller NBA market and has a nucleus of home-grown players acquired through the draft, including hidden gems plucked from overseas.

But more than the basketball product, the franchises have a reputation for how they handle their business: no bad-mouthing other teams or players, few scrapes with the law or other incidents and no sense of entitlement.

"I tell guys all the time: Not every guy can come here and play. This isn't for everybody," said Nazr Mohammed, who won an NBA title with San Antonio in 2005 and is now a backup for the Thunder.

"The same in San Antonio. That isn't for everybody. ... It's not even the player, more so the person."

It may not be no-nonsense, but there certainly isn't much of it.

"It starts at the top, the way Sam has built the organization and then the players he's brought in to match that system. It's amazing to have these young guys around here that understand just the hard work, the family atmosphere," Mohammed said.

"I've been on some teams where you've got a bunch of young guys. Family atmosphere is the furthest thing from guys' minds. Guys are thinking about, 'When am I going to get my opportunity to get out there and show the world what I can do and get my second contract?' Here, it's

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Sports in brief

Waggoner nails hole-in-one

Steve Waggoner hit a hole-in-one Thursday on Hole No. 16 at the Big Spring country club. Waggoner hit the cup from 160 yards and used a 5-iron. Witnesses to the feat were Jerry Dudley, Jim Mathews, Byron Harris and Rocky McCullough.

Big Spring YMCA to host 3-on-3 hoops tourney

The Big Spring YMCA is hosting a Memorial Day 3-on-3 basketball tournament May 28 at the YMCA. Signups will be held that morning from 11 a.m. until noon. Games are slated to start at 12:45 p.m. All ages and come-ed teams are welcome. Entrance fee is \$8 per person. There will be three divisions: recreation, competitive and all-pro. It will be a double elimination tournament. Trophies will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place teams, with a cash prize going to the winner of the all-pro bracket. Three players per team are required, with up to four members per team allowed.

Big Spring Country Club hosts parent-child tourney

A 2-person, parent-child scramble will be held by the Big Spring Country Club June 2-3. Both days

will begin with a shotgun start. Saturday's tee offs will be at 9 a.m. Sunday's is at 1 p.m. Cost per team is \$100 in the open division and \$50 in the trophy division. A parent may play with more than one child. The entry fee for the second team is half price. BBQ will be served on the golf course Saturday. Prizes in the open division are golf shop certificates. To sign up call 267-5254.

Howard College/Earl Diddle basketball camps registration open

The 2012 Earl Diddle boys and girls basketball camp are just around the corner. The girl's Shooting and Position Camp (grades 7-12) is set for June 4-7 between the hours of 9-11 a.m., with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. the first day; the boy's Shooting and Position Camp (grades 7-12) will be held the same days, but from 1-3 p.m. Registration will be held at 12:30; The girls and boys Little Hawk Camp (grades K-3) is scheduled for June 11-14 between the hours of 9-10:15 a.m. Registration will be from 8:30-9 a.m. The girls Individual Skill Camp (grades 4-6) is slated for June 11-14 with registration from 10-10:30 a.m. June 11. Hours of the camp will be from 10:30-noon. Lastly, the boys Individual Skill Camp (grades 4-6) is set for June 11-14, with registration slated for 1-1:30 p.m. June 11. All registrations and

camps will be held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the campus of Howard College. Pre-registration is encouraged. All camps are \$50 per child.

Big Spring Athletics to hold softball and baseball camps

Softball and baseball camps will be held June 4-7 from 8-11 a.m. Students in grades 3-8 are invited to participate. The cost per child will be \$25. The softball camp will be held at Lady Steers Field. The baseball camp will be at Steer Park. T-shirts will be sold for an additional \$10. Registration is going on now. For more information contact the BSHS athletic office at 264-3662.

Big Spring Athletics to hold hoops camps

Boys and Girls basketball camps are slated to be held by Big Spring Athletics. The boys camp will take from June 4-7 at Steer Gym from 1-4 p.m. Grades 2-8 are welcome. The cost per camper is \$25 with t-shirts being offered for \$10. The girls camp will also be held at Steer Gym from June 18-21 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. for grades 2-5 and from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. for grades 6-8. For more information contact the athletic office at 264-3662.

Little League Calendar

SATURDAY

T-Ball League

- Mets vs. Braves, 9 a.m., Roberts
- Yankees vs. Blue Jays, 10:30 a.m., Roberts
- Diamondbacks vs. Astros, 10:30 a.m., Hollis
- Pirates vs. Indians, noon, Roberts
- White Sox vs. Red Sox, noon, Hollis
- Giants vs. Rangers, 1:30 p.m., Roberts

MONDAY

Minor League

- Yankees vs. Nationals, 5:30 p.m., Garrett
- Dodgers vs. Diamondbacks, 5:30 p.m., Roberts

Pony League

- Angels vs. Astros, 7 p.m., West
- Pirates vs. Mets, 7 p.m. East

Major League

- Blue Jays vs. Mets, 7:30 p.m., Roberts
- Red Sox vs. Athletics, 7:30 p.m. Garrett

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com

Texas teams fall in Big XII tourney

TEXAS A&M —

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Blake Brown homered, Jeff Emens pitched 3 2-3 innings of no-hit relief and Missouri upset two-time defending champion Texas A&M 5-3 in the Big 12 tournament Thursday night.

Brown's 10th homer of the year broke a 1-1 tie in the fourth inning, and the Tigers added two more runs in the fifth on RBI singles by Scott Sommerfield and Eric Garcia.

Mitchell Nau's bases-loaded single pulled the Aggies to 4-3 in the sixth and chased Missouri starter Blake Holovach (7-4). Emens struck out six of the 12 batters he faced.

A&M starter Michael Wacha (8-1) lost for the first time this season. He allowed four runs on eight hits and a walk. He struck out eight.

Baylor University —

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A walk-off infield single lifted Oklahoma to a 3-2 win over top-seeded Baylor in the Big 12 baseball tournament in Oklahoma City.

Evan Mistich drove home Erik Ross from third base with two outs in the bottom of the ninth on Thursday to give OU (37-21) a second straight walk-off win. Garrett Carey homered in the bottom of the ninth Wednesday to give OU a 1-0 win over Oklahoma State.

Steven Okert (8-6) picked up the win with two innings of scoreless relief while Dillon Newman (3-3) took the loss.

Baylor (43-13) will play Kansas State on Friday and Oklahoma will play the winner of the Baylor-K-State game on Saturday.

University of Texas —

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A three-run first inning and strong pitching lifted Kansas to a 4-2 win over Texas and eliminates the Longhorns from the Big 12 baseball tournament.

Kansas' Wes Benjamin (5-7) gave up one run on five hits over six innings to get the win in Thursday's game in Oklahoma City while Robert Kahana allowed one run during the final three innings to earn the save for the fourth-seeded Jayhawks (23-33).

John Curtiss (2-3) gave up all four Kansas runs over 6 2-3 innings to take the loss for second-seeded Texas (30-22).

Kansas will play Friday against the loser of Thursday's Missouri-Texas A&M game.

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YARD SALE

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GARAGE SALE: Saturday 8am-3pm, Sunday 8am-2pm. Lawn mowers, lawn furniture, appliances, dishes, clothes, furniture, lots of miscellaneous. 2510 Central Drive.

HUGE GARAGE Sale: 2509 Ann, Saturday 8:00-5:00 & Sunday 12:00-6:00. A lot of everything.

HUGE MOVING Sale: Merle Norman (Big Spring Mall).....

MULTI FAMILY Garage Sale: 3200 Hamilton, Saturday 7:00am-12:00pm. No Early Birds Please. Various sizes for kids & adult clothing, baby stuff, household items, and too much to mention.

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Mercury got a boost of zesty Gemini energy yesterday, which King Neptune, frankly, finds irritating. It could be that Neptune is just jealous of all that youthful vigor, or that Mercury has a tendency to talk "out of school." Either way, when these two square off, certain topics of conversation — for instance, religion and spirituality — will cause friction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You were strongly persuaded — maybe even tricked — to do a job. In any case, you agreed, and that's that. Fantastic luck occurs because you keep your word.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your opinion is needed, but not more than your affection and admiration. You'll realize the full scope of what you can give, and you'll be judicious with your contributions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Being too focused on results, you may not realize all you have accomplished along the way. Look back and celebrate each milestone. For your efforts, you deserve, and will receive, the very best.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know better than to ask others what you should be doing. You'll ask your own heart. The answer you get may require interpretation



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and translation, but it will be exactly, perfectly "you."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you're in your own realm, you have a strong sense of purpose, but there's something about foreign territory that makes you want to loaf around. Both environments are beneficial to you now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). At work, there's a force being applied that keeps you on task and within a certain deadline. You may not like the pressure, but you have to admit that it's effective. You wouldn't have nearly the results without this force.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll get excited about what's coming up. And even though you can see the outline of the

future silhouetted on the horizon, when you actually get there, it will still be somewhat of a surprise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It may be hard to wrap your head around another person's problems, but you'll try to give genuine understanding to everyone you love. Your compassion will be returned in kind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just because you're orienting yourself to your own needs doesn't mean you are selfish. You are, in fact, doing others a favor by providing for yourself. It's just easier this way!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your popularity can open doors for others and also move your own agenda along. Make good

use of the rapport you've built and the relationships you so easily maintain.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The facts are apparent, and the answers are written in plain form. Because of this, a disagreement can now be settled without protest or drama. All will be resolved by evening.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If everyone does a small piece of a job, you'll wind up with hundreds of small pieces instead of one finished job. That is, unless you're the leader. If you're in charge, you'll get it done.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 25). After a bit of compromise and some juggling, a relationship settles into a wonderful groove in July. You'll find work you love and will

commit to it with great diligence in August. It is most auspicious to build your savings up through September and October. You'll be cheering loved ones on in December. Capricorn and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 2, 3, 23 and 19.

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Dear Margo: Afraid of little girls

Dear Margo: Between the ages of 6 and 10, I was severely bullied, but I was given the impression by grownups that such behavior was perfectly normal for children and I shouldn't be so sensitive. (I now realize they probably did not pay attention to what was going on.)

I was threatened with knives, bashed bloody with a broomstick and on at least two occasions suffered injuries that took months to heal. I've been told that one of the girls involved ended up in the state hospital for the criminally insane.

Bringing things to the present, I now often feel intense anxiety when in the presence of girls that age. When my cousin's young daughter wanted to play with me at a family gathering, I found myself feeling as though I was 7 years old again, trembling and barely able to hold back tears, even though she was not misbehaving.

When I hear people saying nice things about children, I feel

overwhelmed with anger, and while I do not have any specific thoughts of harming kids, I find myself wanting to go off on rants telling everyone the "truth" about the inherently evil and vicious nature of children.

After bringing this up about a month or so ago in an online support group (for Asperger's, which I have), it was suggested that I may additionally have PTSD and should seek treatment.

Apparently, the bullying I experienced was unusually severe even for people who were often bullied in school.

My question is: Would it be worthwhile to seek treatment? I am concerned that it would be difficult to find a therapist familiar with ASD (autistic spectrum disorder) adults because I have heard of cases where further emotional damage is done because our motivations and reactions are different from those of "regular" people.

Also, since I don't have regular contact with children, maybe it's unnecessary to go through therapy and instead I'd simply continue to avoid them.

However, I want to start dating after having

been single for a very long time, and the reality is that most men of an appropriate age for me will be divorced or widowed (I'm 37). And ... my friends are becoming parents. What do you suggest? — *Scared of Little Girls*

Dear Scare: Your insight into the problem is very good in that you recognize the origin of the difficulty, which would make any therapy less involved than you may imagine. What you need is support in coping and help with taming your thoughts. With the advice of a professional, I am recommending cognitive behavioral therapy. The fact that you have some form of Asperger's is not a factor here. Good luck. — *Margo, optimistically*

Already Feeling Guilty

Dear Margo: I'm allergic to velvet and similar fabrics that are soft and fuzzy to the touch, and having my skin in contact with them is extremely unpleasant for me, resulting in redness, itching and hives.

The problem is that I'm pregnant, and that sort of material abounds in baby clothes and soft toys, which no doubt will be given to us. The other

day I was discussing this with my mother, and she said, "Well, you'll just have to wear gloves all the time, because it's unfair to deprive your child of proper toys and clothes just because you're a little finicky."

Is she right, even though these things literally make me sick? And if she's not right, how do I politely let people know velvety items are not welcome? — *Expectant Mom*

Dear Ex: Let's start with your mother. "Finicky" means difficult to please. "Allergic" signifies an abnormal reaction of the body. You can tell her for me that there are many clothes and toys that are not made of velvet, and I have never heard of a "velvet-deprived child." As for getting the word out about you and velvet, you might drop it into casual conversations with your girlfriends, but if there are any shower invitations, I would advise against putting "Please, no velvet" in writing. Should a few things arrive that are soft, fuzzy or velvet, simply return them for credit ... wearing gloves, of course. — *Margo, curatively*
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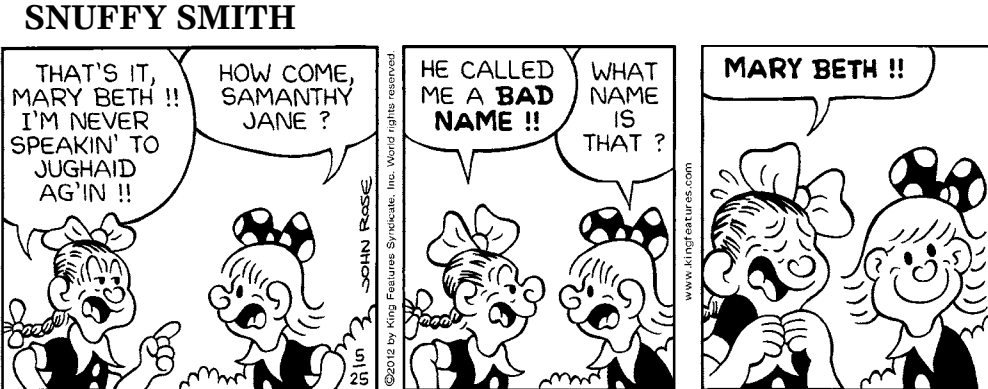
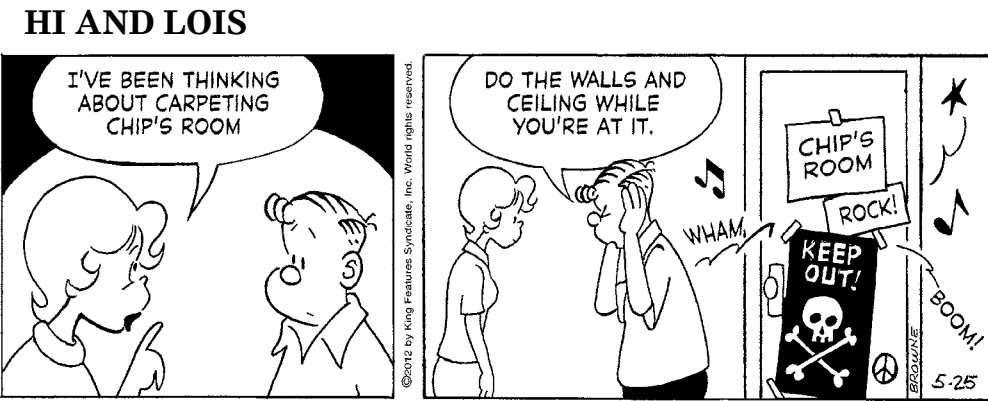
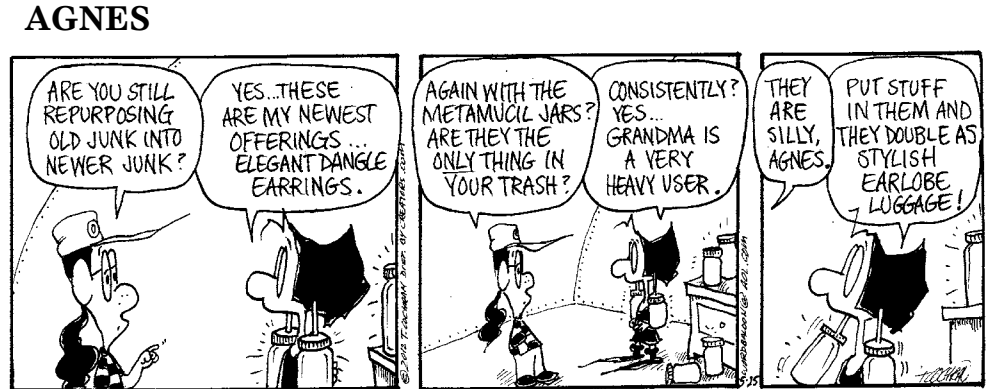
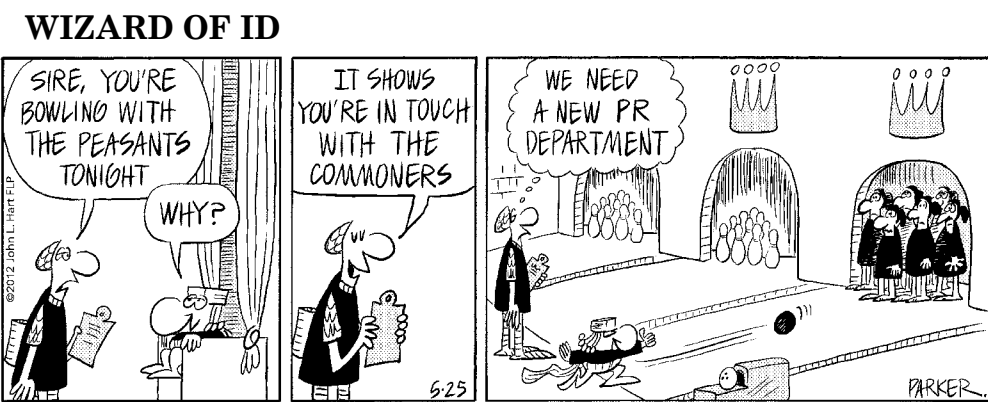
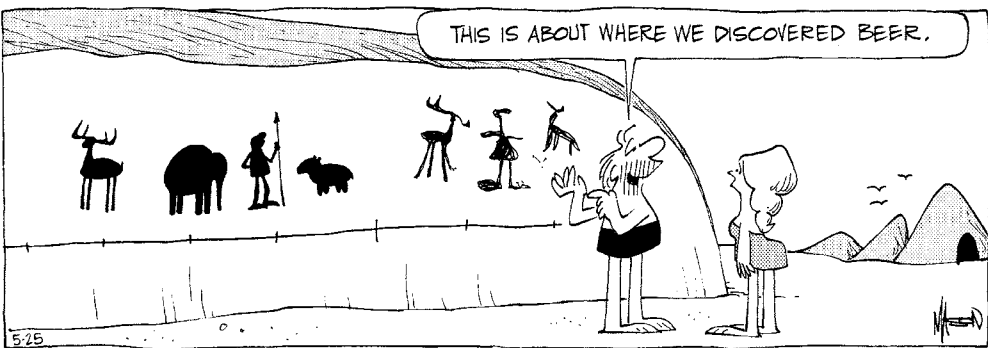
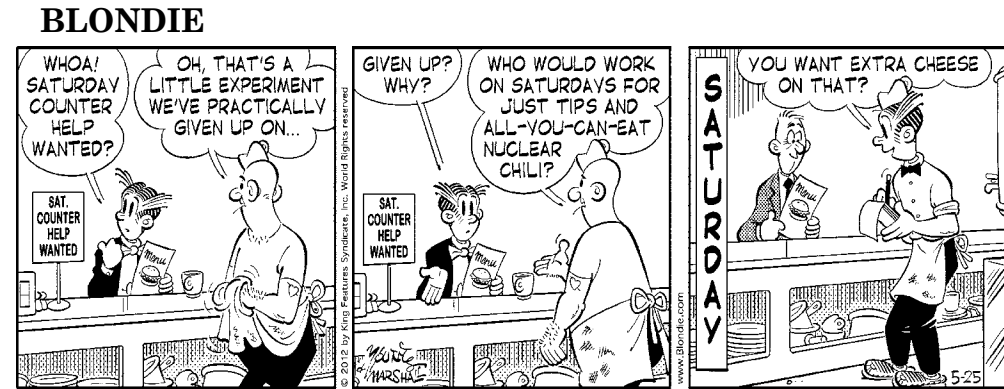
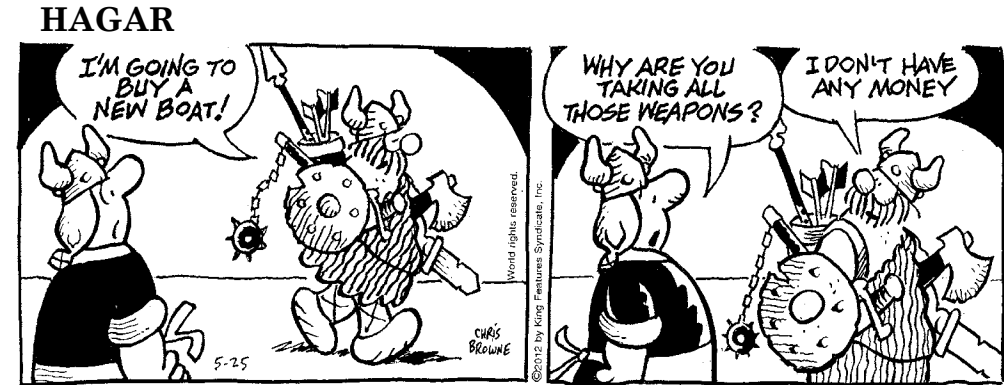
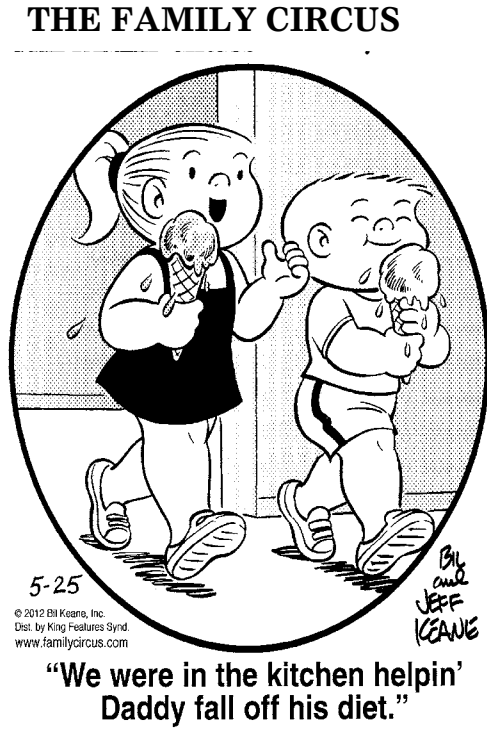
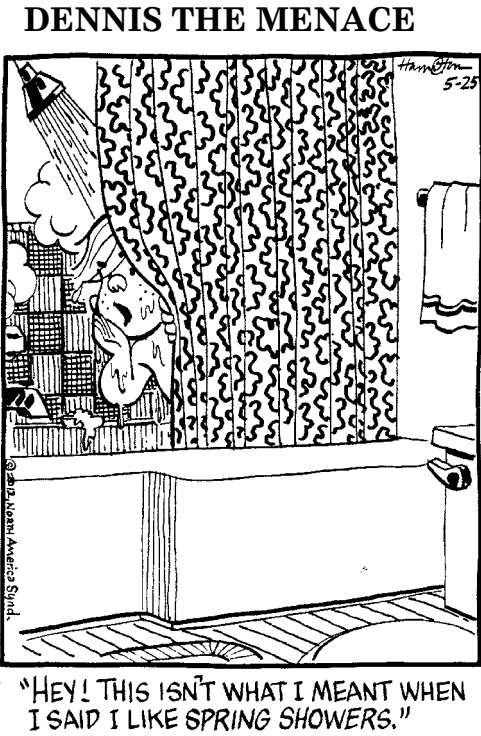
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, May 25, the 146th day of 2012. There are 220 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 25, 1787, the Constitutional Convention began at the Pennsylvania State House (Independence Hall) in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum. (The Convention ended four months later with the delegates adopting the Constitution of the United States.)

On this date:

In 1810, Argentina began its revolt against Spanish rule with the forming of the Primera Junta in Buenos Aires.

In 1895, playwright Oscar Wilde was convicted of a morals charge in London; he was sentenced to two years in prison.

In 1916, the Chicago Tribune published an interview with Henry Ford in which the automobile industrialist was quoted as saying, "History is more or less bunk. It's tradition. We don't want tradition. We want to live in the present and the only history that is worth a tinker's dam is the history we make today."

In 1935, Babe Ruth hit the 714th and final home run of his career, for the Boston Braves, in a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

In 1942, U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, frustrated over being driven out of Burma by Japanese troops during World War II, bluntly told reporters in Delhi, India: "I claim we got a hell of a beating."

In 1946, Transjordan (now Jordan) became a kingdom as it proclaimed its new monarch, Abdullah I.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy told Congress: "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth."

In 1968, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis was dedicated by Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Interior Secretary Stewart Udall.

In 1979, 273 people died when an American Airlines DC-10 crashed just after takeoff from Chicago's O'Hare airport. Six-year-old Etan Patz disappeared while on his way to a school bus stop in lower Manhattan; his fate has never been determined.

In 1981, daredevil Dan Goodwin, wearing a Spiderman costume, scaled the outside of Chicago's Sears Tower in seven hours.

In 1986, an estimated 7 million Americans participated in "Hands Across America" to raise money for the nation's hungry and homeless.

In 1992, Jay Leno made his debut as host of NBC's "Tonight Show," succeeding Johnny Carson.

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- 9 Wombat cousin
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- 17 Be persuasive
- 20 Be persuasive
- 21 Vex
- 22 Long preceder
- 23 It may be spotted on kids
- 26 During
- 30 Kind of ID
- 35 It means "billionth"
- 36 Downy coatings
- 40 Twin skiers' surname
- 41 Make your view known
- 44 Marching Along autobiographer
- 45 Extended story
- 46 Pennsylvania city
- 47 Catch
- 49 Hoops great Abdul-Jabbar
- 51 Just the way you want
- 55 Tool partner
- 58 Certain Moslem
- 59 "Fragile" concepts
- 63 "Drop by more often!"
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- 72 The Day of the Locust author
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- 9 Frat party delivery
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- 12 Fail to keep
- 13 Ensign's affirmation
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- 19 Have to have
- 24 Sicilian landmark
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- 26 Pizzelle flavoring
- 27 Construction worker
- 28 "To recap . . ."
- 29 Extinguish
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Rookie English one behind at Colonial

STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Harris English had never played all 18 holes at Colonial before teeing off for the opening round.

He had never even been in a PGA Tour event before this season.

No problem for the 22-year-old rookie who is making it look all too easy.

English, who has already made 11 of 14 cuts this season, shot a bogey-free 65 Thursday and was in a group of four players within a stroke of first-round leader Zach Johnson.

“It’s been awesome,” English said. “I’m enjoying what I’m doing. It beats sitting at a desk or being in class right now.”

Before earning his rookie card by finishing tied for 13th at the PGA Tour qualifying tournament in December, English had played in only seven Nationwide events. He had a victory as an amateur along with finishes of second and third.

“Winning on Nationwide really gave me a lot of confidence that I could play professional golf,” he said. “I didn’t know if I was ready for the Nationwide Tour, and I definitely didn’t think I was ready for the PGA Tour. But making it through Q-school, I just got a lot of confidence.”

Johnson had a few nice par-savers in his own bogey-free round on a day when 20-30 mph winds with higher gusts whipped through the big oak trees lining the fairways.

At No. 7 — his 16th hole Thursday — Johnson was so deep in a greenside bunker that he couldn’t even be seen from the other side of the green until he popped up to watch his blast over the ridge to 2 1/2 feet from the cup. That was four holes after his chip inside 4 feet at a 244-yard par 3.

“I got off to a good start, just hit some quality shots. I didn’t put myself ever in a position that was too worrisome,” Johnson said. “I kept the golf course in front me. I attacked when I could attack. I had a couple of nice saves when I needed it. ... I’ve got zero complaints.”

Jason Dufner, Tom Gillis and Kyle Reifers were tied for second with English.

Dufner won the Byron Nelson Championship last week, and both of his PGA Tour victories have come in the last four weeks. He started at Colonial with three consecutive birdies, was 5 under after a 10-foot birdie putt at the 174-yard eighth hole, then overcame two bogeys in a three-hole stretch.

“Yes, the game has been really good, a fantastic way to start,” Dufner said. “You have some questions after a win last week, how are you going to respond to that? I came out really quick today and got some birdies, had a nice round.”

Rangers claim RHP Gaub off waivers from Rays

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers have acquired left-hander John Gaub on a waiver claim from Tampa Bay.

Gaub was added to the Rangers’ 40-man roster Thursday and optioned to Triple-A Round Rock.

Texas didn’t have to make any corresponding move because it had an open spot on the 40-man roster.

James, Bryant leading vote-getters for All-NBA squad

NEW YORK (AP) — LeBron James was the leading vote-getter for the All-NBA team, while Kobe Bryant earned his 10th first-team selection, tied for second on the career list.

Bryant, a first-team pick for the seventh straight season, joined Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Elgin Baylor, Bob Cousy, Michael Jordan, Bob Pettit, and Jerry West with 10 selections to the first team. Karl Malone is the leader with 11.

James, who won his third MVP award, received

118 of a possible 120 first-team votes Thursday from a panel of writers and broadcasters. Joining him on the first team were scoring champion Kevin Durant, Clippers point guard Chris Paul and Magic center Dwight Howard.

Guards Tony Parker and Russell Westbrook were selected the second team along with forwards Kevin Love and Blake Griffin and center Andrew Bynum.

Texas-Arlington to join Sun Belt Conference

DALLAS (AP) — The University of Texas at Arlington will begin competing in the Sun Belt Conference, effective in July 2013.

The conference schools voted Wednesday in Sandestin, Fla., to accept Texas-Arlington as a non-football member. Subject to approval by the University of Texas System Board of Regents, the Mavericks would depart their longtime home in the Southland Conference to join the Florida-based league.

UTA doesn’t have a football program.

The Sun Belt Conference is slated to have 12 members for the 2013-14 academic year, including 10 in football.

Denver is leaving this summer for the Western Athletic Conference, while North Texas and FIU will leave in the summer of 2013 for Conference USA.

They’ll be replaced by Texas State, Georgia State and UTA.

Ex-MLB player Chad Curtis to face teen sex charges

WOODLAND, Mich. (AP) — Former major league outfielder Chad Curtis was arrested Thursday on accusations he inappropriately touched two students at a Michigan high school where he was in line to become football coach.

Curtis, 43, is charged with five counts of criminal sexual conduct, said Barry County Undersheriff Robert Baker.

Curtis was arraigned Thursday in Delta County District Court and was freed after posting \$25,000 in cash on a \$250,000 bond, Baker said.

The charges are based on complaints from two teenage girls, according to Barry County Prosecutor Tom Evans.

He told WZZM-TV that he authorized the charges against Curtis.

Curtis was volunteering at Lakewood High

School in Woodland, about 50 miles southeast of Grand Rapids.

The Lake Odessa resident was in line to become the school’s football coach before the accusations emerged.

David Dodge Sr., whose firm is representing Curtis, said he couldn’t say much about the case at this point.

“Chad Curtis ... denies any criminal wrongdoing,” Dodge said.

Between 1992 and 2001, Curtis played for the then-California Angels, Detroit Tigers, Los Angeles Dodgers, Cleveland Indians, New York Yankees and Texas Rangers.

He won two World Series rings with the Yankees.

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nothing like that. Guys just want to work, win, get better and they know and understand like veterans that the rest will take care of itself.”

While Presti has tried to foster that San Antonio-style atmosphere, he

credits his players and coaches for carrying it out and putting in the work that has led to consecutive Western Conference finals appearances for the second time in franchise history.

The attitude filters down from ownership — Bennett used to represent the Spurs on the NBA’s board of governors — and through the front office, but Mohammed said the key is the franchises’ ability to find players who

buy into it.

At the forefront, he sees San Antonio’s Tim Duncan and Oklahoma City’s Kevin Durant — both superstars who

don’t care about the limelight and only want “to work hard and play basketball.”

“You can preach it around but it’s still got to come from the player because you can get a young guy now who’s unbelievable but if he doesn’t buy into it, he’s going to think his own way and do his own thing no matter what,” Mohammed said.

Spurs general manager R.C. Buford said he knew within a week of hiring Presti that he wouldn’t be an intern long. Presti ended up helping persuade the franchise to draft point guard Tony Parker, who has developed into an All-Star and the Spurs’ leading

scorer, on his rise through the organization.

C o a c h G r e g g P o p o v i c h joked that San Antonio “tried to keep him in a closet for a while so no one would know about him” but word eventually got out. And now some of the Spurs’ secrets may be working against them.

“I don’t have the intimate details of what Sam’s culture is. But from an outsider’s perspective, the things that are important to the Thunder’s culture as established by Sam are similar to what’s important to the Spurs culture,” Buford said.

Bennett, who declined comment through a spokesman, said upon hiring the 30-year-old Presti in 2007 that he viewed the Spurs “as the premier franchise in our business” but he was hiring the GM on his own merits and not because he worked for San Antonio.

Presti has said from the beginning that he wasn’t trying to re-create the Spurs.

“No two places are the same and you’re going to have different circumstances and different approaches. That’s what makes the NBA great,” Presti said. “We have a lot of respect for them but we also have to build our own identity, but we’re also certainly using some of the core values that are in place there, that are also in place in other successful and sustainable sports franchises.”

And there are still four major differences between the franchises: The Spurs’ championships in 1999, 2003, 2005 and 2007.

“I’d like to think that as we continue to grow and build our organization that we’ll establish an identity for the Oklahoma City Thunder but that doesn’t happen in four years,” Presti said, “and we have to embrace the fact that we have a long road ahead of us.”

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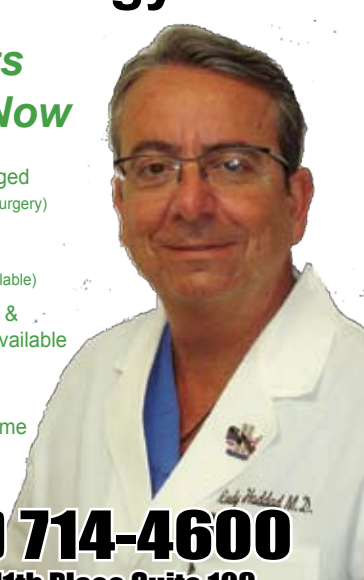
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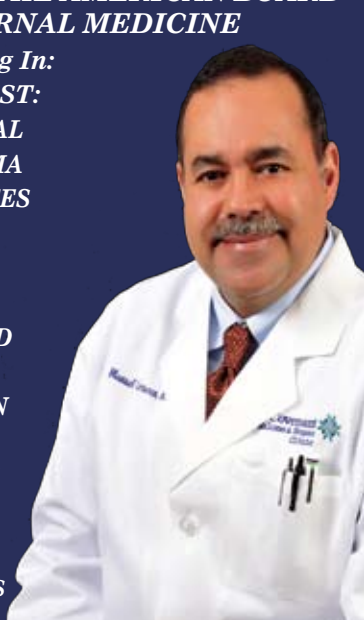


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