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Pausing to remember

*Big Spring observes
Memorial Day holiday*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Carroll Kohl will be the first person to tell you he never served in the United States Armed Forces.

However, anyone who believes Kohl doesn't understand the military, its men and women, and their individual needs would be sorely mistaken.

Kohl, who served for more than 30 years as a chaplain at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, was the guest speaker during the Memorial Day ceremony at the local Vietnam Memorial.

"In some ways I regret never having had the opportunity to actually serve in the military," said Kohl. "I was going to school during the Vietnam War, and was exempt to the draft, and later became a pastor. Later, I had the opportunity to minister to the Army personnel at Ft. Walters in Mineral Wells for a number of years, and when I moved to Big Spring I went to work as a part-time chaplain at the VA Hospital in 1973. I

continued there for almost 30 years, and the last four years I was a full-time chaplain at the Big Spring VA Hospital.

"Although I never served in the military, working with veterans that many years kind of gave me a very close affinity for what was going on. I got to know them through ministering to their needs and spiritual needs, so Memorial Day, Veterans Day and any day honoring veterans has become very meaningful to me because of that association through the years."

Kohl said the holiday, which was formalized in 1868 by Gen. John Logan, commander of the Union Army veterans organization, has lost some of its meaning in other parts of the country, but certainly not in Big Spring.

"Unfortunately, in many parts of the country, it's not a very well

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"Here in Big Spring, we're sort of unique because we celebrate it right. Veterans mean a lot more to us because of the VA Hospital, the Veterans Nursing Home and there are just a lot of veterans in West Texas, period."



Carroll Kohl

HERALD photos/Thomas Jenkins
Clockwise, from top: More than 700 motorcyclists participating in the annual Ride to Remember make their way to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Monday morning; members of several local veterans groups, joined by representatives from Trinity Memorial Park, place a wreath at the foot of the Avenue of Flags in the local cemetery during a special Memorial Day ceremony Monday afternoon; the U.S. flag at the Vietnam Memorial flies at half-staff.



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Legislature wraps up rebellious session

By **KELLEY SHANNON**
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — After last-minute budget squabbles and uproarious rebellion against Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick, the Legislature stumbled to the finish line Monday.

The Senate adjourned early evening, and the House went until the midnight deadline in the 140-day session with a last-ditch round of tense debate over water, border

security and electric deregulation. Sprinkled in were moments of frivolity as lawmakers wrapped up their work then headed home.

"Y'all have been a big barrel of fun the whole damn time," Rep. Anna Mowery, a Fort Worth Republican who doesn't plan to seek re-election, told fellow legislators.

The embattled Craddick finished the session as the man in charge of the House. He cocked his head back and

laughed as he chatted with some Republican supporters in the House chamber toward the end of the day. Opponents from both political parties tried all weekend to oust him from power, with no success. Craddick refused to allow the opposition bring up a motion for a vote to "vacate the chair."

Craddick is currently the longest-serving House member and the first Republican speaker

Reconstruction, having taken over in 2003 after the GOP won a majority of House seats.

Frustrated by their failed attempts to overthrow Craddick, dozens of angry House members stormed out of the chamber in protest in the early morning hours Monday.

"This man is sitting here violating every rule of the

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IN BRIEF

Lady Hawk basketball camps scheduled

Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle will host three girls' basketball camps this summer.

The Little Hawk Camp begins Monday. The four-day camp will run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day. This camp is for girls entering kindergarten through third grades in 2007 and costs \$50.

The Individual Day Camp also begins Monday and concludes June 7, with an afternoon session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day. This camp is for girls entering grades 4-8 and costs \$60.

The Shooting and Position Camp is for girls entering grades 7-12 and costs \$60. It begins June 18 and runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. until June 21.

For more information or to register, please contact Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

Lady Steers summer softball camp set

The Lady Steers will be starting their All-Skills Softball Camp Monday at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex. The camp will last until June 7.

Each day's activities will last from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The camp is for girls going into first grade through ninth grade. It will be administered by the Lady Steers head softball coach Jennifer Reyes and assistant coach John Sparks.

Cost for the camp is \$45 and will include a T-shirt.

For more information contact John Sparks at 270-2711.

Junior tennis camp slated for end of May

Kathy Boland will be holding her Big Spring Junior Tennis Camp at Comanche Trail Park's Figure 7 Tennis Center starting today and lasting through Friday.

The camp will last from 8:30 a.m. until noon and is for boys and girls between ages 6-13. The cost is \$60.

Contact Kathy Boland by calling 940-886-6169 or call Big Spring Junior High at 264-4135.

Bowl-A-Rama holding benefit tournament

Bowl-A-Rama will be a holding a no-tap singles bowling tournament at 3 p.m. Sunday to help Mary Grace Jackson raise money to pay the expenses of her pending kidney and pancreas transplant.

The entrance fee will be \$15 per person. There will be separate divisions for men and women. A cash prize will be paid to one place for every five entries.

For more information, contact Debbie Burrow at 263-8952 or Jimmie Wood at 267-8676.

Parent-child tourny at country club

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a parent-child 2-person scramble tournament

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Spurs saddle Jazz, 91-79, take 3-1 series lead

By **JAIME ARON**

AP Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Facing a tight fourth quarter for the first time in the Western Conference finals, the San Antonio Spurs were hardly bothered.

They sat in a huddle and talked about changing up their defense and making more passes to get better shots. There was no fretting about the loud crowd, questionable officiating or the measly 13 points they scored in the third quarter.

"We just needed to keep our heads," said Robert Horry, among the most-experienced playoff performers on a San

Antonio roster full of them.

Keeping their poise, Manu Ginobili and Tim Duncan were able to take advantage of the Utah Jazz losing their cool, hitting free throw after free throw to give the Spurs a 91-79 victory Monday night and a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference finals.

The remarkable part about the Jazz letting a one-point game dissolve into another lopsided finish was the two guys who got tossed in the process: Jerry Sloan, who was coaching his 174th playoff game, and Derek Fisher, who is mild-mannered and has three championship rings.

Sloan and Fisher each picked up two technical fouls and

wound up in the locker room before the game was over. Their departures a few minutes apart gave fans even more reasons to boo and throw things, an ugly way for Jazz fans to handle their team's first home loss of the playoffs after a 7-0 start.

"They threw Carmex at me," Spurs forward Bruce Bowen said. "I like Carmex, but not getting it thrown at me."

Ginobili led San Antonio with 22 points, 15 coming in the fourth quarter and 11 of those from the foul line. San Antonio was 19-of-25 on free throws in the final period, with four of the attempts courtesy of the technicals.

"I'm very proud of what we did

in the fourth quarter because it was looking ugly for us," Ginobili said. "We stepped up and did a really good job."

This ugly-but-effective performance — more free throws (30) than field goals (28) — puts the Spurs within a victory of reaching the NBA finals for the third time in five years, and the fourth time since 1999. San Antonio has won the title each time.

"It could've been a tied series and a whole new ballgame," said Spurs star Tim Duncan, who had 19 points, nine rebounds, five blocks and five turnovers. "It's a great position to be in."

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Pitching has Bulldogettes confident

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Herald Sports Editor

COAHOMA — When it comes to baseball or softball teams, the most talked about aspect of a team is always their pitching. Whether it's good or bad, pitching generally seems to be the first topic discussed, when talking about a team's chances to win it all.

Pitching is a major reason that first-year Coahoma Bulldogettes' head coach Tracy Tadlock feels that this year's team could be the first to bring home a state title since 1998.

"We've got to just go have fun at state. We've got a great shot though," he said following Coahoma's Region I championship win Saturday. "Hawley got on us some today, but they've seen Heather (Newton) five times this season. None of those teams at state have seen her. I think we've got as good of a chance as anybody. We've just got to win two more to get it all."

Newton, a freshman, has been the talk of the Bulldogettes' team this season, and with a 22-7 record, including 13 shutout victories and a 0.84 ERA, it's not hard to see why.

With the format switching to strictly a one-game playoff at the state tournament, the Bulldogettes will be relying on Newton more than ever to pitch them to the championship. Tadlock exhibits confidence in his ace's potential to do just that.

"The sky is the limit for Heather's potential," said Tadlock. "If she continues to get stronger and mentally tougher, which she already has this season, then she can probably write her own ticket to college. She's only a freshman. She's just going to be get better."

Newton has powered the Bulldogettes through the playoffs with her play on the mound, but she doesn't feel as if she's done it alone.

"The whole team has really helped me a lot," said Newton, who has 272 strikeouts this season.

"Specifically Amy (Martinez) has helped me a lot. Whenever, I'm struggling on the mound, she comes out and calms me down. She just lets me know that the rest of the team in backing me up."

Martinez served as the second pitcher for the Bulldogettes this season, posting a perfect 12-0 record. Tadlock noted that the duo made a solid combination throughout the playoffs, keeping opposing teams off-balance at the plate.

Martinez's first position for Coahoma this season has been first base, leading the team by example and attitude.

"We've been playing softball for four months. It can get kind of monotonous," said Tadlock. "Amy's great at getting the team up and keeping them motivated. She's been a great mental influence."

Martinez bats third in the Bulldogettes' lineup and is second on the team in batting average and RBIs. However, Tadlock feels that her composure might be the greatest asset she provides to the team.

"Amy's been positive for everybody. She's a great example for Heather," said Tadlock. "She's very composed when she gets into the pitching circle and that's something we want Heather to learn. Amy's example has been a big part of Heather's development this year."

Catcher Janice Gonzales has

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Coahoma's Heather Newton warms up before the Bulldogettes' Game 2 matchup against Hawley Saturday at Abilene Christian University's Wells Stadium. The freshman will be Coahoma's starting pitcher in its state semifinal game against Troy Thursday at The University of Texas' McCombs Field in Austin.

A's hand Rangers sixth consecutive loss

By **JANIE McCAULEY**

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND — The Oakland Athletics handed another loss to their beloved old third-base coach.

Eric Chavez, who gave one of his six Gold Gloves to Ron Washington, hit a three-run homer and rookie Travis Buck added a solo shot for the A's in a 5-3 win over slumping Texas, spoiling Wash's Bay Area return as Rangers manager Monday night.

Chad Gaudin (5-1) won his third straight start and fourth consecutive decision with another fine outing, helping the defending AL West champion A's pick up just their third victory in eight games. Gaudin didn't allow an earned run and has the AL's second-lowest ERA at 2.32 behind teammate Dan Haren (1.70).

Chavez started for the third straight game after missing three with tendinitis in his triceps. Bothered by tendinitis in his forearms for most of

2006, he said after the game that more would be known about his condition in a couple of days.

"Things feel like they're getting a little better," said Chavez, who also doubled after coming into the game 1-for-21 over his previous five contests. "We'll figure it out."

The Rangers lost their sixth straight in the series opener at Oakland, where Washington spent the last 11 years as an A's coach before the Rangers hired him away in November to replace Buck Showalter.

Washington gave Sammy Sosa most of the night off to rest before he pinch hit in the eighth — all but delaying the slugger's pursuit of 600 home runs until Tuesday night. Sosa has 598 and is trying to become the fifth player in history to reach 600.

"He's not a spring chicken," Washington said of the 38-year-old star, who struck out swinging on a high 2-2 fastball.

Texas got on the board in the sixth when Chavez tried to make a tough play

at first on Marlon Byrd's infield single and overthrew Dan Johnson for a two-base error, allowing Michael Young to score from first.

Young singled in a run in the eighth for his third hit, then stole second before Mark Teixeira walked. The Rangers loaded the bases with no outs on Frank Catalanotto's single off Kiko Calero and Colby Laird popped out foul to first to end the threat.

"I wish we got a hit in the eighth inning," Washington said. "We'd still be playing and I'd bring in (Eric) Gagne. With the bases loaded, you should be jumping on the first good pitch."

Alan Embree pitched a perfect ninth for his third save in as many chances.

Gaudin faced a bases-loaded jam in the first inning after allowing a pair of walks and Young's

single, but escaped unscathed after throwing 26 pitches.

After that inning, he tried to throw first-pitch strikes. Manager Bob Geren compared Gaudin's mentality on the mound to that of Tim Hudson, a former member of Oakland's Big Three with Barry Zito and Mark Mulder.

"That's great," Gaudin said of the compliment. "I'm glad he thinks that about me. I'm going to attack hitters."

He had a 1-2-3 second inning but again had to work in the third. He gave up four hits in 6 2-3 innings, struck out two and walked three in a 107-pitch night.

Everybody exhaled when Lewis got out of the eighth.

"We just have a makeshift bullpen and team," Chavez said. "We're just trying to hold it together until everybody gets back."

Buck hit his sixth homer of the year with a shot to left in the first to give Oakland the lead. Jack Cust doubled in

Bobby Crosby in the second.

Robinson Tejeda (4-5) lost for the fourth time in five starts, lasting only three innings for the second straight outing. He allowed five runs and four hits, walked four and didn't strike out a batter.

"Today was not my day," he said. "I tried maybe too hard and it wasn't working. ... I need to relax. I'm probably just a little confused."

The right-hander had a no-decision against the A's on April 22. He lost for the first time in four career meetings against Oakland, but also had a no-decision in his only outing last year.

He issued back-to-back walks to leadoff man Shannon Stewart and Buck to start the third, prompting a visit from pitching coach Mark Connor. After two more walks to start the fourth, Tejeda was done. Willie Eyre came in and struck out a career-high six in four innings, also a career best.

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Obituaries

Jeri Perryman



Jeri Perryman, 58, of Sand Springs, died Sunday, May 27, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Feb. 11, 1949, in Texarkana to Doris and Andy Cox. She was a homemaker, but had also worked at Wall's for 11 years. She had lived most of her life in Howard County and was a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, Elliott Perryman of Big Spring; two daughters, Michele Oglesby and her husband Emmert of Heavener, Okla., and Amanda Perryman of Big Spring; one sister, Andra Kim Whitehead and her husband Bob of Big Spring; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Patsy McKaskle.

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

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

- Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033. Leave a message if you get voice mail.

THURSDAY

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

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.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Take Note

- **THE HOWARD COUNTY PACHYDERM CLUB** will meet at noon Thursday at Just Peachy, located at Fifth and Scurry streets. Guest speaker will be Jason Moore of Odessa, he is the State Republican Executive Committee member for Texas Senate District 31. For reservations, call Susanne Haney at 432-263-7147

- **THE HOWARD COUNTY A&M CLUB** is accepting scholarship applications from students who are currently enrolled at Texas A&M for the Fall 2007 semester. Students must be Howard County residents and enrolled for at least 12 hours. More information can be found at the club Web site: clubs.aggienet-work.com/howardcountyamc/webhome.htm Application deadline is June 1.

- **ST. MARY'S AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S ARE HOLDING A LAP BLANKET DRIVE** to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

- **THE WORKFORCE NETWORK HAS FUNDING AVAILABLE** for training and employment with competitive wages for youth in Howard, Borden and Glasscock counties. Enrollment will be held at the Workforce Network, 310 Owens in Big Spring from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. May 21. You must bring copies of your birth certificate, Social Security card and picture ID if you have one. You must have a parent with you if you are under 18 years of age.

- **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

- **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

- **JAMES LONG**, 41, of 1707 Muleshoe, was arrested on a charge of Howard county warrant.
- **JOHNNIE DELACRUZ**, 26, 1307 Lincoln, was arrested on charges of resisting arrest and unlawful restraint.
- **JUAN GARCIA**, 41, 205 Becker Road, was arrested on charges on local warrants and resisting arrest.
- **GILBERT RODRIGUEZ**, 39, 1001 N Moss Lake, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **GERALD MIRILES**, 38, 1409 E. 6th, was arrested on two local capias warrants.
- **RESISTING ARREST SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Lincoln.
 - in the 500 block of Runnels.
- **THEFT** reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa
- **UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT** reported in the 1300 block of Lincoln.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported:
 - in the 600 block of E. FM 700. Two people transported to SMMC.
 - on the corner of FM 700 and Goliad. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported:
 - 1300 block of Stadium. One person transported to SMMC.
 - 400 block of Alford. Service refused.
 - 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person transported to SMMC.
 - 2700 block of S. Anderson. One person transported to SMMC.
 - 2000 block of Virginia. One person transported to SMMC.
 - 3900 block of E. Hwy 350. One person transported to SMMC.
 - 3200 block of Parkway. One person transported to SMMC.
 - 1100 block of Birdwell. One person transported to SMMC.
 - 600 block of Holbert. Service refused.
 - 1800 block of S. Gregg. One person transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported:
 - on the corner of FM 700 and Goliad. Service refused.
 - 3200 block of Wasson. Service refused.
 - FM 461 and RR33. One person transported to SMMC.
 - 1500 block of Sycamore. One person transported to SMMC.
 - 1800 block of Birdwell. One person transported to SMMC.
 - 1600 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
 - 1600 block of Lancaster. One person transported to SMMC.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported on the block of 1600 Hank.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported:
 - 2300 block of Wasson Road.
 - 1700 block of Purdue.
- **DUMPSTER FIRE** was reported on the the block of 503 E. 15th.
- **AUTOMOBILE FIRE** was reported:
 - on the 500 block of E. 1st.

Weather

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon.

Wednesday night — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Thursday — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

Thursday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-10-16-24-34.

Number matching five of five: 0.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-12-30-35. Bonus Ball: 8.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-7-6.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 48 inmates at the time of this report.

- **BERNARDO JACINTO HILARIO**, 20, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon, evading arrest or detention and possession of marijuana-two ounces or less.

- **CHRISTOPHER DELBOSQUEZ**, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for unlawfully carrying a weapon and charges of bondsman off bond for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, bondsman off bond for delivery of a controlled substance, aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury, bondsman off bond for evading arrest or detention, failure to appear, evading arrest or detention and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

- **ANSELMO HILARIO JR.**, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana-two ounces or less and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

- **JOE RICHTER**, 19, was arrested Friday by the DPS on charges of driving while license suspended, improper drivers license for type of vehicle.

- **ANGELICA MARIA HINOJOS**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **BRANDY RENEE GARCIA**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on a charge of theft.

- **DAVID RIOS**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on a charge of theft.

- **ERIC T. URANGA**, 21, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of habitation and parole warrant.

- **GLENNA JOHNSON COLLIER**, 42, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

- **RUBEN ANTHONY GONZALES**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD for evading arrest/detention using vehicle and driving while license suspended or invalid/enhanced.

- **ROMEL STEVENS**, 34, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of bond surrender, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

- **TOBIYAH MIRE MORRIS**, 18, was arrested Saturday by the DPS on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.

- **SERGIO AZDAR**, 23, was arrested Saturday by the DPS on a charges of purchase/furnishing alcohol to a minor and possession of an open container.

- **RUBY JEANNETTE PORTER**, 30, was arrested Saturday by the DPS on charges of driving while license invalid and no liability insurance.

- **ANGEL EDIEVERTO TORRES**, 22, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- **HAROLD EDWARD WILSON**, 51, was arrested Sunday by HCSO on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

- **CORY SHANE ANDERSON**, 34, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **JOHN MANUEL RIOS**, 41, was arrested Sunday by HCSO on a charges of public intoxication and parole warrant.

- **FREDDIE WILLIAMS**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.

- **CALVIN RILEY**, 44, was arrested on Sunday by HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana- two ounces or less.

- **RAMIRO LUCIO JR.**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

- **MICHAEL WILLIAM THOMPSON**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

- **MABEL MUNIZ VALENZUELA**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana- two ounces or less.

- **JOHNNY E. WINOJOS JR.**, 40, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charges of driving while intoxicated and open alcohol container.

- **TAMMY KAY GROSS**, 26, was arrested Sunday by HCSO on a charge of theft of services.

- **MELVIN JONHSON**, 59, was arrested Monday by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- **SHEILA EISENBACH**, 23, was arrested Monday by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- **JOSE SALAZAR MORALES**, 24, was arrested Monday by HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.

- **JAMES CURTIS HAYES**, 44, was arrested Monday by HCSO on charges of bail jumping and failure to appear.

- **JUAN MANUEL GARCIA**, 41, was transferred to the county jail on Monday by BSPD on charges of forgery and resisting arrest search or transportation.

- **JOHNNIE DELACRUZ**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Monday by HCSO on charge of resisting arrest search or transportation.

- **JEREMY GLEN WILLIAMS**, 21, was arrested Monday by HCSO on a charge of driving while license suspended.

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COAHOMA

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been a consistent presence behind the plate for both pitchers.

"I am really confident with her behind the plate," said Martinez. "She's always supportive and manages to get her job done. She does her best no matter what the situation is."

Catchers don't receive

much credit for the success of the pitchers, but that's fine with Gonzales, who credits her teammates for helping her succeed defensively.

"I work at defense and pitch calling, but the team keeps me pumped up and going," said Gonzales. "It's more of a team effort than anything."

Tadlock feels that Gonzales has a calming effect on the team defensively.

"Janice is a solid catcher. A good catcher keeps everyone else calm and under control," said Tadlock. "She absolutely shuts down another team's running game. She can make a team play station to station, forcing them to get hits to move around the bases. That makes us a much more efficient team defensively."

Tadlock continued by commenting about her influence on Newton,

with her presence behind the plate.

"She's been calling pitches since the beginning of the season," said Tadlock. "Janice being such a great athlete behind the plate really calms Heather down. Heather knows she can count on Janice to do her job effectively."

Newton isn't afraid to admit that she does rely on Gonzales' abilities behind the plate.

"Janice just gives me a

lot of confidence when I'm pitching," said Newton. "I know that she's not going to let a ball get by her or let a runner get an easy stolen base. She makes my job easier."

Gonzales notes that it's important for the team to be supportive of the pitching staff with their play and attitude, but at the same time, they can't become complacent with the knowledge that the team does have strong

pitching.

"We're behind our pitchers more this year as a team, but we understand that we can't rely on them to do it all," she said. "That's why we're better hitters and we're better defensively."

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SPURS

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The Jazz won Game 3 by 26 points, leaving them feeling good about their chances of pulling off a historic comeback. Now, Utah must win Game 5 in San Antonio on Wednesday night just to bring the series back to Salt Lake City, and the Jazz have lost 18 straight games in San Antonio dating to 1999.

"I'm sure a lot of people are counting us out in the series," said Utah forward Carlos Boozer, who had 18 points and nine rebounds. "We have a much better feel for this team after playing them four times. All we can do is toughen up ... see if we can get one in San Antonio."

Jazz point guard Deron Williams had 27 points and 10 assists in 38 minutes despite having lost eight pounds the last two days while fighting a

stomach ailment. He had two IVs in the morning, then was so good through three quarters that pregame memories of Michael Jordan overcoming illness to have a huge game against the Jazz in the 1997 NBA finals — made even by Sloan — no longer seemed silly.

But Williams didn't get enough help. Boozer was the only player to score more than nine points, and he didn't even make it to the foul line. Neither did center Mehmet Okur.

"We felt there were a couple of things that were questionable ... but they won the game," Williams said. "They made plays. They kept their heads. We were the ones getting the techs, not them. And that's why they prevailed."

The tone for the finish to this game was set mid-way through the third quarter when Boozer stuffed Duncan on a drive to the rim.

Duncan went down and

lingered on the court while Boozer made a jumper on the other end, this time leaving Ginobili on the ground. Parker missed a layup, then Williams dribbled up the court and nailed a jumper at the foul line with Duncan backing up, daring him to shoot.

San Antonio led only 63-62 after three quarters. Utah was within 67-66 a few minutes later.

Then Ginobili hit a 3-pointer, Williams went miss-turnover-miss on the Jazz's next three possessions and the Spurs soon were up by six points. The Jazz never got closer than four.

"We just couldn't keep them off the free-throw line," Sloan said. Asked about all the technicals, he said: "I don't want to talk about those because all that does is give me more trouble."

Notes: This was San Antonio's first playoff win in Salt Lake City. The Spurs had been 0-9.

RANGERS

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"Tejeda has to be better than he was tonight and the last time, or pretty soon the scholarships will end," Washington said. "It's time to start growing up and throw the ball in the strike zone. He showed me no guts."

Notes: Five of Chavez's six home runs have come with two strikes. ... Every Oakland batter but No. 9 hitter Jason Kendall reached base.

Red Sox 5, Indians 3

Kevin Youkilis runs hard after every at-bat, and sometimes it pays off with an extra base.

Youkilis hit a stand-up inside-the-park homer, Curt Schilling struck out 10 to rebound from his worst start of the season, and the Boston Red Sox beat the Cleveland Indians 5-3 Monday night

for their fourth straight win.

"He runs right out of the batter's box every time," Boston manager Terry Francona said of Youkilis. "Sometimes you get rewarded for that, not with a triple but with a home run."

At 35-15, the Red Sox lead the AL East by 11 1/2 games over Baltimore and hold a 13 1/2-game lead over the rival New York Yankees.

Boston has never had a bigger lead through 50 games.

"We're good," said Schilling, who allowed one run in seven innings. "There's a lot more focus on the spread between us and the Yankees than we put on it. But to be 50 games into a season and be by double-digits up on anybody is good."

Youkilis hit a high fly ball to the deepest part of Fenway Park in the seventh and center fielder Grady Sizemore chased after it.

He couldn't get to it before it hit the side of the Red Sox bullpen and kicked toward left field, where right fielder Trot Nixon ran it down.

Nixon — who happened to hit the last inside-the-park homer for the Red Sox, on July 15, 2005, against the Yankees — made a throw to the cutoff man but Youkilis was already coasting across the plate.

Youkilis, who also doubled in the fourth, has hit in 20 consecutive games, raising his average from .280 to .354.

Manny Ramirez also homered for Boston, moving into a tie for 25th on the career list with No. 478.

Jonathan Papelbon allowed one run in the ninth but managed to finish for his 13th save.

Schilling (5-2) beat Cliff Lee (2-2) in a matchup of pitchers coming off their season worsts. Lee allowed three runs and six hits in five innings.

BRIEFS

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starting at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The tournament will continue at 1 p.m. Sunday. The entry fee is \$80 for the open division and \$40 for the trophy division.

A parent may play with more than one child. The entry fee for the second team is half-price.

Bar-be-que will be served on the golf course during the first day of play.

Call 267-5354 to sign up.

Cepero Track & Field Meet in Odessa

The third annual Dr. Daniel Cepero Track & Field Meet will be held June 8-9 at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

The meet is for ages 2-18. \$1500 scholarships for college expense will be awarded to two graduating high school seniors that are judged to be the top overall performers at the end of the meet.

The entry fee is \$6 for ages 6 and under and \$12 for ages 7-18. The deadline

for registration is June 3, although late registration will be allowed June 4-6, with an additional \$6 late fee.

Registration can be done online at www.west-texastrack.com. For more information, contact Stella Neboh at (432) 599-0364.

Texas Tech schedules summer sports camps

Texas Tech University has scheduled several sports camps for this summer.

The second Tim Siegel Tennis Camp is set for

June 17-21. The overnight camp is for players 8 to 17 of all abilities. For more information, contact Tim Siegel at (806) 742-3355, ext. 277.

The Texas Tech Golf Camp for boys and girls ages 11-18 will be held June 7-10. Call (806) 742-3355 for more information.

Wes Kittley will hold his Champions of Track & Field camp June 17-20 for boys and girls ages 10-18. Contact Joe Walker at (806) 742-3355, ext. 249, or e-mail him at joe.walker@ttu.edu. for more details.

Tech's High Altitude Cross Country Camp will be held August 6-10 in Cloudercroft, N.M. For more informations, call Jon Murray at (806)742-3355 or e-mail him at jonathan.murray@ttu.dd u.

Go to TexasTech.com for more information about all upcoming Red Raiders' summer sports camps.

Magers-Powell camp scheduled

Rose Magers-Powell, the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame volleyball

star and 1984 Olympian, will again be conducting a volleyball camp at BSHS this summer.

The camp is scheduled for July 30-Aug. 1 with sessions for middle school players from 9 a.m. to noon and the high school players' session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The fee will be \$125 per player.

Players can register online and get additional information on the camp by going to Magers-Powell's website, www.gotrosevolleyball-camps.com.



BONNIE BUNNY, HAROLD HARE, AND JACK

Bonnie Bunny lives near you and me. I saw her just the other day, so I know this story might be true. When we finish the story, tell me if you think the story is true, too.

Bonnie loves family picnics. Do you? I do! What do you like to eat at a family picnic? Do you like potato salad? Do you like baked beans? Do you like hamburgers? All these foods are really great for a family picnic, aren't they? Bonnie is no different from you and me because she loves good food for her picnics too. The difference is that Bonnie loves nice green grass served at her picnic. She also loves carrots. Can you think of any other foods Bonnie might have at her family picnics?



This story takes place in our area and it was only a few days ago. It is summertime. The time of year when everyone loves picnics. Bonnie wanted to invite all of her bunny family to her picnic. She sent letters to all of her family, asking them to please come. She sent letters to her cousin, Harold Hare in Oklahoma, and she sent letters to her niece, Roseanne Rabbit in Georgia. She almost forgot to send an invitation to her Great Grandmother, Carrie Snowbunny in Alaska. But, she didn't forget her nephew, Jack Rabbit in Texas.

She waited and waited by her mailbox, hoping to get letters from all her family, telling her they could all come to her family picnic. Just as she was about to give up any hope of anyone sending

letters back to her, saying they could come, the mailrabbit brought her a big pile of letters, all on the same day! She was so excited as she began opening her letters.

The first letter was from her cousin, Harold Hare. The letter had come all the way from Oklahoma. She quickly opened the letter. Harold said that he would be happy to come to the family picnic. He had a family of his own now, and wanted to know if he could bring his big family to the picnic? Of course, Bonnie said, "Yes!" She would love to meet all of his family.

The second letter was from Georgia. It was from Roseanne Rabbit, Bonnie's niece. She wanted to come to the picnic, too. She wanted to know if she could bring her family, too? Bonnie Bunny wanted her to do this very much, and said, "Yes!"

The third letter was from her Great Grandmother, whom she had almost forgotten to invite to the picnic. Bonnie was so glad that she had remembered to invite her because she loved her Great Grandmother very much. Do you remember what Bonnie's Great Grandmother's name was? Where did her letter come from? Did you say her name was Carrie Snowbunny? Did you say she lived in Alaska so that is where her letter came from? Carrie Snowbunny said that she would love to come to the family picnic.

The fourth letter was from Texas. It was from Bonnie's nephew, Jack Rabbit. Jack said he would love to come to the family picnic, too. He would be leaving that day on his horse. He is from Texas and he rides horses everywhere he goes.

Soon his horse was saddled and he was on his way. Are you laughing because Jack will ride his horse all the way from Texas? Don't worry! His horse can run fast. He will have Jack Rabbit there on time!

The day of the picnic arrived. All of the rabbit family would soon be there for the family picnic. Jack Rabbit arrived first! I told you he

had a very fast horse! Then came Harold Hare from Oklahoma. Then, Carrie Snowbunny from Alaska. Then, Roseanne Rabbit from Georgia. All of them brought their families with them that day. There were many, many rabbits at the picnic. Bonnie Bunny was so happy. She was so glad to see all of her rabbit family again.

Even Jack Rabbit's fast horse enjoyed the picnic

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too. He just loved the nice green grass that Bonnie had served at her family picnic. Everyone had a very good time and decided to have a family picnic every year. But, they each wanted to have the family picnic at their own homes!

That would turn out to be a wonderful idea. Bonnie Bunny would get to see Georgia next year. Then the next year, Oklahoma. Then, Alaska. Then, she could also go to Texas.

After Jack Rabbit saddled up his fast horse that day, and started riding into the sunset, back to Texas, he turned around in his saddle and said to all of his wonderful rabbit family, "Good Night!" Oh! Do you think this story is true?★★★

Ginger Metcalf, mother of Marine LCpl. Chad Metcalf Bales, who was killed in Iraq during Operation Enduring Freedom, and Vietnam Memorial Committee member Gene Wilson place a wreath during Monday morning's Memorial Day ceremony, held in conjunction with the annual Ride to Remember.

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National news in brief

Car bombings leave 38 dead in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — Two car bombings in the Iraqi capital killed at least 38 people on Monday, and the U.S. military announced the Memorial Day deaths of at least eight American soldiers in Diyala — including two in a helicopter that crashed in the restive northern province.

Meanwhile, three German citizens working for a German computer company were kidnapped from the Iraqi Finance Ministry in Baghdad, an Iraqi government official said.

The men were kidnapped by a group of gunmen who arrived at the ministry in a long convoy of white sport utility vehicles, which are often used by police, the official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Bush to announce sanctions against Sudan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush hopes new U.S. economic sanctions will force the hardline Sudanese government to quit blocking international efforts to end the bloodshed in Darfur.

Bush threatened to impose the new U.S. sanctions in a speech last month. But he decided to hold off to give the U.N. secretary-general more time to find a diplomatic end to the four-year crisis in Darfur where more than 200,000 people have been killed.

Beyond the U.S. sanctions Bush was to announce Tuesday at the White House, the president also will direct Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to draft a proposed U.N. resolution to strengthen international pressure on the Sudanese government of President Omar al-Bashir, according to two administration officials who briefed reporters Monday night.

Bush says al-Bashir's actions over the past few weeks "follow a long pattern of promising cooperation while finding new methods of obstruction," according to a draft of the remarks.

Guards a weak link in homeland security

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legions of ill-trained, low-paid private security guards are protecting tempting terrorist targets across the U.S.

Richard Bergendahl is one of them. He fights the war on terrorism in Los Angeles, protecting a high-rise office building for \$19,000 a year. Down the block is an even taller skyscraper, identified by President Bush as a building chosen for a Sept. 11-style airplane attack.

Bergendahl, 55, says he often thinks: "Well, what am I doing here? These people are paying me minimum wage."

The security guard industry found itself involuntar-

ily transformed after September 2001 from an army of "rent-a-cops" to protectors of the homeland. Yet many security officers are paid little more than restaurant cooks or janitors.

And the industry is governed by a maze of conflicting state rules, according to a nationwide survey by The Associated Press. Wide chasms exist among states in requirements for training and background checks. Tens of thousands of guard applicants were found to have criminal backgrounds.

Runoff for Israeli Labor post

JERUSALEM (AP) — A former prime minister and a political newcomer who both pledge to bring down Prime Minister Ehud Olmert will face each other in a runoff for Labor Party leader after both fell short of the threshold needed for an outright victory, final results showed Tuesday.

Former Premier Ehud Barak edged out Ami Ayalon, a former chief of Israel's navy and internal security service, 36 percent to 31 percent in Monday's voting. While the victory marked an important milestone in Barak's attempt to make a political comeback, he fell short of the 40 percent needed to avoid a runoff.

Israel's flawed war in Lebanon last summer sealed Peretz's defeat in Monday's race, but he still won 22 percent of the vote, coming in third. Peretz was keeping mum Tuesday on whether he'd back either candidate, but planned consultations with allies throughout the day.

North Koreans arrive in South for talks

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A high-level North Korean delegation arrived in South Korea for reconciliation talks Tuesday despite looming rifts over the North's nuclear program and South Korean rice shipments.

The Cabinet-level meetings — scheduled to run through Friday in Seoul — could plunge quickly into a stalemate if North Korea protests South Korea's move to delay rice aid until after the North acts on a February pledge to shut down its nuclear reactor.

North Korea angrily pulled out of similar talks last year when Seoul rebuffed its demand for rice aid following missile tests by the North in July. Ties were further strained by North Korea's first nuclear test in October.

The reconciliation process got back on track after North Korea promised in February to shut its Yongbyon reactor in exchange for energy aid and political concessions. But North Korea has yet to honor the pledge.

HOLIDAY

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celebrated holiday," said Kohl. "Here in Big Spring, we're sort of unique because we celebrate it right. Veterans mean a lot more to us because of the VA Hospital, the Veterans Nursing Home and there are just a lot of veterans in West Texas, period. And some of the controversy we've had over the past several years trying to keep the VA Hospital here has really heightened the interest of people in Big Spring as to their appreciation for the veterans and all that they've done."

Kohl said the onslaught of Memorial Day sales, traditional three-day weekends and commercialized get-togethers sometimes forget to celebrate the true meaning of Memorial Day.

"As I look around the crowd today, it's obvious

that's not the intent of this gathering," said Kohl firmly. "The intent of this gathering is to remember those who have fallen. To remember those who have paid the ultimate price."

More than 700 motorcyclists from all over the Permian Basin area also took part in the ceremony, riding into Big Spring and to the Vietnam Memorial to show their support for the annual Ride to Remember.

According to organizers, Ride to Remember gives the veterans who are unable to take part in the Run for the Wall and Rolling Thunder activities in Washington, D.C., to make a symbolic ride.

Riders taking part in the procession were later treated to a hamburger lunch at the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

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House, every rule of parliamentary procedure to keep himself in office, and it's wrong," said Rep. Pat Haggerty, R-El Paso.

A prepared statement from Craddick's office chided those it said were trying to divert the House from important matters and trying to drag lawmakers into a speaker's race. Several House members had filed paperwork to become speaker should Craddick leave the post.

House members who'd walked out earlier returned by Monday afternoon to pass more bills: mandatory high school steroid testing; required daily physical exercise for middle school students; and strengthened protections for foster children.

Lawmakers approved

the one bill they are legally required to pass — the state budget.

Despite some 11th hour fights and threats in the Senate to filibuster the budget bill, or talk it to death, the House and Senate signed off late Sunday night and early Monday on a compromise \$153 billion budget.

Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, presiding officer in the Senate, said he's proud of legislation passed this spring and lamented that the House fighting might distract from it.

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Robbie Fuqua, 69, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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It is a mix of historical fact and photos that bring back memories from the golden days. The title of the book — which sells for \$15 — mimics the slogan used by the old NCO wives club.

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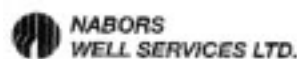
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OTHER VIEWS

New VA scandal clearly shows need for change

If anyone ever needed an advocate, it is a soldier in wartime, risking his or her life thousands of miles from home. As the death counts climb in Iraq and Afghanistan, however, the scandals are climbing as well.

In February, the Washington Post ran a series of articles that shocked the nation, revealing the deplorable conditions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

"We need to bring the Army people in and say, 'What the hell is going on?'" Rep. Bob Filner, D-Calif., chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, told his colleagues in the House.

One month later, the Post expanded its probe, uncovering similar conditions at Veterans Administration hospitals throughout the nation.

Both investigations illustrated years of neglect, an outrageous show of disrespect to our men and women who give so much.

Well, the outrage continues.

An investigation by the Associated Press has raised conflict-of-interest questions involving VA officials who received "hefty" performance bonuses while serving on the boards tasked with recommending the payments.

The Associated Press obtained documents showing that 21 officials, all of them members of the VA performance review boards, received more than \$500,000 in payments.

Among these members, according to the wire service, were senior officials who helped craft the VA budget that came up \$1.3 billion short, thus jeopardizing health care for veterans.

"This is a scandal in the making," Paul Light, a professor of public service at New York University, told the wire service.

These officials are not the first bureaucrats to hold their own pocketbooks above the public interest, and they will not be the last. But if the allegations are correct, these transgressions go beyond mere malfeasance.

They victimize a group that, above all others in America, deserves the best treatment this country can offer.

Rep. John Hall, D-N.Y., has introduced a bill that would freeze VA bonuses for "senior politically appointed officials" until the agency trims its disability claims backlog to below 100,000 cases.

The legislation represents a good start. Why should veterans be denied payments while officials receive bonuses they do not deserve?

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May You play an important role in achieving our goals,
Lord.

Amen

Discouraging marriage — Texas style

A guaranteed way to lower the divorce rate is to lower the number of couples getting married. If no one got married, no one would get divorced. Then the divorce rate would be zero percent. So the Texas legislature recently made it more difficult and more expensive to get married, with the stated intent to "strengthen" marriages. If you are asking, "Huh?," stick with me, and I'll try, if I can, to explain the legislature's inanity on this one.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Warren Chisum, (R-Pampa), would double the marriage license fee, unless brides and grooms-to-be (but definitely not brides and grooms and grooms-to-be, since gay marriage is illegal here in generally homophobic Texas) attend a class on how to be a good spouse.

The state House voted earlier in the current session, 84 to 56, to reject the fee hike. After the state Senate approved the increase, however, the bill returned to the House where some members — only Republicans, those governmental wardens of hearth and home — reversed their previous votes and passed it. It now awaits Republican Gov. Rick Perry's consideration, and word is he'll probably sign it. The duplicity of the members who wink-winked — we were just too busy at session's end to realize this was the same bill we previously rejected — to hoodwink their constituents on this legislation amazes me. It was a clever strategy — relinquish, regroup, and ramrod.

But surely, they could have been more original than to use a line

from Alberto Gonzales' script, "I don't recall," to defend their hypocrisy. At a minimum, these flip-floppers should have used a variation on Sen. John Kerry's stance on the Iraq war, "I was for it before I was against it," with some feeble attempt at explanation on their change of position.

The other option available was the truth — "We intentionally lied to you to shove through this legislation" — which is really a nonviable choice.

Can't have politicians start telling the truth, can we? (Just an aside, but is it paradoxical to use trickery and deceit to pass legislation aimed at ensuring healthy marriages? Is that the first lesson these members want taught in these classes, how to effectively lie to and backstab your spouse to get your way?)

Now, most likely fewer people will bother with the hassle of getting married in the future. Emotionally reticent partners might ask, "Why bother?" Even the more committed might think the "official paper" recording a marriage not worth the effort or expense.

The de facto marriage tax, courtesy of Texas legislators, will make us citizens who shack up. Now we'll cohabitate instead of making legal commitments. Fewer marriages equals fewer opportunities for divorce — that's the equation the legislature thought it might solve before it passed this bill. But by meddling in marriage, making it more expensive with more obstacles, the legislature perhaps ignorantly sanctioned couples' setting up house without getting hitched.

Philosophy beguiled the practical effects of this legislation. Instead of encouraging heterosexual couples to stay married, the law would discourage them from getting married. Of course, homosex-

ual partners don't have the same legal rights, muchos gracias to the legislature.

But at least we're lowering the divorce rate, legislators might say, as though pre-marital or extramarital cohabitating is morally preferable to marriage. "Marriage for Dummies" — my sarcastic title for state-sponsored marriage classes — will be a quickie primer on conflict management, communication skills, and tools to a successful marriage. Does eight hours or less on a Saturday heads off a lifetime of marital misery or divorce? Not.

The cynic in me envisions nearly or newlyweds, with a Dr. Phil-want-to-be facilitating, discussing soul-searching topics such as, "The Sweetness of Silence in Marriage: When to know to keep your mouth shut."

Maybe the pre-marital class will have mini-lectures on "How to Achieve Marital Bliss: Ignore Each Other with His and Her iPods."

or "Rock or Rap? How to find Harmony in the Home through Music." Maybe it will address weighty issues like, "When to get matching tattoos."

Answer: When your marriage lasts longer than Britney Spears' first one. And the last in the educational series, with certain, vote-reversing

Texas legislators as role models, will be, "How to lie, cheat and steal, and not feel guilt."

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GOP candidates dismiss reality

I'm trying to remember the names of all the people running for the Republican nomination for president. Let's see...there's Mitt Romney, Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, Tommy Thompson, Ronny Paul, Huckabee Brownback, Donner, Blitzen, Grumpy, Happy, Larry, Curly and Mo.

There! Did I miss any? It's hard keeping track of them. When they line up on stage for one of those hilarious televised debates, they look like cardboard cutouts.

But once they begin talking...it doesn't change much. Oh, they disagree — some — mainly over who is more conservative, who loves God more and who is most like Ronald Reagan.

Outside of that, they're mostly on the same page. They're pretty much against illegal immigrants, for lower taxes, against abortion, for continuing the war in Iraq, against gay marriage, dubious about stem cell research and, as I mentioned previously, much in favor of God.

There are differences in degree, of course. A fellow named Tom Tancredo (apparently someone who wanders into these things off the street under the impression that anyone really can run for president) is not on the subject of immigration (he wants to buy the Great Wall of China and move it to the Tex-Mex border) and John McCain, who seems to love the war as much as the Holy

Roller candidates love God. But, for the most part, it is a relentlessly moderate group of reactionaries, as unlikely to produce an original thought as it is to give offense to a Baptist Sunday school class.

With the single exception, perhaps, of Texas Republican Rep. Ron Paul, who made the brave decision to blurt out the truth in the second debate. He had the temerity to suggest that the 9/11 attacks were in retaliation for our previous bombing and occupation of the Middle East. Challenged on it, he said:

"They don't come here to attack us because we're rich and we're free. They come and they attack us because we're over there."

Well, they all jumped on him for that, particularly Rudy Giuliani (whose only real qualification for office is a terrific sneer and having been mayor of New York City when the attacks occurred).

The fact that Paul's explanation is absolutely correct made little difference. Giuliani won the day. There are few things more unpatriotic in wartime than telling the truth.

More typical of the "debates" was this exchange from the first one:

Q. — Gov. Romney, what do you dislike most about America?

Gov. Romney — Gosh. I love America. I'm afraid I'm going to be at a loss for words because America for me is not just our rolling mountains and hills and streams and great cities. It's the American people. And the American people are the greatest people in the world...It's that optimism we thank Ronald Reagan for...that optimism about this

great people that makes this the greatest nation on earth."

Gee, I think he likes us, he really likes us.

Of all the blather produced by our political system, the most blathersome is the claim that we are the greatest country in the world. By what standard? We jail a higher percentage of our population than any other country and stand fourth in number of executions (behind those other bulwarks of liberty, China, Iran and Saudi Arabia); in the number of eligible voters who actually vote, we are 139th among 172 countries. Thirty-three countries (including Cuba) have a lower infant mortality rate and 28 a lower maternal death rate.

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Bird Poop:

Young red-tailed hawk thrives after rescue from tower

Circling high above the red and white microwave tower, the large bird of prey had a commanding view of its nest and the surrounding countryside. With our vehicle slowly coming to a stop, we lowered the windows and watched it soar on that hot summer afternoon. We could easily spot a large nest located on the top of the mount for one of three communication dishes. Called to identify the family of birds that had claimed the tower as a nest site, we knew by the raptor's size and the chestnut red on the upper side of its tail, that red-tailed hawks were the occupants.



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The guywires that had insured the tower would remain erect had lost much of their tension. High winds or thunder storms could cause the tower to fall. Wanting to replace the wires and service the tower, the pipeline company was aware of the federal laws regarding nesting birds. U.S. Fish & Wildlife required that, in addition to identification, a designated wild life rehabilitator be contacted. When we met with a representative that afternoon, we discussed the options.

With our binoculars, we confirmed that there were two nestlings in the makeshift aerie. To allow them to remain in their nest until feathered enough to fly would be the ideal solution. Planned studies of the guywires, however, might change this scenario. Everyone agreed to await the results.

As we watched the two-some anticipate their parent and feeding, we marveled at how they instinctively stayed within the boundaries of the nest's edge. Only woven sticks indicated a limit to their activities.

Three weeks later, the call came. Instead of having 1,600 pounds of ten-

sion on the wires, a little over a fourth of that was evident. If the tower and lines were not serviced immediately, a potential failure could be catastrophic for both the tower and the nestlings.

Weather and wind would be factors in our accessing the tower. While the pipeline company made arrangements for a crane, we contacted federal and state authorities. With a calm morning forecast the next day, we realized we were about to experience one of our highest rescues.

When we arrived at the tower, the crane was in place. Positioning of the huge equipment was critical, since the cage attached to the cables was between the various guywires. To keep it from striking the tower would take constant communication between the crane operator and an employee inside the cage.

"One of 'em didn't make it," said a man who took us to the fence surrounding the base of the tower. Lying on the ground were the remains of one of the nestlings. We had watched the birds the previous day. Sometime during the night, the bird had either been knocked or taken from the nest. Downy, with emerging feathers, the young hawk could have plummeted to its death, or been an owl's evening meal. We'd never know.

As I started to turn away, a man moved the carcass with the toe of his boot. Then he stooped to pick it up and toss it away from the site. Thoughts of that first day when we saw the energetic twosome made me regret waiting to give nature and the birds their chance. Yet I knew deep inside it was the right decision. The most important thing to accomplish now was to save its sibling. Concentrate on that, I told myself repeatedly.

Due to concern that the operator and I might be attacked by the mother hawk, our hosts required us to wear hard hats, jackets and a harness. Realizing how large the cage was and asking about its capacity, I



Returned to open land teeming with cottontail rabbits, mice, ground squirrels and snakes, the immature red-tail could remain year round to hunt and soar.

requested that Art come along. "He can read my mind before I say it. I'll need him up there," was my plea. Coming aboard, Art was to be invaluable.

As the cage started upward, the female red-tail circled the tower. With no wind, I could hear her raspy scream, Kree-e-e-e. From below, she appeared white, with brown streaks on her lower neck and dark streaking across her belly. As she turned, her wingspread of nearly five feet was awesome.

Slowly, carefully, the cage continued to rise. Art was ready at any moment to keep it from touching the tower. Any additional noise or commotion could cause the nestling to jump. To get my thoughts together for what we had to do, I looked out at the countryside. The remains of foundations from an oil camp many years ago became more evident as we climbed. Looking toward the horizon, I could see a ranch home, windmills and sections of



Normally, red-tailed nestlings remain in the nest for about six weeks. Because of imminent danger, the bird had to be removed from the microwave tower.

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Proposal Date:
June 5, 2007

Proposal Time:
2:00 p.m. Local Time

Proposal Documents will be available beginning May 22, 2007. Project Manual and Specifications documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648, phone number (432)264-3620. A proposal will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on June 11, 2007, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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Ashtart was a Lebanese goddess who fell from the heavens to earth to give advice to the lovelorn. To do her job, this protectress donned the head of a lion — love isn't for the weak! As the Scorpio moon waxes to tomorrow's full moon, your heart might need extra protection. Choose strong and empowering headspace to work from.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're better off alone. Not always, just today. Spend some time kickin' around your ideas like an old tin can. Something important could come of the practice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your inner scrutiny and self-questioning could cause you to doubt your own abilities and play up someone else's. Don't go there. Trust that what you offer has value.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A change is showing up on the horizon. Have conversations about the improvements you want to make. Tonight: Dinner is exquisite if you're the chef.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As the world continues to speak through you in an increasingly psychic way, you notice yourself making left- to right-brain intuitive leaps in a



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Tomorrow's Horoscope

single bound. It hardly makes sense. But that's the point, right?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The world needs your kind of fun. Your creativity and your connection to children will be especially appreciated in an environment that's usually sterile and boring.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you don't know what to think, celebrate instead! Freedom isn't about having to form an opinion, or letting things be. An Aquarius person is your open-minded inspiration.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may have to revise your plans based on someone else's schedule. Try not to fret too much. While this sudden shift may be frustrating and could inconvenience you temporarily, the end results will be much better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're rewarding yourself for good behavior. You don't have to break the bank every time you're in this mood. Lavish yourself with a yummy spiritual quote or long-distance phone call to a faraway friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You think your dedication goes unnoticed. Maybe it's just that the ones who are wise enough to see your tenacity are also wise enough not to give their praise too easily.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've a mind

for numbers and will come up with brilliant ways to add more zeros to your income. Public expectations figure strongly into your activities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll rise above the rabble and be singled out for a specific job. It's hard work being elite, and you may long to return to the crowd and enjoy anonymity. Alas, it's not meant to be, so embrace your special status.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Life is like a crossword puzzle: Some days you figure it out in a second; other days, you're stumped. The cool thing is, the answer always comes eventually.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born Nov. 23, 1973. Even though I have a family — married 16 years and three children — I don't understand the meaning of my being here (on earth). I love and adore my children, but many times I feel it's all about my children. If not only for them, why else am I here? My husband is always working, my kids at school, and I'm always home alone. Was I born under a dark cloud?"

You weren't born under a dark cloud. You're questioning your life path, and Pluto is the dark cloud temporarily obscuring, but also deeply changing and transforming your sense of purpose and meaning. You're a Sagittarian, so

you were born with big hopes and dreams. You married young, which curtailed your natural claim to adventure. You got busy with the responsibilities of raising a family. Life, as you've known it, no longer fits who you are. "Why am I here?" is a question that only leads to more questions. Tweak your question a little: What needs to dramatically change in order for me to live more fully? Continue to seek this answer, and by December 2007, you'll no longer be stuck.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Colin Farrell moves to the beat of a different drummer. We know this because Farrell was born with Mercury retrograde (in Taurus). Mercury-retrograde people think and communicate differently, and their minds see things others don't. It just takes extra effort to understand a Mercury-retrograde person, but once we get to know their way of seeing, strangely it all makes perfect sense!

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DEAR MARGO:

The Old "What Does She See in Him?"

Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: If I move across the country permanently, am I obligated to inform my family of my change of address? They have not contacted me in nearly a decade.

I am a single female in my late 50s, never married, no children. I was adopted at birth and never had any desire to find my biological parents. Ten years ago, I was cut off by my adoptive family for reasons that always seemed manufactured. I was falsely accused of something, defended myself and got the charges dismissed, but the family stopped contacting me soon afterward. I sought counseling and was assured that I did nothing wrong.

I am in the process of selling my business and closing out my life in the city where I currently live. I have not seen any of my so-called family in nearly a decade, and they have not sought me out. I don't feel I owe them any notice of my leaving, and I prefer they have no way in which to contact me, even to notify me of a death. What are my obligations? — Left Out in the Cold

Dear Left Out: How sad that your family has chosen to treat you this way. No, you do not have to notify them that you have moved, although it will preclude any possible opportunity for someone to try to reconcile in the future. If this is what you want, however, so be it.

Dear Annie: My wife of 25 years is a perfect partner. We have raised two sons and have done everything side by side. She is supportive and a great homemaker. She loves to cook and prepares most of our meals. She works in the yard and exercises regularly. She is an attractive 60ish woman, classy and a good social asset.

However, she has a sweet tooth, and it's a problem. She has put on weight, and most of it goes to her belly. I want to find a way to tell her that it is affecting our marriage. Not terribly, but it does. She enjoys sex, and so do I, but intimacy could be better and it's because of her weight. I think it might even be hurting her relationships with her friends, who are mostly

younger, and who have cut her out of their golf and other social activities.

I want to find a way to tell her that I will support her in any way possible if she would start a diet or consult with a physician. I just can't find the courage to speak up and don't know what is appropriate. Can you help? — The Husband

Dear Husband: A woman who is nearly perfect ought to be allowed some leeway about her size. However, if her weight gain is affecting her health, that is worth mentioning. Has she had a recent checkup? If not, suggest it. Then tell her that, as you get older, you worry old eating habits will cause future medical problems for both of you. Enlist her help to keep the family fit and healthy, and make it a joint project. And we hope you are misinterpreting the reason her friends have abandoned her. How cruel if you are right.

Dear Annie: This is for "Oldest Daughter," whose mother wanted to have a 50th anniversary party even though her husband had passed away.

Why not let Mom have her bash and call it a Remembering Party? My sister gave herself a huge party for a significant birthday. Included were family, church and school friends, co-workers, etc. She called it a "Family and Friends Reunion" and said it was her gift to herself. The party was great fun for everyone.

A major get-together of family and friends of the couple would give Mom great pleasure and be remembered fondly for the rest of her life. — Just Do It in Idaho

Dear Idaho: Most of our readers agree there is no harm in having a party for Mom as long as it's presented properly.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

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Dear Margo: Our 20-year-old daughter has been involved for two years with a young man who smokes, drinks too much, is controlling, quit school and can't hold down a job. He has no car, so our daughter has to do all the driving back from college to see him every weekend.

In no way is he the kind of potential son-in-law we hoped she would choose. We wanted her to meet someone new at school, but it's looking as if this boy may be in our daughter's life for a long time. Because we have objected to her relationship with him from the beginning, we have very little contact with him.

More than anything, we want to maintain a good relationship with our daughter. We would never want her to have to choose between him and us — we know we would lose. How can we deal with the worry over her making a life-altering mistake if she marries him? Is it better for us to try to accept this loser into our family or fight it and hope we don't alienate our daughter? — Disappointed and Worried

Dear Dis: You are wise to figure out you wouldn't win if you pushed your daughter to choose. You really have to tolerate him to keep the family relationship intact, but do not play yourselves false with phony bonhomie. There is the possibility that down the line she will tire of this lout, being exposed, as she is, to young people who are working toward a goal and who can carry on an intelligent conversation.

She may also become fed up with a guy who dropped out, doesn't drive, drinks too much, bounces around from job to job, and tells her what to do. Her age suggests she will not be talking marriage in the terribly near future, so time is on your side. Should it happen and not work, try very hard not to say, "We told you so." — Margo, strategically

What About Fickle

Friends?

Dear Margo: My best friend and I have known each other for 13 years. Seven years ago, I moved across the country, while still keeping in touch with her, and our relationship was great. Just this past year, my husband and I moved back to our home state, and again live in the same town as my best friend.

Since I've been back, I have made several efforts to maintain our relationship, while she, on the other hand, has made excuses for not getting together. She hardly calls me, and her e-mails are usually short. I was confused by her behavior because I always thought we had stayed good friends and that we would just pick up where we were before I moved.

I did e-mail her once about my feelings about our relationship and asked if I did something wrong. Her reply was pretty nonchalant, saying she's been busy with work, etc. I know that if she truly cared about our relationship, she would make the effort to maintain it. But the problem is, I care for this person and feel I deserve an explanation. — Confused & Hurt in the Midwest

Dear Con: I don't know that she would be able to give you one. Your best-friend rhythm was disturbed by your absence of seven years. Some people can maintain the closeness with e-mails, phone calls and a few visits . . . some can't. (I have dear girlfriends in other cities, and the distance between us affects the friendship not one iota.)

For whatever reason, this woman is not interested or able to pick up where you left off. Just chalk it up to her personality, and don't beat yourself up over it. -- Margo, acceptingly

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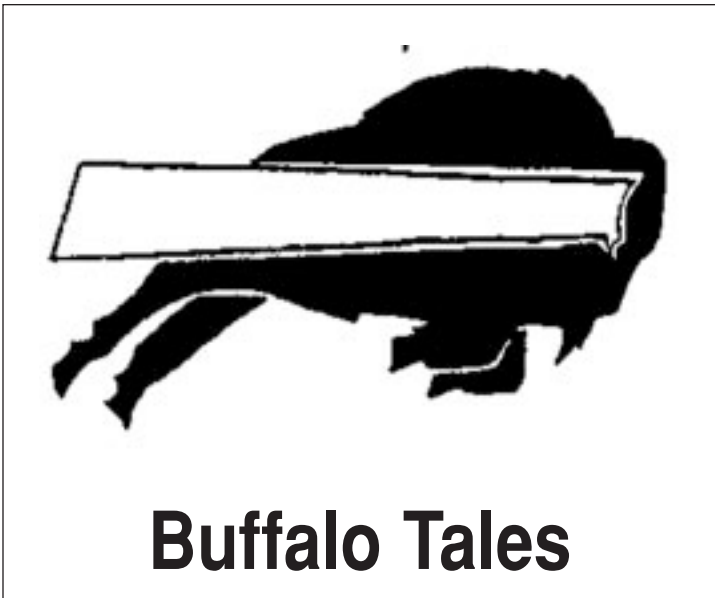
Seth Johnson received the Salutatorian Scholarship, and scholarships from Forsan Baptist Church, Forsan ISD and Johnson Controls.

Kyle Bailey received the Ty Murrill Scholarship and Tim Ballard received the Dora Roberts Honor Scholarship, Forsan ISD Scholarship and Conoco Phillips Scholarship. Tara Beeler also received a Forsan ISD award.

Caylie Eggleston received scholarships from the Forsan Exes Association, Forsan ISD and the Dora Roberts Honors and the Howard County Diplomat scholarships.

Curtis Gaston received the Dora Roberts Honors, Forsan ISD and Woodman of the World scholarships, while Michael Gomez earned a Forsan ISD scholarship, and Courtney Holdampf received awards from District 8 Student Council, John Bayne Scholarships and the Dora Roberts Honors Scholarship.

Meagan Mancha and



Wesley Newcomb both received the Dora Roberts Honors scholarship, and Mancha also received a Forsan ISD scholarship. Brandon Morrow received the Keating Memorial Scholarship, while Tessa Montgomery received a Howard College Diplomat Scholarship and the Keating Memorial Scholarship.

Jarett Reyna and Kaylon Stanley won the Next Generation Scholarship. Stanley also received a Forsan ISD scholarship, the John Bayne Award, Keating Memorial Scholarship and the Adam Andrews Scholarship. Russell Strong received the Big Spring Community Foundation award and a Forsan Scholarship.

Kassi Wash received a Forsan ISD scholarship.

Forsan staff members were honored with a banquet on May 22. Carole Madry was honored upon her retirement. She had

spent 30 years in education, 29 at Forsan and one at Garden City.

Bob Fishback was recognized for 25 years service, while those recognized for 15 years service were Susan Alexander, Connie Eggleston, Glenda McDonald, Terry McDonald, Ray Patterson, Beverly Humphreys and Polly Cantu.

Recognition for 10 years service went to Jim Rhodes, Tammy Lockhart and Theresa Marlow.

Those serving for five years were Patti Adams, Donna Cunningham, Randy Johnson, LaDonna Johnson and Kelli Ballard.

The Forsan Sports Banquet was held May 21. Best All Around Female Athletes were Caylie Eggleston and Kaylon Stanley. Best All Around Male was Seth Johnson.

Receiving MVP awards were Seth Johnson and Cody Freitag, football;

Seth Johnson, Cody Freitag, Russell Strong and Justin Epley, basketball; Kaylon Stanley, girl's basketball; and Kassi Wash and Dillon Walker for cross country.

Also winning MVP awards were Shelby Jones, girls' track; Adam Bailey, boy's track; Josh Daniels, powerlifting; Seth Johnson, boys' tennis; Caylie Eggleston, Kaylon Stanley and Courtney Holdampf, girls' tennis; Evan Burton, baseball; and Amanda Longorio, softball.

Band officers for 2007-08 will be Clint Lockhart, president; Stephanie Williams, chaplain; Michael Leal, woodwind lieutenant; Aaron Johnson, brass lieutenant; and Alex Huckabee, percussion lieutenant.

Drum majors will be Rachael Wheeler and Rowena Suazo and twirler will be Keisha Yarbar. The flag team will consist of Laura Spence, Brittney Roemer, Claudia Jones, Caitlin Jones, Captain; Alex Newsom, Captain; Stephanie Williams, Captain; Tessa Kendrick, Sandi Golleher, Regan Newsom and Kevy O'Brien.

Forsan's fledgling softball and baseball teams received several all-district awards. Coach Shanna Roberts was named District 2-1A Softball Coach of the Year. The team advanced to the regional quarterfinals, losing in a best-of-

three series to Seymour.

Amanda Longorio was named as Offensive MVP and Shelby Jones was Newcomer of the Year. Winning all-district first-team honors were Kelsey Jones and Alyx Pappajohn. Second-team honors went to Macy Briggs, Haylie Burleson and Sandi Golleher. Honorable mention were Kaela Strickland and Jolinda Flores.

In baseball, Evan Burton was Co-Offensive MVP; Adam Bailey, first-team outfielder; Cameron Parker, first-team pitcher; Tyler Urbina, first-team infielder; Jeremy Robbins, second-team infielder; and Zach Herrin, second-team

catcher

Student Council officers Clint Lockhart, Alex Newsom and Stephanie Williams will leave for Student Council Camp in San Angelo set for June 3-8. Their sponsor, Jan Sims, will serve as consultant to the advisors for the 15th year.

Cross-exam debaters Clint Lockhart, Rachael Wheeler, Michael Leal and Alex Newsom will attend Cameron University Debate Camp in July. Their sponsor is Jan Sims.

The Forsan campus will be closed the week of June 4-8 to all visitors.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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HAWK

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mesquite, juniper, cactus and native grasses. It was a restful respite after such a harsh discovery.

Inch by inch, or so it seemed, the cage arrived at the bracket supporting the nest. Uncertain of what it was seeing, the nestling appeared skittish. Having brought some beef heart, I thought of offering it to the hawk. "Get the net over it now. You don't have that much time. It could jump," whispered Art. "You may only have one chance."

Leaning over the edge of the cage while he held it a few inches from the tower, I moved the net slowly into position.

With one hand on the tower and the other grabbing my belt from behind, Art allowed me to stretch another few inches. Down went the net over the young hawk. It jumped violently upward. Having the bird pinned to the nest by the force of the netting and its rim, I called, "It's in the net! Hold me right where we are." Wiggling a few inches further outside the cage, I was able to get my free hand under the net. Grabbing one leg, then the other, I sighed, "Pull me and the net back in the cage. We have a hawk."

Once inside with my feet on the floor, I could let Art help remove the net from the nestling. Placed inside a pillow case and pressed against my side, the hawk calmed as we started down. After showing the young red-tail to the supportive pipeline and crane workers, we took our young charge to the wildlife center in Lubbock. There it became fully feathered, capable of strong flight and developed the ability to find and kill its food.

Seven weeks later, with

the pipeline representatives present, the juvenile hawk was released a few hundred yards from the tower. Pointing the release box toward an ancient mesquite, we opened the door and the red-tail left like a bullet.

After landing high in the tree, the raptor took its time in examining its new terrain. With strong flaps of its wings, the hawk headed north. Rising to greet it from a distant clump of trees was an adult red-tail.

Together they discovered each other, and last seen, were still flying north.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Contract Bridge

A Case of Heart Trouble

East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 4 2
♥ A J 5 4 3
♦ 10 5
♣ A 8 6

WEST
♠ J 5 3
♥ 7
♦ Q 9 7 2
♣ Q J 10 7 3

SOUTH
♠ K 7 6
♥ K 9 2
♦ A J 8 3
♣ K 9 4

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Today's deal features a card combination that is commonly misplayed. Let's say declarer wins the club lead with the king and plays the king and another heart. When West shows out, South is in serious trouble. Assuming reasonable defense, the best he can do is score two spades, three hearts, a diamond and two clubs.

But declarer has a lock on the contract if he plays more carefully. He should recognize that three

notrump is ice-cold if he can score four heart tricks, and all his thoughts should be concentrated on that one goal.

Since there is no danger of going down if the hearts are divided 3-2, South should ask himself how he can protect against a 4-1 division. If he addresses himself to that possibility, he finds there is a way to play the hearts so as to overcome a holding of four to the Q-10 in either opponent's hand.

As we have seen, leading the king and another heart fails if East has Q-10-x-x. However, the proper way to initiate the suit is to lead a low heart to the ace! If both defenders follow low, South continues with a low heart from dummy, and:

1. If East shows out, South takes the king and leads the nine toward the jack to assure four heart tricks.

2. If East follows low, South plays the nine to guarantee four heart tricks whether the nine wins or loses.

3. If East produces the ten or queen, South wins with the king and returns the nine to assure four heart tricks.

A player who optimistically proceeds on the assumption that a suit will be favorably divided is guilty of negligence and will occasionally have to pay the piper for his carelessness.

Tomorrow: Try the impossible.

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Raj K. Reddy, M.D.

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TUESDAY

	WFAA (2)	KMID (3)	UNI (4)	KPEJ (5)	KOSA (7)	KTLE (8)	KWES (9)	WTBS (11)	KMLM (12)	KPBT (13)	DISC (20)	AMC (21)	SPIKE (22)	TNT (23)	BET (26)	DISN (27)	ESPN2 (28)	ESPN (29)	SCIFI (64)
	Dallas	Midland	Spanish	Odessa	Odessa	Telemundo	Midland	Atlanta	Odessa	Odessa	Discovery	Classics	Spike TV	Atlanta	Black Ent.	Disney	Sports	Sports	Science Fic.
6	News (CC)	News	Duelo de Pasiones	King of the Hill	News	Dame Chocolate	News	Raymond	Dr. Young	News-Lehrer	Deadliest Catch (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Without a Trace (CC)	Live (CC)	Han. Montana	WNBA Basketball:	MLB Baseball:	Special Unit 2 (CC)
7	George Lopez	George Lopez	La Fea Mas Bella	On the Lot (CC)	NCIS (CC)	Marina	Law & Order (CC)	Raymond	Update/Israel Booker	Nova (CC)	Deadliest Catch	Movie: Independence Day (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	NBA Basketball:	Movie: Soul Plane (CC)	Movie: Wendy Wu:	Fever at Lynx	Giants at New York Mets	Special Unit 2 (CC)
8	According-Jim	According-Jim	Destilando Amor	House (CC)	The Unit (CC)	Zorro - La Es-pada y la Rosa	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Sex and-City	Light of the Southwest	Independent Lens (CC)	Deadliest Catch	Day (CC)	Movie: Predator 2	Conference Final -- Pistons		Homecoming Warrior (CC)	WNBA Basketball:	(CC)	Special Unit 2 (CC)
9	Boston Legal (CC)	Boston Legal (CC)	Ver Para Creer	Becker (CC)	Kimberly Dozier	La Esclava Isaura	Law & Order: SVU	Friends (CC)		Encore! With Charlie Rose (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	Movie: Catwoman	Whacked Out	at Cavaliers Inside the NBA	College Hill	That's-Raven Life Derek	Silver Stars at Comets	Baseball Tonight	ECW
10	News (CC)	News	Primer Impacto	70s Show	News	Noticias	News	Sex and-City	The Hour of Healing	Sign Off	Deadliest Catch	(CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Murder at 1600 (CC)	In Living Color	Replacements Kim Possible	NASCAR Now	NBA Fastbreak	Dark Angel (CC)
11	The Insider	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill	Lettermen	IAI Rojo Vivo!	Late Night-	Movie: Panic Room (CC)	Joe McGee		Deadliest Catch				In Living Color		NASCAR Now	NBA Fastbreak	Dark Angel (CC)
12	Live (CC)	Extra (CC)	El Privilegio de Amar	Malcolm-Mid.	Show	Programa	Conan O'Brien		Update/Israel J.R. Church		Deadliest Catch	Movie: Dead Calm (CC)	Star Trek: Voyager		Comicview (CC)	Emperor New American Drgn	Series of Poker	SportsCenter (CC)	Twilight Zone

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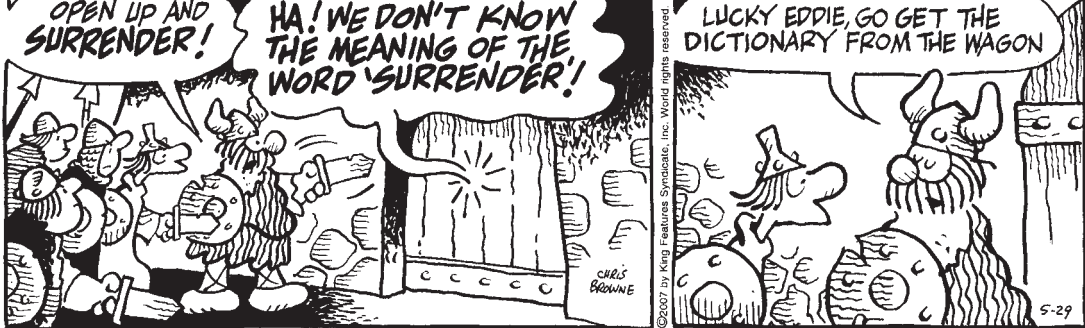
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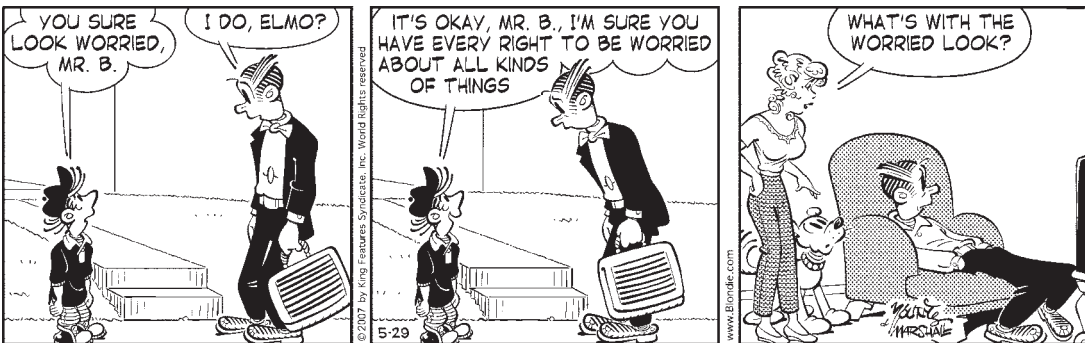


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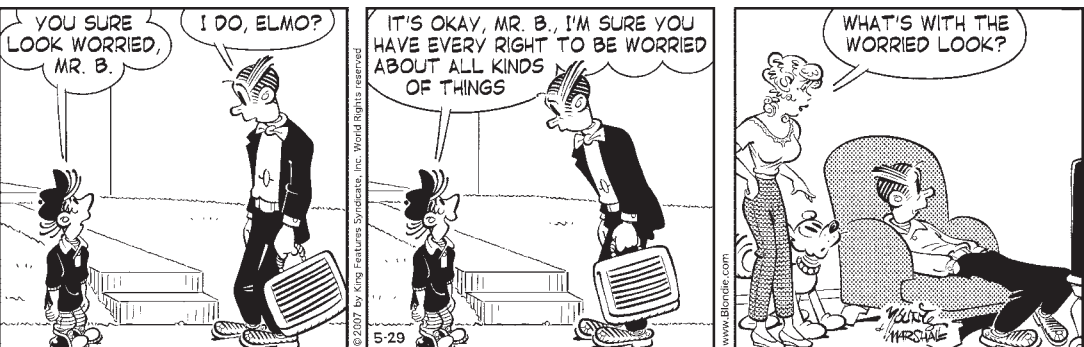


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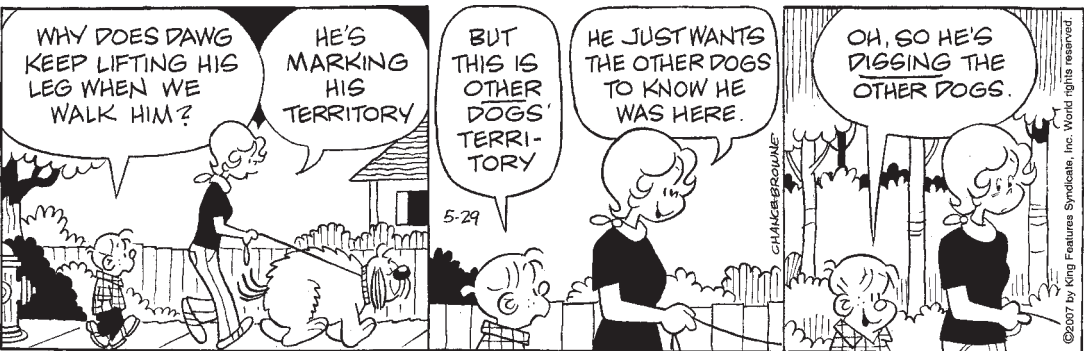
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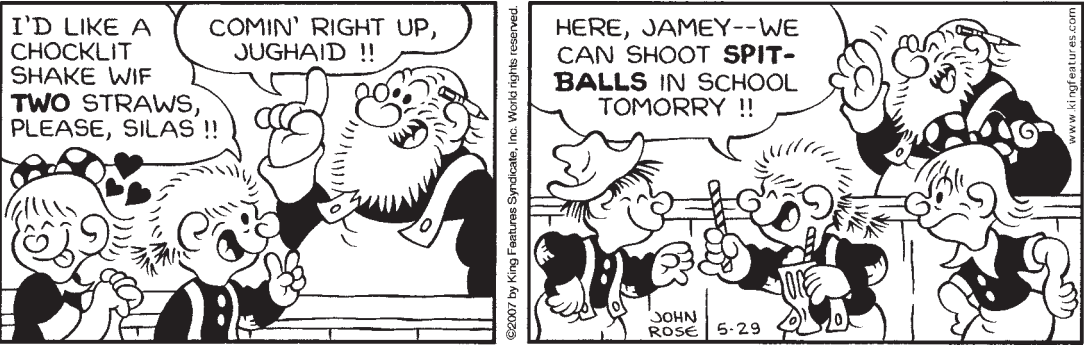
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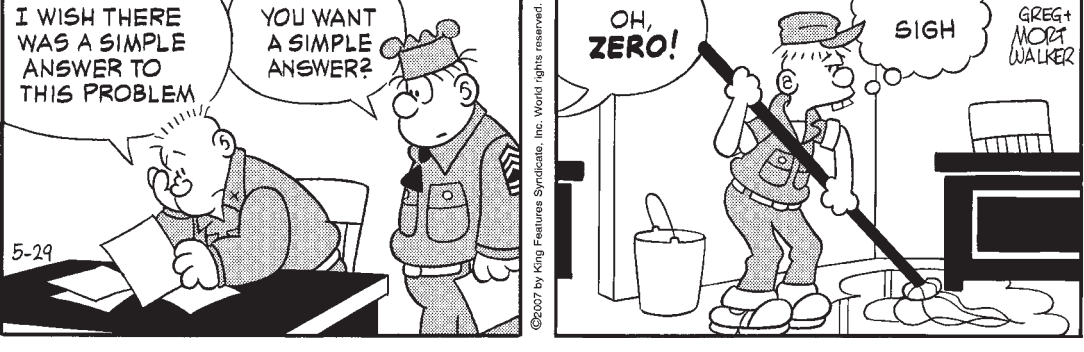
THE OTHER COAST



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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, May 29, the 149th day of 2007. There are 216 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 29, 1765, Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses. Responding to a cry of "Treason!" Henry declared, "If this be treason, make the most of it!"

On this date: In 1790, Rhode Island became the 13th original colony to ratify the U.S. States Constitution.

In 1848, Wisconsin became the 30th state of the union.

In 1932, World War I veterans began arriving in Washington to demand cash bonuses they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.

In 1953, Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tensing Norkay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit.

In 1987, a jury in Los Angeles found "Twilight Zone" director John Landis and four associates innocent of involuntary manslaughter in the movie-set deaths of actor Vic Morrow and two children, Myca Dinh Le, 7, and Renee Chen, 6.

In 1995, Margaret Chase Smith, the first woman to serve in both the House and the Senate, died in Skowhegan, Maine, at age 97.

In 1998, Republican elder statesman Barry Goldwater died in Paradise Valley, Ariz., at age 89.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clifton James is 86. Country bandleader Danny Davis (Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass) is 82. Former Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent is 69. Race car driver Al Unser Sr. is 68. CBS News Correspondent Bob Simon is 66. Actor Kevin Conway is 65. Actor Helmut Berger is 63. Rock singer Gary Brooker (Procol Harum) is 62. Actor Anthony Geary is 60. Singer Rebbie Jackson is 57. Movie composer Danny Elfman is 54. Rock musician

Michael Porcaro (Toto) is 52. Singer LaToya Jackson is 51. Actor Ted Levine is 50. Actress Annette Bening is 49. Actor Rupert Everett is 48. Actor Adrian Paul is 48. Singer Melissa Etheridge is 46. Actress Lisa Whelchel is 44. Actress Tracey Bregman is 44. Rock musician Noel Gallagher (Oasis) is 40. Singer Jayski McGowan (Quad City DJ's) is 40. Rock musician Chan Kinchla (Blues Traveler) is 38. Rock musician Mark Lee (Third Day) is 34. Cartoonist Aaron McGruder ("The Boondocks") is 33. Singer Melanie Brown (Spice Girls) is 32. Rapper Playa Poncho is 32.

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Answer to previous puzzle	BUFF	MEETS	CELL
	OHIO	OPTIC	ARIA
	SONY	PINCH	CROP
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	MANS	LET	ALERT
	CHERRIES	JUBILEE	
	AUDIO	EKG	DEAN
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	SHOW	ESSES	SNAP

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 By oneself
- 5 Ram's offspring
- 9 Pesto herb
- 14 On the peak of
- 15 Creme-filled cookie
- 16 E on a gas gauge
- 17 Ability to speak persuasively
- 19 Honking birds
- 20 Retired fast plane: Abbr.
- 21 McCartney and Revere
- 22 "If ___ I had known"
- 23 Fill completely
- 24 Tennis great Ivan
- 26 College field of study
- 29 Stockholm native
- 31 Expert on IRS forms
- 34 Approximately
- 35 Strange
- 36 "Faster ___ a speeding bullet"
- 37 College cheers
- 38 Rocking toy, to a child
- 40 Wagon-train direction
- 41 Sicilian volcano
- 42 Belly muscles
- 43 Prickly plants
- 44 Capitol Hill VIP
- 45 Desirable quality
- 47 Goes backpacking
- 48 Ritzy boat
- 50 Small songbird
- 52 Glasgow native
- 53 Sign before Taurus
- 55 Ghost's greeting
- 58 Practices for a bout

DOWN

- 8 Winter Olympics vehicles
- 9 Old-style "Scram!"
- 10 Change, as a law
- 11 Word-processor feature
- 12 ___-bitsy
- 13 Caustic chemical
- 18 Dizzying gallery hangings
- 23 Composer John Philip
- 25 Whirlpool
- 26 Stallions' mates
- 27 Die down
- 28 "I Walk the Line" singer
- 30 More unfavorable
- 32 Adhesive substance
- 33 Naysayers
- 36 Tom Sawyer creator
- 38 Corned-beef concoction
- 39 Roadblock
- 43 Game of kings and castles
- 45 Takes, as advice
- 46 Manipulates, as a baton
- 49 Major blood vessel
- 51 Change the color again
- 52 Petty quarrel
- 54 Train-track part
- 55 Military installation
- 56 Mine extracts
- 57 Cajun veggie
- 58 That woman
- 60 Engine sound

