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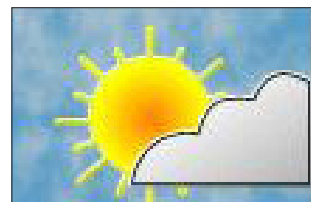
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**Dunnam resigns**

*Takes position at Stephenville*

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District is in need of a new No. 2 person.

Carie Dunnam, assistant superintendent for Big Spring ISD, has resigned to take a similar position with the Stephenville school district.



Dunnam's resignation is effective Friday. She assumes her duties in Stephenville June 2.

She has been assistant superintendent at Big Spring the past two years. Before that, she was principal at Marcy Elementary for several years.

"I wanted to get closer to my family," Dunnam said. "My dad lives in Granbury, my son lives in Dallas and my sisters live in McKinney. I'll be 30 minutes away from them, so this was a great opportunity."

She was selected from among six finalists for the position, she said.

"I interviewed with them May 9, and they called me later that day to offer me the position," she said.

Dunnam admitted, however, she will leave Big Spring with regret.

"It has been a privilege and honor to work with some very dedicated people who put kids first," she said. "I've been a member of this community since 1968. I have life-long friends in this community I'm saying goodbye to, so this is bittersweet to me."

BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes said the district will miss Dunnam.

"She's been a tremendous asset to Big Spring

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*THANKS FOR YOUR DEDICATION*



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
Joseph Dawes prepares to sample some cake during a reception in his honor in the Big Spring High School library Tuesday afternoon. Dawes, a teacher and computer technician for the local school district for the past 47 years, is retiring at the end of this school year.

**Hangar 25 will take to the skies during summer Kids Klub program**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Area children will get a chance to learn about aviation and Big Spring's long history with military flight this summer, as the Hangar 25 Air Museum prepares to hold its 2008 Kids Klub Summer Workshop June 10-13.

According to Hangar 25 Museum Director Meghan Bias, the four-day summer program will concentrate on a different topic each day.

"One day we're going to concentrate on aviation, then we're going to look at outer space and astronauts, because a lot of them were trained right here at Webb Air Force Base," said Bias. "We're also going to take a day to look at the history of Webb in Big Spring and the role Hangar 25 played in its mission."



Bias

Bias said the program — which will be held between 9

a.m. and noon each day — will end with a special project that hits pretty close to home for her.

"The last day of the program we're going to put together a number of crafts," said Bias. "Those crafts will then be sent to an Army unit currently serving overseas. One of the members of that unit is a guy I went to high school with, so this part of the program is very special to me. This is his

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**Council wish list compiled**

*More strict code enforcement urged*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

If the city administration was looking for direction in planning its 2008-2009 fiscal plan, it got that — and a lot more — Tuesday night, as the Big Spring City Council handed down numerous projects members said they would like to see addressed in the coming year.

Each member of the council — beginning with District 1 Councilwoman Stephanie Horton — was given a chance to present projects they would like to see provided for in the coming budget, and the list was quite lengthy.

Horton said she would like to see an ordinance addressing gang activity with in the city, a problem her constituents are placing a great emphasis on.

"I don't know what we can do to stop this, but I'm getting phone calls from my constituents, and they are afraid," said Horton.

Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith said he has been looking at ordinances from other towns and is working with the city staff on the matter, which he said could "go a long way to help."

Horton also expressed interest in stricter code enforcement for properties located at the city's northern and western entryways, a topic that found its way into several council members' requests, and adding another code enforcement officer to the city roster.

Horton also suggested setting up a

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**"I think we should consider getting some clerical support for our code officers so they can be out there taking care of what they are supposed to be taking care of, not doing clerical work."**



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**Putting out fires of a different kind**

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Those who extend a helping hand to child abuse victims received a helping hand themselves Tuesday afternoon.

Capping a month-long drive, Big Spring firefighters delivered two trucks full of diapers and baby formula to the local Children's

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
From left, Amy Ogle, Paige Jackson and Janet Ngock sort through supplies dropped off at Child Protective Services offices Tuesday. Big Spring firefighters and private citizens donated diapers and baby formula to assist families helping victims of child abuse.



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# Coahoma faces rival Hawley for region title



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull  
**Coahoma Bulldogettes shortstop Shelbi Paige swings at a pitch in softball playoff action from May 15 in Coahoma. The Bulldogettes face Hawley in Game 1 of a best-of-three series for the Class 2A, Region I title Thursday in Snyder.**

## Winner between Bulldogettes and Lady Bearcats advances to state tournament

By **JONATHAN HULL**  
Herald Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Since the inception of the Coahoma Bulldogettes softball program, the team has lost only one district game in its history. That one loss came at the hands of Hawley's Lady Bearcats last season.

Since then, what was never really considered a rivalry has developed into a feud between the teams that can claim to be the top two programs in Class 2A, Region I.

Now, for the second season in a row, the No. 2 Bulldogettes (30-9) and No. 5 Lady 'Cats (22-5) meet in the regional finals with a trip to the state tournament on the line. The best-of-three series begins at 7 p.m. Thursday in Snyder. Game 2 takes place at noon Saturday with a third game, if needed, occurring 30 minutes following the completion of the second contest.

"Motivation isn't going to be a factor in this series," Coahoma Head

Coach Tracy Tadlock said. "This is a pretty decent rivalry. We've seen them a bunch over the past couple years. The last thing you want to do is lose to a rival, especially in the regional finals. This isn't our ultimate goal, though. We want to win state."

For the Lady 'Cats, it would be their third trip to Austin and the first since 1997. Hawley won the state championship that year and also won it in 1995 in the Class 3A division.

If the Bulldogettes win the series, then they'll be making their fourth consecutive trip to the state tourney and their 10th overall, which is a record in any classification. Coahoma has one state title, winning it all in 1998.

Last year, the Bulldogettes lost to eventual state champion Troy in the state semifinals, 11-1. This was after having defeated Hawley in three games in the regional finals.

Coahoma took Game 1 of

last season's series, 6-0, as pitcher Heather Newton carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning. Hawley rallied to win Game 2, forcing the series into a third and decisive game.

The Bulldogettes' experience in championship games took over and they held off Hawley for a 4-1 victory.

With both squads returning a large majority of their starters from last year, it was thought Hawley might actually contest Coahoma for the District 5-2A title. Instead, the Bulldogettes turned in one of their more dominant performances in district play in recent memory.

Coahoma allowed just one run in 12 league games, easily winning the 5-2A title with a perfect record. Two of the Bulldogettes wins came over Hawley, shutting out the Lady 'Cats both times, 10-0 and 2-0.

Much like Coahoma depends on Newton for

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# Cowboys sign Barber, Newman through 2014

## Jones takes advantage of salary cap loophole created by labor agreement

By **JAIME ARON**  
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys signed running back Marion Barber and cornerback Terence Newman to long-term extensions Tuesday, just in time to beat a deadline that would've changed how the money is spread over the salary cap.

It wasn't cheap, though, costing Jerry Jones roughly \$95 million.

At least he knows he'll have both players through 2014.

Newman's deal is a six-year extension to the final year left on his initial contract. It's worth more than \$50 million, with a \$12 million signing bonus and \$22.5 million guaranteed over the first three years.

Barber, a restricted free agent, received a \$45 million, seven-year contract that includes \$16 million in guaranteed bonuses. It's worth \$21 million over the first three years, all of which puts him in the salary range of LaDainian Tomlinson, Edgerrin James and Larry Johnson — heady stuff for a guy whose only career start came in his last game.

"He kept repeating the numbers over and over,"

agent Drew Rosenhaus said. "He sat there at least an extra 20 minutes after we got the deal done in a state of shock."

The urgency to get both deals done stemmed from NFL owners voting unanimously Tuesday to end their labor agreement with the players' union in 2011. Deals signed after 3 p.m. Tuesday would've had to follow different rules.

Because the Cowboys were expected to keep both players, the sense of urgency helped get the deals done.

"It's going to be a little more complicated for teams to negotiate contracts going forward," Rosenhaus said. "It was nice to get a good deal and not have to worry about dealing with the new system we're going to have. It was a plus for both sides to get a deal done."

Barber led the NFC in rushing touchdowns two seasons ago, then made an even bigger impression on the club last season despite backing up Julius Jones. His powerful style has earned him the nickname "Marion the Barbarian" and made him a fan favorite. And a Pro Bowler.

He ran for 975 yards and

10 touchdowns last year, plus had 44 catches for 282 yards and two touchdowns. Acknowledging he'd be the starter in 2008, the Cowboys moved him into the lineup for a playoff game against the New York Giants. He responded with a career-high 129 yards and a touchdown on a career-high 27 carries.

Barber split carries in college at Minnesota and with Jones his first three seasons. Despite the big bucks, he still won't carry the full load as Dallas used its top draft pick on speedy Felix Jones of Arkansas.

But Barber isn't being paid like a part-timer. Tomlinson is the only running back with more guaranteed money. It's also millions more than Atlanta paid Michael Turner, an unrestricted free agent.

Now that he's got the job and the big contract, the only thing left is for the shy guy in the locker room to start showing off the personality friends rave about.

"Now that he's going to be the starter and one of the highest-paid players at his position, you'll see his coming-out party,"

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AP file photo/Rick Havner

**In this Dec. 22, 2007 file photo, Dallas Cowboys' Marion Barber carries the ball during an NFL football game in Charlotte, N.C. The Cowboys signed Barber and cornerback Terence Newman to long-term extensions Tuesday just in time to beat a deadline that would've changed how the money is spread over the salary cap. (AP Photo/Rick Havner, File)**

# Celtics beat Pistons, 88-79, in Game 1 of East finals

By **JIMMY GOLEN**  
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — Not even a week of rest could prepare the Detroit Pistons for the hottest home team in the NBA.

Kevin Garnett had 26 points and nine rebounds and Paul Pierce scored 22 points Tuesday night to give Boston an 88-79 victory over the Pistons in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals, the Celtics' 15th straight home win.

Despite having just one day off

after an epic Game 7 that eliminated LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers from the conference semifinals, Boston scored the first eight points against a Detroit team that waited six days for the series to start.

"Rest is not an option," Garnett said. "So we don't even think about that."

Kendrick Perkins had 10 rebounds for Boston and Rajon Rondo scored seven of his 11 points in the fourth quarter, hitting a 3-pointer with 1:47 left in

the game after the Pistons cut the deficit to 83-75. Rondo also had seven assists and five steals while outplaying Chauncey Billups, the MVP of the 2004 NBA finals, in his return from a right hamstring injury.

"I believe in him. I play him. I'm going to keep playing him," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said of his point guard. "I told him before the game, 'Stop worrying about them. Make them worry about you, too. You're a hell of a basketball player.'"

The Celtics earned home court

through the playoffs with a league-best 66-16 regular season record and rode that advantage to seven-game victories in series against Atlanta and Cleveland. On Tuesday they improved to 9-0 at home in the playoffs, but they're 0-6 on the road.

"They haven't lost a game; they should be confident," said Billups, who missed the last 2½ games of the Orlando series. "They have been very good here at home. We are usually a really good team; we didn't have a good game today, but we look forward

to Thursday."

While Detroit rested, the Celtics have been playing every other day. Boston's 15 games is the most of any team still in the postseason.

"You have to figure, doing this every other day, you just get used to the same routine of coming out, being out this late, playing basketball," Celtics guard Ray Allen said. "I think when you get that break in between, you have to build yourself back

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## Obituaries

### Gloria Ussery

Gloria Ussery, 51, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Felipe 'Phillip' Anguiano

Felipe "Phillip" Anguiano Jr., 68, of Big Spring died Monday, May 19, 2008, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### George B. Sanborn

George B. Sanborn Jr., 73, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 20, 2008, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Jerldean Kinman

Jerldean Kinman, 83, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 21, 2008, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Take Note

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from students currently enrolled at Texas A&M University who have been accepted for the fall semester. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. More information and an application may be found on the club Web site at <http://bondwebs.com>

• State Honor Band concert CDs and DVDs are on sale in the Big Spring High School band hall. Prices are \$13 per D, \$30 per DVD or \$40 for both. Limited quantities are available; first-come, first-serve.

• The Howard County Sheriffs Posse will be hosting a Poker Run beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday with partial proceeds to benefit the Special Olympics. It will begin and end in the Big Spring city pool parking lot. There will be breakfast burritos from McDonald's provided at sign up. There is no limit to the amount of hands any one person can play, and each hand will cost \$10. The prizes for the winning hands are donated by local businesses. To participate, you may ride your own horse or utilize the hay ride that will be available. You also welcome to ride your motorcycles or other miscellaneous vehicles. To sign up ahead of time you may go to the Sheriffs Office or Bob Brock Ford. For any further information, contact Bert Shepard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.

• Tickets for the Big Spring High School Prom will be on sale at the high school from noon until 1:30 p.m. each Friday leading up to the prom. Tickets cost \$20 each and must be paid for in cash. For more information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Karen Martin at 213-1388.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• 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.

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free.

• Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center.

Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

## Police blotter

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

• **FREDDY RODRIGUEZ**, 20, of 601 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested Tuesday on a local capias warrant and charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance and resisting arrest.

• **DANIEL RIOS**, 22, of 905 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant and two Howard County warrants.

• **DAVID RIOS**, 22, of 905 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested Tuesday on three local capias warrants.

• **DENNIS EDWARD AUSBIE**, 47, of 903 W. Sgt. Paredez, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal trespass of a habitation.

• **DEBRA SHAEFFER**, 39, of 1408 Nolan, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation.

• **RENE AUCES JR.**, 28, of Eagle Pass, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open container – second offense.

• **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• **POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported:

in the 600 block of Eighth Street.

in the 1300 block of Mulberry.

• **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Mulberry.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 600 block of Eighth Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of Princeton.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:

in the 800 block of 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

in the 2600 block of Crestline.

• **ASSAULT BY THREATS** was reported in the 200 block of Airbase Road.

## Sheriff's report

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.

• **GLORIA GARZA**, 50, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of parent contributing to non-attendance (five counts) and a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• **CHRISTINA JEAN DIAZ**, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• **URAL G. SCARBRO**, 44, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

## Fire/EMS

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of N. Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lindburgh. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Glenna. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 100 block of N.E. Ninth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$17 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$12 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 2, 14, 26, 32 and 41. The Mega Ball number was 32.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-22-28-29-36.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$24,893.

Winning tickets sold in: Dallas.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-6-9-7. Sum It Up: 29.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-7-5. Sum It Up: 20.








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## Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com)

TODAY

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

## Support Groups

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.

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.

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Big Spring High schedules Spring Sports Banquet**

Big Spring High School's Spring Sports Banquet has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday at the high school cafeteria.

Tickets are \$10 and can be bought at from Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center or at the door.

Anyone with questions can call Denise Carillo at 816-1685.

**Lady Steers Ragball Tourney starts Saturday**

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Boosters are sponsoring a ragball tournament at Lady Steer Field Saturday and Sunday.

Five girls and five boys make up a team and cost is \$10 a person to play.

Registration is at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the field. First game is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday.

**Howard County Youth Horseman Club playdays**

The Howard County Youth Horseman Club has scheduled the first playday of its Second Belt Buckle Series for 5 p.m. Saturday.

The public is invited to participate or just be spectators.

Three playdays make up a series and a person must be a part of the HCYHC to earn points toward a belt buckle.

An annual \$25 fee purchases a family membership, although non-members are welcome to compete.

There are five events — exhibition barrels, poles, straight barrels, flags and goat tying — for age groups ranging from six and under to adults.

Playday fees are \$2 per event for members of the HCYHC and \$4 for non-members.

Each event is held at the HCYHC's facility on Longshore Road just off the Garden City Highway.

**Howard College girls' basketball camps scheduled**

Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle is holding three girls' basketball camps for three different age groups this summer.

The Little Hawk Camp is for girls in kindergarten through third grade and is set for June 2-5 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Individual Day Camp is for fourth through eighth graders and also takes place June 2-5 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Finally, the Shooting and Position Camp for seventh through 12th graders will be held June 16-19 from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

For more information, call Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

**BSCC hosting parent-child scramble June 7**

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a parent-child, 2-person scramble June 7-8. There is a shotgun start for both days with Saturday's action beginning at 9 a.m. and Sunday's at 1 p.m.

Entry fee is \$80 in the open division and \$40 in the trophy division. A parent may play with more than one child with the fee for the second team being discounted to half price.

**Bulls win NBA draft lottery**

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**  
AP Basketball Writer

SECAUCUS, N.J. — Suddenly, a coaching search isn't the only big decision facing the Chicago Bulls.

Now they have to figure out what to do with the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft.

The Bulls were the surprise winners of the draft lottery Tuesday night, giving them the right to choose between Michael Beasley and Derrick Rose.

Hiring a new coach and deciding what to do in free agency already figured to take up plenty of general manager John Paxson's time. He never figured one of college basketball's stud freshmen could land in his lap.

"I try to stay realistic through all these things for the odds," Paxson said on a conference call. "Tonight for some reason that ball popped up for us and we were there. Now it's my job to make the most of it."

Coming off a miserable season and still without a coach, the Bulls vaulted from the No. 9 spot, where they had a 1.7 percent chance of landing the top choice.

"After this season, we needed a break and I think we just got one tonight," said Steve Schanwald, the Bulls' executive vice president of business operations who represented them on the podium.

Chicago will almost certainly choose between Beasley, the Kansas State forward who averaged 26.2 points and an NCAA-best 12.4 rebounds, or Rose, the point guard who carried Memphis within minutes of the national title.

"We'll have an opportunity to get close to those guys. We'll really take a long look at what makes the most sense for our basketball team," Paxson said. "Having the pick puts you in a unique position to make your team better."

The Miami Heat, who had a 25 percent chance of landing the top pick thanks to their NBA-worst 15-67 record, fell to second. The Minnesota Timberwolves will go third.

The Seattle SuperSonics, who moved up to No. 2 last year to pick Rookie of the Year Kevin Durant, fell from second to fourth. Memphis will pick fifth, followed by New York, the Los Angeles Clippers, Milwaukee, Charlotte and New Jersey.

Indiana has the 11th pick, followed by Sacramento, Portland and Golden State. The lottery settled the top three spots. The remainder of the first 14 picks are determined in inverse order of their record.

The NBA draft will be held June 26 in New York.

Chicago came into the season with high expectations after reaching the

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up into it."

Billups scored nine points with two assists, two steals and two turnovers in his first game since May 7. Tayshaun Prince scored 16 points and Antonio McDyeys added 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Pistons, who have one more chance to win in Boston on Thursday night before returning to Detroit for Games 3 and 4.

"This was the perfect game for them to come in and try to steal one," said Pierce. "And we were aware of that."

But Detroit looked rusty early, missing its first five shots while allowing Boston to take an 8-0 lead

on Allen's drive with 8:36 left in the first.

"We just didn't seem to be in a good flow, it might have had something to do with (the layoff). We were just a step slow," Pistons coach Flip Saunders said. "We didn't get into the flow."

Billups hit a second-chance 3-pointer to end the drought and make it 8-3. But he did not make another field goal — he had four points and no assists in the first half — until there was 4:47 left in the game.

The Pistons quickly erased the first-quarter lead, even going ahead 13-12. But they trailed 41-40 at halftime and scored just 17 points in the third quarter, 10 from Richard Hamilton, while the Celtics took a 69-57 lead on Eddie House's 3-pointer with 2 seconds left.

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Rosenhaus said.

Newman's contract also vaults him into the highest-paid range. Philadelphia gave Asante Samuel a six-year, \$57 million deal, and Seattle re-signed Marcus Trufant for \$50.2 million over six

years.

Newman is coming off his first Pro Bowl selection.

He's been a starter and an anchor of the secondary since joining the team as the fifth overall pick in 2003.

The Cowboys began organized team activities Tuesday and will continue working Tuesdays through Thursdays for the next

several weeks.

When Barber and Newman arrive, they'll be wearing big smiles and carrying lots of spending money.

"Marion said he was happy Terence Newman also signed because it would deflect some of the ribbing he's going to get from his teammates," Rosenhaus said.

**COAHOMA**

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strong pitching performances, Hawley relies heavily upon the performance of ace pitcher PeeWee Burton. Burton was named the district's pitcher of the year last season. However, the one time Coahoma faced her this season, it scored 10 runs.

The second time the two squads met, Coahoma was stifled a bit offensively by Hawley's No. 2 pitcher Becca Barbee, who held the Bulldogettes to two unearned runs on six hits.

Regardless, Tadlock expects to see Burton in the pitcher's circle Thursday.

"You've got to go with your No. 1 pitcher in the playoffs, especially in the regional final," he said. "I don't think it'll be a problem if we keep our heads straight."

Burton brings a different challenge than other pitchers Coahoma has faced in the postseason because she's a more powerful thrower.

One of the aspects of the Bulldogettes' playoffs performance that has been most alarming to Tadlock was their inability to hit the ball hard. However, that changed in Game 2 of their last series against Denver City.

"We finally made some

adjustments at the plate and hit the ball very well," raved Tadlock. "On top of the 12 hits, we hit six or seven line drives right at people and forced them into four fielding errors. That's a real good sign for us."

Against Hawley, Tadlock notes that the Bulldogettes must take their game up another notch.

"We need to start playing mistake-free softball. Our defense is good, but it has to stay that way and

we can't make mistakes on the base paths either," noted Tadlock. "We need to make Hawley earn everything they get. If we can do that, then we'll be tough to beat. But if we start making a few errors, then they're a good enough team to beat us."

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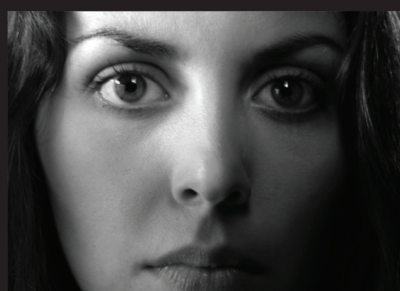
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Recipients of APS Honors awards pose with Adult Protective Services workers. From left are Zach Tarver, APS; award winners Kandi Campbell and Judge Mark Barr; and APS employees Debbie Robinson and Aurora Rodriguez.

## Campbell, Barr receive APS Honors

Both are very active in community projects, helping others

Two Howard County residents were recognized as providing extraordinary care and service to Adult Protective Services during a brief ceremony Tuesday at the Howard County Courthouse.

Kandi Campbell, an assistant vice president with First Bank of West Texas and County Judge Mark Barr were among 15 people honored throughout a 60-county region. The awards are a special project of two volunteer boards and the Region 2 and 9 APS staff.

Campbell is a Big Spring native and active in Rotary. She has provided leadership for several years for the Giving Tree Christmas project — partnering with APS to pro-

vides gifts from the community for APS clients.

Under her direction, the project is active at all three bank locations and has successfully met 100 percent of the gift requests.

Barr has ranches in Howard County for more than 30 years and serves on the fair board, rodeo board, Farm Bureau board, the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council and is active with First Methodist Church.

"Partnership is the key to excellent services for our clients," said Tommy Reed, regional director for APS, Region 2 and 9. "We value our community partnerships and APS Honors is an opportunity for us to

recognize and thank individuals and agencies for outstanding efforts."

The Region 9 APS Advisory Board (Midland/Odessa) and the APS Partners Inc. (Abilene) are non-profit organizations whose mission is to support the Adult Protective Services caseworkers and clients in the region.

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## West side may have water woes

Residents on the city's west side could experience little or no water pressure today, as city crews prepare to work on water lines in the area. Water customers from Andree to Anna and Highway 80 to W. Seventh Street, as well as residents located on Highway 80 from W. Eighth Street to Interstate Highway 20 and on Old Highway 80, Grant and Peach Streets may be affected.

According to Jim Piper, spokesman for the city's Water Distribution and Collection Department, the work began this morning at 8:30 a.m. and city crews will work until it's completed.

"When we started working on this part of the water system last week, we ran into a lot of problems we didn't anticipate," said Piper. "So we're having to go back and take care of these locations."

## DUNNAM

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ISD," Downes said. "Through Carie's leadership, the district achieved 100 percent highly qualified (teacher) status for the first time. I'm excited for Carie and the opportunity she will have to provide similar leadership in

Stephenville."

District officials will post the job opening for 10 days before interviewing candidates. Downes said the district hopes to name a replacement in the near future.

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## KLUB

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third tour in the Army, and these little gifts mean a lot to him and the other guys."

Registration for the program is currently under way.

"Space is limited, and registration is required," said Bias. "We'll be accepting sign-ups until Friday, May 30. To register, all the parents need to do is drop

by the museum, located on Apron Drive on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, or give us a call."

There is no charge for the workshop, which is open to children ages 8 to 12.

For more information, contact the Hangar 25 Air Museum at 264-1999.

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## COUNCIL

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VIP tour for visitors to the city looking to move to Big Spring; the use of motorcycles and hybrid vehicles for city and law enforcement vehicles to stave off rising gas costs; establishing a "begging committee" to work to get inmate work crews for the city; and equipment for additional mowing at Moss Creek Lake to alleviate problems with snakes and other wildlife.

District 2 Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr. said one of his focuses for the coming year is recycling, as well as a ban on plastic bags — such as those provided by local merchants Wal-Mart and HEB — in the city.

Ramirez also expressed concern about city employees using their vehicle's for personal business, such as trips to the local Wal-Mart.

"Some city officials take their vehicle home," said Ramirez. "They should just be used for going to

and from work, not making personal trips to Wal-Mart. I feel like we could save a lot of gas this way."

City Manager Gary Fuqua said it's already against city policy for employees to use their vehicle for personal business.

"Employees shouldn't be doing private business in those vehicles," said Fuqua. "However, we can certainly tighten down on this."

Ramirez also suggested the city staff look at ways to cut down on waste by going to a paperless system and consider providing municipal supervisors with Blackberry-type phone systems.

District 3 Councilwoman Jo Ann Staulcup echoed concerns for enforcing city ordinances.

"I think we should consider getting some clerical support for our code officers so they can be out there taking care of what they are supposed to be taking care of," said Staulcup, "not doing clerical work. We need to start enforcing by the ordinance, not by the com-

plaint... It's frustrating that we take the heat that we have for passing these ordinances, and they aren't being enforced."

According to city officials, the code enforcement office only has one full-time employee dedicated to code enforcement, and even that employee has other projects to look after.

Staulcup also asked the city to look at a program to pick up some of the items they don't normally clean, such as batteries and old tires, as well as look at recycling to help the city recoup some of its cost in code enforcement.

District 4 Councilwoman Gloria McDonald stressed the "clean and green" approach in the coming years, saying the city needs to live up to the same standards area residents are expected to uphold.

"There's a particular part of Comanche Trail Park, near the N. Highway 87 entrance, that needs to be mowed down," said McDonald. "I'd also like to see another employee added to the park. I just don't know how the

employees who work out there get everything done that they do."

McDonald also said she'd like to see a sign located at the historic spring.

District 5 Councilman Troy Thompkins said he would like to see more done with the community service program, as well as add an employee to the city's Conventions and Visitors Bureau.

"Debbie Wegman is doing an extraordinary job, and it would help if we could get her an assistant position in her office," said Thompkins. "That would free her up to promote Big Spring more. We also need to look at our assets downtown and throughout Big Spring, and see how we can increase tourism. I think we should hire a consultant to perform an assessment and do some strategic planning in this area."

Thompkins also suggested the city look at a unified Web portal for the various agencies in Big Spring, as well as consider hiring a grant writer.

District 6 Councilman Greg Biddison said he'd

like to see better sanitation services for the city's customers.

"There just aren't enough sanitation trucks to get around," said Biddison.

Biddison said he'd like to see something done to address the homeless problem in Big Spring.

"I'm not sure what we can do, or if we can do anything," said Biddison.

Mayor Russ McEwen only had two items for his budget wish list.

"I feel like we need to do everything in our power to give the city employees a true cost of living raise and continue with the merit pay system," said McEwen. "Also, we're putting in a multi-million dollar sports complex and a multi-million dollar golf course. It behooves us to

make sure the city employees have the right equipment to take care of them."

The city staff is expected to take the suggestions and present a proposed budget during the annual work session slated July 14-18.

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Iris Baucum, 70, died Monday. Funeral Services were at 11:00 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Gloria Ussery, 51, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Protective Service office. The supplies will be distributed to families providing homes for children removed from abusive situations by CPS.

"At last count, we have 76 Howard County children in that situation," said Linda Perez of Victim Services. "Most of them are in foster care or living with family members ... and many of those family members are in need of basics such as diapers and formula."

To heighten awareness for Child Abuse Awareness Month in April, the Howard County Child

Welfare Board announced the diaper drive. Big Spring firefighters soon chipped in.

"They came to us and said they would handle the drop-off points for the drive," Perez said. "The saw a need and they jumped in and helped."

Big Spring Fire Department Chief Brian Jensen said firefighters

organized collection points for the drive — and many decided to chip in as well.

"A majority of the supplies were provided by firefighters, but quite a few were dropped off by private citizens," Jensen said. "We were just glad to help out."

Although the formal drive has ended, officials are always in needs of sup-

plies for children effected by the program, Perez said, adding that anyone interested in donating should contact Children's Services at 263-9669.

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# Twins smash Rangers, 11-4

## The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Not making Minnesota's opening day roster might have been the best thing to happen to Glen Perkins.

"They had a plan," the 25-year-old lefty said Tuesday night after picking up his first major-league win. "They laid it out for me when I was (in the minors). I didn't believe them. I didn't want to believe them."

Now he does. Perkins pitched six scoreless innings to lead the Twins to a 11-4 win over Texas and send the Rangers to their third-straight loss.

"It's certainly a relief to get that first win," said Perkins.

The Twins, meanwhile,

were relieved to get their offense going. They roughed up Texas starter Doug Mathis (1-1) for nine runs in 2 1-3 innings. Mathis made his first major league start since the Rangers purchased his contract from Triple-A Oklahoma on May 11 to replace the injured Kevin Millwood.

He'll certainly remember his first start, probably not too fondly though.

"I was more anxious than nervous," he said. "I needed to slow things down and I didn't do it."

Alexi Casilla, Mike Lamb, and Delmon Young each had two RBIs.

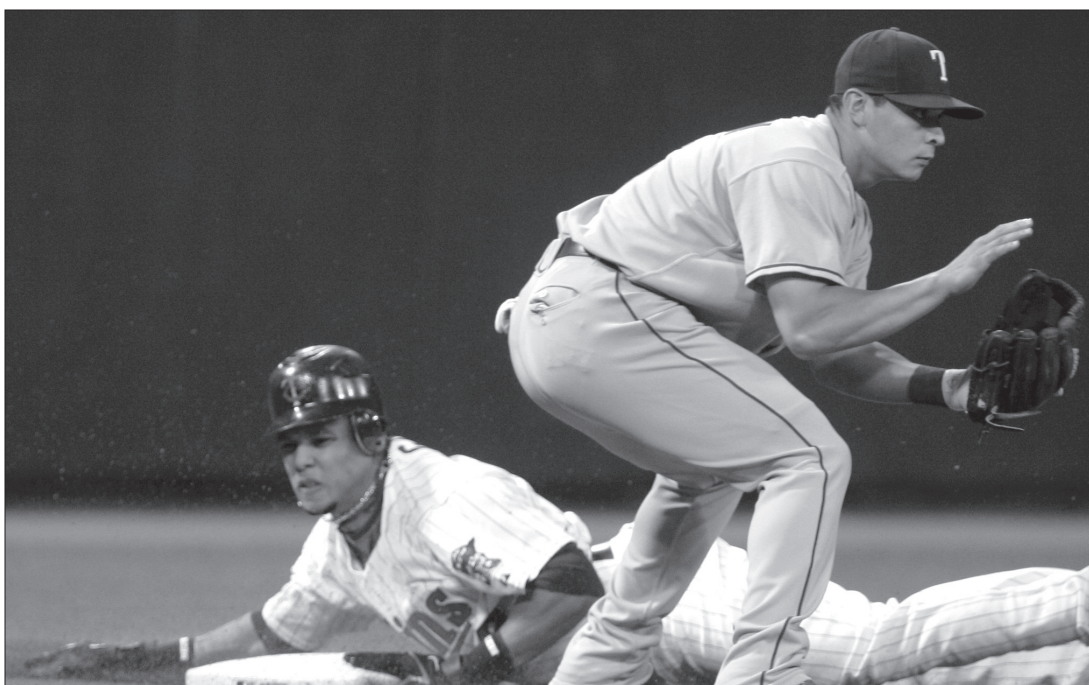
A night after outlasting the Rangers in 12 innings, the Twins took control of the game early, scoring nine runs by the third

inning. "Obviously you want to get out there and score some runs for your pitcher," Joe Mauer said. "We've been struggling to get guys in for the last couple of weeks. So tonight it was important — keep attacking the zone."

Minnesota jumped on Mathis scoring two runs in the first. Carlos Gomez led off with a triple, Casilla drove him in with a single and Joe Mauer followed with a double.

The Twins put the game away in the third when they scored seven runs, sending 12 batters to the plate. Mathis watched 10 consecutive Twins reach base. He gave up five hits and two walks and Ian

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AP photo/Jim Mone

**The Texas Rangers' German Duran, right, awaits the throw as the Minnesota Twins' Carlos Gomez triples in an AL baseball game Tuesday in Minneapolis.**

## DRAFT

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Eastern Conference semifinals last season. But the Bulls never recovered from a dismal start and finished 33-49. They fired coach Scott Skiles on Christmas Eve and have already decided not to retain interim coach Jim Boylan.

The Bulls failed to land the coach they wanted, Mike D'Antoni, but the position became much more appealing Tuesday, giving them a chance to draft first for only the second time. The Bulls, who took Elton Brand No. 1 in 1999, could turn this time to hometown star Rose, who D'Antoni said was like Jason Kidd with a jump shot.

"Everybody was picking us to go to the conference finals last year, actually to the NBA finals because we won 49 games the year before and pushed the Detroit Pistons to six

games in the second round last year and we have a very exciting good corps of young players, and we added Joakim Noah to that mix," Schanwald said. "Now we will get a chance to add another great player, a really great player. So it is very exciting for us."

Schanwald gave a fist pump early on when he realized he would move up, then took a deep breath and pumped both fists after beating out the Heat, represented by All-Star guard Dwyane Wade.

Only twice have teams with the worst record won the lottery since the current format began in 1994. Though the lottery is weighted to give teams with the poorest records the best chance to win, the longshots keep finding a way.

Last year, Portland and Seattle moved up to grab the top spots, taking Greg Oden and Durant. Again, two star freshmen are the top prizes.

"Obviously the lottery as a precursor to the draft is

a time of great hope," commissioner David Stern said.

The Bulls already had a busy offseason planned. Besides hiring a coach, they have to make contract offers to restricted free agents Luol Deng and Ben Gordon.

Now they've got another decision: Beasley or Rose?

"As I sit here tonight, what I think is again you've got two players who are different and unique," Paxson said. "One is point guard. The point guard is a natural leadership position on a team. It's something every team covets. And the other ... just has the unique ability to put the ball in the basket, just will be a go-to scorer."

"I'm certainly not going to throw myself into this thing and do something quickly."

Nor will the Heat. President Pat Riley likes both players, but implied the pick could even be traded.

"Based on their performance and what they did

in one season, both of them showed that they can help their team win," Riley said. "Both showed enough physical maturity to be dominant at times as a 19-year-old. All of the intangibles when it comes to competitive desire and when it comes to leadership and character and all of those things, we still have a lot of work to do in terms of a lot of players in the draft."

The Bulls' surprising victory should quickly restore interest in the underachieving team. Interviewed immediately following the result, Schanwald read the number for callers to buy season tickets.

"I thought it was a waste of time. I thought coming here was an absolute waste of time. I knew I would get a great meal out of it, but I thought it was a waste of time," Schanwald said of the Bulls' chances.

"I'm on top of the world. I feel great. It's the most exciting day of my life," he added.

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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<b>SOUTH</b>		
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♦	A 7 4	
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There are many deals where declarer appears to have no chance to make his contract as the cards lie. In some of these cases, though, the situation is not quite as hopeless as it might seem. All that is required is that declarer expend a bit of extra effort.

Consider this deal where three notrump would have been the ideal contract, but where North-South reached four spades instead. Declarer won the diamond lead with the ace and played the queen of spades,

taken by East with the ace. East returned his singleton heart, but South went up with the ace, drew two more rounds of trump ending in dummy, and then led the jack of hearts, planning to let it ride if East followed low.

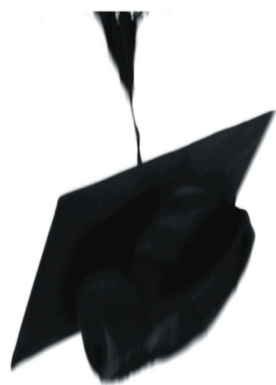
But when East discarded a diamond, it appeared declarer would have to lose a trick in each suit and go down one. However, South soon found a way to turn the bad news in hearts to his advantage.

He started by cashing the king of hearts and then the king of diamonds. When West followed suit, his original distribution became an open book. The play to this point had revealed that West started with exactly three spades, six hearts and two diamonds. He therefore had to have precisely two clubs, which in turn gave South a choice of ways to make the contract!

In practice, South cashed the A-K of clubs and led a third club. East won and cashed a diamond, but was then forced to return either a diamond or a club, allowing declarer to discard his heart loser while he ruffed in dummy.

The same result could have been achieved by putting West on lead with a heart after cashing the A-K of clubs, compelling him to return a heart for the fatal ruff-and-discard.

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## OUR VIEWS

## Remember to get in your entries for rodeo parade

There's nothing quite as traditional as a rodeo, and that's especially true in this community where we're anxiously awaiting the opening performance of the 75th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is the oldest continually running rodeo in the nation, and doesn't take a back seat to any when it comes to the talent that arrives each year to compete.

Many of the top competitors from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and Women's Professional Rodeo Association will display their talents during the event's three-day run from Thursday, June 19, through Saturday, June 21, each performance beginning at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Every event that will be staged during the rodeo — bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and barrel racing — will feature competitors who have appeared at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, several of them having won world championships in the past.

But that's still almost a month away.

Why start thinking about the rodeo now?

Well, because it's time to be making plans for your entries in the rodeo parade that officially kicks off the festivities at 5:30 p.m. on June 19.

Participants in the parade will line up at 11th and Main, and the procession will again snake its way through downtown Big Spring. What's more, the rodeo association's directors will again judge entrants in six divisions for the parade and sweeten the pot with prize money for the top three overall entries.

That's right. The six divisions are for floats, riding clubs, custom and classic cars, bicycles, tractors and motorcycles.

The entry deemed best by judges, regardless of division, will win a \$100 prize this year, while the second-place entry will receive \$50. A \$25 prize goes to the entry finishing third.

In addition, the top entries in each of the six entry categories will receive plaques.

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It seems that we're always exhorting readers to help make the upcoming parade the best rodeo parade Big Spring's ever had, and we do. That's because we're sure it's the best way to kick off the rodeo's three-day run by putting everyone in the rodeo spirit. It certainly has that effect on the newspaper's staff and we always look forward to having it pass right in front of our offices.

Don't forget. Anyone can enter, all you need to do is fill out a parade entry form that is being regularly included in editions of the Herald. But you have to do so before the deadline for entries, which is Monday, June 16.

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So shine up those books, dust off that hat, pull on your favorite jeans and join in the parade. Saddle up your horse or put a new coat of wax on that custom or classic automobile. Maybe a group of you would like to enter a float. We'd even like to see plenty of decorated bicycles and a posse of stickhorses in the procession.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we get our help from You, Lord.

Amen

## VP pick could swing Latino vote

As the Clinton campaign finally begins to read the writing on the wall — "Get Out" — and the race for president turns to vice presidential picks, Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama should try to avoid selecting running mates who might alienate Hispanic voters.

In the race to determine which states will be blue or red, those that are now purple are the ones that really matter, and they happen to be states largely populated by Latinos. Given the expected close Electoral College race in these key swing states where Latinos live, the Hispanic vote will be crucial in November, and the vice presidential pick could make a huge difference.

If either Obama or McCain were to pick a running mate who has a record of bashing illegal immigrants and offending even naturalized U.S. citizens, he would be gambling with the support he needs from Latino voters in states such as Nevada and Florida.

As in the past, a majority of Latinos will vote for the Democratic nominee. But if Republicans can get at least 40 percent of the Hispanic vote — as some have in the past — that may be enough to win the presidency.

Not surprisingly, some of the politicians who openly are seeking the vice presidential nod are the ones who would be considered radioactive by many Latino voters.

In the Hispanic community, it has been widely said that McCain, given his positive track record on immigration and other issues concerning Latinos, was the only Republican who could compete for

the Hispanic vote in November. None of the other GOP contenders, most of whom pandered to right-wing extremists and used fear tactics to create xenophobia that affects all Latinos, had any chance of winning 40 percent of the Hispanic vote.

But what happens if McCain picks one of those radioactive Republicans as a running mate?

Could a McCain-Romney ticket be successful in swing states where Latinos live? Mitt Romney made illegal immigrants the scapegoats of his campaign for president. Describing him as radioactive among Latinos voters is an understatement.

What about a McCain-Huckabee ticket?

Mike Huckabee, who came very close to declaring his candidacy for vice president on NBC's "Meet the Press" Sunday, began his presidential bid by calling for compassion for illegal immigrants and finished it by pledging never to give them any sort of amnesty. He also showed a tremendous lack of knowledge about Latinos by constantly arguing that legal immigrants also favor a harsh crack-down on their own relatives, friends and neighbors who are here illegally. And Rudy Giuliani, who turned his back on the immigrants he once defended, also could be problematic for McCain, especially because the former New York mayor even pandered at an English-only restaurant in Philadelphia.

Although even McCain has modified his position on illegal immigration — he now is pledging to secure the borders before implementing a legalization program — Romney, Huckabee and Giuliani went much further to appease anti-immigrant GOP extremists and have created unprecedented animosity toward their party in the Hispanic community. Bringing them back into the presidential race would be a huge

mistake.

Although the Democrats have fewer anti-immigrant zealots to choose from, Obama also has to be careful not to select a running mate such as Sen. James Webb of Virginia, who is obviously interested in the vice president's job. Webb, who promotes himself as a grassroots populist who speaks for middle-class America, voted against comprehensive immigration reform. Before that legislation was defeated, Webb had introduced a "middle-ground" amendment that easily could have been written by a Republican.

Webb's amendment was unrealistic and inhumane. It created a "path to legalization," but only for a portion of the 12 million illegal immigrants in the country and only after they returned to their homelands to apply for legal entry.

As if that is not enough to convince immigrant voters that they don't need friends such as Webb, he also voted to make English the nation's official language, supporting the effort to deny immigrants access to bilingual ballots and some government services in their native languages.

There are other Democrats like Webb and other Republicans like Romney, Huckabee and Giuliani who would weaken the Obama and McCain campaigns among Latinos and other immigrants.

Of course, there are Hispanic politicians such as New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson for the Democrats and Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla., who easily could boost the Latino vote for their respective parties. But because none of those Latinos appears to be on anyone's short list for vice president, the question now is whether Obama and McCain are smart enough to avoid the radioactive contenders.

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## The election that wouldn't die

Let's face it, folks; this opera is over. The fat lady has sung. The election results in North Carolina and Indiana last week spelled "finito" to Hillary Clinton's presidential hopes. "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" beat "Norma Rae." (Unless, of course, there is the political equivalent of an earthquake, falling meteor or tidal wave, always a possibility.)

Conventional Wisdom — which has been wrong 90 percent of the time in this election process (remember the political obituary written for John McCain last summer?) — was wrong again. It predicted a shrinking, narrow victory for Barack Obama in North Carolina and a widening, strong win for Hillary Clinton in Indiana.

Wrong again. Barack blew out Mrs. Clinton in North Carolina and came within a whisker in Indiana. Now comes word that Hillary loaned her campaign \$6.25 million (on top of the \$5 million she already loaned it) for the latest campaigns. That means her campaign is tapped out. It's time for the referee to stop this fight and declare a TKO.

That doesn't look as though it's going to happen. Sen. Clinton keeps saying she'll soldier on (she's a fighter, in case you haven't heard) and the available super-delegate-referees are reluctant to step in. Why? Don't ask. They're

Democrats. If there's a way to screw up an election, they will find it. For example:

Sen. Clinton main hope now is to get the primary results in Florida and Michigan — which she and the other candidates agreed shouldn't count — counted. Those two states, remember, were banished from the Democratic kingdom for daring to move up their primaries without party permission.

With her back against the wall, however, Sen. Clinton is trying to convince the party that it would be wrong to deny those states representation. Obviously she believes deeply in the democratic process. That and winning, no matter what. Even if she gets her way, however, she still winds up behind Obama.

The voting in Indiana and North Carolina followed what has become the usual pattern in these elections. Obama gets almost all the blacks and young people, Hillary working class people, women of a certain age and old people, particularly if they're white.

It's easy to see why.

African-Americans, who were systematically denied the vote in many places until just a few decades ago, are ecstatic that one of their own, at long last, has a shot at the presidency. Call it racial pride. Young people respond to his message of hope and idealism.

Middle-aged women identify with Hillary because her life's path in many ways mirrors theirs — a talented woman who had to put her personal ambitions on hold while her husband did his thing (and did it and did it) but finally was able to

fight her way to prominence in a man's world. The old white people, as I see it, are not so much voting for Clinton as against Obama.

These are people who grew up in working class neighborhoods in the 50s and 60s in a time of racial turmoil and strife. The time since then has been marked by intense economic competition, some of it from blacks, that has eaten away at their prosperity.

They don't particularly like black people. They don't hate them necessarily but they don't feel comfortable with them, certainly not with blacks in positions of authority.

That's particularly true when the black in question is like Obama — cool, confident, well educated and not bashful about voicing an opinion. In another time the word "uppity" might have been applied.

And so they say they're not voting for him because of his pastor or because he's too inexperienced or doesn't bowl well. Some even say it's because he's a Muslim. Actually, it's because he's black. In the general election, Obama might expect, with Hillary's promised help, to win over the women but I doubt whether those old men will ever come around.

But for now, the Democratic part of this race is over. Unless there's an earthquake, etc.

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RANGERS

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Kinsler committed a costly error at second during the stretch.

Franklyn German relieved Mathis after 70 pitches, walked in a run and gave up a sacrifice fly as the Twins took a comfortable 9-0 lead heading into the fourth.

The seven runs in the inning scored was a season-high for Minnesota.

"Kind of a relaxing evening after a long night last night," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

Perkins (1-1) gave up six hits and three runs in 6 1-3 innings.

The Rangers finally got through to Perkins when they loaded the bases in the seventh. With one out, Jarrod Saltalamacchia and German Duran hit back-to-back RBI singles to chase Perkins, who received a loud ovation as he walked to the dugout.

Despite making only his third career start, Perkins worked like an efficient veteran, keeping Texas' batters off balance by mixing up his pitches early.

"I told Joe, just get the fingers down and I'll throw what you call," said Perkins, the Minnesota native who began the season with Triple-A Rochester.

Kinsler singled in another run in the seventh before Brian Bass struck out Michael Young and induced Josh Hamilton into a ground out to end the inning.

Minnesota made it 11-3 in the seventh when Young's RBI triple scored Jason Kubel, and Lamb followed with a sacrifice fly.

Texas added a final run

with two outs in the ninth when Hamilton's infield single scored Kinsler.

"It was just one of those nights," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We've got to take our shower and let that one go down the drain."

Notes: Minnesota has walked a major-league low and gave up a sacrifice fly as the Twins took a comfortable 9-0 lead heading into the fourth. ... Casilla has five RBIs in his last two games. ... Texas didn't have an extra-base hit for the first time this season. ... Washington said Hank Blalock (hamstring), normally a 3B, played 1B during a simulated game to get practice for the position when he returns this weekend.

Orioles 12, Yankees 2

Not even Alex Rodriguez's return could lift the New York Yankees.

New York trailed the Baltimore Orioles by seven runs before A-Rod even got his first at-bat Tuesday night in the Yankees' 12-2 loss.

After missing three weeks with a strained right quadriceps, Rodriguez returned to the cleanup spot and started at third base. He reached on an error in the second inning, grounded out in the fourth and hit a two-run homer in the sixth to make it 10-2.

New York was 8-12 without Rodriguez.

"We're going to be fine. No one is running away with this thing," A-Rod said. "I don't know if anyone is counting us out — I hope they are."

The Yankees survived a scary moment when Derek Jeter was hit on the left hand. X-rays were negative, and Jeter is day to day with a bruised hand.

"It'll be fine. Obviously,

it doesn't feel good. But I should be all right by tomorrow," Jeter said. "Fortunately, it's not broken."

In the other AL games on Monday night, it was: Los Angeles 3, Toronto 1; Detroit 12, Seattle 8; Chicago 4, Cleveland 1; Boston 2, Kansas City 1; and Tampa Bay 3, Oakland 2.

In New York, Mussina (6-4) got only two outs against his former team — matching the shortest start of his 18-year career. The right-hander had won five starts in a row.

"I never got my level of comfort, and it was just bad," he said. "This is the same place we were a year ago."

New York had allowed five unearned runs all season before giving up eight Tuesday, its most since also yielding eight in a 10-5 loss to Cleveland on May 3, 1990.

Daniel Cabrera (5-1), who handed the last-place Yankees (20-25) their season-high fourth straight loss and sixth in seven games. New York has been outscored 30-8 during the first three games of this homestand.

"I'm hoping this is rock-bottom," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "It's an ugly loss and you've just got to put this one aside."

Angels 3, Blue Jays 1

At Toronto, John Lackey won for the first time since Sept. 28, pitching seven strong innings to help the Angels get a rare victory in Toronto.

Making his second start of the year after returning from a strained triceps, Lackey (1-0) gave up a lead-off homer to Toronto's Brad Wilkerson in the

first, then blanked the Blue Jays the rest of the way.

Francisco Rodriguez loaded the bases with three straight walks in the ninth, but held on to record his major league-leading 18th save.

The Angels loaded the bases in the first and second against Toronto right-hander Dustin McGowan

(2-4), but the only run came when Garret Anderson grounded into a double play in the first.

Tigers 12, Mariners 8

At Detroit, Justin Verlander struck out a season-high seven and Edgar Renteria hit one of Detroit's four homers and matched a career high

with five RBIs in the Tigers' victory over Seattle.

Verlander (2-7) gave up one run, four hits and walked one over six innings, earning his first win in nearly a month.

Curtis Granderson, Magglio Ordonez and Carlos Guillen also homered for the Tigers, who had lost six of seven.

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# News Briefs

## Obama inching ever closer to nomination despite another big loss to Clinton

(AP) — Barack Obama is inching ever closer to locking up the Democratic presidential nomination despite another resounding loss to Hillary Rodham Clinton, this time in Kentucky.

Clinton beat Obama by 35 percentage points in Kentucky, after trouncing him by 41 percentage points in West Virginia last week, and has won five of the last seven primaries.

Once all the delegates were allocated from Tuesday's contests in Oregon and Kentucky, however, Obama was expected to be within 60 of the magic 2,026 needed to cinch the nomination. With 80 percent of the vote counted, he was winning Oregon by a 58-42 percent margin.

"Tonight, in the fullness of spring, with the help of those who stood up from Portland to Louisville, we have returned to Iowa with a majority of delegates elected by the American people and you have put us within reach of the Democratic nomination for president of the United States of America," Obama said Tuesday evening at a rally in Des Moines.

As he nears the Democratic prize, Obama has been concentrating his campaign more and more on John McCain, the Republican nominee-in-waiting, rather than on Clinton.

## Ted Kennedy's family reeling after his brain tumor diagnosis throws them 'a real curveball'

BOSTON (AP) — The grim diagnosis that Sen. Edward M. Kennedy has an almost certainly fatal brain tumor was "a real curveball" that left his family stunned even as he joked and laughed with them, his wife told her friends.

In her first public comments on her husband's diagnosis, Vicki Kennedy expressed pride in how well her husband of 15 years was handling the news.

"Teddy is leading us all, as usual, with his calm approach to getting the best information possible," she wrote in an e-mail Tuesday to friends.

"He's also making me crazy (and making me laugh) by pushing to race in the Figawi this weekend," she wrote, referring to the annual sailing race from Cape Cod to Nantucket.

An Associated Press photographer who was given access to the senator on Tuesday captured Kennedy, dressed in a gray sweater and dark slacks,

joking and laughing with family members as he sat at a table in a family room at Massachusetts General Hospital.

## Obama and McCain build cash reserves while Clinton carries debt

WASHINGTON (AP) — The money tells the tale. Democrat Barack Obama entered May sitting comfortably atop more than \$37 million in the bank. Republican John McCain had nearly \$22 million in hand. Hillary Rodham Clinton, once the Democrats' presidential front-runner, was in the red.

Obama, moving closer to his party's nomination, let his fundraising slow only slightly last month and collected \$31 million. Clinton raised more than \$21 million, but was saddled with debts.

And McCain, in his best monthly performance yet, hauled in \$18 million.

Financially, the month tracked the three candidates' political fortunes. Clinton beat Obama in Pennsylvania on April 22 and saw a \$10 million surge in donations in a 24-hour period.

But money and the delegates needed for the nomination still flowed primarily to Obama.

McCain, lacking rivals and assured the GOP nomination, spent little and worked on consolidating his fundraising base.

The three candidates filed their financial reports Tuesday with the Federal Election Commission.

## Lebanese rivals reach agreement seen as major triumph for Hezbollah

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Lebanon's feuding factions ended an 18-month political crisis Wednesday after reaching a breakthrough deal that gives the militant Hezbollah and their allies veto power on any government decision.

The agreement is a major triumph for Hezbollah, handing the armed Shiite guerrilla group increased political power and further eroding the government's frail command of the religiously and politically divided country.

"There are no losers," Lebanese Telecommunications Minister Marwan Hamadeh told The Associated Press, downplaying the concessions made to Hezbollah. "Lebanon is the winner."

The deal, brokered after five days of talks in Qatar, were a dramatic cap to Lebanon's worst internal fighting since the 1975-90 civil war. At least 67 people were killed when clashes broke between pro-government groups and the opposition in the streets Beirut and elsewhere ear-

lier this month.

As Lebanon came close to a new all-out war, Arab League mediators intervened and got the sides to agree to hold last-ditch negotiations in the Qatari capital, Doha, to resolve the crisis.

## APNewsBreak: Government may help cell phone users avoid cancellation fees

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is quietly negotiating to help cell phone customers avoid expensive fees when they cancel contracts with wireless companies, The Associated Press has learned.

Cell phone companies routinely charge customers \$175 or more for quitting their service early. Under a proposal to the Federal Communications Commission, the wireless industry would give consumers the opportunity to cancel service without any penalty for up to 30 days after they sign a cell phone contract or until 10 days after they receive their first bill.

The proposal also would cap such fees and reduce them month by month over the course of a contract based on how long customers have left, according to people familiar with the offer speaking on condition of anonymity because the FCC has not accepted it. The plan would not abolish cancellation fees entirely.

In exchange for the government's approval, the agreement would let cell phone companies off the hook in state courts where they are being sued for billions of dollars by angry customers. If approved by the FCC, the proposal also would take away the authority of states to regulate the charges, known as early termination fees.

The nation's No. 2 wireless company, Verizon Wireless, offered the proposal to the FCC for its review after high-level meetings with senior FCC officials. It did so in consultation with other leading wireless companies, whose executives indicated they would not oppose its provisions, people familiar with the offer told the AP.

## Myanmar won't accept aid delivered by U.S. warships

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar shunned a U.S. proposal for naval ships to deliver aid to cyclone victims on

Wednesday, according to state-run media, dimming hopes that the vessels could provide a major boost to relief efforts.

The New Light of Myanmar, a mouthpiece for Myanmar's ruling junta, said that such assistance "comes with strings attached" that are "not acceptable to the people of Myanmar." It cited fears that Washington wants to overthrow the country's government and seize its oil.

The United States, as well as France and Great Britain, have naval vessels loaded with humanitarian supplies off the Myanmar coast, and had been waiting for a green light to deliver them. The article did not say whether the French and British supplies would be allowed.

The state media report said that other U.S. aid airlifted into the country was welcome, an apparent reference to ongoing relief flights, which land in the country about five times a day. American officials are required to hand the aid to Myanmar authorities upon landing in Yangon, from which it is a difficult journey to the Irrawaddy delta.

The four U.S. warships were seen as a major potential boost for the relief effort with the capacity to deliver supplies to inaccessible areas of the delta, with 14 helicopters, two landing craft vessels, two high-tech amphibious hovercraft and about 1,000 U.S. Marines.

## Other relatives appear in court for children from polygamist sect in Texas, seeking custody

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Child welfare officials have said in the opening days of individual custody hearings for members of a polygamist sect that at least eight mothers once held in state custody as minors were actually adults. One is 27.

The disclosures, which have dribbled out in hearings held across five courtrooms, brings the number of underage mothers in state custody to 23, eroding statistics state officials have cited to bolster their claims of widespread abuse. Other reclassifications are likely to follow as

judges sort out family relationships in custody hearings scheduled to last three weeks.

On Tuesday, two men excommunicated by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which runs the ranch where about 460 children now in foster care once lived, offered to serve as guardians for their children if the state deems their mothers unfit.

"If we can establish I'm not guilty of those things, why can't I have my children?" asked Arthur Barlow, 59, after driving from southern Utah to seek custody of five of his children, who lived at the Yearning For Zion ranch in Eldorado.

Barlow and Frank Johnson, another father seeking custody of his children, were excommunicated from the church about four years ago.

## Honda to sell new gas-electric hybrid next year, outlines strategy for plant cost cuts

TOKYO (AP) — Honda will sell a new, improved and affordable gas-electric hybrid in the U.S., Japan and Europe starting in early 2009, underlining the Japanese automaker's commitment to "green" technology, the company president said Wednesday.

The new model — to be sold solely as a hybrid, and not as a traditional, gasoline-powered car — is a key part of Honda Motor Co.'s strategy for the next three years that President Takeo Fukui outlined at Tokyo headquarters.

The plan also included

production innovations and expansion in Japan to cut costs so Honda can stay competitive amid soaring material and energy costs, he said.

In addition to the new hybrid, Honda will introduce several other hybrids: a Civic, a new sporty model based on the CR-Z and a Fit subcompact, sold as the Jazz in Europe, Fukui said.

"Hybrids have drawn attention for their image, but time has come to go to the next step," he said, stressing that Honda was serious about selling hybrids in numbers.

## Wild bird hits Lubbock courthouse window

LUBBOCK (AP) — Turns out there was no need for window dressing after all.

The confused wild turkey that smashed into a window at the Lubbock county courthouse Monday was laid out for a while, but eventually was able to fly away. It left a turkey-shaped hole in the glass, but otherwise caused no major damage.

"They kind of get confused when they get around those mirrored windows," said Mel Reed, a game warden with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, which was summoned to help. "They don't understand."

The turkey, one of a rafter seen flying near downtown, dropped to the ground after the crash and stayed in the bushes but did not go inside the building.

Members of the courthouse maintenance staff tried to get the turkey in a box, but the bird fluttered across a main downtown street where it was subsequently captured.

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- Registration for the Summer Reading Program has begun. Registration will end Monday, June 2, and the program will begin June 3. Stop by the library to find out more about the upcoming program.

Kenneth C. Davis presents a collection of extraordinary stories, each detailing an overlooked episode that shaped the nation's destiny and character. Davis' dramatic narratives set the record straight, busting myths and bringing to light little-known but fascinating facts from a time when the nation's fate hung in the balance. **"America's Hidden History"** (973 DAV K) by Davis is quite interesting with chapters on Columbus, the Pilgrims and George Washington.

Rachael Ray has developed what she calls a family cookbook. **"Rachael Ray YUM-O! The Family Cookbook"** (641.555 RAY R) has

recipes that even the smallest cook can prepare. How easy is Slaw Salad? All it has is cabbage, oil, honey and pickle juice! There are some tasty sounding recipes. Then, for a little more adult audience, check out **"Bobby Flay's Grill It!"** (641.578 FLA B). You know, I didn't know you could grill lobsters.

Four biographies of sports figures have come in. Dorothy Hamill wrote **"A Skating Life: My Story"** (B HAM D). Lisa Leslie's **"Don't Let the Lipstick Fool You"** (B LES L); and Herschel Walker's surprising story, **"Breaking Free: My Life with Dissociative Identity Disorder"** (WAL H) are great books to check out this summer. The fourth biography is by Mary Tillman (Pat's mother). **"Boots on the Ground by Dusk: My Tribute to Pat Tillman"** (B TIL P) is an emotional rollercoaster account of Tillman's decision to leave professional football to enlist in the Army. The account of his death and subsequent investigation is a tragic story and Mary's roll in uncovering the cover-up is phenomenal.

On a balmy spring evening, four high school seniors — three boys and a girl — enter a park in the small Pennsylvania city of Conroy. The next

morning, two of the boys are found shot to death and the girl and the third boy are gone. After three weeks with no

kids was the shooter. **"Mercy Street"** is written by bestselling author

the story of a good, solid marriage between Ellen and Andy. What happens when you add in Leo, Ellen's first love? The perfect marriage develops cracks and breaks. What glue can put it back together?

Another best-seller from Barbara Delinsky is **"Suddenly."** Paige and Mara are best friends and professional colleagues. When Mara commits suicide, how can Paige cope with Mara's death? Joanna Trollope has written **"Friday Nights"** (No, it isn't about football.), a story of Eleanor, a woman of age who invites two young women struggling with life issues, to her home. Friday nights become a cherished time of camaraderie between women of diverse types.

All three of these books have a common theme, that of love and how it changes a person. Nancy Thayer's newest book, **"Moon Shell Beach,"** is the story of two lifelong friends on Nantucket Island. Clare stayed while Lexi escaped to live a glamorous life. All of these are excellent

books to take to the beach or pool with you.

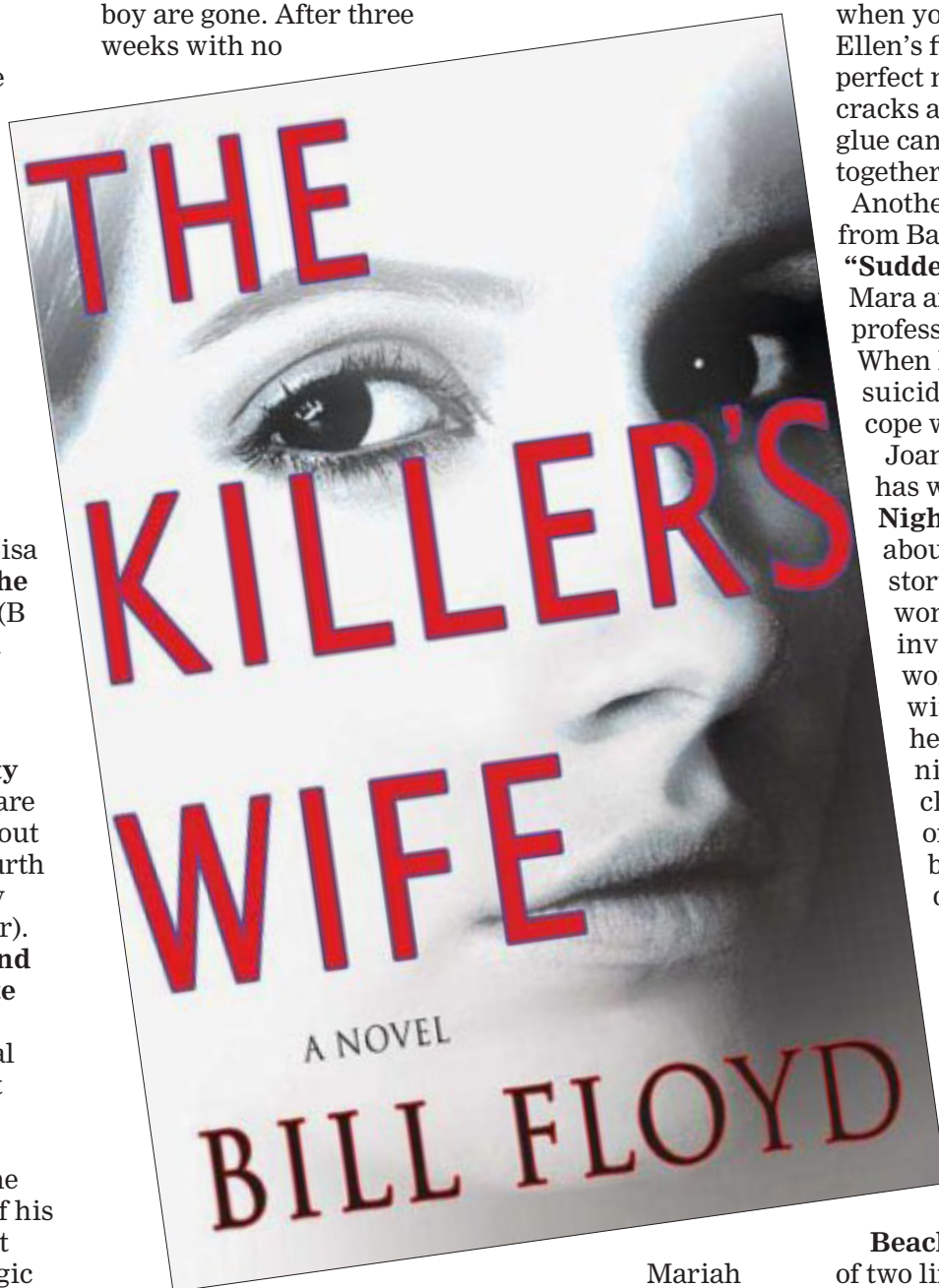
Now for some mysteries: John Lescroart's character Dismas Hardy has been left to clean up the mess from attorney Charlie Bowen who has disappeared. One case is not so easily cleaned up and Dismas must take care of it. **"Betrayed"** has elements of love and betrayal between friends and enemies. Bill Floyd has written **"The Killer's Wife"** and it is really a page turner. It is pretty graphic, so be forewarned. Now for a tried and true: first published in 1998, we have just received Lilian Jackson Braun's **"The Cat Who Sang for the Birds."** Jim Qwilleran, Ko-Ko and Yum-Yum returned for a springtime murder romp. Another neat mystery.

Howard County Library hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Internet/Video room is closed from noon until 2 p.m. and will close one-half hour before closing. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is [www.howard-county.lib.tx.us](http://www.howard-county.lib.tx.us)

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.



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leads and no sign of either of the two missing teenagers, the chief of police begins to wonder if they, too, were victims. But with no other suspects, the authorities conclude that one of these

Mariah Stewart. It is a fast paced story of missing children and wives and the heartbreak that stays with the survivor left to live alone.

New fiction: Emily Giffin has written **"Love the One You're With,"**

## ► Odds & Ends

### NYC restaurant offers \$175 burger

NEW YORK (AP) — A Manhattan restaurant is offering a hamburger that costs \$175 and is topped with gold.

It's made of Kobe (KOH-bay) beef. It comes with black truffles, foie gras (fwah-GRAH) and Gruyere (groo-YEHR) cheese in addition to gold flakes.

Wall Street Burger Shoppe co-owner Heather Tierney thinks of it as "a work of art."

Tierney says the item attracts Wall Street types who down a few beers and then fork over \$175 to show off to their friends.

### Officer's gun goes off during safety class

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — A firearms instructor in southern Massachusetts has been assigned to other duties after his gun accidentally went off while he was teaching a class on weapons safety.

Officials say the Glock handgun discharged while Maj. Donald Lamar was demonstrating to Bristol County deputy sheriffs how to safely holster the weapon.

The bullet ripped a hole in Lamar's pants but missed his leg and foot.

Sheriff Thomas Hodgson says the officer made a "gross error in judgment" by not emptying the weapon before the class last week.

Lamar, a certified firearms instructor since 2005, was transferred to another division and will not carry a firearm while the incident is being investigated.

### LI town cell phone manager rings up 10K town cell phone bill

ISLIP, N.Y. (AP) — An official in charge of managing a Long Island town's cell phone accounts rang up thousands of dollars

worth of personal calls on his own town cell phone.

Newsday reported Tuesday that Town of Islip cell phone manager Robert L. Komorski resigned after investigators discovered he had racked up \$10,000 worth of personal calls.

Komorski confirmed that he had resigned. He said of the cell phone use: "I guess I could have been more vigilant."

Komorski said Monday he had already paid back \$10,000 in restitution.

The West Islip resident

worked for the town for 17 years, including 10 years overseeing cell phones.

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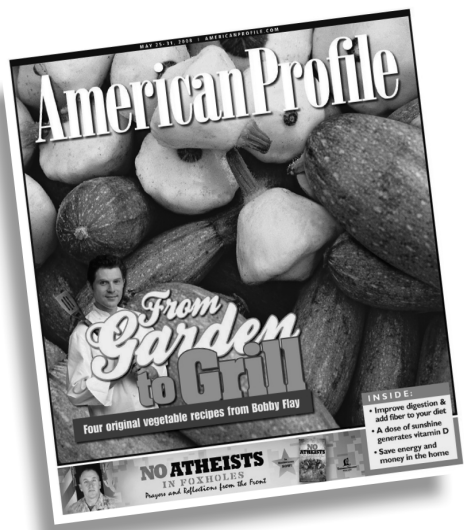
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). If you're thinking young, you'll receive many benefits from the events of the day. (Aries, when are you NOT thinking young?) Amusements abound. Romance is risky and exciting. Opportunity is wide open.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your common sense makes you uncommonly successful. Follow through on those "nobrainer" decisions, like avoiding the things that strike you as obnoxious and embracing what makes you feel loved.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Whether it's traffic,

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

plumbing or social code, good systems make life easier. Though much of your social "operating system" is unconscious, you do have one. Observe, review and determine how to improve your results.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're in a profound mood. You can almost gauge the weight of your soul, and your eyes are just the intensity for staring people down. Write a brooding poem, or recite an elegant complaint to a customerservice representative.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Let others do most of the talking. You'll enjoy the chance to celebrate their accomplishments, revel in their juicy news and trade on their top-rate information. Then don't be surprised if suddenly you're very popular.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's difficult for you to turn down invitations, but saying "no" supplies room in your schedule for taking care of yourself in a way that's meaningful to you maybe reading, listening to music or getting a massage.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The map before you seems entirely different from the one you followed earlier this year. Smart people make adjustments as needed — and you are, as an air-sign intellectual, as bright as they come.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Make communication a priority. Letters and phone calls start the goodwill flowing to you. This doesn't mean you have to tell all! Your air of mystery remains a chief asset. Hold your cards close to the vest.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Controversy in

business is favorable — it attracts publicity, which, in turn, attracts more business. Love is another story. Steer clear of a loved one's sensitive triggers.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The omens suggest that this will be a dreamy day for you. As long as you're thinking about what could/might/possibly/will happen, you may as well project yourself into a future you will enjoy.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Excellent communication vibes are available to you. Instead of struggling through relationship issues, you sail. There's a chance to improve relations with your children this afternoon; learn what they like.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your powers of observation astound others, however ordinary they may seem to you. (You don't need drugsniffing dogs to tell when someone is off the deep end.) Act on what you know, even if you don't know how you know it.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a Virgo, and even on my most successful days, I feel as if I'm alone because I don't have anyone to share my life with. I want to know if my stars say anything about me finding or meeting someone new."

You have the right attitude for love, Virgo, in that you really want to share your successes, talents and heart with someone. You're not coming from a place of need, but you realize that you have a lot to offer.

The next step is to start feeling "together" instead

of "alone." Whenever you're with family, friends or even an acquaintance, adjust your awareness to include this person with all of your being. Your identity as a "loner" is so ingrained that part of you is having a hard time giving it up.

This month, get specific about the kind of person you'd be willing to share your life with — and by that, I don't mean your whole life for years to come, but the many aspects of your present life. Make a list of the qualities you want in a companion, the values the two of you would share, the disposition you think you'd jive well with. At the end of this month, new people come into your life. A Taurus or a Sagittarius will be especially easy to warm up to.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Some babies born today will be Geminis. However, the iconic Cher is a Taurus with Mercury (communication) in Taurus (which rules the throat), as well. Even though this Oscarwinning actress and music megastar recently spent three years saying farewell to her fans on tour, I predict she will make a return to the stage by early 2007, with a permanent residency in Las Vegas.

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**Annie's Mailbox** ®

Dear Annie: I am a highly educated single woman in my 30s who has made many serious mistakes. I have had overlapping affairs and relationships with my co-workers, some of them married.

I have come to understand that I did this because I enjoyed the attention. I also thought I could use these men to advance my career. As it turns out, I have been mostly unemployed for more than a year. I now think I may never be able to find a job in my field, partly because others know about my involvement with colleagues.

I regret my actions and feel terrible about the impact they have had on others. I want to start over, but don't know how. Should I apologize to those I have hurt or just move on? How do I find employment with my history? -- Miserable and Discouraged in California

Dear California: It's always a good idea to apologize to someone you have hurt. Depending upon the degree of pain you inflicted, you might not be forgiven, but you will feel better for having tried. And if you believe this is a reason you are not finding employment, you should be upfront about it. Explain to any potential employer that you made some personal mistakes at your previous job, but have learned your lesson and want to prove you can do better. You also should get the word out to former colleagues that you are sorry for your prior behavior, you've changed and you're looking for work. If you still cannot find a job, consider continuing education classes to burnish your resume or, if necessary, changing careers. Sometimes you have to clean the slate entirely.



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: At every holiday meal at my great-aunt "Bessie's" home, my sister-in-law and her family bring their own plastic containers and, as soon as we're done eating, fill them up with leftovers to take home. They do this before food is offered to anyone else, including my great-aunt, who cooked and served the meal.

We have taken food home as well, but only when Aunt Bessie offered it. She is 72, and it's a lot of work (not to mention money) preparing as much food as she serves. I am stunned that my sister-in-law does this every time and wonder what you think. -- Amazed

Dear Amazed: Does Aunt Bessie usually insist that people take food home? If she cooks a lot, she may not want all those leftovers. However, if your sister-in-law is taking food that your great-aunt would like to eat another day, you should speak up. Next time, bring some of your own containers and put away as much food as you can in Aunt Bessie's freezer, wrapped in individual portions. Tell your sister-in-law you're sure Aunt Bessie would like to have prepared meals available, and that she deserves them after all her hard work. You might even ask

her to help.

Dear Annie: I love it when parents of students who are "bright" but not living up to their potential claim their child is bored. If they were so bored, they would do the work expected of them before slacking off. Bored is when you have nothing to do.

You hit a nerve when you suggested the parents work with the teacher to find extra-credit assignments for missed work. Teachers have enough to do without creating independent study plans for lazy students. Let these kids fail the subjects they are so bored in, repeat the grade and maybe then they will learn a valuable life lesson. -- Educator in Pennsylvania

Dear Pennsylvania: Bored isn't necessarily when you have nothing to do. It's when what you are doing holds no interest for you. Grade-school students are not always mature enough to think, "I'll finish this tedious assignment because it's the right thing to do." They think, "This is stupid. Why bother?" Making bright students repeat a grade teaches them that school is a drudge and teachers don't care about them. There has to be a better way.

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# An epic quest: In the steps of Odysseus

By JOHN BORDSEN

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Raleigh, N.C., journalist Scott Huler is the author of the just-released "No-Man's Lands," a book about retracing the footsteps of Odysseus, the Greek warrior of Homeric literature. His return from the Trojan War took a decade of dangerous detours and pitted him against gods, monsters and more.

Huler's trip took six months. His book, subtitled "One Man's Odyssey Through 'The Odyssey,'" recaps his wanderings around the Mediterranean - a travelogue that sheds light on where he goes and on the ancient story that inspired him.

Huler, 48, talked about "No-Man's Lands" (\$24.95; Crown) in a recent interview.

**Q. You and Odysseus: How similar are you?**

A. I was 44 when I made the trip, and Odysseus was right around that age. When Menelaus and Agamemnon dragged him against his will to fight the Trojans, Odysseus had just had an infant son, so he was probably in his 20s. In "The Odyssey," he'd fought in the war for 10 years and had been trying to get home for 10 years. I strongly felt, "This guy is my age. I am this guy."

On the other hand, nobody was standing in my way. At any point, I could've said, "I'm tired of this," take the credit card out of my pocket and go home.

We don't have so many gods around these days to propel us into our projects; we have to make decisions and stick with them. That's thrilling in a way.

Maybe the gods are out there. My wife became pregnant right before I left. When you're having a baby, you're not looking forward to a trip like this, but that's what I wanted to do: move forward. The internalized idea of a quest takes on a sort of momentum of its own. It begins propelling you as effectively as (Greek gods) Zeus or Poseidon.

**Q. How closely did your route follow the path of Odysseus?**

A. Arguments raged for thousands of years about where he went. On one side are (literal) people who look at the undersea currents of the Mediterranean and certain storm winds. If you look at this all in that way, you say, "This place must've been ... there."

Other people say, "Hey, this is made up! It's a myth!"

I'm kind of in the middle, and generally think the places are in the western Mediterranean. Some places are agreed on by both schools - that the Straits of Messina are the dreaded Scylla and Charybdis in "The Odyssey."

One fundamental thing I learned is this: It's not the geography, but the story that guides you.

**Q. Your worst day on your trek?**

A. In Homer's account, Odysseus lands on the witch Circe's island and she turns his men into pigs. The god Hermes helps Odysseus trick her back. He ends up sleeping with her for a year - and sleeping with a goddess is probably not that bad a thing.

Each place I went, I tried to find something to do that was Odysseian. Here, I was trying to get from Rome, Italy, to San Felice Circeo, a few hours south, to a cave on what's called Circe's Mountain.

You can only reach the cave by boat. I kept trying to rent one at San Felice but it would cost a ridiculous amount of money I couldn't afford. Day after day, I went back and forth between Rome and San Felice on bus or train. I was really quite in despair.

As much as I hated that week of wandering around and whimpering, it was in some ways my most Odysseian moment: He was blown hither and yon by forces he couldn't understand. Likewise, I couldn't get where I wanted to go.

Eventually, someone in Rome pointed me to the National Archaeological Museum of Italy. Its collection has a beautiful statue of Circe. So I went with that in my book.

**Q. The most authentic of your adventures?**

A. I'd probably say the island of Vulcano, part of the Aeolian chain, just north of Sicily. I chose it as the island of Aeolus, the Wind King. For Odysseus, the point of this particular adventure is about asking



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Santa Maria della Concezione dei Cappuccini is the famous church in Rome, where the crypts are decorated with bones of dead monks.

for help. He overtly and humbly asks for help getting home - the only time he does.

I was on the island during tourist season - it was hot, there were no hotel rooms, didn't know what to do next, and thought I finally ran out of luck. So I went to this scooter and bike rental and said, "Help!"

It was a wonderful experience. They started singing the Beatles song "Help." This lovely young woman with long hair said, "What you want is a B&B, right?"

She reaches behind a bush in the yard and out comes another woman in a bikini named Rosie who runs a B&B. She had a room that was reasonably priced and unbelievably comfortable.

It was all about asking for help.

**Q. The hardest adventure to report?**

A. Odysseus' visit to the land of the King of the Dead, where he is given a message. Find the Land of the Dead? You kind of give up on literal geography.

I chose a place that worked well into the general route I was mapping. I wanted to get to the Roman church of Santa Maria della Concezione dei Cappuccini, where underground crypts are filled with sculptures and artwork made of the bones of long-dead monks. I'd been there years before and had been deeply moved.

But when I got to Rome, the church was closed for reconstruction. I spent days at the Vatican, travel agencies and the American embassy trying to find anyone who could help me to get those monks to open the door for just a moment.

It wasn't going to happen.

I spent days wandering Rome.

After a few days, the light bulb finally went on: If I was looking for dead people, the catacombs of Rome are incredibly famous, and I'd be hanging around with a half-million dead people. That's where I finally went and it was a great experience.

**Q. The most physically daunting?**

A. Maybe kayaking the Straits of Messina, between

Sicily and the Italian mainland. I took great satisfaction in being able to look to the right and say, there it is: Charybdis to the left, Scylla to the right. Container ships were going by. I don't want to oversell this, but it's like the ships were missing me by a whisker.

The night before that was pretty grim. I was on a train from Naples down to Messina. It was high season, and people were stacked in the train like cordwood. I had a first-class seat, but had to fight for it all the way. If you got up to go to the bathroom, you'd return to find four people sitting in your seat. It was unpleasant.

I like to travel without reservations and cheaply. But not being able to buy a seat and sit in it was difficult.

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Peel away its mythology and the bottom line of "The Odyssey" concerns trying to get home when much is blocking your way. Over the centuries, there have been many variations on "The Odyssey."

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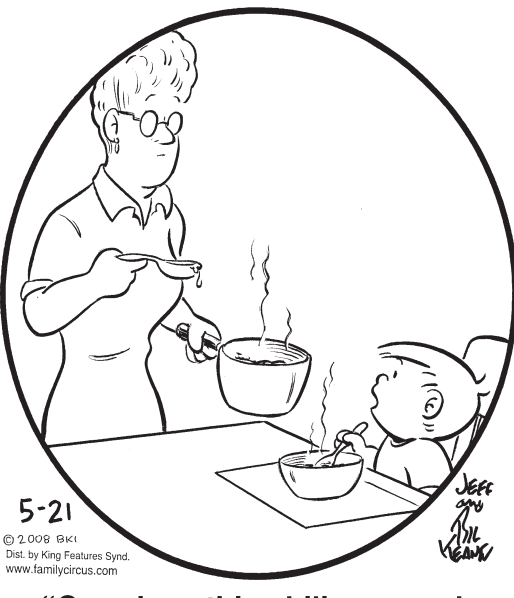
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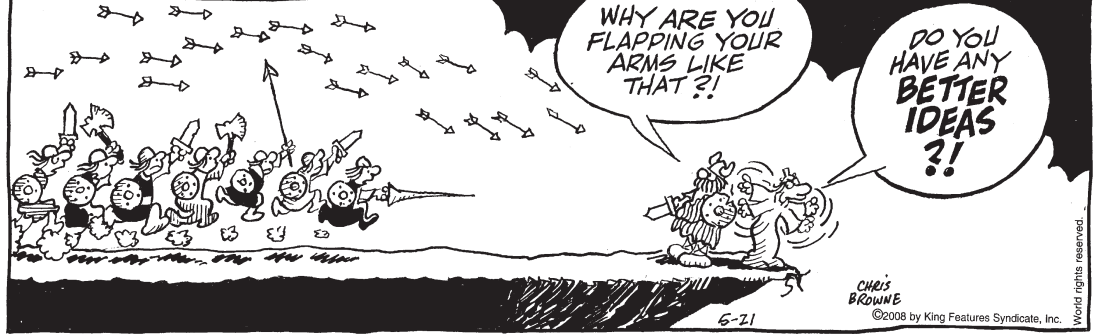
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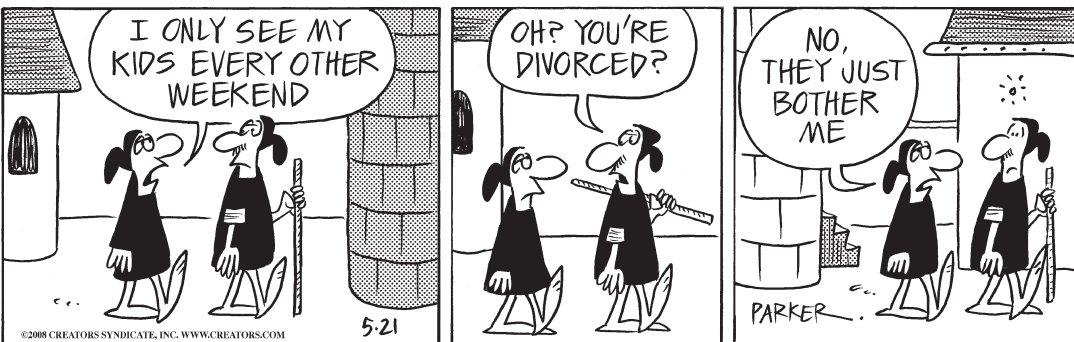
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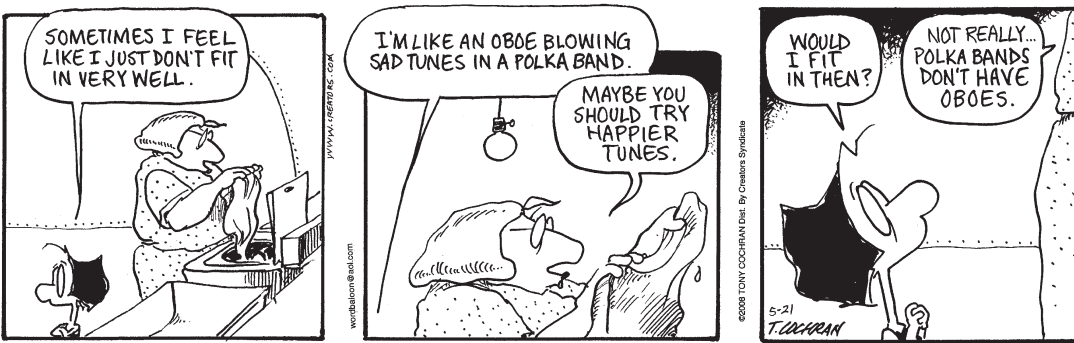
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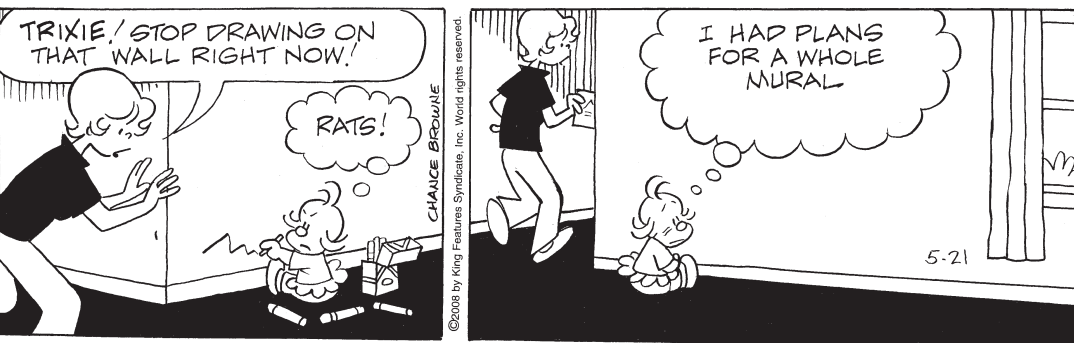
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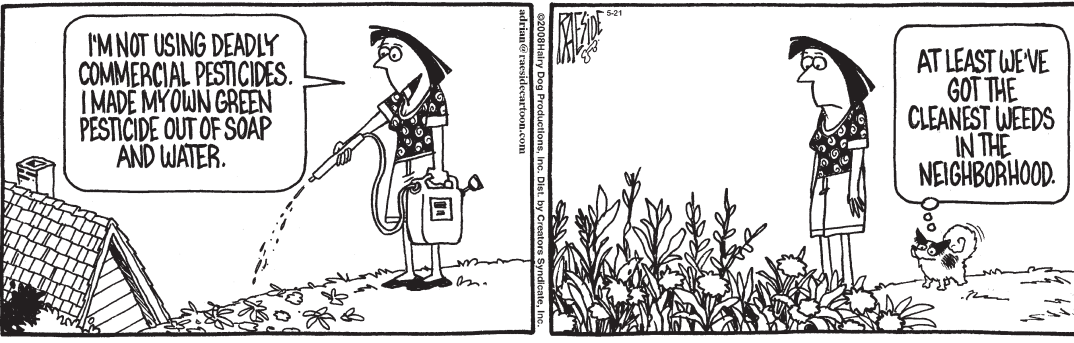
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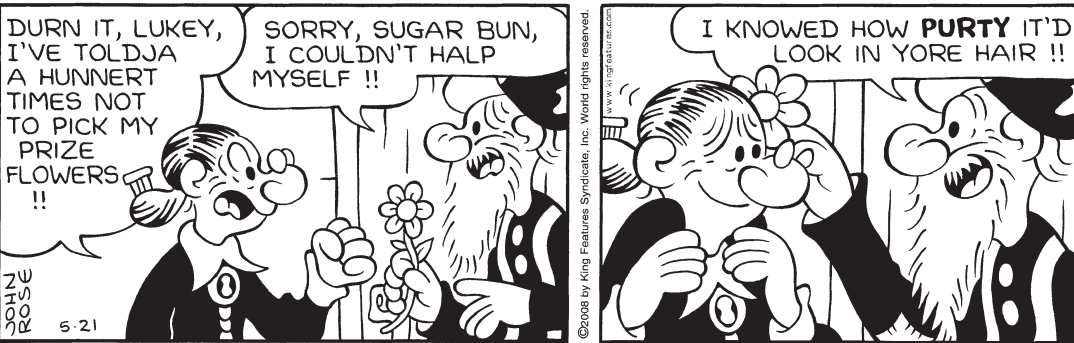
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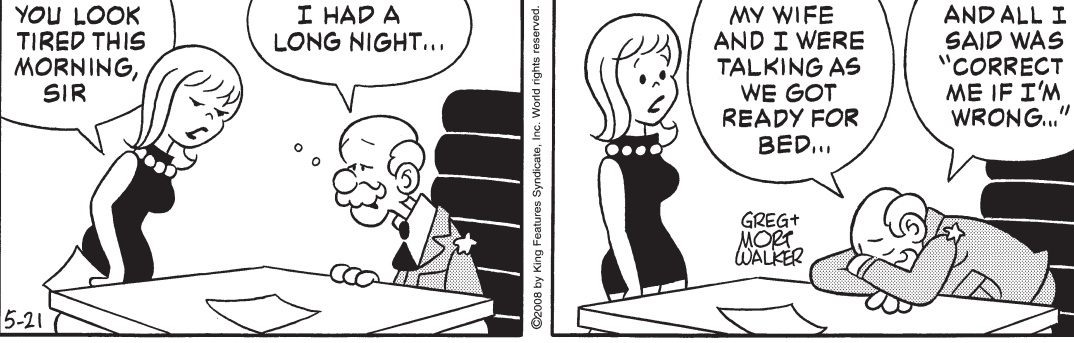
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 21, the 142nd day of 2008. There are 224 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 21, 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

On this date: In 1542, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto died while searching for gold along the Mississippi River.

In 1832, the first Democratic National Convention got underway, in Baltimore.

In 1840, New Zealand was declared a British colony.

In 1892, the opera "Pagliacci," by Ruggero Leoncavallo, was first performed, in Milan, Italy.

In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

In 1924, 14-year-old Bobby Franks was murdered in a "thrill killing" committed by Nathan Leopold Jr. and Richard Loeb, two students at the University of Chicago.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart became

the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean as she landed in Northern Ireland, about 15 hours after leaving Newfoundland.

In 1956, the United States exploded the first airborne hydrogen bomb over Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

In 1959, the musical "Gypsy," inspired by the life of stripper Gypsy Rose Lee, opened on Broadway.

In 1979, former San Francisco City Supervisor Dan White was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the slayings of Mayor George Moscone and openly gay Supervisor Harvey Milk.

Five years ago: The most devastating earthquake to hit Algeria in two decades killed at least 2,200 people.

One year ago: The Supreme Court ruled that parents don't need to hire a lawyer to sue public school districts over their children's special education needs. The Food and Drug Administration issued a safety alert for the diabetes drug Avandia, marketed by GlaxoSmithKline, which disputed a report saying it was linked to a greater risk of heart attack.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jeanne Bates ("Ben Casey") is 90. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ron Isley

(The Isley Brothers) is 67. Actor Richard Hatch ("Battlestar Galactica") is 63. Musician Bill Champlin (Chicago) is 61. Singer Leo Sayer is 60. Actress Carol Potter is 60. Comedian/radio talk show host Al Franken is 57. Actor Mr. T is 56. Music producer Stan Lynch is 53. Actor Judge Reinhold is 51. Actor-director Nick Cassavetes is 49. Actor Brent Briscoe is 47. Actress Lisa Edelstein is 40. Actress Fairuza Balk is 34. Rapper Havoc (Mobb Deep) is 34. Actress Ashlie Brillault is 21. Actor Scott Leavenworth is 18. Actress Sarah Ramos is 17.

Thought for Today: "Being frustrated is disagreeable, but the real disasters of life begin when you get what you want." —Irving Kristol, American editor.

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