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Illegal contributions?

Mayor may have accepted funds from corporations

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Information was turned over to the Howard County Sheriff's Office and Texas Rangers Thursday afternoon alleging Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan accepted illegal campaign contributions during his bid for the municipal office in 2010.



Duncan

Campaign finance records submitted by Duncan to the City Secretary's office covering periods between March 30 and April 28 of 2010 list a pair of contributions from Hydro Dynamics Inc. and Quad A Inc., alleged-

ly violating Sections 253.003 and 253.094 of the state's election code.

According to the campaign report submitted by Duncan, he accepted a \$300 political contribution from Hydro Dynamics Inc. (contributor address listed as 4312 Highway 87), and a \$500 political contribution from Quad A Inc. (contributor address listed as

P.O. Box 2216, Big Spring). The information was uncovered after the Big Spring Herald received a report from a confidential informant regarding the illegal contributions. The Herald had an attorney request the campaign finance reports for all candidates running in the 2010 municipal elections from the city of Big Spring.

After reviewing the documents — Candidate/Officeholder Campaign Finance Report Form C/OH — legal advice was sought from the Texas Ethics Commission, which confirmed it is a violation of the Election Code for a candidate running for mayor in Texas to accept campaign

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PD investigates e-mail claim about principal

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Officials with the Big Spring Police Department say they are investigating an e-mail alleging a former Big Spring Independent School District principal engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a student several years ago.

Karen Saunders, who was a teacher with Big Spring ISD for a number of years

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Leadership group invites public to help clean park

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

Anticipating the opening of a new aquatics center in Comanche Trail Park, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Big Spring class is doing its part to spruce up the surroundings.

Saturday morning, class members will be working on the playground area in the center of the park.

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Weekend events

Relay For Life

What: All-night fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society.
Where: Blankenship Field.
When: A Relay For Life Carnival opens at 6 p.m. today. Actual opening ceremonies begin at 8 p.m., followed by the Survivor's Walk. Activities will be held throughout the night with a final lap around the track at 7:30 a.m. Saturday and closing ceremonies at 8.
Admission: None, but of course donations are accepted and vendors will have items for sale.

Leadership Big Spring Cleanup

What: A project by Leadership Big Spring for park cleanup and maintenance. The organization, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, introduces people to all facets of the community. It is asking the public to assist in one of its projects, a cleanup effort.
Where: Comanche Trail Park
When: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.
Admission: None.

Master Gardeners Plant Sale

What: Annual plant, pots, potting soil sale held by the Howard County Master Gardeners.
Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 810 Gregg St.
When: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.
Admission: None.

Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show

What: Two-day, all-breeds dog show.
Where: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
When: Judging of breeds begins at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.
Admission: None.



HERALD file photo

The Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show will be held Saturday and Sunday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Admission is free.

Kennel Club planning doggone good time

By BILL McCLELLAN
Managing Editor

Were it said that Big Spring has something to bark about this weekend, well, someone might be hanging their head in shame. Certainly, there would be no tail-wagging over that bad pun.

What is happening, however, is an event in its 41st year — the Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show. Once again it is being held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus. Admission is free and the show, or shows

— the event is actually two separate dog shows — begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. The coliseum doors will open at 8 a.m.

"We really enjoy the Big Spring people coming down and seeing the dogs and visiting with us," said Kennel Club Education and Publicity Chairperson Trellis Lucas.

Breed judging gets the show under way each day. Once the best of each breed is selected, the animals will be judged by

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Tarpley named Patriot of the Year

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A local veteran was recently named the 2010 Patriot of the Year by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, a nationwide group dedicated to fostering an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among combat wounded veterans.

The Patriot Award — which was awarded to local U.S. Army veteran Mike Tarpley in late April — is

given to veterans who continue to work in honoring the nation's heroes and keeping their memories alive, according to a letter from John C. Burkhardt, commander of the POMH Texas Capital Chapter 1919.

"It is through such efforts as yours that patriotism remains a vital part of our lives," Burkhardt said.

Tarpley, who spends many of his

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HERALD file photo

Mike Tarpley plays Taps at a local function.

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

- JASON HARVEY BEDFORD, 26, of 2513 Dow Dr., was arrested Thursday on warrants for theft and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JOMAR DEMOND ADAMS, 28, of 505 S. Young, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and evading arrest or detention.
- MICHAEL LEROY MOUDY, 53, of 1203 S. Johnson, was arrested Thursday on warrants for failure to signal lane change and failure to appear.
- ANTONIO MARGARITO PEREZ, 24, of 1512 Wood, was arrested Thursday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- LORI ANN BENAVIDEZ, 41, of 710 Willia, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft with two or more convictions – shoplifting.
- BLAKE ALLEN EASON, 17, of 2103 Warren, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and prohibited weapon.
- KELLEN CRUZ PADRON, 20, of 1207 Johnson,

was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

fail to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear.

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Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.

- GONZALO M. HERNANDEZ, 53, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- ANTONIO MARGARITO PEREZ, 53, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Thursday on charges of allowing a child age 2-17 ride not secured,

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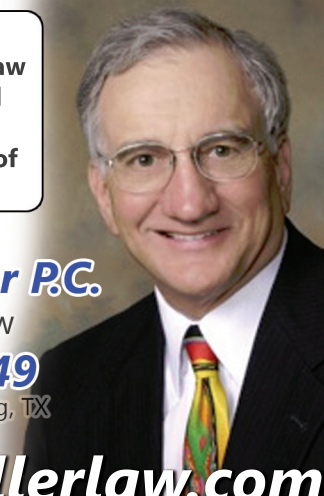
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contributions from a corporation.

The information was turned over to investigators with the Texas Rangers Thursday afternoon after Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker contacted the state law enforcement agency, a decision he said was normal protocol when a local elected official is being investigated.

Herald Publisher Ron Midkiff said the newspaper felt compelled to turn the information over to the authorities.

"We have an obligation to report these findings to the authorities and to the people of Big Spring and Howard County," Midkiff said.

Officials with the Texas Rangers said the allegations will have to go to 118th District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson before the law enforcement agency can decide what steps to take next.

A phone interview with Duncan scheduled Thursday afternoon for Friday morning was cancelled by e-mail less than an hour before it was set to begin with the mayor citing a scheduling conflict as the reason. A call to his mobile phone number was not immediately returned.

Under the Texas Ethics Commission Title 15 Election Code regulating political funds and campaigns (§ 253.003.

Unlawfully Making or Accepting Contribution), "(a) A person may not knowingly make a political contribution in violation of this chapter." and "(b) A person may not knowingly accept a political contribution the person knows to have been made in violation of this chapter."

Violations of the two subsections are considered third-degree felonies punishable by 2 to 10 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000 "if the contribution is made in violation of Subchapter D."

According to state statutes, Subchapter D states, "This subchapter applies only to corporations that are organized under the Texas Business Corporation Act, the Texas For-Profit Corporation Law, the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, the Texas Nonprofit Corporation Law, federal law, or law of another state or nation.

Accepting illegal campaign contributions isn't the only allegation the mayor faces at this time, as recent reports Duncan has been using city resources to campaign for Glen Carigan, who is currently running for the District 3 seat on the city council, are currently being investigated by the Herald.

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

PRINCIPAL

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before taking over as principal at Kentwood Elementary, has been placed on paid administrative leave by Snyder ISD, where she is the principal at Snyder Elementary, according to recent

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"We are expecting not only class members, but numerous volunteers to contribute several manhours at Comanche Trail Park," said Debye ValVerde, Chamber of Commerce executive director.

The refurbishing and cleanup is expected to take place between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. and is meant not only to celebrate the arrival of the new swimming facility, but also serve as an educational opportunity for the importance of safeguarding and improving the

community. Members of the class will be adding a new coat of paint and making repairs to the metal playground.

"Comanche Trail Park is a long-standing, cultural icon in Big Spring," ValVerde said.

This project and cleanup alliance with the city of Big Spring is only the beginning of a city wide campaign aimed at educating the importance of taking care of the environment and about making a difference, according to organizers and supporters of the project.

"This park is not only an icon of Big Spring, but has the unique feature of having the

spring that supplies the lake's water for which the city was named," ValVerde said. "This project is an effort that encourages members of the local community to come out and contribute to maintaining the park for everyone to enjoy."

Saturday morning, class members and volunteers will be working throughout the park. There will be members of local businesses in the community and Leadership Big Spring classmates taking part in this effort.

"This is a project that is part of the requirement for Leadership members to graduate and encourages them

to get involved in other aspects of the community," ValVerde said. "We want them to get involved in the community in whatever aspect, whether it be with the United Way, Relay For Life or any other organization and project."

Leadership class members and those wanting to volunteer should meet at the green swing in the center of the park 8 a.m. Saturday.

For more information on the next Leadership Big Spring class, call 263-7641.

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

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group — sporting, hounds, working, terriers, toy, non-sporting and herding. Group judging will take place about 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m., Lucas said. The top seven dogs then complete for Best in Show. That winner should be named about 2:30 to 3 p.m., she estimated.

Sunday, the show is repeated with a new set of judges. Not surprisingly, the outcome is often different, Lucas said.

Entry forms indicate this year's shows will have about 350 dogs and approximately 100 different breeds.

Spectators are invited to cheer on their favor-

ites, look over the wares offered by vendors and get an education on dogs shows and dogs in general.

"We'll have vendors from as far away as Dallas and Houston and they'll have some products you cannot purchase at a normal pet store," said Lucas. "They'll have grooming products, collars, leashes and a lot more."

Anyone wanting information about showing dogs are having questions about dogs is sure to get some help at the show, she added.

"It's a great place to come and learn about the dogs, learn about getting a dog and showing a dog. We have people on hand who can educate the public about dogs and we're more than happy to help," Lu-

cas said.

While entries are somewhat down this year, that's to be expected, according to Lucas.

"Due to the economy and cost of gasoline, people just aren't driving as far as they normally would. So we expect entries to be down, but really, our numbers are very good, considering. That speaks well for Big Spring to draw as many exhibitors as we'll have. And doesn't surprise us because exhibitors love to come to Big Spring. They love the coliseum and we always get a lot of people who tell us how friendly the people are here," said Lucas.

Snack bars — operated by Howard College — will be available during the event.

For more information, contact Lucas at 432-267-4194 or 432-528-1458 (cell).

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• KENNETH LEE MURPHY, 51, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of harassment (two counts), terroristic threat, motion to revoke probation — DWI third or more.

• JESSE TONY REYES, 24, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charge of burglary of habitation.

• MICHAEL MOUDY, 53, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Thursday on charges of fail to drive in single lane and violate promise to appear.

• LORI ANN BENAVIDES, 41, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Thursday on a charge of theft of property less than \$1500/ two or more with previous conviction.

• BLAKE ALAN EASON, 17, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Thursday on charges of prohibited weapon knife/knuckles in weapon free zone, possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• CHRISTOPHER SALAZAR, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of motion to revoke probation/possession of marijuana more than two ounces more than four ounces.

• KELLEN CRUZ PADRON, 20, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Thursday on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, possession of controlled substance more than one gram less than four grams.

• MARTIN HERNANDEZ GARCIA, 40, was arrested by DPS Friday on charges of possession of controlled substance more than four grams and less than 200 grams, failure to identify fugitive intent give false information, failure to pay child support.

• RAFAEL ONTIVEROS GARCIA, 21, was arrested by DPS Friday on charges of possession of controlled substance more than four grams less than 200 grams, failure to report to police officer/law enforcement employee.

• ROBERT ANTHONY GRIEGO, 21, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Friday on a charge of violate promise to appear.

• VALERIE MIRAMONTES GARCIA, 26, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Friday on a charge of harassment.

• COREY RAMEY, 23, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Friday on charge of purchase furnish alcohol to a minor.

TARPLEY

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days volunteering his time to play Taps at military funerals and assist local vets, has become a fixture in Big Spring during veteran-oriented events and programs.

Unfortunately, it was those very tasks that prevented the local man from accepting the award in person during a recent ceremony in Austin, as he was sched-

uled to play Taps during a funeral in Stanton.

"I would have liked to present this award in person," Burkhardt said. "However, your (Tarpley) patriotic work did not permit this. It is your continued efforts such as these that make me so very proud to present you with our Patriot of the Year award."

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We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- Local Vietnam hero Mike Tarpley, who received two bronze stars and two purple hearts in Vietnam received yet another honor. He was named The Patriot of the Year by the Texas branch of The Order of the Purple Heart.

- Big Spring Rotary Club for sponsoring the Putt Putt Tournament this past weekend in order to raise funds for PolioPlus, a program designed to eradicate polio.

- Big Spring High School concert band, symphonic band and honor band for receiving straight ones at their recent competitions and to the 80 students that are advancing to state solo and ensemble May 29.

- Dee's Trade Show for bringing a unique shopping experience to Howard County residents.

- Big Spring Police Association for sponsoring the poker run and raising funds for the Blue Santa program and to all those who participated in the effort.

- Mike Menefield for setting the triple jump record at the Lubbock region 1-3A track meet. Also, Desiree Anderson and Bridgette Tuitt, who will also be advancing to the state meet with Menefield.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Today, Lord, may you color our consciousness with heavenly love.

Amen

Don't we deserve to be having a celebration after all this time

Whenever I think of that morning — Sept. 11, 2001 — I feel I'm reliving a terrible nightmare. Most Americans probably feel that way when they remember the images they saw on television. But I watched it all from my balcony! My nightmare was as real as they get.



MIGUEL PEREZ

From my New Jersey apartment, whose greatest asset still is my view of New York City, I saw the twin towers fall.

Although those images normally are not replayed on television — to avoid subjecting us all to additional pain — the images I saw from my balcony keep replaying in my mind whenever I think of Osama bin Laden and his criminally insane followers.

And when bin Laden's death was announced Sunday, I walked out on my balcony, took a long look toward the void left by the twin towers, and celebrated the void left by the man who caused the world so much pain.

Yes, I celebrated Osama bin Laden's death!

What's not to celebrate?

After more than nine years sending our troops across the world to hunt down our greatest enemy, who happened to be the personification of evil, some people now are questioning the spontaneous celebrations that erupted outside the White House, at New York's ground zero and in many other places where Americans felt the need to express their pride in what our Navy SEALs had accomplished.

Some have suggested that celebrating bin Laden's death was somehow unbecoming of the many young Americans who climbed lampposts, shouted from the treetops and jumped into lakes to express their pride, that we should not celebrate anyone's death — not even the demise of a monster like bin Laden. C'mon!

A whole generation of Ameri-

can children who were traumatized on Sept. 11, 2001, and have lived their formative years under the threat of terrorism — those are the young adults who are chanting "USA" even inside New York City subways.

They are releasing the frustration they have felt for almost 10 years, and the rest of us should celebrate their celebration.

When President Barack Obama announced bin Laden's death, he said he wished this accomplishment would help unite the American people the way we were united after Sept. 11.

"Let us think back to the sense of unity that prevailed on 9/11," Obama said Sunday. "I know that it has, at times, frayed. Yet today's achievement is a testament to the greatness of our country and the determination of the American people."

Well, we got what he asked for. Moments after his speech, crowds of young Americans of all races and political ideologies spontaneously joined forces to sing the national anthem, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and wave American flags.

The spirit of patriotism squandered by the Bush administration by taking us to Iraq instead of concentrating on al-Qaida is being recovered because we finally have struck back against real enemies who represent real threats.

This what made the view from my balcony a little more bearable Sunday. After all, it was there that I spent most of the morning of that Sept. 11.

For me, that day of terror began with a telephone call from one of my neighbors. "Look out toward Manhattan," she told me. "Is that smoke I see coming out of one of the twin towers?"

That's the first of that sequence of images I can't forget.

I was getting ready to head to midtown Manhattan, where I was due to host "Sin Censura" ("Uncensored"), my former Spanish-language talk radio show, but first I had to call The Record, the newspaper for which I wrote a column.

"We have people on their way

there," I was told by the assignment desk. "But it looks like a small plane accidentally crashed into one of the towers."

I was told the newspaper had it covered, and I was free to go on to my radio show. Nevertheless, by the time I got to the Lincoln Tunnel, police had shut down all entries into New York City. I had no choice but to run back home to do my radio show via telephone.

I spent the rest of that morning broadcasting live on the radio as I saw the towers fall. When the second plane struck, I was among the first to announce on the air that "this can no longer be considered an accident. Our country is under attack."

You see, for me, as is the case for most New York journalists, the attacks of Sept. 11 are very personal. Even if we were lucky enough not to have lost a close friend or relative at the World Trade Center, we spent the following days and weeks interviewing twin tower survivors and the relatives of those who perished.

It was hard not to be overwhelmed by their sorrow, especially those who wandered around carrying large photos of their missing loved ones, hoping that somehow they would be found alive.

Celebrating bin Laden's death will not bring them back. But it sure is a nice way of telling them that we have not forgotten them. I spoke to them from my balcony Sunday — all 2,752 who lost their lives in the twin towers and their vicinity — and I told them they can feel free at last because justice has been served, and they would be proud of the way their country remembered them and responded.

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Then there is the other big news about Osama bin Laden

The big news is not that Osama bin Laden is dead. I mean, that is certainly big news, but a guy in hiding who has a record price tag on his head is not exactly an effective leader of a revolutionary movement. The big news, at least by my lights, is that Americans waving flags seem to be the biggest demonstrations going on.



SUSAN ESTRICH

I'm not for one minute diminishing the success of the American military in tracking down Osama or the credit the president rightly deserves as commander in chief of such a mission. Nor have I forgotten that every family who lost a loved one because of this man deserves a chance at closure.

I'm usually the one who's pointing out that ours is a nation of laws; that we take revenge in courts, not in secret bunkers; that even in times of war, we convene tribunals before we employ firing squads. Not here. Osama is different. Hitler, too. Exceptions make the rule. You prove the next guy is as bad as they were, and I'll say kill him, too.

My first thought upon hearing the news of the killing was to run through my head who in my family was flying or was

about to. Fear, in other words. Recognition of the danger that he would be seen as a martyr, that his execution at the hands of America might re-energize his base, even if it is dwindling.

So far so good, which is, of course, the worst thing you can say about terrorism. Vigilance. But — knock on wood, keep the evil eye away and all — so far so good in the Muslim world.

Yes, there is the familiar picture held high in a pro-Taliban demonstration. But the big talk is about the anti-government movements spreading through the Middle East and North Africa, most recently in Libya with American and French air support.

The bin Laden message of jihad against the United States rings a little hollow when the issues people are talking about are jobs and freedom, and American planes are bombing government positions — which is not to say we are safe.

I grew up being afraid of the Soviet Union. We had bomb shelters in the school basement, as if they would save us from nuclear fallout.

I can't say that I look back fondly on the Cold War, but it was a different kind of fear from the one I've felt over the past 10 years. How many bin Laden followers does it take to bomb a cafe or a bus stop or far worse? How many crazy people does it take to terrify a nation?

The reason acts of "terrorism" are deserving of the worst punishment is that they not only take lives, but they also tear at the very fabric of our society. Years ago, I studied fear of crime and, as did other researchers, came to the not so surprising conclusion that "fear of crime" took a greater toll on society than crime itself.

Terrorism lives on fear and breeds it. You cannot give in to it. But you would be hard-pressed not to worry about it, especially because no one is telling you that there is an air-raid alarm and when it goes off, everybody goes down to the basement where their parents will somehow magically find them when the nuclear attack is over.

Osama is dead. We tracked him and found him. We are helping the people in the Muslim world fight for democracy and basic rights. There are still scary and dangerous and evil people in the world, who don't value the lives of anyone. But today, at least, there is one fewer, and the world is certainly a better place for that.

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Church News

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets for worship 10:30 a.m. Sundays and again at 5 p.m. Pastor Billy Bates leads both services.

Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Bill Lovelace will be leading the adult class discussion "Heavenly Worship" taken from the book of Revelation 4:1-2, 6-11.

Bible study group will meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and will explore the second book of Peter. The Wednesday study group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

The United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday and continue the reading and discussion of the book "Heaven is for Real." Jacque Mauch is the leader. The United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

May 22 is the fellowship pot luck luncheon immediately following the morning worship service. The Administrative Council will meet in regular meeting following the luncheon.

The burn ban is still in place. Help keep our community safe by obeying this important ban, and, if on the city water line, please observe the water conservation rules.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell. For more information call 263-2536 or 267-2203 if no answer leave a message.

Chapel of Faith Church

Chapel of Faith Church is located at the corner of E.14th and Goliad. Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Scott Willis will be preaching Sunday. The title of his sermon "Walk to Emmaus" is based on Luke 24:13-35.

Encouraging Words: "Guard well your spare moments. They are like uncut diamonds. Discard them and their value will never be known. Improve them and they will become the brightest gems in a useful life." Ralph Waldo Emerson

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell, the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is May 12.

Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship. For more information see our website www.signal-emmaus.org.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Sunday school for all ages starts at 9:30 a.m. and Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Vestry will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the library.

The Daily Grind with God — coffee hour meets 10 a.m. Wednesdays in the parish hall.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church, LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is www.lutheran-online.com/aliveinchristbstx.

Church is at 9 a.m. Sundays with Sunday school following at 10:15.

Happy Mother's Day to all. We owe a great thanks to our mothers for their guidance, encouragement and love.

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching Sunday. The sermon will be titled "Understanding the Christ Event" from today's lessons.

Kent Ivey will be reading the liturgy Sunday. The readings are Acts 2:14, 36-41, Psalms 116: 1-14, 1 Peter 1:17-25 and Luke 24:13-35. Anyone interested in reading contact Dolline Budke.

Angela Newton is our organist. Acolyte will be MaKayla Overton. Our elders are Phillip Reid and Richard von Hassell. The door greeters are Bobby and Judy Roever.

The beautiful flowers that grace our church are given in celebration of the birthdays of Dana Byrd and Alyssa Byrd. If you are interested in donating flowers, sign up on the flower

chart. Flowers are \$50 for both vases.

Sign up on the kitchen door to be a "door greeter." We need one or two individuals to sign up for a two-week period and come 10-15 minutes earlier Sunday to greet everyone and hand them a bulletin.

Sundays the adults and youth are studying from the "Growing in Christ" series. The Sunday lessons are from Acts 8:26-40: "Philip and the Ethiopian."

Monday the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church. The LWML will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the church.

Last Wednesday was our last mid-week school and Wednesday evening meal. We will begin mid-week school in September. Thank you, Gerry Marino and Kathy Laning, for preparing the meal last Wednesday.

Scheduled meetings take place in the church at 7 p.m. for May; May 19 the Elders will meet and May 24 the Board of Assimilation will meet.

First Methodist Church

First Methodist Church along with the American Cancer Society urge you to participate in the Relay For Life event that begins this evening.

First Methodist has supported this event since its beginning in Howard and Glasscock counties and this year we are especially proud to not only be a sponsor, but also provide the Survivor and Caregiver Reception which follows the survivor lap. Although our church has lost numerous members to cancer, we are lucky to have many long time survivors. We urge all of them, along with their caregivers, to walk that first lap and attend the reception that follows. If the walk seems too much join the crowd under the big tent and stay for the event in your honor.

Sunday we will honor and remember our mothers during the service. Pastor Sharon Wiese will be bringing a message emphasizing the spiritual role mothers play in bringing their children to adulthood.

Last weeks youth luncheon and slave auction was a success. Our young folks stepped up to the plate offering varied services, from baking chocolate cakes to trapping "varmints." It was a lot of fun and raised the funds needed for the youth's summer mission trip to Pampa where they will build wheel chair ramps and offer needed house repairs.

Another reason to celebrate is the announcement of the grand total for our "No More Malaria" campaign. Our church raised \$15,953.00.

Wednesday at our noon Bible study and luncheon, Pastor Sharon Wiese will be leading a study on Colossians. We meet in Garrett Hall. We are located in the heart of downtown Big Spring.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The lectionary Bible study led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger met Wednesday at its regular time. Choir practice resumed at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

All women in the church are invited to the Presbyterian Women Birthday Lunch has been changed to Monday, May 23. Karen Kilgore of Schreiner University will review "Love, Loss, and What I Wore." Lucy Odom will install the new officers, and the Birthday Offering will be collected.

Liturgist for May is Janie Conley. Lane Reynolds will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" this week.

The lectionary is Acts 2:14, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; I Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35. The choir will offer "Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices" by Craig Courtney as the anthem and "The Day of Resurrection" by Thomas Matthews for the offertory. David Scott, head of the art and music department at Angelo State University will deliver the sermon.

If you cannot attend worship listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. See what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpchs.org. You can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

We meet at 11 Sunday morning to share scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

Tom and the Rev. Craig Holdstedt continue to lead a lectionary Bible study Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Big Spring.

The session met Thursday at 5:57 p.m. in the church social hall.

The lectionary is Acts 2:14, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; I Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Two of our youth, Anna Harrison and Emmalee Schooler, along with one of our college age members, Justin Nixon, were baptized Sunday. Gideons International was present to speak about the mission of its organization.

Mother's Day we will have a parent/child dedication day for all the "recent" arrivals in our church family. We will be recognizing our graduates May 22. If you would like for your child to participate in these special times, contact Stan Hanes as soon as possible so that pictures are available for a video presentation.

Vicki Slaton is co-coordinating gathering items for our local firefighters to have in a "Day Pack" which includes aspirin, eye drops, wet wipes, trash bags, bottled water, chap stick, bug spray and sun screen. Supplies can be taken to Vicki's office at 205 W. 15th St. These men are working hard to protect all of us from the threat of grassfires. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

The Women's Ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship is happy to offer you the opportunity to exercise together three times a week starting May 3. They will meet at the church

Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and at other locations 9 a.m. Saturday mornings. There will be no childcare available. Copies of the work-out calendar will be available on the ministry wall at the church.

The "Holy Grounds Café" opens at 10 a.m. Sunday morning with snacks and fellowship before worship.

"Boz and Friends" for preschoolers and "Kid-Connect" for school age children meet Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Nursery care is available.

All ladies are welcome to "Pink" prayer night on the second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. Youth "Connection Groups" meets twice a week Sunday and Wednesday evenings for junior high and senior high students. Adult "Connections Groups" meet at various times and locations during the week. Contact the church office for more information.

Fellowship Wednesday evenings with a meal at 5:30 p.m. Children's activities, youth worship and adult Bible study start at 6:15 p.m. The choir rehearses at 7 p.m. and the Praise Team rehearses at 7:45 p.m.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets 10:30 a.m. at College Park Shopping Center, 501 Birdwell. Our phone number is 432-714-4584. Visit our website at <http://springcreekfellowship.org>.

College Baptist Church

The winds were so strong Sunday the Baptist Associational tent revival had to be moved to College Baptist Church for the Sunday night service, but we had such a nice day Monday everything was back in place. Monday evening, the winds had calmed and we even had a little rain so the revival was back on track.

Senior citizens are invited to a birthday celebration dinner at Midway Baptist Church tonight. Guest

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CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 14, 2011

The City of Big Spring will conduct a special election on May 14, 2011, for the purpose of deciding whether the City Charter should be amended to impose term limits upon elected City officials. The passage of this proposed charter amendment should have no fiscal impact on the City of Big Spring. The proposed amendment is as follows:

Proposition No. 1 - Shall Article V, Section 3 of the Big Spring City Charter be amended to provide that no member of the city council may run for election to the same council position more than two (2) consecutive times, no person may be elected to the council in a general election or special election within two (2) full terms of having previously held a council position, and not member of the city council may retain office while seeking election or appointment to any other city, county, state or federal office.

Proposicion No. 1 - Debe el Articulo V, Seccion 3 de la Constitucion del la Ciudad de Big Spring ser modificado para disponer que ningun miembro del concilio de la ciudad podra buscar ser elegido al mismo puesto del concilio mas de dos (2) terminus consecutivos, niguna persona podra ser elegido al concilio en una eleccion general o eleccion especial dentro de dos (2) terminus completos al haber mantenido dicho posicion del concilio, y ningun miembro del concilio de la ciudad podra mantener el lugar mientras busca ser elegido o nombrado a cualquier otro cargo de la ciudad, el condado, el estado o posicion federal.

Early voting by personal appearance will be held at the Howard County Courthouse, located at 300 S. Main. Early voting will be held on weekdays beginning May 2, 2011 and ending May 10, 2011. The early voting polling place will be open to the public from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 and Thursday, May 5, 2011 and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all other days during early voting.

The polling place on election day, May 14, 2011, will be the foyer of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, located at the corner of Birdwell Lane and Kentucky Way. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m on election day.

Reflections

After the Wedding

Last week: "the wedding."
This week: marriage.

Few couples will ever experience a wedding like Prince William and Kate Middleton. A few very wealthy celebrities might approach or exceed the expense. But they will not achieve the global attention created by the tradition and ceremony surrounding a prince marrying his princess.

This week, regardless of the ceremony and publicity, William and Kate, like everyone else, must turn their attention to the more difficult challenge of building a marriage.

Prince William and Kate's fairytale wedding struggled to escape the shadow of his father's marriage to Princess Diana.

We all hope the young couple will succeed where his parents failed. We all want marriage to work. We all wish every marriage would live up to the thrill of the weddings in which they were formed.

Weddings are events. They can be planned, staged and bought. Marriages, on the other hand, are lifelong relationships that take time, effort, struggle, sacrifice, love and forgiveness, things that money cannot buy. No one really knows what goes on in a marriage except the husband and wife who share the marriage bond. Some marriages appear strong and stable to the public eye, but are inwardly crumbling. We were stunned when Al and Tipper Gore called it quits.

Last year my wife and I celebrated our 42nd anniversary. I remember how she appeared beneath her wedding veil at the altar, the tear that formed in her eye when we exchanged our vows.

She was 19. Some images in the brain never fade. Even though the years have aged us both, her 19-year-old beauty remains whenever I look at her.

We were naïve. We had far more to learn than either of us knew. I think it took the first 10 years to begin to understand who she really is, and I am still learning. Along the way, she helped me discover who I am.

Our marriage has had its celebrations and its sorrows. We have celebrated the birth of three children and four grandchildren and we have wept at the graves of our parents. We have known exhilaration and depression, achievement and disappointment. We have traveled the world together and built a home. She nursed me to health after my motorcycle wreck. This week she will undergo cancer surgery, and I will be by her side.

Throughout the years we have discovered building blocks that make marriage work. The first is faith. It was our faith in God and His son Jesus that brought us together and kept us together. But faith that merely professes to believe in Jesus would not have been enough.

Marriage, more than any other relationship, taught us the importance of living out the things Jesus taught: honesty, trust, respect, humility, confession and forgiveness. Without these elements faith is empty, especially in marriage.

We are still learning the meaning of love and our love is still growing, as I hope William and Kate will learn and grow. We are still striving to live out the Bible's definition: "Love is patient, love is kind.

It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." (1 Cor. 13).

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speaker will be Tina Buchanan from Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corp. Music will be by Lon Sitton. This is being sponsored by the Crossroads Baptist Association.

College Baptist will be having a welcome party for the Mensinger family Wednesday after the afternoon prayer meeting. Josh Mensinger is our new youth minister. The people of College Baptist are asked to bring non-perishable food items to stock the pantry for them as a welcoming gift.

Cal and Sharon Westerhoff, the missionaries that take care of the Hospitality House Mission have returned from a six-month mission trip in Nazerath.

The Hospitality House is a place for the families to stay who are visiting their loved ones who are incarcerated in any of the prisons in Big Spring. The Crossroads Baptist Association churches support this mission.

First Church of the Nazarene

May 15 we will have Biker Sunday. Services start at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.

First Church of the Nazarene is a host site for Angel Food Ministry which allows anyone regardless of income to purchase groceries (including meats) at cost that does not include retail mark up. Orders this month can be placed Friday and Saturday. Orders can be picked up the following May 21.

If you have questions contact Scott Jimenez at angelfood@nazfamily.org or go to www.angelfoodministries.com.

Sunday services begin at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening group meetings are at 6:30 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 432-267-7015. Visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org where you can view a live service. We are on Facebook and Twitter.

East Side Baptist Church

May 20-22 we will be presenting a special mission emphasis weekend conference. Presenting the word of God will be Ted Mock, evangelist and representative of the "Light House Children's Homes."

The homes are located in Mississippi, Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama and India.

Along with our evangelist will be his wife, Jo Mock. Mrs. Jo is an internationally known ventriloquist. Jo, along with Rocky, will present the Gospel in a very unique and entertaining way. Time schedule will be posted next week.

Sunday school classes are at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 10:45 a.m. and afternoon service is at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday evening Bible study and Kids Club meet at 7 p.m.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad. Sunday starts with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school at 9:45

Knowing which way you should be looking

Good advice comes from many places.

Sometimes, however, advice can be controversial.

Earlier this week, I attended a retired-teacher's event where a speaker spoke of the importance of studying history because of its impact on the present and its influence on the future. She quoted several convincing sources.

Unfortunately, I couldn't write fast enough or remember long enough to retain the impressive quotes the speaker gave about history. I even forgot to jot down the authors. But the quotes sounded good at the time, and I remember that one of them came from the speaker's high-school history teacher. I also was impressed that a retired teacher could remember something that had been said to her in high school.

The pedagogic quotes, which produced a lot of agreeable nods in an audience of educators, would have been great companion pieces for a statement made by another American philosopher. George Santayana speculated, "Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

Just as I was getting primed to appreciate history more, even if I didn't read any history books this week,



BONNIE
WHEAT

I stumbled upon a new quote with a contradictory point of view. American poet, Henry David Thoreau, wrote, "Never look back unless you are planning to go that way."

While Thoreau's advice seems more applicable for runners and bicyclists than it does for most of us, it is definitely worth consideration. Looking back may be educational, but looking forward is more productive and sometimes safer. Focusing on the past can severely limit the future.

In the Biblical book of Acts, we can read about a man who had an unforgettable, but not unforgiveable, past. The apostle Paul, who was known for his zeal in persecuting Christians, had a life-changing encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus.

Later the apostle wrote to the church in Philippi, "... forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14 NASB).

Perhaps there is a healthy balance between looking forward and looking backward.

History does repeat itself unless we learn from our mistakes, but keeping our eyes turned toward the future is more profitable than looking back.

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Blessing of Nurses' Hands will be at the Family Faith Center

A Big Spring church will celebrate National Nurses Week with a special and time honored tradition. National Nurses Week 2011 is being celebrated from May 6 through May 12. National Nurses Day was observed on May 6th and National Parish Nurse Day will be observed on May 12. Sam and Christina Segundo, senior pastors of Family Faith Center (FFC) will be hosting the second annual Blessing of Nurses' Hands for Big Spring nurses and those from surrounding areas. Pastor Sam states "the church motto is 'Your Healthy Place to Be'" and the Segundo's recognize parish nurses play an important role in the health of local fellowships. A Parish Nurse is a registered nurse who specializes in matters of health and healing within a faith-based community.

Some congregations use the term Faith Based Nursing or Faith Based Nurses. The Pastors have included the Parish Nurse Ministry as one of many key faith components available to members of the Family Faith Center congregation.

Sam Segundo further noted "our Parish Nurse Ministry is known as 'The Gate Called Beautiful' and is headed by certified parish nurse Les White PhD RN FNP".

Dr. White indicates that there are many aspects of parish nursing, however the core concept is assisting church members to understand the relationship between their faith and their health and healing. He also notes that prayer is a crucial part of the ministry and he conducts a health and healing service twice monthly to pray for those who are ill or injured. White has been a member of Family Faith Center for 10 years and received his certification in parish nursing in 2003 at Bellarmine University in Lou-

isville, Kentucky. Dr. White believes he may be the only certified parish nurse in Big Spring, but remarks "that one does not have to be certified to use the title of Parish Nurse. Any Registered Nurse may provide services as a parish nurse", he adds "they would be expected to follow the Scope of Practice as outlined by the American Nurses Association". White is not the only nurse providing spiritual nursing care through "The Gate Called Beautiful". Faye Flowers, Tony Hess, and Jeff Vidal are registered nurses who perform parish nurse duties for the congregation of Family Faith Center. Kristie Hernandez and Sylvia Polonco are Licensed Vocational Nurses who serve as congregational nurses for the fellowship.

White notes that two historical events have propelled nursing to its current position: the advent of Christianity and the writings of Florence Nightingale. Miss Nightingale is considered the architect of modern nursing and the date of her birth is May 12th which traditionally marks the close of National Nurses Week. On Wednesday, during the evening service beginning at 7 p.m., Family Faith Center will observe its second annual Blessing of Nurses Hands. Parish Nurses and others who provide health care will receive a blessing upon their hands for another year of service to mankind. White notes that last year marked the 100th anniversary of the death of Florence Nightingale who was not only a remarkable nurse but also a committed Christian and theologian. Pastors Sam and Christina invite nurses and healers from the community at large to attend the ceremony in the recently renovated sanctuary of Family Faith Center location; 810 East 11th Place, just south of Big Spring High School.

a.m. The worship service is at 10:50 a.m. May 8. The pastor, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth McIntosh will deliver the message from scripture. Mother's Day will also be recognized.

All men of the church are invited to Breakfast with the Guys Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at Crispy's Restaurant. The CWF evening circle will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the McIntosh's.

Volunteer opportunities for Isa-

iah 58 food pantry are Mondays and Tuesdays. Choir practice is at 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Our youth group meets with youth from the First Presbyterian and St. Mary's Episcopal churches Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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

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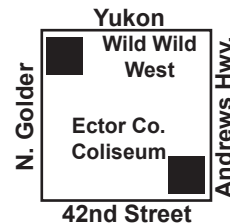
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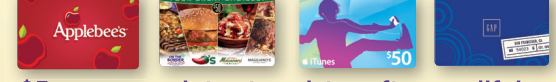


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Pitchers shine as Hawks win two at region tourney

Herald Staff Report

LUBBOCK — The Howard College Hawks have made their name with hitting this softball season, but it was pitching and defense that saved the day Thursday.

The Hawks escaped a no-out, bases-loaded jam in the first inning, then turned things over to the pitching combo of Sandra Serna and Selina Mitchell en route to a 4-3 victory over Midland College in a second-round Region V West tournament game at Lubbock Christian University.

That victory, combined with a 7-1 win over Frank Phillips earlier in the day, means Howard (38-18) will

advance to face Odessa College in the winner's bracket semifinal game at 2:30 p.m. today. Midland (39-16) faces Western Texas in an elimination bracket game at noon today.

The Hawks jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning on RBI singles from Alexis Beltran and Lara Dominguez, but Midland came back in its half of the inning to load the bases with none out against HC starting pitcher Sandra Serna.

Serna responded, however, by forcing Diana De La Paz to ground into a 1-2-3 double play, then coaxed a groundout from Hannah

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton
Howard College first baseman Carlyn Teichmann, left, makes a put-out during the Hawks' Region V West Tournament game with Midland College Thursday in Lubbock.

Sports calendar

TODAY

Class 2A softball playoffs — Forsan vs. Littlefield, 7 p.m., Seminole.

Class 2A baseball playoffs — Forsan vs. Tornillo, 5 p.m., Pecos.

JUCO softball — Region V West Tournament, Howard College vs. Odessa College, 2:30 p.m., Lubbock.

To submit a calendar item, call 263-7331, ext. 235.

LA's grip on title slipping

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — One big man is struggling — the other is spouting off about “trust issues.” Their enforcer got carried away at the end of the last game and is suspended from the next one.

Their mental edge is gone, and so is their home-court advantage. They've even lost the approval of one of their greatest icons.

Asked how to get them to snap out of it, their Zen master coach suggested “flogging them.” Then he laughed. Hey, Phil Jackson's retiring in a few days or weeks, so he might as well crack wise.

Such melodrama is vintage Hollywood, but usually for the make-believe folks. Or the Clippers. Certainly not the realm of Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers.

Yet early in their second-round series against the Dallas Mavericks, Bryant and the Lakers are in deep trouble, and they know

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Courtesy photo
Stanton's Adam Montez, shown winning his event at a track meet earlier this season, will compete in the Class 2A 800-meter run in the state track and field next week in Austin.

Pressure? No problem for Montez

Stanton runner shows mettle to make state meet

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

STANTON — The Texas High School Track and Field Meet is one high-stakes event, but Adam Montez just may be pressure-proof.

After all, the Stanton High School senior has already thrived under one of the most pressure-packed situations a track and field runner can find himself in.

At last week's Region I-2A track meet in Odessa, a false start disqualified Montez from the 400-meter run final, meaning he went into the 800-meter run final facing his last chance to qualify for the state meet.

No pressure, right?

“I was pretty upset,” Montez conceded. “I wasn't expecting to qualify for the state meet in the 800, so when I false-started in the 400, I knew I had my work cut out for me.”

As the 800-meter final unfolded, Montez found himself boxed in by other runners and was in real danger of losing contact with the leaders as the race entered the backstretch.

That, he admitted, was when he began feeling some pressure.

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Kentucky Derby: Will Uncle Mo be a go?

By BETH HARRIS

AP Racing Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — To go or not to go. Uncle Mo's connections still weren't saying whether the talented colt will run in Saturday's Kentucky Derby.

The sleek bay colt was recovering from a stomach ailment, but looked good as he galloped over the Churchill Downs track on Thursday,

though appearances could be deceiving. Uncle Mo looks about as exotic as his name — average size, with no distinguishing marks like the white splash on Zenyatta's forehead. But his power is apparent as soon as he starts running.

Last year's juvenile champion, Uncle Mo is the 9-2 second choice behind the 4-1 early favorite Dialed In.

Owner Mike Repole anxiously awaited results from the latest vet exam, and promised to end the drama by announcing a decision Friday.

“If he's not what we deem to be 100 percent tomorrow, he's not going to be 100 percent on Saturday,” he said.

Repole said he won't sacrifice Uncle Mo's health to satisfy his 30-year dream of

having a horse in America's greatest race. Either way, he won't be shut out. He has Stay Thirsty in the full field of 20 horses.

Still, the fast-talking Queens native, who got rich selling his Vitaminwater company to Coca-Cola, doesn't want to leave his best horse in the barn.

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it.
Los Angeles is down 0-2 going into Game 3 on Friday night. While three teams in NBA history have won a seven-game series after losing the first two at home, no team has rallied from an 0-3 deficit. That makes the next game pivotal in the Lakers' quest for a third straight championship.
"Desperate, that's a strong word," Bryant said. "I think when you play desperate you don't play your best basketball. What we need to do is relax, focus on what we're doing wrong and the mistakes that we're making. We have plenty to review and lock in on."
Their problems start on defense.
Dirk Nowitzki is having

his way with the Lakers no matter whether they try covering him with someone big or small. That happens with all teams. The surprise is that Los Angeles is struggling with everyone else, all the way down to speedy little backup point guard J.J. Barea.
Barea scooted all over the court in Game 2 on Wednesday night until the final minute, when Ron Artest swung his forearm and whacked Barea in the face. Artest was thrown out and the league told him Thursday that he can't play in Game 3.
If the Lakers' invincibility wasn't already gone, that cheap shot made it clear how frustrated this team is.
Just look at the inside tandem of Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum. Gasol is playing so poorly on both ends of the court that he was booed in the second half of Game

2, at least until many fans left early or lost interest. After the game, Bynum spiced things up by saying "all 13 of our guys have trust issues right now," further describing those problems as "deeply rooted."
Lakers great Magic Johnson is disgusted. On Wednesday night, he tweeted, "It's going to be a tough climb to come back and I think their chances are slim." On Thursday, he tweeted that Bynum should've kept his mouth shut.
All told, the Lakers look tired, mentally and physically. Maybe it's the toll of reaching the finals each of the last three years.
This is nothing new, either. They've had several stretches this season when they've looked vulnerable, only to revert to their title-worthy form. Just last round, they lost the opener to the Hornets.

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"It's tough," he said. "Racing needs superstars and if he's 100 percent, Uncle Mo could be that superstar."
He sure looked it after winning last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile on the same Churchill Downs track and taking a perfect record into the Wood Memorial. There, Uncle Mo led the field with a quarter-mile to go, but two horses passed him and he finished third by a length. Afterward, Uncle Mo's appetite fell off and raised suspicions. An exam turned up the stomach problem.
Outwardly, Uncle Mo looks as healthy as, well, a horse. Internally, no one's sure exactly what's going on. That's the quandary.
Uncle Mo could be fine. Or Repole and trainer Todd Pletcher could be risking a repeat of the

Wood Memorial.
"If he runs and he runs seventh, Todd and I will look at each other and guess he wasn't 100 percent," Repole said. "If he runs and he wins by seven lengths, we can look at each other and say 'Wow, we're geniuses.'"
Count three-time Derby winner Bob Baffert among those who discount Uncle Mo's bellyache.
"From what I've seen visually, there's nothing there that tells me the horse isn't ready to run," the trainer of Midnight Interlude said. "He's a good horse, I'm not believing that crap."
Pletcher wasn't talking Thursday. But he's said Uncle Mo responded well to treatment and his appetite has returned. Repole said he's gone off much of his medication.
"We got to listen to what Uncle Mo is telling us," Repole said, "and he's telling us he's getting better."

MONTEZ

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"Coming into the last 200 meters, they had me boxed in, so I got kind of scared," Montez said. "Taht's when (Frank Baca of Muleshoe) took off sprinting, so I took off after him."
It was in those final

few moments that Montez really shined. First, he cleared himself from the pack, then passed Baca in the final few meters to win the event in a time of 1 minute, 58.05 seconds, earning a trip to the state track meet May 12-13 in Austin.
This will be his second straight trip to the state meet, having qualified

in the 400-meter run in 2010.
Having watched Montez excel for the past two years, SHS Coach Danny Arista is not surprised he would thrive in such high-stake situations.
"I just wish I had more like him," Arista said. "We moved up in classification from 1A to 2A

this year, so he had to work that much harder to succeed. He didn't whine, he didn't complain, he just did what he had to do."

As Montez eyes the state meet, he is concerned more with his time than anything else, he said.
"My goal is to finish

the race in 1:56," he said. "If I can do that, I think that's be good enough."
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Raubolt to end the threat.
"Getting out of that inning with that double play set the tone for the game, I think," Howard Coach Kelly Raines said. "It let us know that we could do this, and it gave us a lot of confidence. And it was obviously big for us to put two runs up on the board in the first inning."
Shortstop Olive

Naotala, who leads the Western Junior College Athletic Conference in home runs, contributed a two-run blast in the second to put Howard up 4-0, and Serna, with last-inning relief help from Mitchell, made that lead stand up.
For the game, Serna struck out two and walked five while surrendering all three Midland runs on six hits in 6.1 innings of work.
"Sandra did a fantastic job," Raines said. "In the seventh inning, she ran out of gas a little bit ... but she was phenomenal for six innings. Then Selina came in and shut them down. I real really pleased to see that kind of performance from both of them."
In Thursday's first game, the Hawks broke open a tie game in the third inning to put away Frank Phillips behind a nine-hit attack and a complete-game victory by Mitchell.

Koria was 3-for-4 with three runs scored, while Beltran and Naotala combined for five RBI.
Raines cautioned that it was still anybody's tournament, but added that Thursday's results puts Howard firmly in the championship mix.
"All year, I've felt that we were right there with Odessa and Midland," she said. "I think anybody can win this tournament, and we can definitely win it."
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Game 3 — Odessa College 3, El Paso CC 2.
Game 4 — Howard College 4, Midland College 3.

Friday's schedule
Elimination bracket
Game 5 — Frank Phillips vs. El Paso, 9:30 a.m.
Game 6 — Midland College vs. Western Texas, noon.
Winner's bracket
Game 7 — Howard College vs. Odessa College, 2:30 p.m.
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Game 8 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 5 p.m.

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Seattle tops Texas

By TIM BOOTH

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — Justin Smoak was fooled. He was just hoping to make decent contact.

Colby Lewis' change-up landed 360 feet away in the right-field bleachers.

"I got lucky that I squared it up," Smoak said.

Smoak collected three more hits, including his fifth homer, and Jason Vargas pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning, leading the Seattle Mariners to a 3-1 victory over the Texas Rangers on Thursday night.

Seattle won for the seventh time in nine games, taking two of three from the Rangers to move within two games of .500 after starting the season 8-15.

Not surprisingly, the winning coincides with Smoak's surge at the plate. The young first baseman was the centerpiece of the trade that sent Cliff Lee to Texas last July, and has been on a roll since returning from bereavement leave following the death of his father.

His drive off Lewis (2-4) in the second gave him 13 RBIs in the past nine games. He is batting .353 with three homers and four doubles during that stretch.

"I love the fact he's up there hitting," Seattle manager Eric Wedge said. "He's not up there trying to do too much. He's not up there trying to generate anything. He's trusting his approach, he's trusting

his hands and when you do that and have ability good things are going to happen over time."

Smoak drove a 1-0 pitch from Lewis into the right-field stands, then followed with a harder-hit ball in the fourth that just happened to find the deepest part of the park. His double off the wall in center barely eluded the glove of Pedro Borbon, but Smoak was left standing at second as Lewis struck out the side.

Smoak added a single in the eighth for his second three-hit game of the series.

Smoak played behind Lewis for a bit before he was traded to Seattle, giving him an idea of what to expect Thursday night.

"You just know the fact he throws everything from a slider to a cutter to a curveball to a changeup," Smoak said. "It's one of those things you have to be ready to hit and if you get a pitch in the zone you have to be ready to do something with it."

Seattle's Brendan Ryan broke an 0-for-21 skid with a double leading off the third and scored when Luis Rodriguez, a late replacement for Chone Figgins at third base, lined a ground-rule double into the right-field corner.

The Mariners added another in the seventh when Jack Wilson led off with an infield single and scored on Ichiro Suzuki's two-out hit.

That was all the offense Vargas got, and all he needed after entering

with a 1-3 record and a 4.86 ERA in his career against the Rangers. The left-hander has won his last two starts after dropping his previous nine decisions.

Vargas used his off-speed pitches to keep Texas guessing and allowed just one runner to reach third base before the eighth. Vargas also benefited from key double plays started by shortstop Ryan in the fourth and sixth, and a great diving stop by second baseman Wilson to rob Borbon of a single that would have put runners on the corners with one out in the fifth.

"I didn't think he was going to get to it and then I just didn't see the ball anymore," Vargas said of Wilson's play. "That was a pretty big play for us to keep the ball in the infield and get an out."

Vargas (2-2) allowed one run and six hits in 7 2-3 innings. Jamey Wright got the final out of the eighth and Brandon League finished for his ninth save in nine chances.

Lewis struck out a career-high 11 in his second career complete game. Lewis has worked eight innings in each of his last two starts,

but Texas went 2-5 on its road trip and heads home for a three-game weekend series against the New York Yankees.

Lewis and C.J. Wilson, who fanned 12 in Texas' 5-2 victory Wednesday night, became the first Rangers pitchers to post consecutive games of 10 or more strikeouts since Jose Guzman and Nolan Ryan accomplished the feat against the Yankees in 1992.

NOTES: Figgins was a late scratch after feeling ill. He was replaced in the lineup by Rodriguez. ... Texas OF Nelson Cruz missed his second straight game with a tight right quad, but is hopeful of playing this weekend. Cruz was held out in part because of the chilly weather. ... Texas is expected to activate closer Neftali Feliz from the disabled list Friday. He's been on the DL with shoulder inflammation.

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- ♠ KJ84 ♥ AJ3 ♦ Q2 ♣ 9862
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2. Eight to 10 points. Responder's two-heart bid shows six to 10 points, including distributional values. When opener now bids three clubs, he is trying to find out whether responder has minimum or maximum values for his heart raise. Three clubs is forcing, and responder then indicates how good or bad his two-heart bid was by bidding game with a maximum or retreating to three hearts with a minimum. Any close decision is resolved by responder's club holding. A jump to four hearts would be proper with any of these hands:

- ♠ 10 ♥ Q853 ♦ 108742 ♣ KQ4
- ♠ Q852 ♥ K96 ♦ 9643 ♣ K2
- ♠ A963 ♥ J754 ♦ 72 ♣ QJ4

3. Eight to 10 points. The second-round raise in spades shows four-card trump support and is mildly encouraging, catering to the possibility that opener might have 16 to 18 points, which is entirely possible on the bidding. With six or seven points, responder would normally pass one spade, since game is highly unlikely in the absence of a jump-shift by opener to indicate 19 or more points. A typical two-spade bid could be based on:

- ♠ KQ62 ♥ 107 ♦ Q9432 ♣ J3
- ♠ A764 ♥ 93 ♦ A10872 ♣ 74
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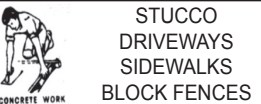
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(March 21-April 19). One thing becomes glaringly clear today. You no longer can continue in the old way. An unusual occurrence will stir up your system. You'll change the plan because of what happens.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your friends do what feels natural to them, which leads to actions that you may not understand at all. Whether they support or sink you, they feel they are doing the right thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be in a daring mood, leaning into a positive view of the



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future. Your plans will shape you. However, the present moment is all you'll ever really have or need.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Struggling to make money is not your favorite way to spend the hours. On the other hand, you love to spend time and energy on a cause that helps others. Your work could go either way today, depending on how you look at it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your choices won't please everyone, no matter what they are. Defending them may be a waste of time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be united in a common purpose, or at least in the general sense that such a thing does exist. There's an energetic bond between you and the group. And though it's invisible, you can feel it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Wishes are like magic seeds. Don't cast them to the wind to be carried far from you. You'll never see them land that way. Focus on what's close to you. Grow your happiness in your

own yard. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Some things are best excluded from your life altogether because they are too difficult to control. Choose your passions carefully, and invite only the manageable ones into your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Others seek your opinion, not because they will allow themselves to be influenced by it, but because it will show them who you are. They will decide whether or not to trust you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Exercise and study are not optional extras only for those who have time on their hands. These elements are essential to your happiness now — as important as anything else you do to keep life running smoothly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your ancestors had to struggle for freedom, and sometimes you feel that the fight continues in you. It's a different battlefield, but the battle is the same. This is your chance to be a **valiant**.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've been busy and focused on others. Carve

out some time for taking care of yourself. Believe it or not, this is your main responsibility in life — not one you should avoid for too long.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 6). You're not averse to competition. You realize that the big rewards go to those willing to take a risk. Your calm and confident ways will give you the edge. June is filled with romantic days and nights. Community service plays into your social life in July. New work comes in August. You share a special connection with Aries and Libra people. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 22, 49 and 15.

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this weekend. LEO: You bring zest and energy to the party, which is why the celebration seems to center around you. VIRGO: You don't have an agenda. You flirt pointlessly, and that's what makes the flirting so good. LIBRA: Relationships will test you. Your level of commitment will be obvious. SCORPIO: When in doubt about what to spend on yourself or a date, spend more instead of less. SAGITTARIUS: Your temperament is so compatible with other fire signs, Aries and Leo. CAPRICORN: You feel alluring, and others find you alluring, too. This is no coincidence.

AQUARIUS: The pleasantries you exchange may sound innocent, but they have much deeper significance than casual exchanges. PISCES: The story in your head is running the story of your love life, so imagine something good.

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Dear Margo: When "shush, mother" doesn't work

Dear Margo: My mother-in-law talks constantly during her grandchildren's concerts. Once when my husband shushed her, she snapped, "I wasn't talking. I was making a comment!" We have explained that hearing the performers is important to us, and that we welcome her comments between musical selections, but not during them. This only annoyed her and didn't change her behavior. (My husband and his sibs can take her to a neurologist or psychiatrist if they want to delve into the cause. I just want her to shut up so I can hear my kids.)

Here's the immediate problem: My son has been selected to perform a solo at his high school graduation in June. I've tried to convince myself that a few comments during the music would be no big deal, but honestly, it would ruin it for me. My husband feels the same. We've left his

mother off the guest list for other performances, but I doubt we can omit her from graduation. Short of duct-taping her mouth shut or paying a driver to "get lost on the way," how should we handle this? — Sharon

Dear Shar: You stopped me dead in my tracks with, "I wasn't talking. I was making a comment!" The reason is that I tend to whine to my husband about nonsense, and he tells me there is no point in complaining about trivia. Then I tell him, "I am not complaining. I am narrating." But I am wrong — and so is your m-i-l. One thing is certain, though: You cannot retrain your son's grandmother. (See: old dogs/new tricks.) Your options are actually quite clear-cut. Leave her out of the graduation, saying seating is limited. Take her along and grin and bear it. Or ... sit apart from your husband and Chatty Kathy. After all, it is his mother. — Margo,

realistically
When the Office Chatterbox is Related to the Boss

Dear Margo: I work in a small office for a family-run business. In the nearly 20 years I've worked there, my co-workers and I have established very pleasant working relationships save for one particular new cog in the wheel who I fear will drive us all crazy before long.

She's not necessarily an unpleasant person; she just NEVER SHUTS UP. And if she's not talking to hear herself talk, she will make nonsense noises — clicks, clacks, smacks, you name it — to fill the void. To add insult to injury, she's the boss's daughter (strike one) with an "everyone's out to get me" complex (strike two). Is there any way on God's green earth to get this woman-child to learn silence can be golden? — My Ears are Bleeding

Dear My: Alas, the silver spoon will trump

the golden silence. I can't imagine you'll come out on top after telling the boss's daughter to put a sock in it. I suppose a neurobiological perspective would entertain some variant of Tourette's. You are pretty well stuck if the compulsive noisemaker is part of the owning family. (Too bad she didn't grow up and decide to be a doctor.)

As for her feeling that everyone's out to get her, if she's making those noises all over town, she may well be correct in her perception. If the nature of your work does not require continual interaction with your co-workers, you might give headphones a try. You could say you're "trying them out" for a plane trip down the road, or that you find music helps you do your work. Good luck. — Margo, silently

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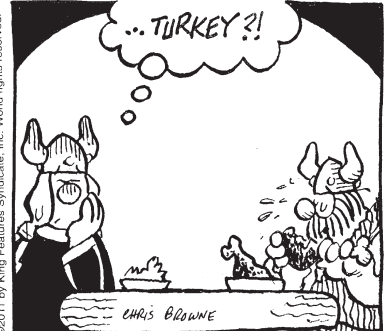
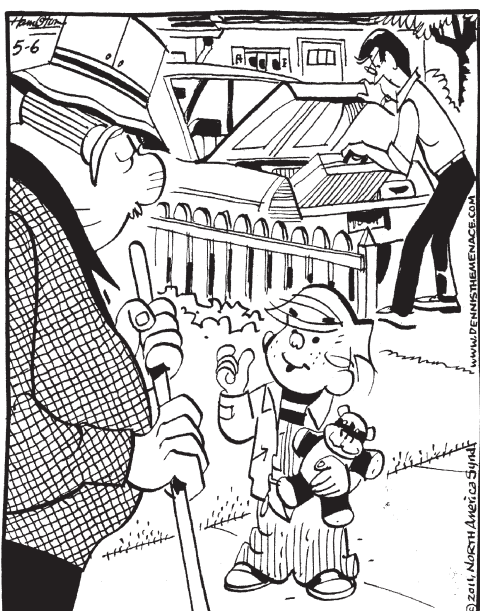
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7:PM	Shark Tank	Teresa (SS)	Kitchen Nightmares	Flashpoint	Aurora (SS)	Millionaire	King	House	Wash.	Smallville	Dual Survival	Movie: 88 Minutes, Leelee Sobieski	Bones		Movie: Truth Hall, Tamara Curry	Deck	NASCAR Racing	NBA Basketball
8:PM	Primetime: What		Fringe	CSI: NY	Herederos-Monte	Dateline NBC		Light of the Southwest Round-Up Special	Need to Know	Supernatural	Dual Survival		Bones		Deck	Deck	ANT Farm	
9:PM	20/20	Triunfo del Amor	Simpsons	Blue Bloods	La Reina del Sur			Movie: Drillbit Taylor, David Dorfman	Thoroughbred	Payne	American Loggers	Movie: The Hills Have Eyes 2	Movie: Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones, Hayden Christensen	Bones	Movie: I Do... I Did!, April Scott	Suite Life on Deck	Boxing: Friday Night Fights.	NBA Basketball
10:PM	News	Impacto	How I Met	News	Noticiero	News			Charlie Rose	Roseanne	Dual Survival		CSI: NY		Good	Good		
11:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Para Volver a Amar	Law & Order: SVU	Late	Decisiones (SS)	Late Night		Movie: Jungle 2 Jungle	World	South Pk	Dual Survival	Movie: The Hills Have Eyes 2	CSI: NY	Wendy Williams	Good	Good	MMA Live	
12:AM	Extra	Paid Amor	Faith	Insider	Pagado	News		Upd CCM	T. Smiley (Off Air)	Cops	American Loggers		Movie: The Negotiator, David Morse	Movie: Truth Hall, Tamara Curry	Wizards	Wizards	NBA	
1:AM	Paid	Mujer... Cero	King/Hill	Jewelry	Pagado	Poker After Dark		(15) Movie: The Ringer, Katherine		Storm Chasers		Movie: Sabretooth, John Phuc.	Movie: The Scorpion King 2: Rise of a Warrior		(20) Movie: ...	NASCAR		

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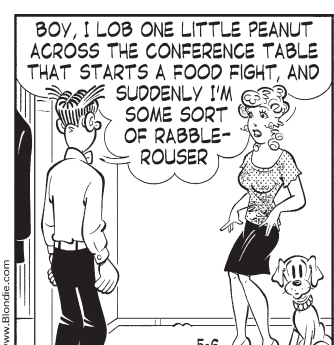
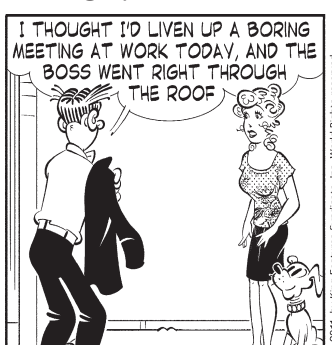
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"I KNOW YOU'LL MISS ME, BUT DON'T WORRY, I'LL CALL YOU EVERY DAY!"

"... I got a C-minus on it."

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This Date In History

Today is Friday, May 6, the 126th day of 2011. There are 239 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 6, 1861, Confederate President Jefferson Davis approved an act passed by the Confederate Congress recognizing that a state of war existed with the United States of America. Arkansas and Tennessee passed Ordinances of Secession from the Union. (Arkansas' secession took effect immediately; Tennessee's was ratified in a popular vote the following month.)

On this date: In 1889, the Paris Exposition formally opened, featuring the just-completed Eiffel Tower.

In 1910, Britain's Edwardian era came to an end upon the death of King Edward VII; he was succeeded by George V.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order creating the Works Progress Administration.

In 1937, the hydrogen-filled German airship Hindenburg burned and crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 35 of the 97 people on board and a Navy crewman on the ground.

In 1941, Josef Stalin assumed the Soviet premiership, replacing Vyacheslav M. Molotov.

In 1942, during World War II some 15,000 Americans and Filipinos on Corregidor surrendered to Japanese forces.

In 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England, in 3 minutes, 59.4 seconds.

In 1960, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Civil Rights Act of 1960. Britain's Princess Margaret married Antony Armstrong-Jones, a commoner, at Westminster Abbey. (They divorced in 1978.)

In 1981, Yale architecture student Maya Ying Lin was named winner of a competition to design the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

In 1994, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and French President Francois Mitterrand (frahn-SWAH' mee-teh-CHANN') formally opened the Channel Tunnel between their coun-

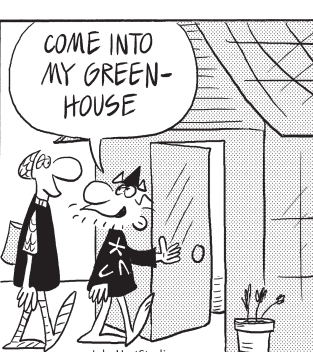
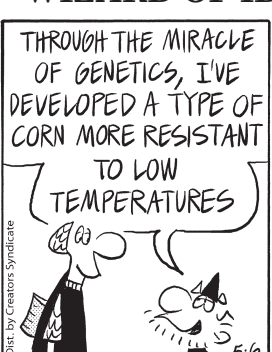
tries.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Willie Mays is 80. Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., is 77. Rock singer Bob Seger is 66. Singer Jimmie Dale Gilmore is 66. Gospel singer-comedian Lulu Roman is 65. Actor Alan Dale is 64. Actor Ben Masters is 64. Actor Gregg Henry is 59. Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair is 58. TV personality Tom Bergeron is 56. Actress Roma Downey is 51. Rock singer John Flansburgh (They Might Be Giants) is 51. Actor George Clooney is 50. Actor Clay O'Brien is 50. Rock singer-musician Tony Scalzo (Fastball) is 47. Actress Leslie Hope is 46. Rock musician Mark Bryan (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 44.

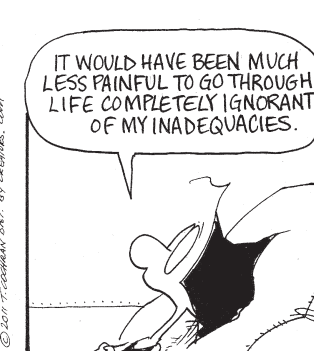
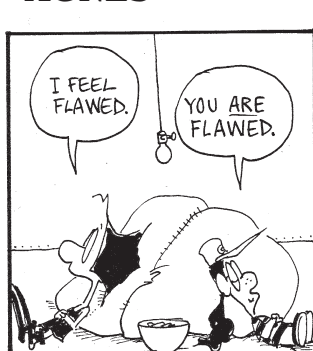
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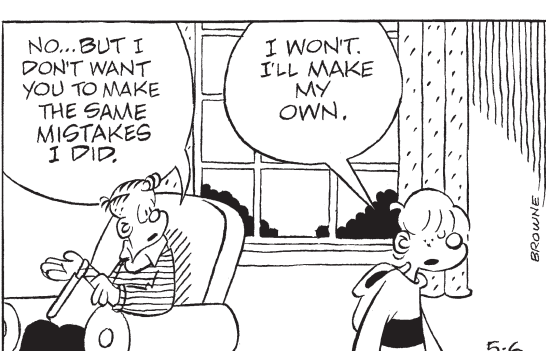
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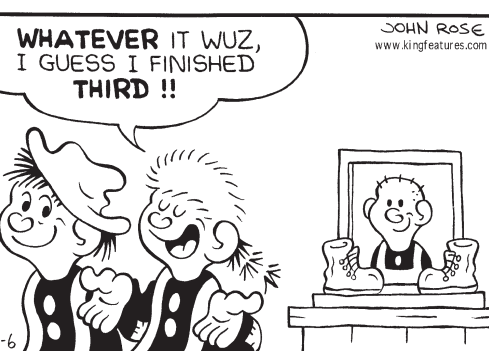
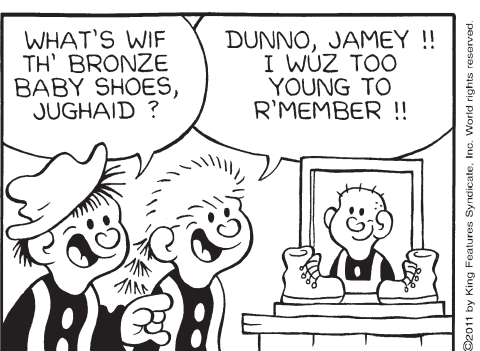
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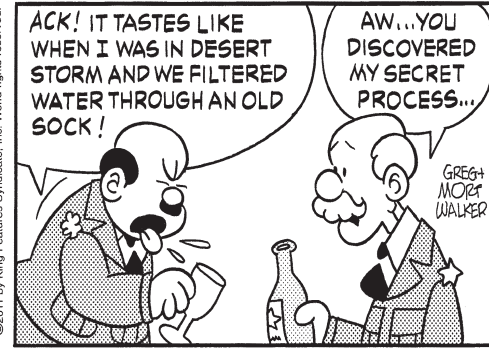
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Sulky sorts
- 7 Couple of yuks
- 11 Certain clerk's concern
- 14 The Hundred Secret Senses author
- 15 Spring blossom
- 16 Nathan's assistant in The Producers
- 17 Participants in a pub pastime
- 19 Outfield material
- 20 Oodles
- 21 Without
- 22 Velodrome vehicle
- 23 To the ___ (completely)
- 24 Slender swimmer
- 26 White pawns, e.g.
- 28 Unseen observer
- 32 Toon skunk
- 35 Org. concerned with air
- 36 Clementine's dad
- 37 Bhutan's continent
- 38 Balance-sheet subtractions
- 41 Modern recording option
- 42 Launches a tirade
- 44 Exultant cry
- 45 Second man
- 46 The Way Things Ought to Be author
- 50 Earth, to Caesar
- 51 Uno + due
- 52 Acad., for instance
- 55 Run smoothly
- 57 Asian inland sea
- 59 "Yippee!"
- 61 Sushi-bar tuna
- 62 Nine-digit letter code
- 64 Chop (off)
- 65 Land in the ocean
- 66 Curved-neck birds
- 67 Dinghy designation
- 68 Cry out for
- 69 Silk-hat wearer of song
- DOWN
- 1 Respectful address
- 2 Council Bluffs neighbor
- 3 Heat-resistant glass
- 4 Blues legend James
- 5 Lower oneself with a rope
- 6 NBC sketch series
- 7 Informal welcome
- 8 Playground retort
- 9 Judd of Numb3rs
- 10 Obstinate beast
- 11 Ship in the news in 1915
- 12 In a frenzy
- 13 Stroll in the shallows
- 18 At an angle
- 22 Cast a spell on
- 25 Looked over
- 27 President pro ___
- 28 Wing thing
- 29 Influential person
- 30 First name in denim
- 31 Author Hubbard
- 32 Henry VIII's sixth
- 33 Jacob's twin
- 34 Line on some jackets
- 39 "___ be the day!"
- 40 Like lemons
- 43 Camera type, for short
- 47 Poker declaration
- 48 Christie sleuth
- 49 Word from the Icelandic for "gush"
- 52 Chases away
- 53 Boxing ref's concern
- 54 Equine
- 55 Close ones
- 56 "That's not good"
- 58 Parroted
- 59 Bushy haired
- 62 Wine choice, for short
- 63 Old TV dial letters

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