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**Storms pummel Howard County**

*Rainfall levels almost triple year to date average, officials say*

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

In case one needed more evidence than Wednesday's downpour, it is shaping up to be a very wet year for Howard County.

A storm system that originated along the Arizona/New Mexico border moved through West Texas Wednesday, dropping between 1 and 4 inches of precipitation across parts of the Permian Basin, officials said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Station in north Big Spring received 1.36 inches of rain in a storm that flooded several local streets and contributed at least indirectly to several automobile accidents.

No major injuries were reported, officials noted.

The situation across much of West Texas was the same.

West Texas experienced torrential rains Wednesday morning, causing flooding for at least two homes and briefly knocking out Odessa's emergency

**"The ground is now at a point that it's saturated, so any rain we get in the next couple of weeks ... we could be seeing some substantial runoff."**



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phone system, officials said. No major injuries or deaths were reported, according to an Associated Press report.

Numerous streets and all underpasses were closed in Odessa because of the heavy rainfall, said Dale Childers, Odessa's assistant fire chief. Some streets were covered with as much as 4 feet of water, he said.

Wednesday's rainfall brings year to date totals at the Big Spring research station to 9.95 inches, almost triple the average for this time of

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HERALD photos/Thomas Jenkins and Steve Reagan  
Storms swept across the Crossroads area Wednesday. Clockwise from top, water rushes over the spillway at Comanche Trail Park; a motorist navigates down a local street; and Birdwell Park rapidly becomes a lake, if only for a short time.

**Fun for entire family promised at festival**

*Cinco de Mayo celebration begins Friday evening at Heart of the City Park*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Area residents with family-oriented fun on their weekend agendas need look no further than the Heart of the City Park Friday and Saturday, as the annual Big Spring Cinco de Mayo Festival gets under way.

According to coordinator Kelly Zant, the festival —

which begins Friday at 6 p.m. and continues through midnight — has something for everyone in the family.

"We have more vendors this year than ever before," said Zant. "When everything is set up, it's going to look like a total extravaganza at the Heart of the City Park."

Music will be an important

part of the festival. Sierra will play from 8 p.m. until midnight Friday. Two groups, Super Grupo Bravo and Grupo Verano will take the "stage" Saturday evening.

Festival-goers will want to get there well before the evening Saturday, however.

"Saturday, we'll get things started at 11 a.m. with a

menudo cookoff," said Zant. "There will be so much to do, you're going to want to give yourself plenty of time to see everything."

The festival will wrap up at midnight.

"This is a multi-cultural event. It's a family event," remarked Zant. "What we're trying to do is bring about a

cultural unity, to bring the people in our area together to celebrate our community. We want to uplift everyone and give them a place to take their families and just celebrate being from Big Spring. There just aren't enough opportunities to celebrate who we are,

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**Big Spring High School athletic director resigns**

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Tim Holt, athletic director and head football coach at Big Spring High School, has resigned, officials confirmed today.

Holt, AD and head coach at BSHS for the past two years, submitted his letter of resignation Wednesday evening, BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes said.

Downes said Holt gave no



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reason for the resignation, which is effective July 31.

In two years as head coach of the football team, Holt compiled a 7-15 won-loss record. The Steers qualified for the state playoffs both season as the third place team in District 4-4A.

Holt was hired by BSISD trustees in June 2005, after

serving as head coach and athletic director in Taylor, Falfurrias, George West and Gregory-Portland.

His won-loss record in 14 years of coaching, counting his two seasons at Big Spring, is 116-81 and includes 11 trips to the state playoffs.

The Fort Hayes (Kan.) State University graduate replaced Dwight Butler, who stepped down after 14 years as football coach and AD at BSHS in 2005.

No timetable has been set for naming a successor, Downes said.

"We will begin the process as soon as we can of finding a replacement," Downes said.

Holt was unavailable for comment this morning.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com).

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## IN BRIEF

### Howard to host Region V tourney

Howard College's Foundation Field will be site for the NJCAA Region V Softball Tournament to be held this weekend.

The top four teams from the WJCAC will qualify for double elimination tournament play, with the winner advancing to the NJCAA National Tournament in Plant City, Fla., May 17-19.

### Forsan reschedules its all-sports banquet

Forsan High School's All-Sports Banquet has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, May 21, at the high school.

School officials moved the event's date to accommodate tennis players who will be playing at the state tennis tournament on the originally scheduled date of May 7.

Tickets, priced at \$10 each, are available at the high school office and must now be purchased by Wednesday, May 16.

For more information, contact Debbie Burton at 457-2223.

### Relay for Life ragball tournament slated

The Relay for Life Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for May 12-13 at Big Spring High School's Lady Steers Softball Field.

Teams will consist of five male and five female players. Entry fees are \$10 per player.

Registration is set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, with the first game of the tournament set to start at 11 that morning.

### Guys & Gals Tourney scheduled at BSCC

A Guys & Gals Couples Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees for the two-person scramble are \$130 per couple, plus \$40 cart fee per team.

All teams are one-man, one-woman.

To enter, call the country club at 267-53-54.

### Texas Tech schedules summer sports camps

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

The Tim Siegel Tennis Camps are set for June 2-6 and June 17-21. The overnight camps are for players 8 to 17 of all ability levels.

For more information, call Siegel at 806-742-3355, ext. 277.

The Texas Tech Golf Camp for boys and girls ages 11 to 18 will be June 8-11.

For information on that camp, call 806-742-3355, ext. 272.

The Texas Tech High Altitude Cross Country Camp will be Aug. 6-10 at Cloudfroft, N.M.

For information, call Jon Murray at 806-742-3355, ext. 287.

The Wes Kittley Caampions Track and Field Camp for boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18 will be June 17-20.

For information call Joe Walker at 806-742-3355, ext. 249.

## Experience gives Bulldogs playoff edge

### Best-of-three series opener set tonight in San Angelo

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma's Bulldogs find themselves in a familiar position this week, as they are poised to make what they hope is yet another deep run into the Class 2A baseball playoffs.

The Bulldogs finished an unusual second in District 5-2A, but possess a 17-8 record heading into the postseason.

Their first playoff series, a best-of-three affair, has them taking on Early's Longhorns, the third-place team in District 6-2A, with Game 1 starting at 7 tonight at Foster Field in San Angelo. Game 2 will be played at 4 p.m. Saturday with a third game, if necessary, taking place 30 min-

utes after the conclusion of Game 2.

Playoff experience is never in short supply on a Bulldogs' baseball roster, but this team in particular is filled with postseason experience. The team features eight seniors that have been involved in 11 state playoff rounds in the past three seasons.

"I said this going into the season," said Bulldogs head coach Brad Harmon, "our strength is our experience. We've played in the big stadiums and in the big games."

Sophomore pitcher Donnie Garcia will be Coahoma's starter in Game 1 tonight. He has been the Bulldogs' ace this season and brings a 7-3 record into the game.

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HERALD photo/Dana Reid

Coahoma pitcher Blane Kerby delivers a pitch during the Bulldogs' game against Midland High's junior varsity on April 24. Kerby and his teammates bring a great deal of experience into tonight's Class 2A playoff game against Early.

## Bulldogettes set for postseason

### Coahoma skipper confident of another long playoff run

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma's No. 5-ranked Bulldogettes won a share of their 14th consecutive district softball championship this season and are primed for another run at a Class 2A state title.

The Bulldogettes have reached the finals of the state softball tournament eight times in the past 14 years.

District 5-2A champions, the Bulldogettes will see their first playoff action of the season against the Blanco Lady Panthers at 5 p.m. Friday at Coleman High School. Game 2 is set for 1 p.m. Saturday. A third game, if necessary, will begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of Game 2.

This year's Bulldogette squad is as talented as it ever has been, according to head coach Tracy Tadlock, but it might be younger than usual. There is only one senior, first baseman and pitcher Ami Martinez, on a roster that is dominated by underclassmen.

Martinez does take a leading role. Tracy Tadlock, in his first year at the Coahoma helm, credits her as a player who keeps the rest of the team relaxed. She's also a leader on the field, batting .444 and second on the team with 35 RBIs.

Martinez also serves as the No. 2 pitcher on the staff and is slated to start Game 2 in the best-of-three series with Blanco.

Coahoma's starter for Game 1 will be outstanding freshman ace Heather Newton. She has overpowered opponents this season, posting a 17-6 overall record with a 0.84 ERA.

Newton also adds impressive power to the batting lineup, leading the team with four home runs.

Sophomore second baseman Laci Sterling leads the Bulldogettes' offensive onslaught. She was honored as Coahoma girls' Athlete of the Year and leads the softball team with a .451 batting average and 47 RBIs.

Tadlock credits junior catcher Janice Gonzalez as being the team's vocal leader. She is one of the five starting players that has a batting average of more than .400 for the season.

Sophomore shortstop Shelbi Paige and junior center fielder Krista Kerby both provide plenty of offense, hitting better than .400. Tadlock considers the two to be the defensive backbone of the team.

Kerby also leads the team with 16 stolen bases.

Paige would likely be the starting pitcher if a third game is necessary.



HERALD photo/Dana Reid

Coahoma's Laci Sterling waits on a pitch during the Bulldogettes' shutout win over Hawley in the District 5-2A championship playoff game in Snyder. The Bulldogettes open the Class 2A softball playoffs Friday in Coleman, facing Blanco's Lady Panthers.

## Forsan trio ready for state tennis tourney

Herald Staff Report

FORSAN - Three members of Forsan's Lady Buffaloes tennis team will be heading to Austin to participate in the Class 1A UIL State Tennis Tournament to be held at the Lakeway World of Tennis set for Monday and Tuesday.

Senior Courtney Holdampf will be competing in girls' singles and will be joined at the state tournament by the doubles team of seniors Cayley Eggleston and Kaylon Stanley.

Holdampf finished second in the Region II, Class 1A Tournament held in Abilene on Thursday sweeping through the first three rounds of tournament



Courtney Holdampf



Kaylon Stanley and Cayley Eggleston

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Obituaries

Leo Welch



Leo W. Welch, 84, of Big Spring, moved on to his next journey in life on May 1, 2007. There will be a service at the Vietnam Memorial on Friday, May 4, 2007, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Wayne Frost, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, and Chaplain Dean Thomas of the Veterans Administration Medical Center, officiating. He will be laid to rest in Chicago, Ill., beside his beloved wife.

Leo came into this life Feb. 24, 1923, in Chicago, to Sophie and Leo Welch. He married the love of his life, Ruth Pauline Schultz, on May 12, 1946, and they had one son, Paul, born March 23, 1947. Ruth preceded Leo in death on July 16, 1988.

Leo served in the Army. He participated in the invasion of Normandy in the European Theater of World War II.

Leo retired in 1987 from Lease Way Warehouse Inc. of Alsip, Ill. and came to Big Spring on Dec. 1, 1988, from Oak Lawn, Ill., where he had lived for 38 years. Leo was an active and long-term member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church. He served as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2013 Commander for 12 years. Leo was the district commander of District 25 of the VFW. He also was chaplain and service officer of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 47 for two years and an active member of the Big Spring community, including volunteer work at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, working tirelessly to keep the medical center in Big Spring. He worked very hard in securing Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. He was passionate about the Vietnam Memorial and Hangar 25 Air Museum.

Leo is survived by his son, daughter-in-law and grandson, Paul, Susie and Jason Welch of Big Spring; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Walter Oehlert of Springfield, Ill.; and numerous nieces, nephews, service men and women and friends.

The family requests in lieu of flowers sending donations to Deaf-Blind Multihandicapped Association of Texas at 12160 Abrams Road, Suite 620, Dallas 75243, in memory of Leo Welch.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Paid obituary*

Al Patterson



Al Patterson, 72, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 1, 2007, in an Odessa hospital. Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born Dec. 18, 1934, in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Al was raised in the Cleveland area. He attended the University of Miami and graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with a bachelor's degree in radio and television broadcasting. He was the golf pro at Ft. Myers Country Club from 1964 to 1976 and was involved in founding the Southwest Florida Chapter of the PGA and the Junior Golf Association there. Al came to Big Spring, from Hobbs, N.M., in June 1983 as the golf pro at Commanche Trail Golf Course. He retired from the golf course in 1997 and then worked for KBST radio as a sports announcer. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, and one son, Camme and Mike Mongoven of Ft. Myers, Fla., Scott Patterson of Big Spring and Jonna and Tim Ryan of Cartersville, Ga.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

The family suggests memorials be made to the girls' softball programs at Big Spring High School, 707 E. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720 or Coahoma High School, P.O. Box 110, Coahoma 79511.

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

Lida L. Flores



Lidia L. Flores, 77, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at her home. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 5, 2007, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born May 2, 1930, at Rankin to Librada and Pablo Loya. She was a homemaker, but also worked at Malone-Hogan Hospital. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, The Guadalupanas and The Blue Army Society. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

She is survived by her husband, Johnny Flores; three sons, Jimmy Flores of Lubbock, Johnny Flores and Michael Flores, both of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Paul; one brother, Raul Loya; and one sister, Mary Socorro Loya.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects on line at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

Phyllis Jones

Phyllis Jones of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 2, 2007, in a Dallas hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Felix Galan

Felix Galan, 79, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 2, 2007, in an Odessa hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Robert A. White

Robert A. White, 92, of Seminole and formerly of Stanton, died Monday, April 30, 2007, in a Seminole nursing home. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at the First Baptist Church Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating and the Rev. Mike Harris assisting. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery Stanton.

The family received friends Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 4, 1914, to James H. and Louisa Shaw White in Rockwall County. He married Lillian Bridgett on March 16, 1946, in Parsons, Kan.

Mr. White came with his parents and four brothers to Martin County in December 1918. He graduated from Stanton High School. He served in World War II in the United States Army Air Corps. He farmed in Martin County and was employed at Webb Air Force Base from 1952 until its closure and his retirement in 1977. He attended the First Baptist Church of Stanton.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian White of Seminole; one daughter and son-in-law, Lynda and Randy Casey of Denver City; six nieces, four nephews and numerous great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers.

The family suggests memorials made to the Music or Youth Programs of First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1168, Stanton 79782 or to Memorial Hospice, 1004 Hobbs Highway, Suite 2, Seminole 79360.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

Clarene Hillger

Clarene Hillger, 89, of Stanton, died Wednesday, May 2, 2007, in Midland. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Police blotter

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

- **JUAN ALBERT LOPEZ**, 23, of 1425 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Wednesday on charges of evading arrest and resisting arrest.
- **ROMERO VILLARREAL JR.**, 22, of 1412 Wood, was arrested Wednesday on a parole violation.
- **CHRIS PENA**, 26, of 1308 Johnson, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of forgery.
- **LINDSEY LEE**, 21, of 2623 Ent, was arrested Wednesday on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, six local warrants and a Howard County warrant.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 600 block of Fifth Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.
- **INTERFERING WITH AN EMERGENCY PHONE CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION** was reported in the 2500 block of Dow.
- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION** was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 600 block of Johnson.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 53 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DOLY REBECCA HOGAN**, 30, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of forgery of a financial instrument (two counts).
- **JOHN MICHAEL HAYS**, 50, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for murder and bondsman off bond for theft.
- **MIGUEL ENRIQUE JUAREZ**, 19, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **RICKIE DELL HAIR**, 33, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO after being sentenced to six months in a state jail for driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age in the vehicle.
- **MALINDA DAWN SALAZAR**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **CORRINA LARA GUTIERREZ**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **SHANNON LOUISE BEELER**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of forgery.
- **CHANDRA CARPENTER**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of violation of a promise to appear, no driver's license and theft.
- **JASON LARUE WOODRUFF**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JOHN ALBERT LOPEZ**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest and resisting arrest.
- **RONALD LEE SIMONEK**, 51, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of N.W. Fifth Street. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Will. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported near the intersection of Golf Course and Starlight. One person was transported to SMMC.

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**TODAY**  
 • Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.  
 • Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

**FRIDAY**  
 • Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. 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 in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.  
 • Cinco de Mayo Festival at Heart of the City Park, 6:30 p.m. to midnight.  
 • Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

**SATURDAY**  
 • Cinco de Mayo Festival at Heart of the City Park, 11 a.m. to midnight.  
 • The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will hold an adult eyeglass clinic from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the Event Center, 1607 E. Third St. This provides recycled eyeglasses for adults who cannot afford to pay for an eye examination or buy eyeglasses. For information, contact Bob Noyes at 267-6095.  
 • Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.  
 • Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.  
 • Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

**MONDAY**  
 • Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.  
 • Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows around 60. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
 Friday...Increasing clouds. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.  
 Friday night...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.  
 Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.  
 Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.  
 Sunday...Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.  
 Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.  
 Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the upper 60s.  
 Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.  
 Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.  
 Tuesday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.  
 Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 80.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:  
 Winning numbers drawn: 25-31-35-38-46-47.  
 Number matching six of six: 0.  
 ...  
 AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:  
 Winning numbers drawn: 3-5-7-25-29.  
 Number matching five of five: 0.  
 ...  
 AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-6-7.

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# Warriors heading home shaken, but still controlling Mavs series

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Stay calm, get healthy, hope the league has mercy. Forget the last few minutes of the previous game, ignore the talk about how tough it is to close out a series and look forward to the loud love of the home crowd.

Do all that and the Golden State Warriors will be just fine in Game 6 against the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday night.

Fail in any area and the previously happy-go-lucky Warriors might have trouble finishing the massive upset they very nearly pulled off Tuesday night.

"We'll see," Golden State coach Don Nelson said. "We're going to play Game 6. We're going to show up."

Nelson opted to keep his Warriors overnight in Dallas instead of flying home following a tough 118-112 loss in Game 5. They returned to the Mavericks' arena Wednesday morning for a light workout about 10 hours after they'd left the building.

Nelson led a slow-moving parade to the court clutching a cup of coffee and a bag from a local tobacco store. His voice was hoarse and his spirits weren't much better. After all, had things gone a little differently Tuesday night he already would've fired up some of the new victory cigars likely in his plastic sack.

Golden State turned an

early 21-point deficit into a nine-point lead with 3:20 to go. The Warriors were that close to getting into the second round and into the history books with one of the most stunning upsets in NBA history, one that would've been even sweeter for Nelson because of his running feud with Mavericks owner Mark Cuban.

Instead, Dallas star Dirk Nowitzki brought his team back, in the game and possibly the series. He scored 12 points in a 15-0, game-ending run. Golden State make things worse on itself by missing eight straight shots and seeing players lose their composure.

First, Jason Richardson got tangled with a fan after missing a shot and falling out of bounds in the final minute. Then, with 8.9 seconds left, Stephen Jackson was ejected for the second time this series, albeit for the mere offense of clapping.

"We had our opportunities to close out the series and we didn't," Warriors star Baron Davis said. "Some unfortunate circumstances took away from the game itself, but overall we feel good going home. ... It was difficult last night and it's going to be difficult Thursday, but we feel like we can do it."

NBA spokesman Tim Frank said Wednesday that Jackson would not be punished by the league beyond the "substantial" fine already levied by Nelson. Frank also said an investigation into Richardson's incident

was ongoing.

The Warriors can't afford to lose any player — Richardson or do-it-all reserve Matt Barnes, who hurt a hamstring in the first quarter of the last game. Nelson uses only eight players and said he'd ask others to play more rather than relying on someone at the end of the bench, which would make fatigue an issue, especially if there's a Game 7 in Dallas on Saturday night.

"It's just real, real tight," Barnes said Wednesday, watching from the sideline while teammates were shooting. "I'm going to be in the treatment room once we get back to Oakland all day and all night. I'll be ready to go."

The Mavs also spent the night in Dallas, but decided to work out at the Warriors' arena, where they are 0-4 this season and sure to be greeted Thursday night by 20,000 fans wearing yellow "We Believe" T-shirts.

"We just wanted to get here and shoot a little bit," Mavericks coach Avery Johnson said following practice. "This is the place tomorrow we're having our biggest game of the season."

Johnson praised his team for showing their mental toughness in Game 5. Now he wants to see them play a dominant game from start to finish.

"We're a hungry team," All-Star forward Josh Howard said. "We know what we want to do, where we want to go."

The next game or two



MCT photo/Ron Jenkins/Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki goes for a loose ball in front of Golden State's Stephen Jackson in Game 5 of the NBA playoffs at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Tuesday. The two teams square off again tonight in Oakland with the Warriors holding a 3-2 series lead.

will show whether Golden State simply picked a bad time to go cold in Game 5 or whether the pressure became too much for the Warriors — as the Mavs tried telling them the day before, when they talked up the difficulty of closing out a series.

Devin Harris kept up the mind games Thursday.

"We still have a big job to do," Harris said. "All the pressure is on them. They've got us against the wall 3-2."

Said Barnes: "We're not even supposed to be here, so we don't have no pressure."

## 'DOGS

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Garcia also leads the team with four home runs and is second on the team in RBIs this season.

Joining Garcia as a top offensive weapon for the Bulldogs this season is senior shortstop Colin McMillen. He leads the team in RBIs and also has a team-leading .493 batting average.

Harmon, in his fourth season at the Bulldog helm, also credits this year's success to his team's ability on the base paths.

"We have a lot of team speed," explained Harmon. "We put a lot of

pressure on pitchers because we can run the bases aggressively."

Harmon and his assistants spend a significant amount of time preaching and practicing base-running. With 31 stolen bases this season, senior catcher/outfielder Dakota Teaff best exemplifies the Bulldogs' base-running abilities.

Senior outfielder Blane Kerby, honored earlier this week at Coahoma's sports banquet as co-winner of the boys' Athlete of the Year Award, has been the Bulldogs' most consistent performer in the field. He is also a top option for Harmon to use as a relief pitcher and could be the starter for Game 2 on Saturday in

San Angelo.

Other possible candidates to start Game 2 include Casey Kilpatrick and Chance Hart.

Harmon has supreme confidence in his team's physical abilities to make a deep playoff run that could possibly lead the Bulldogs back to the Class 2A state tournament in Austin.

"We've got as much talent as any team I've ever coached," said Harmon. "Everybody can play at this stage of the season though. If they're in the playoffs, then they've done something right. It's the mental part of the game that is key for us right now."

As for the matchup against the Longhorns,

Harmon feels that the Bulldogs outmatch them in every phase of the game.

"If we play up to our capabilities then we'll be back out on the practice field again next week," said Harmon. "When we play our best baseball, it's real hard to beat us."

"I have confidence in my kids because of their ability," Harmon continued. "Because of the experience, I feel like if they can get ready to play mentally, then this team can win the region."

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## COAHOMA

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The Bulldogettes definitely have the resume to make them a popular pick to claim another Region I championship and make their way back to Austin for the state tournament.

They have impressive victories over some of the state's top teams, like second-ranked Sonora, eighth-ranked Cisco and 11th-ranked Hawley, who shared the District 5-2A title with Coahoma.

The Bulldogettes also had an impressive 6-0 victory over two-time defending TAPPS 5A state champion Midland Christian

just two weeks ago.

Tadlock feels that it takes more than just talent to make a run at the state softball title. The Bulldogettes have the extra benefit of an excellent team chemistry. It's that chemistry that gives Tadlock the confidence he has heading into the playoffs.

"There are only five or

six softball teams in the state that have the ability to win the state title every year," said Tadlock. "We're definitely one of those teams."

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## TRIO

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play without losing a single set.

She defeated Bonnie Richardson of Rochelle in the first round, 6-3, 6-3, and then eliminated Anna Alvarez of Albany, 6-4, 6-3, to advance to the semifinals.

Holdampf kept her straight sets streak going in the semis as she defeated Tiffany Hasty of Sterling City, 6-4, 6-2.

The final match featured a rematch of the District 11-1A championship game, as Holdampf once again squared off with Miles' Johanna Lange.

Unfortunately for Holdampf, the rematch had a similar result as their first meeting, as she fell to Lange, 6-1, 6-4.

Eggleston and Stanley were seeded third at the regional tournament and cruised through their first round match against Windthorst's Hailey

Berend and Mallory Schenk, 6-2, 6-1.

They didn't find the second round of play so easy though. Hope and Joy Hasty of Sterling City pushed the Forsan duo to three sets, but Eggleston and Stanley came through in the end with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 victory.

The duo then defeated Veronica Engdahl and Becca Willman of Rochelle in the semifinals 6-4, 6-1, to earn a shot at the regional championship.

As had been the case in the girls' singles, the doubles final was a rematch of the District 11-1A championship game — Eggleston and Stanley meeting top-seeded and District 11-1A champions Ashton Dippel and Laci Lyckman of Menard.

The Forsan tandem once again fell short of a championship, losing to Dippel and Lyckman, 6-3, 6-1. However, Eggleston's and Stanley's second-place finish secured them a spot at state.

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Contract Bridge

The Handwriting on the Wall

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

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♠ K 10 3  
♥ 10 9 2  
♦ K 8 7 4  
♣ K Q 6

WEST  
♠ 9 8 4  
♥ K 7 4 3  
♦ A 6  
♣ J 10 9 8

EAST  
♠ A J 7 6  
♥ 8 5  
♦ 10 9 3 2  
♣ 5 3 2

SOUTH  
♠ Q 5 2  
♥ A Q J 6  
♦ Q J 5  
♣ A 7 4

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead jack of clubs.

There are times when declarer arrives at a critical point in the play and fails to recognize a danger that poses a threat to his contract. For example, consider the present case where South is in three no-trump and West leads the club jack.

Declarer's best course of action at the start is fairly clear. He wins the club with dummy's queen, leads the ten of hearts and follows low. If East has the king, the finesse succeeds and the contract is assured.

But West wins the heart with the king and shifts to the nine of spades, presenting declarer with the option of playing the king, the ten or the three from dummy.

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But if South plays the spade king from dummy at trick three, he makes the contract. East wins with the ace but cannot afford a spade return, which would establish dummy's ten as a trick. If East returns any other suit, South wins and forces out the ace of diamonds to assure scoring at least nine tricks.

When West leads the spade nine at trick three, declarer is in good position to judge that the nine is a top-of-nothing lead and that East holds the A-J of spades. South should therefore play the king from dummy to short-circuit the danger that might develop later on if West has the ace of diamonds. If South takes this precaution, the defense disintegrates and the contract is made.

Tomorrow: Test your play.  
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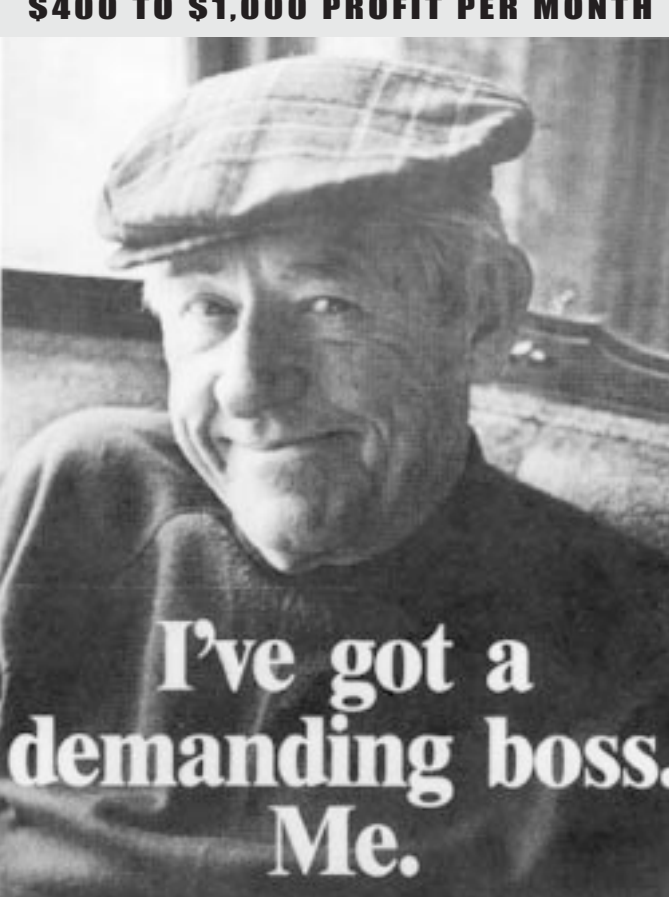
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make this the time to share imaginative solutions with others, or come up with a few as a group. All that is needed is a strong leader, and any group becomes an effective organization that is collectively stronger and greater than the sum of its parts.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The impact you have on other people makes you feel important, worthy and attractive. So put effort into it now. Choose an individual who could use more support, and find creative and generous ways to help him or her.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You have clear goals

and a plan to make them happen, but you need information from others when their actions affect your life. (Since when did using a turn signal become optional?) Ask the tough questions.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You don't mind being asked to do something, but you really resent being told what to do, especially by someone not in a position to be ordering you around. Take a deep breath, smile and get to work. Success is your best revenge.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Feeling a little crabby this morning? The best way to turn your day around is through anonymous giving and secret spreading of goodwill — no matter how hard it is to start. Your day is transformed.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Finding the right partner is less important than being the right partner. You can change your feelings toward loved ones by assuming that they are doing their best.

Tonight, something owed to you comes back.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The ladder to the top can take a long time to climb, especially when you stop to dust and polish each and every rung. Sometimes good enough really is good enough. Stop killing yourself, and enjoy all of your successes.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). So, maybe results aren't as swift in coming as you'd like. Do not accept defeat or rejection. The game is just beginning. Besides, life gives you an endless supply of do-overs.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Here's a novel idea: Instead of over-promising (and under-delivering), why not under-promise (and overdeliver)? It's a stress free way of making someone happy by giving them more than they were expecting.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your hopes may be a tad over the top. A small piece of fabulous news is still fabulous

news. Accept everything good that comes your way as a sign of even better things to come.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The best way to rid yourself of harmful vices is to replace them with something even more compelling. It's time to infuse your life with more desire so you will no longer have time for messy indulgences!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Somebody is looking for the qualities you embody. Put yourself out there in a bigger way. This cleansing exercise helps: Pretend that you are moving. While getting rid of stuff, ask yourself if it still represents what it used to.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You are driven to numb out a certain sensation. Dare to feel the feeling instead. In doing so, you can transform that part of your life you've been meaning to heal.

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**Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need**

Dear Annie: I would like to get the message to my older sister, "Nadine," that my husband and I want her to stop insisting on dragging our two children to church with her every Sunday. She just won't take "no" for an answer.

Nadine is long divorced, and her only child lives out of town, so she doesn't have anybody else to look after. My husband is an atheist, and I just want to sleep in on Sunday, so church isn't really on our agenda.

Nadine insists that our children need to have this religious upbringing, and every Sunday morning, she calls our house to make sure I have the kids up and dressed and ready for her to pick up.

I really need my sleep on Sundays. Any ideas, short of alienating her entirely? (She gets her feelings wounded easily.) — Miffed in the Midwest

Dear Miffed: Nadine thinks she is saving your children's souls, and she



**KATHY MITCHELL**  
**MARCY SUGAR**

isn't going to stop on her own. The fact that you will actually get up and dress the children encourages her to continue. If your children enjoy attending church and you don't mind that they do, let them sleep at Nadine's on Saturday night. Otherwise, tell your sister, "Sorry, we're not dressing the children this morning. You'll have to go without them."

Dear Annie: We have a friend, "Dennis," who is marrying a very wealthy woman. We think that's great. Unfortunately, Dennis has a habit of showing us the expensive gifts his fiancée has given him, revealing their cost to us. I've told him this is gauche, but he persists. How should we reply the next time he tells us how much she paid for something? — Living on Social Security

Dear Living: We worry about any engaged person who is so enamored of his fiancée's money. The next time he tells you the new watch

cost \$1,000, say, "Dennis, dear, your constant focus on these gifts makes you think you are marrying this woman only for her money. We're sure that's not the impression you want to give."

Dear Annie: I thought you might like to forward the enclosed to the retired teacher who wrote about the Pledge of Allegiance. The late Red Skelton said it best. — R.H.

Dear R.H.: After receiving hundreds of copies of this, we decided our readers might want to see it. In 1969, Red Skelton talked about his school days in Indiana, and how one of his teachers, Mr. Lasswell, commented that the pledge was becoming a daily drudgery for the students because they had lost any sense of the meaning of the words. Mr. Lasswell decided to explain the meaning of each word:

**Pledge of Allegiance**  
I: Me, an individual, a committee of one.

**PLEDGE:** Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

**ALLEGIANCE:** My love and my devotion.

**TO THE FLAG:** Our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there's respect, because our loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts "freedom is everybody's job."

**UNITED:** That means that we have all come together.

**STATES:** Individual

communities that have united into 48 great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose; all divided with imaginary boundaries yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

**AND TO THE REPUBLIC:** A state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people, and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

**FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION:** One nation, meaning "so blessed by God."

**INDIVISIBLE:** Incapable of being divided.

**WITH LIBERTY:** Which is freedom, the right of power to live one's own life without threats, fear or some sort of retaliation.

**AND JUSTICE:** The principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

**FOR ALL:** For all, which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.

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**The Spider**

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."

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## OUR VIEWS

### Let's make Cinco de Mayo festival a fun time for all

Ready to have a little fun? Well, we are. And luckily, this weekend has been set aside for our community's Cinco de Mayo Festival, which organizers say will be two days of food and fun at Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring.

As we have in this space in past years, we feel it's necessary to make sure people know what it is we'll be celebrating this weekend.

Many people mistakenly believe Cinco de Mayo is Mexican Independence Day. That, however, is actually Diez y Sies de Septiembre (the 16th of September, not the 5th of May).

Cinco de Mayo is a holiday for Mexican Americans because it commemorates the day in 1862 — some 52 years following Mexico having declared its independence — that a badly outnumbered force of Mexican soldiers defeated a force of French and Mexican army traitors in a battle at Puebla.

Oh, yes, the Mexican army that pulled off this victory was led by Texas-born Gen. Zaragoza.

Big Spring, like a great many Texas cities our size, has a sizable Hispanic population. We're not talking about illegal aliens.

OK, we're not naive enough to say there are no illegal immigrants in our community, but for the most part, our Hispanic community is made up of American citizens

Why more than half of the Herald's staff is made up of Spanish named employees. And we doubt we're the only business in Big Spring that can say that.

No, our Hispanic community is just that ... ours. These are our neighbors and co-workers. We attend church with them. Our children go to school with their children and play youth sports with them. We revel in their successes and they in ours.

And that's why we need to make sure that this weekend, Big Spring's Cinco de Mayo Festival is true family fun for us all.

We're looking forward to combining great food, great country and Tejano music and even trying a dance or two.

The festival will get under way at 6 p.m. Friday and continue through midnight. Saturday's schedule calls for activities from 11 a.m., that's when the menudo cookoff begins, to midnight.

We'll see you there.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You are a force that we need on our side, Lord.

Amen

# Confronting military-industrial complex

Congress doesn't have a great record when it comes to taking on the military industrial complex. In fact, truth be told, our lawmakers have failed us, again and again, while defense contractors and their allies win funding for tens of billions in weapons we simply don't need. Not in Iraq. Not anywhere.



JACK SHANAHAN

Finally, some members of Congress are fighting back. Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif.) has introduced a remarkable bill that would transfer \$60 billion in wasted Pentagon funding to stuff that really matters, like healthcare, schools, and job training.

Wait a minute, you say, that's not progress. It's stupidity. Our nation is at war.

Well, it turns out that the Afghan and Iraq wars are funded separately by Congress-not by the normal Pentagon budget. That's why President Bush frequently asks the House and Senate to pass "supplemental" funding.

This money pays for the war effort. So that leaves the proposed \$504 billion Pentagon budget to pay for all our nation's defense activities, outside of Iraq and Afghanistan.

For decades, defense analysts from both political parties have agreed that the Pentagon wastes tens of billions of dollars. Some, like the libertarian CATO

Institute, have put the figure for defense waste at over \$100 billion.

But Woolsey chose to trim \$60 billion, a conservative estimate of Pentagon waste. Most of this money would come from cutting obsolete Cold War weapons systems, like the F-22 fighter jet, designed to counter a Soviet plane that was never built.

For \$60 billion, our great nation could make dreams come true at home and abroad — without diminishing our ability to fight terrorists or to give our men and women in the military the best weapons they need. For \$60 billion wasted on the Pentagon, we could:

- Provide health insurance for all uninsured kids at home.
- Feed six million kids who die of starvation abroad.
- Re-train a quarter million workers who've lost their jobs here.
- Re-build America's crumbling public schools over 10 years.
- Augment our county's Homeland Security Budget.
- Boost research into renewable energy to rid us of our dependence on foreign oil in ten years.
- Boost funding for veterans' health and medical research.

Under Woolsey's bill, we could do all that, and still have \$5 billion left over to begin reducing our nation's debt.

And, please sit down: We could do this every year. The savings would be annual. A bill like Woolsey's hasn't been introduced in Congress in my memory, and I've been following military issues in Congress for decades. Our coun-

try should be proud that Woolsey — and the House members who co-sponsored the bill — had the nerve to stand up and say, essentially, "America can no longer afford to pretend that the Pentagon is not a fiscal mess—because we are scared to be accused of being weak on defense."

It's so rare for our political leaders to call for cutting Pentagon waste that Woolsey's bill has turned heads in the Washington establishment. They know Woolsey makes sense, especially now with the budget crunch in full force.

But don't hold your breath waiting for many more of our political leaders to endorse spontaneously the "Common Sense Budget Act." Most still see too many risks in challenging defense spending, and they fear for jobs in their districts and retribution by defense contractors.

That's why it's up to everyday Americans to be heard on this issue.

We need to call on our leaders to endorse the Common Sense Budget Act and force Washington to hear us — not defense contractor lobbyists — when it comes to wasteful Pentagon spending.

*Vice Admiral Jack Shanahan (USN, Ret.) formerly commanded the U.S. Second Fleet and heads the Military Advisory Committee of Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities.*

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# More red herrings fall into Dems' laps

Now that former CIA Director George Tenet has begun his pile-on of the beleaguered Bush administration on the very issue (WMD) he helped the administration formulate, be prepared for a new round of "Bush lied, people died" propaganda. Since Democrats are forcing us to deal with this issue, yet again, couldn't we just once put them on the ropes?



DAVID LIMBAUGH

The entire WMD issue has been a Democratic diversion from the get-go. It has allowed Democrats immeasurable cover for their irresponsible absence of policy on Iraq and has provided endless fodder for their libelous claims against the administration.

The Democrats' behavior over the last six years reminds me of that of O.J. Simpson's "Dream Team." Since the blood evidence against O.J. was overwhelming and the defense had no case, it had to create sinister diversions to discredit the evidence gatherers and paint police investigators as racists. Happily for the defense, certain anomalies fell into its lap that it could exploit to confuse and incite a racially charged jury.

Similarly, until recently, Democrats have had no policy since 9/11 began, other than to try to poke holes in the administration's policies and actions — and to inflame the passions of the electoral "jury" against the Bush Administration and the Iraq War. Unfortunately, anomalies have fallen into their laps as well: little things that appeared wrong that they could blow up and distort to discredit the administration and the war effort. Consider:

- Dems say Bush lied about, hyped, distorted and manufactured the WMD intelligence to trick them into supporting the war.

Never mind that they are on record independently making similar claims even before Bush's alleged misstatements.

• Never mind that Democrats wouldn't conceivably have relied on the Bush administration for something this important, since, from the beginning, they have proudly distrusted everything it has said.

• Never mind that Democrats received intelligence briefings compiled not by the Bush White House, but our intelligence agencies, which were less alarmist about Iraqi WMD than the presidential daily briefings provided to the White House. Yet these Democrats still voted for the Iraq War resolution.

• But into their laps fell the report that the CIA began to have some doubts about the 16-word State of the Union speech statement that the British had learned that Saddam had tried to acquire yellow cake uranium from Africa. The CIA had even caused that statement to be removed from a presidential speech in Cincinnati three months earlier. (If the glove doesn't fit, you must acquit).

• Never mind that the Brits still stood by the statement and that the CIA didn't say it was wrong, just that there wasn't sufficient certainty about it to include it in the speech. Never mind that the CIA vetted this SOTU speech and didn't recommend deletion of the 16 words and that Tenet even said Bush "had every reason to believe the statement was sound." Never mind that the statement was technically accurate and was probably accurate in fact.

• Then, into their laps fell another gift: The administration apologized for the inclusion of the statement in the SOTU speech, not because it didn't believe it was true, but because it didn't meet the higher standard of proof normally required for SOTU speech assertions.

• Now, Democrats had "proof"

Bush hyped the intelligence.

• Dems exploited many other morsels in the ensuing years, such as that Cheney met with the CIA. Never mind that bipartisan investigators, after interviewing hundreds of intelligence officers, concluded Cheney did not pressure the CIA to hype the intelligence.

• Exploitable diversions are still raining from the sky. In his new book, George Tenet says, among other things, he didn't mean what everyone thought he meant when he said the evidence for Iraqi WMD was a "slam dunk."

This is getting so tiresome. The inescapable fact is that the CIA and 14 other U.S. intelligence agencies and the intelligence agencies of most other nations believed Iraq had chemical and biological weapons and was trying to reconstitute its nuclear program. Coupled with Saddam's behavior toward weapons inspectors, his violations of treaties and U.N. resolutions, his failure to meet his burden of proving he had destroyed WMD we know he had and used on his own people, and his support and harboring of terrorists — notwithstanding Democratic diversions about the latter point as well — Bush would have been irresponsible not to have taken action.

Are Democrats willing to commit to the position that they would not have attacked Iraq and that the world would be a safer place with Saddam still in power? If so, they should be forced to face the consequences of that position, as cogently illuminated by National Review Online's Andrew McCarty: "a Saddam Hussein, emboldened from having faced down the United States and its sanctions, loaded with money, arming with WMDs, and coddling jihadists."

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# Texas news in brief

## New education building, upkeep planned for Alamo

AUSTIN (AP) — The Alamo will get a new nearby educational building under plans detailed Wednesday to upgrade Texas' most famous historic site.

Television studios for producing more Alamo education programs, a new library, a 250-seat auditorium and a Texana book store are slated for a building proposed for construction across the street from the San Antonio shrine.

Members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the organization that oversees the Alamo with no government funding, gathered at the Capitol with San Antonio legislators and Bexar County officials to announce the plans.

## House passes bill to help boost parks funding

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' crumbling public parks system could get a much-needed financial boost under a bill given preliminary approval Wednesday by the state House that frees up millions of dollars lawmakers have spent elsewhere in recent years.

State parks officials and environmentalists have lobbied for months to ask lawmakers to pump more cash into the state's 600,000-acre parks system of lakes, rivers and trails.

Years of underfunding have left many facilities in severe disrepair and forced parks officials to limit hours of public access to cut costs.

Many politicians, from the governor's race to local legislative contests, campaigned on platforms to boost parks funding. Gov. Rick Perry declared parks funding an emergency issue early in the legislative session.

The bill still needs a final vote Thursday before it is sent to the Senate for consideration.

## TYC investigation results in 56 recommendations for improvement

HOUSTON (AP) — A special investigator appointed by Gov. Rick Perry issued a report Wednesday saying the state's juvenile prison system suffered from a "fundamental lack of accountability" requiring a sweeping overhaul to ensure the health and safety of children placed in the agency.

Jay Kimbrough, the conservator appointed in March to oversee an investigation into allegations of physical and sexual abuse at Texas Youth Commission facilities, told state officials in a 35-page report that agency officials were "unwilling or incapable of taking action to address these issues."

The report said the "chief culprit" behind TYC problems was the agency's structure, which left too much power concentrated in the hands of officials at 22 outlying facilities.

Two top administrators of the West Texas State School, a TYC facility in Pyote, were indicted recently on charges of sexual abuse of inmates there.

## One dead in McAllen plane crash

McALLEN (AP) — A woman was killed and a man suffered severe burns when a single-engine plane crashed shortly after it departed the McAllen airport.

The plane's pilot, Jose Francisco Ortiz, 34, of Tampico, Mexico, suffered burns to 90 percent of his body in the Wednesday night crash, said Hidalgo County Justice of the Peace Rosa Trevino.

# Howard College student awards for 2006-2007

Below are Howard College student awards for the 2006-2007 school year. Students are listed by their last name.

Adamson, Elizabeth: Outstanding Government  
Aguero, Brenda: Dean's List  
Aguirre, Adam: Outstanding Drafting  
Alexander, Tammy: Dean's List  
Alvarez, Jessica: Diplomat Scholar  
Atkinson, Crystal: Outstanding Chemistry  
Avant, Jeana: Outstanding Government  
Avila-Lewis, Kristi: Dean's List  
Baker, Lyndsey: Outstanding Child Care  
Baker, Jeremy: Diplomat Scholar  
Baker, Joe: TX Community Theatre Festival, Bill Norton Challenge Award in Acting  
Bapoo, Carole: Dean's List  
Bagley, Nathan: Residence Hall Assistant  
Barr, Stacy: Dean's List, Who's Who  
Barton, Lindsey: President's Honor Roll  
Bartlett, Daniele: SGA Participant  
Batla, Misti: Dean's List  
Baum, Katherine: Outstanding PTK Member  
Baum, Torrey: Dean's List  
Bearden, Kendra: President's Honor Roll  
Bearden, Alan: Dean's List  
Berry, Kimberly: Dean's List, Diplomat Scholar  
Berry, Samantha: President's Honor Roll, SGA Participant  
Billings, Kevin: Dean's List  
Braudaway, Amanda: Dean's List, SGA Participant  
Bryant, Yolanda: Dean's List, Outstanding Accounting  
Burnam, Valerie: Residence Hall Assistant  
Calvert, Jessica: Outstanding Nail Tech  
Calvert, Johnny: Dean's List  
Campbell, Kyle: Dean's List  
Canales, Rosa: Outstanding Office Administration  
Caperton, Joshua: Dean's List  
Carroll, Collin: Dean's List  
Carson, Kandis: Diplomat Scholar  
Castilleja, Nicholas: SGA Participant  
Cavazos, Eneledia: President's Honor Roll  
Chapa, Marcial: Diplomat Scholar, GA Participant  
Chapman, Ryder: Dean's List  
Chapple, Susan: Dean's List  
Chesworth, Krista: Dean's List  
Coberly, Kacee: Dean's List  
Collins, April: Dean's List, Outstanding PTK Member, Who's Who  
Combs, Shelly: Dean's List, Who's Who  
Cox, Mindy: Dean's List, Outstanding Dental Hygiene, Outstanding SADHA, Who's Who  
Creswell, Keira: Who's Who  
Culver, Cassie: Dean's List  
Currie, Catrell: Outstanding

Law Enforcement  
Daves, Billy: Dean's List  
Dechert, Ryan: Outstanding RHA  
Delatour, Raymond: Outstanding Government  
De Los Santos, Jennifer: Dean's List  
Denson, Ryan: Dean's List  
Dillard, Lorie: Outstanding Psychology  
Dyer, Carol: Dean's List  
Dykstra, Lisa: Outstanding Sociology  
Edodi-Disowe, Onome: President's Honor Roll  
Fay, Naomi: SGA Participant, Outstanding MASA  
Femath, Andrew: Dean's List  
Ferguson, Davette: President's Honor Roll, Outstanding Nail Tech  
Flores, Joel: Dean's List  
Fryar, Dee: Dean's List, Diplomat Scholar, Residence Hall Assistant  
Fuqua, Brad: Dean's List  
Garcia, Gerardo: Dean's List, Outstanding Computer Support  
Garcia, Felicitia: Outstanding Business/Lamesa  
Garcia, Antonio: Dean's List  
Garcia, Monique: Diplomat Scholar  
Garcia, Melissa: Dean's List  
Garcia, Jessica: Dean's List  
Garibay, Gloria: Diplomat Scholar  
Garner, Teryn: Dean's List  
Garza, Oscar: Outstanding Associate Nursing Ddepartment  
Gee, Sterling: Dean's List  
Gibbs, Gabriel: Outstanding Computer Networking  
Gillette, Mary: Outstanding Web Design  
Gilyard, Kimberly: President's Honor Roll, Outstanding Accounting, Who's Who, American Legion Citizenship Award  
Ginnetti, Priscilla: Outstanding Art  
Griffin, Erin: President's Honor Roll, Outstanding Dance, Outstanding History, Outstanding New Dimension, Who's Who, Community College Theatre Festival Award of Excellence  
Griffith, Raymon: Dean's List  
Griffith, Cody: Dean's List  
Hanson, Joshua: Residence Hall Assistant  
Haro, Andrea: Dean's List  
Harper, Richard: Dean's List  
Harrison, Alexander: Dean's List  
Head, Spencer: Dean's List  
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Hecker, Kaci: Dean's List  
Heiner, Cody: Dean's List  
Hennig, Matthew: Dean's List, Outstanding Agriculture  
Hernandez, Ruth: Dean's List, Outstanding Lamesa  
Hernandez, Stephanie: Dean's List  
Hernandez, Natalia: President's Honor Roll  
Hess, Danielle: President's Honor Roll, Outstanding History  
Hilario, Brandi: President's Honor Roll  
Hill, Amber: President's Honor Roll, Outstanding LVN  
Hinojos, Daniel: Fourth Place Art Show Drawing  
Hinojos, Iris: Dean's List  
Hise, Laryssa: President's

Honor Roll, Who's Who  
Hodnett, Sandra: President's Honor Roll  
Hokr, Brett: Dean's List  
Hollingsworth, Brittia: Dean's List, Who's Who, Outstanding Chemistry  
Hudson, Sterling: Dean's List  
Huitt, Casey: Dean's List  
Hunt, Aaron: SGA Participant  
Hurta, Mark: SGA Participant, Residence Hall Assistant  
Hutchison, Maura: President's Honor Roll  
Hyatt, Ashley: Dean's List, Who's Who  
Islas, Joshua: President's Honor Roll  
Jowers, Lance: Dean's List  
Juarez, Brenda: SGA Participant  
Justin, Vanessa: Outstanding Criminal Justice Studies, Fourth Place Art Show Ceramics  
Kellermeier, Garrett: Dean's List  
Kinsey, Richard: Dean's List, SGA Participant  
Knowlton, Porscha: Dean's List  
Kramps, Kasey: President's Honor Roll, Who's Who  
Lancaster, Somer: Dean's List  
Land, Josh: President's Honor Roll, Who's Who, Outstanding Sports Medicine, SGA Participant, American Legion Citizenship Award  
Lange, Jacob: President's Honor Roll  
Larez, Amanda: SGA Participant, Residence Hall Assistant  
Layton, Maegan: Dean's List, Who's Who, Outstanding Agriculture  
Le, Luc: Third Place Art Show Ceramics  
Lee, Tuan-YI: President's Honor Roll  
Linen, Nicole: President's Award for Outstanding Student of the Year, President's Honor Roll, General Studies/Speech, outstanding English, Outstanding Psychology, Who's Who  
Lohden, Anthony: Dean's List  
Long, Kellie: Dean's List  
Lopez, Magdalena: Dean's List  
Lopez, Steven: Diplomat Scholar  
Lowe, Shawna: Dean's List  
Lowenstein, Barret: Dean's List, Who's Who  
Loya, Joe: President's Honor Roll, Who's Who  
Lozano, Mark: Dean's List, Outstanding Music  
Mancha, Ramona: First Place Art Show Ceramics, Honorable Mention Art Show


Martin, Marie: Who's Who  
Martinez, Christina: Dean's List  
Matthews, Jill: Outstanding Vocation Nursing  
McCartney, Tisha: Dean's List  
McGee, Maleah: Dean's List  
Medina, Anna: Dean's List, Outstanding Criminal Justice/Lamesa  
Medina, Vanessa: Dean's List, Outstanding Criminal Justice/Lamesa  
Melville, Daniel: Dean's List  
Mendoza, David: President's Honor Roll  
Meza, Elsa: Dean's List  
Mitchell, Joshua: Dean's List, Outstanding Law Enforcement  
Mize, Jakki: Dean's List  
Molina, Georgia: President's Honor Roll, Outstanding Child Care  
Monger, Cameron: President's Honor Roll, Outstanding Speech, Outstanding Computer Science  
Monroe, Ashley: Dean's List  
Morrisey, Kevin: President's Honor Roll  
Munoz, Vanessa: President's Honor Roll, Outstanding Vocational Nursing  
Munsell, Stacey: President's Honor Roll  
Newby, Jessica: Outstanding  
Newell, Ashley: EMT  
Nez, Jessica: President's Honor Roll  
Ortega, Sonya: President's Honor Roll  
Ortega, Lorena: President's Honor Roll  
Oso, Jennifer: Dean's List, Who's Who, Second Place Art Show Drawing  
Oviedo, Marissa: Outstanding Business Management  
Paige, Jerri: President's Honor Roll  
Paige, Tori: Dean's List, Who's Who, Chemistry  
Pardo, Nicole: Dean's List  
Parker, Daniel: SGA Participant  
Parks, Susan: President's Honor Roll  
Parks, Rebecca: Outstanding Business  
Parsons, Miranda: Dean's List  
Partlow, Chelsea: Dean's List, Who's Who, Outstanding Vocational Nursing  
Phillips, Ashley: Resident Assistant  
Phillips, Tyler: Diplomat Scholar  
Pitchford-Whetsel, Stephanie: Dean's List  
Pittman, Michael: Dean's List  
Pointon, Kasey: Dean's List

Porras, Marcus: Dean's List  
Pruitt, Ryan: Dean's List, Who's Who  
Purcell, Charles: Drafting  
Quintana, Hector: Outstanding Web Design  
Quintero, Jr. George: Dean's List  
Ramirez, Jose: Dean's List  
Reed, William: History  
Riddle, Anthony: Outstanding History  
Riddle, Anthony: Dean's List  
Rios, Erica: Outstanding Biology  
Rios, Cynthia: Dean's List, Honorable Mention Art Show  
Rivera, Rosa: President's Honor Roll  
Roberts, Veronica: President's Honor Roll, Outstanding Art  
Rodewald, Annette: Dean's List  
Rodriguez, Aileen: Dean's List  
Rodriguez, Anthony: Dean's List  
Rodriguez, Cynthia: Dean's List  
Rodriguez, Alejandra: Dean's List, Who's Who  
Rowden, Michael: Outstanding Computer Science  
Rumer, Yvonne: President's Honor Roll, Outstanding Business  
Salazar, Malinda: Dean's List, Third Place Art Show Drawing  
Sandoval, Lauren: Outstanding Sociology  
Schaffeld, Greg: SGA Participant  
Schaffeld, Richard: Dean's List, Who's Who, SGA Participant  
Scott, Brandi: President's Honor Roll, Outstanding Cosmetology  
Seber, Todd: Second Place Art Show Ceramics  
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Silva, Sandra: Dean's List  
Smith, Rebecca: President's Honor Roll  
Smith, Rebecca: Outstanding Cosmetology  
Soto, Matthew: President's Honor Roll, Who's Who, Diplomat Scholar, SGA

Participant  
Stanley, Clinton: Dean's List  
Stapp, William: Drafting  
Stephens, Zachry: President's Honor Roll  
Stevens, Katrina: Outstanding Criminal Justice Studies  
Strain, Mary: President's Honor Roll  
Teeters, Nathan: Diplomat Scholar, American Legion Citizenship Award  
Thompson, Lesli: President's Honor Roll  
Timm, Genie: President's Honor Roll, Dental Hygiene  
Torres, Casie: Dean's List  
Tubb, Hali: President's Honor Roll  
Valdez, Anita: Dean's List  
Valencia, Raymundo: Dean's List  
Vasquez, Katharine: Dean's List  
Vaughan, Aaron: Dean's List  
Vaughn, Stacey: President's Honor Roll  
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White, Radonia: President's Honor Roll  
Whitecotton, Oland: Dean's List  
Williams, Dustin: Dean's List  
Williams, Tyler: Dean's List  
Wingert, Kelly: Outstanding History, President's Honor Roll  
Wiseman, Samantha: Residence Hall Assistant  
Yanez, Lucia: Dean's List  
Yanez, Brittany: Diplomat Scholar  
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# FJ Cruiser

Toyota's durable, sporty SUV well-suited for great outdoors

For those looking for off-road adventure, the 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser is ideally suited for just about any trail that needs to be trekked.

It's also pretty popular with the urban crowd as well.

With a base price starting below \$22,000, the nicely loaded FJ Cruiser

is also the recipient of the recent Texas Auto Writer's "SUV of Texas" honors earned during last fall's Texas Truck Rodeo competition.

Available in two- or four-wheel

drive platforms, the FJ Cruiser is powered by a 4.0-liter dual overhead cam V-6 engine delivering 239 horsepower and 278 lb.-ft. of torque.

Buyers have their choice of a five-speed automatic or a six-speed manual transmission.

Rated as a Low Emissions Vehicle, the FJ requires premium unleaded gasoline and has an EPA fuel economy rating of 18/17 mpg city, 22/21 mpg highway (2WD/FWD).

There's a lot of things to like about the FJ — in addition to the fact that it will go just about anywhere you would ever want to drive a vehicle.

The interior cabin is roomy and has lots of storage compartments for stowing gear. The rear 60/40 split folding seat

features removable bottom and back cushions that allow a nearly flat cargo floor that provides 66.8 cubic feet of a cargo area (27.9 cubic feet with the rear seats in the upright position).

It's also pretty easy to clean as the seats are water-repellent, making it easy to wipe down

after a dusty ride on the trail. Even the floor surfaces are covered with a rubber-like material to make clean-up easy.

Standard features include air conditioning, power windows and door locks, tilt-steering wheel, rear-window defogger, skid plates for the engine, transfer case and fuel-tank, front and rear tow hooks and mudguards.

Three audio systems are available. The base sound system is an AM/FM/CD player with six speakers.

A premium FJammer eight-speaker system with six-disc CD changer is optional, as is the FJammer Premium system which includes a 7.9-inch subwoofer powered by a dedicated amplifier incorporated into the right-rear panel of the cargo compartment.

The FJ is also equipped with a pair of NXT SurfaceSound transducers which convert the vehicle's ceiling into a speaker diaphragm.



The 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser

## ON THE ROAD



BY NEAL WHITE

Buyers also have their choice of three optional packages.

Standard safety features include dual-stage front airbags and Toyota's Star Safety System (vehicle stability control, traction control, anti-lock brakes, electronic brake force distribution and brake assist).

The FJ Cruiser is an impressive vehicle — both on and off the road. On the road, it delivers a solid, firm ride, although I found the wind noise a bit distracting.

I also didn't like the steep front windshield angle. While it provided a commanding view of the road, if I was first in line at a traffic light, I had to stoop down to see when the light changed.

Other than that, the FJ is a remarkably impressive ride — especially for those looking for off-road adventure.

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## THE NUTS AND BOLTS

**MODEL:** 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser 5-seat SUV



Rear-, four-wheel drive  
**Trim packages:**  
Convenience Package, Upgrade Package One, Upgrade Package Two

**PRICE RANGE:** \$22,000-\$28,000

**ENGINE:** 4.0-L V-6 (239 hp/278 torque)

**TRANSMISSION:** 5-speed automatic

6-speed manual

**EPA:** 18/17 mpg city, 22/21 mpg highway (2WD/FWD)

**FUEL:** Premium unleaded

**SUSPENSION:** High-mounted, double wishbone and stabilizer bar (front); 4-link with lateral rod with coil springs and stabilizer bar (rear).

**4WD:** Part-time four-wheel drive with automatic transmission; full-time four-wheel drive with manual transmission.

**BRAKES:** ABS with electronic brake force distribution and brake assist.

**LENGTH:** 183.9 inches

**WHEELBASE:** 105.9 inches

**WIDTH:** 74.6 inches

**HEIGHT:** 70.9/71.6 inches (2WD/4WD)

**WEIGHT:** 4,050-4,295 lbs.

**TRACK:** 63.2/63.2 (front/rear)

**FUEL TANK:** 19 gallons

**TIRES:** 17-inch

**TOWING:** 5,000 lbs.

**APPROACH/DEPARTURE:** 34/31 degrees (4WD)



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7 :PM	Ugly Betty (CC)	Ugly Betty (CC)	La Fea Mas Bella	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Survivor: Fiji (CC)	Marina	Name Is Earl The Office (CC)	Friends (CC) Friends (CC)	Update/Israel Sid Roth	TX Mnthly Talk Session	Human Prey (CC)	Movie: Death Hunt (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	NBA Basketball:	Access College Hill	Movie: Model Behavior (CC)	Revolution at D.C. United	Contender Challenge	Movie: Lake Placid 2
8 :PM	Grey's Anatomy (CC)	Grey's Anatomy (CC)	Destilando Amor	Trading Spouses	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Zorro - La Espada y la Rosa (CC)	Scubs (CC)	Friends (CC) Friends (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Lincoln Center Antiques	Killer Squid (CC)		TNA Wrestling Impact! (CC)	First Round -- Teams TBA	Comicview (CC)		Billiards	Contender Challenge	Movie: Lake Placid 2
9 :PM			Aqui y Ahora	Becker (CC) Friends (CC)	Shark (CC)	Sin Verguenza	ER (CC)	Movie: Deep Impact (CC)		Roadshow Signpost-1953	Killer Jellyfish (CC)	Movie: Jeremiah	The Ultimate Fighter	(CC)	The Wire (CC)	Life Derek Phil of Future	Billiards: Semi.	Baseball Tonight	
10 :PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show-	Noticias Titulares y Mas	News Tonight Show		The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Cash Cab Cash Cab	Johnson	UFC Unleashed	Basketball: First Round --	Jamie Foxx Jamie Foxx	Zack & Cody That's-Raven	Billiards: 9-Ball Finals	SportsCenter (CC)	Movie: Deadly Swarm (CC)
11 :PM	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill Malcolm-Mid.	Letterman Late Late Show	12 Corazones ¡Al Rojo Vivo!	Late Night- Friends (CC)	40 Movie: Update/Israel Light-World	Betty Swann Y. Salamanca	Sign Off	Human Prey (CC)	Movie: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance	Wild World Whacked Out (CC)	Teams TBA	In Living Color In Living Color	Han. Montana Kim Possible	NASCAR Now 2006 World	Baseball NFL Live	
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**DENNIS THE MENACE**

"MOM, COULD I TAKE GRAMPA TO KIDDIEGARDEN AS MY SHOW AN'TELL?"

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

"I'm coloring this sheep pink 'cause it's a girl sheep."

**HAGAR**

DAD, DID YOUR MOM ALWAYS TELL YOU TO CHEW WITH YOUR MOUTH CLOSED LIKE MOM TELLS ME?

OH, YES

WHY DON'T YOU DO THAT NOW?

I GUESS I FORGOT WHAT MY MOM SAID..

THERE WAS JUST SO MUCH TO REMEMBER!

**WIZARD OF ID**

PREPARE TO MEET THY DOOM

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT THE OBESITY PROBLEM?

NOTHING!

WHY NOT?

FAT VOTES COUNT THE SAME AS SKINNY VOTES

**BLONDIE**

WE GOT TIRED OF WAITING IN THE CAR FOR YOU

**AGNES**

HERE I AM... THE NIGHT BEFORE THE BIG QUALIFYING ROUND... A QUALIFYING ROUND THAT COULD LEAD TO A NATIONAL TITLE FOR SPELLING EXCELLENCE!

...OR IS IT EXLENCE? EXCELANCE? EXCELLENCE?! EXCELLENCE?! EXLENCE?! EKSOLLANCE?! STOP IT... I'M JUST TIRED... I NEED TO GET SOME SLEEP.

OR IS IT SLEPE? SLEIPE?! SLEIPE?! SLEIPE?! SLEEP?! SLEEP?! SLEEP?!

**This Date In History**

Today is Thursday, May 3, the 123rd day of 2007. There are 242 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On May 3, 1948, the Supreme Court, in *Shelley v. Kraemer*, ruled that covenants prohibiting the sale of real estate to blacks or members of other racial groups were legally unenforceable.

On this date:

In 1802, Washington, D.C., was incorporated as a city.

In 1907, show business columnist Earl Wilson was born in Rockford, Ohio.

In 1916, Irish nationalist Padraic Pearse and two others were executed by the British for their roles in the Easter Rising.

In 1933, Nellie T. Ross became the first female director of the U.S. Mint.

In 1944, U.S. wartime rationing of most grades of meats ended.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied forces captured Rangoon, Burma, from the Japanese.

In 1947, Japan's postwar constitution took effect.

In 1978, "Sun Day" fell on a Wednesday as thousands of people extolling the virtues of solar energy held events across the country.

In 1986, in NASA's first post-Challenger launch, an unmanned Delta rocket lost power in its main engine shortly after liftoff, forcing safety officers to destroy it by remote control.

In 1987, The Miami Herald said its reporters had observed a young woman spending "Friday night and most of Saturday" at a Washington townhouse belonging to Democratic presidential candidate Gary Hart. (The woman was later identified as Donna Rice; the scandal torpedoed Hart's presidential bid.)

One year ago: An Armenian passenger plane crashed off Russia's Black Sea coast, killing all 113 people on board.

Today's Birthdays: Folk singer Pete Seeger is 88.

Actress Ann B. Davis is 81. Singer Frankie Valli is 73. Sports announcer Greg Gumbel is 61. Pop singer Mary Hopkins is 57. Singer Christopher Cross is 56. Country musician Cactus Moser (Highway 101) is 50. Rock musician David Ball (Soft Cell) is 48. Country singer Shane Minor is 39. Actor Bobby Cannavale is 37. Music and film producer-actor Damon Dash is 36. Country singer Brad Martin is 34. Actor Dule Hill is 32. Country singer Eric Church is 30. Actress Jill Berard is 17.

Thought for Today: "Love is blind; friendship closes its eyes." — Anonymous.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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**HI AND LOIS**

WE GOT OUR NEW UNIFORMS TODAY.

WHAT COLOR IS THAT?

"GRASS STAIN GREEN"

HIS MOM IS THE COACH

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**THE OTHER COAST**

OH, NO! A DEAD BIRD. HOW SAD.

WE SHOULD BURY IT, VICKY.

THERE, REST IN PEACE, LITTLE BIRD.

ER... AREN'T YOU FORGETTING SOMETHING?

WHAT'S A FUNERAL WITHOUT THE RECEPTION AFTERWARD?

- ACROSS**
- 1 France, once
  - 5 Neighbor of Armenia
  - 9 Star Wars creator
  - 14 Seep (through)
  - 15 Jodie Foster film
  - 16 Habituate
  - 17 Social fix-up
  - 19 Shower time
  - 20 Mariner
  - 21 Full of life
  - 22 Dads
  - 25 Mates of ewes
  - 26 Actress Rowlands
  - 27 Pale
  - 29 Homepage location
  - 32 Turn away from
  - 33 Sweet-talk
  - 36 Negative connector
  - 37 Wee ones
  - 38 Video-game name
  - 39 Lasting impression
  - 40 Museum pieces
  - 41 Became overcast
  - 42 "Ciao!"
  - 43 Gets peeved
  - 45 Ancient Greek physician
  - 46 Civil unrest
  - 47 Play starter
  - 50 Took charge
  - 51 Sugar lumps
  - 53 Writer
  - 55 Fills, as gaps
- DOWN**
- 1 Mariner
  - 2 Part of some e-mail addresses
  - 3 Israeli weapon
  - 4 Microscope part
  - 5 Destination for da Gama
  - 6 Empire
  - 7 Singing voices
  - 8 Met, for one
  - 9 Not bother
  - 10 Lets down, as long hair
  - 11 Acknowledgment of applause
  - 12 Number for one
  - 13 Cash in
  - 18 Mend, as socks
  - 22 Shells and elbows
  - 23 Off the ship
  - 24 Camera enthusiasts
  - 26 Chilly
  - 28 USN rank
  - 29 Had on
  - 30 Just right
  - 31 Task
  - 33 Editing mark
  - 34 Not much
  - 35 Crow relative
  - 39 RR stop
  - 41 In a coarse manner
  - 44 Prolonged attacks
  - 45 Taunt
  - 47 Blessing preceder, perhaps
  - 48 Muscle annoyance
  - 49 Sea fluctuations
  - 51 No. crunchers
  - 52 Arm bone
  - 53 Grounded fleet: Abbr.
  - 54 Engrave
  - 57 Fish eggs
  - 58 Go wrong
  - 59 Take a gander at

**SNUFFY SMITH**

SOMETIMES I WONDER IF THAT'S TH' FURST DOLLAR I EVER MADE...

OR TH' LAST ONE I'M EVER GONNA SEE !!

**BETLE BAILEY**

LOUISE WANTS TO GET MARRIED, OTTO. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

GROWF!

I KNEW HE WOULDN'T APPROVE!

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