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SWCID students protest

Unhappy over cafeteria food, student dean, other issues

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A large group of SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf students staged a protest at the school Tuesday and promised more such action in the future if their demands aren't met.

About 40 students, upset over issues ranging from cafeteria food to the school's dean of students, aired their grievances before SWCID Provost Dr. Ron Brasel and Howard College Dr. Cheryl Sparks Tuesday afternoon.

After talking with the two officials, the students agreed to call a temporary halt to their protest.

"We've been trying to get them to listen to us since November and they haven't done anything about until now," student Kristen Dickson said through an interpreter. "We're going to meet (with officials) again at 8:45 p.m. Monday and then decide what will happen next."

The major point of contention between students and officials Tuesday was Dean of Students Edward Tagge. The students want Tagge fired, an action Brasel said he wasn't prepared to take.

"That is a very difficult question," Brasel told the students, "and I cannot in good conscience answer it."



Dr. Ron Brasel, right, provost of SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, talks with a group of students at the school's administration building Tuesday. About 40 SWCID students staged the protest over a variety of issues and threaten further actions if their demands are not met.

Sparks echoed Brasel's comments.

"This is a personnel issue and it's something we can't address in public," Sparks said. "I understand that the students are asking questions, but it's a situation where the employee has rights, also."

Dickson said dislike for Tagge is widespread among students.

"Each student has their individual reasons as to why they want him to resign," she said.

"My primary reason is that he forces religion on the students. Secondly, he punishes the students."

Other issues included the quality of cafeteria food, which Dickson called "slop," faulty air conditioning in the dorms, balky Internet service and the students' wish for a deaf provost once Brasel retires.

In addition, they voiced concern over the lack of social activities for students.

Sparks said the college would continue to work with the students.

"We're very sensitive to our students," she said. "After all, we want them to come here. If something is wrong, we want to know about it ... we want to be able to fix it."

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Former jailer jailed

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A former jailer with the Big Spring Police Department was arrested Tuesday on a charge of sexual assault by a public servant after being investigated for nearly a year.

Lawrence Wayne Hein, 43, of 811 S. Runnels, was arrested at his home Tuesday at 3:36 p.m., according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD.



"In July of 2006, the command staff at the police department received a complaint alleging criminal conduct against a police department jailer," said Everett. "The complaint alleged sexual misconduct by the jailer."

"The Texas Rangers were immediately notified and agreed to handle the criminal investigation. The criminal case culminated in the arrest of Hein Tuesday."

Texas Ranger Don Williams is heading the investigation, according to Everett.

Williams could not be reached for comment before press time this morning.

60,000 eggs to have preteens hopping Friday

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

There was a time when the powers that be at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home thought about trying to set a Guinness World Record for most eggs in an Easter egg hunt.

"Then we found out the number was 301,000, and we thought 'maybe not,'" Veterans Home Assistant Activities Director



Martinez

Sandy Martinez said with a laugh.

Still, 60,000 Easter eggs is plenty to get tykes and preteens in the Crossroads area hopping around. That's the number — actually 60,000-plus — that will be placed on the Veterans Home grounds at 1809 North U.S. Highway 87 this Friday.

They are anticipating some

2,000 egg hunters age 12 and under, up from 1,700 last year. They may get more, because KYBG and Big Spring VA Medical Center won't be holding Easter egg hunts this year. Instead, they'll be helping out with the Veterans Home effort.

And "effort" describes the work put into it.

"It takes about three hours to put the eggs out and about 15 minutes for the kids to grab them up," said Martinez.

They use plastic eggs, which are filled with candy and other goodies, including coupons for free or reduced prices at local fast food restaurants. Two of the eggs will contain special prizes — bicycles. There will be one for a boy and one for a girl.

"If we get more donations between now and Friday, we'll try to get more bicycles," said Martinez.

Some coupons will also have coupons for large, filled Easter

baskets.

And that's not all that will be going on.

"Three fire trucks will be coming for the children to see, and we'll have two trains for them to ride," said Martinez.

Blue Bell will be handing out ice cream — "I hope they bring their truck with candles on it," said Martinez — and there will be free hot dogs and hamburg-

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United Way goal surpassed, officials say

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Thanks to a gentle nudge from an anonymous donor, Howard County's United Way drive not only met its goal, but had enough left over for a tip.

A donation received in the last few days pushed the campaign's total to \$300,001, officials learned during the organization's annual meeting at First Christian Church

"I had a phenomenal staff ... They went out and found new ways to raise money and new people to get donations from ... I'm just so excited."



Cynthia Scott, UW executive director

Tuesday evening.

The success of this year's drive gave Executive Director Cynthia Scott, who is stepping aside after five

years in the position, a nice final memory from her job.

"It's a wonderful way to go out," Scott said. "I had a phenomenal staff ... They went

out and found new ways to raise money and new people to get donations from ... I'm just so excited."

No replacement for Scott has been named.

To Franklin Weber, who is stepping aside as president of the local United Way, the drive's success was the result of efforts from campaign newcomers such as Campaign Chairman Clay

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Sports

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IN BRIEF

Relay for Life Volleyball Tourney

Saturday, April 7 there will be a volleyball tournament at the Goliad Gym for Relay for Life.

Registration will start at 10 a.m. and the first game will be played at 11 a.m.

Cost is \$5 per player and each team will consist of three boys and three girls.

The tournament is open to all age groups.

Big Spring needs umpires for season

The Big Spring Umpire Association is looking for individuals interested in umpiring baseball for the 2007 Little League.

If interested, call Bradley Garrison at 213-1300.

Teenage baseball league to begin

The Big Spring Teens Baseball League is now looking for coaches or anyone willing to help with the league this year.

If anyone is interested, call Randy Phillips at 264-6600 or 517-0399.

Coach Robinson dies at 88

Former Grambling football coach Eddie Robinson has died. He was 88.

Spurs rout Super Sonics by 19

Bruce Bowen made six 3-pointers and scored 18 points, and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Seattle SuperSonics 110-91 Tuesday night to sweep the four-game season series.

Tony Parker had 16 points and Tim Duncan added 14 for the Spurs, who had five players in double figures.

Though the game was rarely close, it wasn't as bad as the beating the Sonics took late last month, when the Spurs beat them 120-79 for one of Seattle's worst home losses in franchise history.

Fabricio Oberto had 11 points and 10 rebounds for San Antonio.

Longhorns baseball rallies for win

Bradley Suttle hit a grand slam and Kyle Russell added his 18th homer of the year as Texas defeated Texas-San Antonio 14-9 Tuesday night.

Suttle went 2-for-2 with four RBIs. Russell went 1-for-4 with two RBIs.

Texas-San Antonio took an early 4-0 lead on a home run by Zach Etheredge in the second, and an RBI single by Michael Rockett and a two-run single by Ryan Saltzger in the third.

Texas (26-9) rallied in the bottom of the third with seven runs, including Suttle's home run to right field.

Maidens shut down Lady Steers

Lake View Maidens 7,
Big Spring Lady Steers 0

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

Three errors in the second inning allowed six runs to be scored and doomed the Big Spring Lady Steers.

For the first time in several years, the Lake View Maidens upset Big Spring, 7-0, in a softball game. On an otherwise gorgeous Tuesday afternoon, the Lady Steers' offense and defense fell apart after having to play in Lubbock the night before. With back-to-back games for the second time this season — both ending in losses — coach Andy Rankin said the local team appeared to play tired and sluggish.

"With no wind, it's a great day to be playing golf in West Texas," Coach Andy Rankin offered. "Today is just not a good day for us to be playing softball and it shows."

"Once we get down, we can't seem to get back up," assistant coach John Sparks said during the game. "We're capable. We are very capable, but we just don't seem to believe in ourselves. That is something this team is going to have to figure out and right now would be a good time."

Desiree Yanez got the start for the Lady Steers and was tagged with the loss. BSBS is now 2-2 in district competition and seemed shocked by the final score.

In the fifth and sixth inning the



Lady Steers short stop Amber Sides takes a pitch high and away in the fourth inning Tuesday afternoon. BSBS lost to Lake View 7-0 and dropped to 2-2 in district play. HERALD photo/Mike Grimes

Lady Steers continued to battle, but left base runners stranded. Each hit seemed to be right at a Maiden defender.

"Our mentality is just not

where it needs to be right now," head coach Jennifer Reyes said. "We didn't show up ready to play today and it showed. This is bad and it's an eye-opener for us. We

are going to have to get things worked out and get ready to play against Plainview on Thursday."

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Steers' drop home game to Frenship



Big Spring Steer Lance Gross takes off from first base on a hit-and-run in the BSBS 8-1 loss to Frenship Tuesday night. The Steers next home game is scheduled for Monday against the Lake View Chiefs. HERALD photo/Mike Grimes

Guerrero blasts Rangers, coach says, 'He's a monster'

By KEN PETERS

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Texas manager Ron Washington theorized before the game about ways to keep Los Angeles Angels slugger Vladimir Guerrero in check.

After Guerrero went 4-for-4 on Tuesday night, including a solo homer and a pair of RBI singles in the Angels' 8-4 victory over the Rangers, it was back to the drawing board.

"We've got to figure out a way to get this guy out. If I get an opportunity not to pitch to him, I won't pitch to him," Washington said. "I tried to pitch around him, and it didn't work."

"I mean, this guy's a monster. I can't walk him every at-bat. We tried to throw it out of the zone, he hit it."

Guerrero certainly has been a monster at the plate against the Rangers. His first time up against them this year, he singled home the Angels' initial run of the season in their 4-1 victory in Monday's opener.

He's hitting .442, with 21 homers, 49 RBIs and 49 runs in 56 career games against Texas.

Rangers starter Vicente Padilla didn't particularly feel

picked on. "Guerrero is hitting everybody," Padilla said through a translator. "I made a good pitch to him in the first inning, but he broke his bat and still got a single."

Added Los Angeles manager Mike Scioscia: "He does that to everybody. He's just a special offensive player."

In other AL games, it was: Minnesota 3, Baltimore 2; and Seattle 8, Oakland 4.

Washington is off to an 0-2 start in his first major league managing job, and Guerrero is a big reason.

"You're not going to stop him completely," he said. "The best thing is when he's in situation where he can hurt you, don't pitch to him. All I can say is, get him off the plate and then throw offspeed down and away where he can't get the big part of the bat on it."

Padilla's first pitch to the Angels' slugger in the opening inning was a fastball inside that caused Guerrero to whirl away from the plate. A couple of pitches later, he singled in the Angels' first run.

"He got his toehold and didn't

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Texas hires Coach G to bring back glory days

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — For two decades, Texas has been trying to recapture the standard of perfection Hall of Fame coach Jody Conratt and the Longhorns set.

The university thinks Gail Goestenkers may be just the woman to do it.

Goestenkers, who built a powerhouse in 15 years at Duke, resigned from the Blue Devils on Tuesday to take over a Texas program longing to return to the dominance Conratt wielded over women's basketball when she had the first undefeated NCAA championship team.

There have been other good runs since, but Conratt, one of only two

Division I coaches with 900 wins, retired March 12 after the Longhorns didn't make the NCAA tournament for the second straight year.

Goestenkers — her Duke players called her Coach G — immediately surfaced as Texas' top choice to be the new coach and it's easy to see why: five Atlantic Coast Conference championships, four Finals Fours and 10 years in a row of reaching the NCAA tournament round of 16.

The only thing missing on her resume is a national championship. Goestenkers came close, getting to the title game in 1999 and 2006.

She had done almost all she could at Duke. And

when Texas came calling, she decided it was time to head West.

Goestenkers and Texas officials won't comment publicly until Thursday, when her new job is approved by University of Texas regents.

"In the end, it came down to her seeking a new challenge at this stage in her career and her life," Duke athletic director Joe Alleva said in a statement. "While we are disappointed that she has chosen to leave, we have to look forward now and search for the best women's basketball coach for Duke University."

Duke fans hoped to keep the 44-year-old Goestenkers, who won

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New Texas coach Gail Goestenkers stands next to former Texas coach Jody Conratt during the annual Women's Basketball Coaches Association luncheon in Cleveland. MCT photo/Chuck Liddy/Raleigh News

Obituaries

Vernon H. 'Sleepy' Parks



Vernon H. "Sleepy" Parks, 88, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at the Hospice House in Odessa. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Draw Cemetery in Lynn County.

He was born Oct. 18, 1918, in Buffalo Gap to Ilera and Tollie Parks. He lived most of his life at Welch. He owned a service station in Welch from 1940 until 1964 and then farmed in Gaines County.

He lived in Lubbock for 10 years and moved to Big Spring in 2004.

He is survived by three sons, Douglas Parks and his wife Karen of Dallas, Doyle Parks and his wife Mary of Big Spring, and Larry Parks of Gustine; seven grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

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

Geronimo 'Lupe' Gonzales



Geronimo "Lupe" Gonzales, 77, of Big Spring died Monday, April 2, 2007, at his residence. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Sept. 30, 1929, in Crystal City to Margarita and Antonio Gonzales. He moved to Howard County in 1940. He married Eufrosia Rojo on May 10, 1954, in Big Spring. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was a retired automotive mechanic and truck driver.

He is survived by his wife, Eufrosia Gonzales of Big Spring; two daughters, Lupe Padron and Susie Aguirre and her husband Porfirio, all of Big Spring; three sons, Manuel Gonzales and Pry Gonzales, both of Big Spring, and Tony Gonzales and his wife Mary of Coahoma; one brother, Remigio Gonzales and his wife Belen of Big Spring; two sisters, Paula Martinez and Dora Perches, both of Big Spring; 13 grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Albert Gonzales; two brothers, Pantaleon and Lado Gonzales; one sister, Juanita Gonzales; one grandson, Larry Padron; and one son-in-law, Louis Padron.

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

Bessie Maurine Vaughn

Bessie Maurine Vaughn, 101, of Lamesa, died Monday, April 2, 2007, at her residence. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 5, 2007, at Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Don Stribling officiating.

She was born March 17, 1906, in Lamesa. She married T.F. Vaughn on Aug. 12, 1939, in Clovis, N.M. He died in 1997.

Except for a few years, she lived her entire life in Lamesa. She was a business manager for her father, Hardy Morgan, and was a pioneer in ranching and farming in Dawson County. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and established the Bess and Hardy Morgan Citizenship Award and Scholarship to provide college scholarships for local students.

Survivors include 11 nephews and nieces, including Emmett Kent Morgan and Mark Morgan, both of Big Spring.

Jim Thurman

Jim Thurman, 82, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 3, 2007, in Clayton, N.M. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Police blotter

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

- **RODNEY WAYNE SINYARD**, 46, of Levelland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft.
- **LAWRENCE WAYNE HEIN**, 43, of 811 S. Rannels, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant.
- **STEPHEN HEATH GREGORY**, 24, of 2517 Chanute, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **TAMMY LA'SHELL DICKSON**, 23, of 1301 Park, was arrested Tuesday on six local warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700.
- **POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 54 inmates at the time of this report.
- **LISA MENDEZ ARENIVAZ**, 39, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid/suspended.
 - **DONNIE GORDON HALE**, 40, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid/suspended.
 - **GEORGE WILLIAM KOSTELAZ**, 47, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespass and criminal mischief.
 - **CORY RYAN TOWNSEND**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of ride not secured by a safety belt.
 - **SEAN ADAM THOMASON**, 18, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief.
 - **PAUL GONZALES JR.**, 17, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of no driver's license, no insurance and no seat belt.
 - **TAMMY LOCKHART COKER**, 30, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify - giving false information.
 - **DANIEL ANTHONY BALDIVIA**, 26, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
 - **ROBERT EARL REED**, 51, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and displaying a fictitious/counterfeit insurance document.
 - **JAMES DAVID BOETTCHER**, 49, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - second offense.
 - **JOHN LOYA CAMPOS**, 57, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
 - **BLANCA ESTHEL HERNANDEZ-FAZ**, 38, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• **ANGELFOOD ORDERS** for April will be taken Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. at North Birdwell Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell Lane. For more information, contact 267-2203 or 267-4082.

• **MAURICES RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM** will hold a bake sale Saturday from 10 a.m. until all items are sold. The store is located east of Wal-Mart Supercenter off FM 700.

• **A MEDICAL EXPENSE FUND** has been set up at State National Bank for Phyllis Jones, who will undergo a bone marrow transplant in Dallas on April 8. Phyllis has worked at Elrod's for the past three years. Her husband, Jerry, works at Higginbotham-Bartlett. Your prayers and financial support are appreciated by the family.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

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

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- 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 will not meet today.
- 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.
- Texas State Veterans Home Easter Egg Hunt, 2:15 p.m. for children age 0-12.
- 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

- The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will hold at 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.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. East winds around 10 mph.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Cooler. Highs in the mid 50s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the upper 30s.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Highs in the lower 50s.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 30s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 50s.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 40s.

Monday...Mostly cloudy. Not as cool. Highs in the upper 60s.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$105 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$88 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 16, 26, 33, 34 and 46. The Mega Ball number was 38.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-7-27-28-34.

Number matching five of five: none.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-8-4

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RANGERS

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move again," said Washington, who had Guerrero intentionally walked with a runner on second and two outs in the sixth.

Guerrero hit a towering shot just outside the left-field foul pole in the third inning, then drove another pitch from Padilla over the fence in straightaway center for his first homer of the year.

Kelvim Escobar (1-0) went 5 1-3 innings and allowed three runs and three hits. One of them was Ian Kinsler's second solo homer in as many games. The Angels right-hander walked five and struck out four.

Justin Speier, signed by the Angels as a free agent during the offseason, threw 1 1-3 scoreless innings, and Scot Shields closed with two perfect innings.

The Angels pounded Padilla (0-1) for six runs and nine hits in 4 2-3 innings.

The Rangers' Sammy Sosa, back after taking a year off, went 1-for-4, with two strikeouts — including taking a big cut and missing on a chest-high, 3-2 slider for the final out of the fifth

inning as Escobar pitched out of a bases-loaded jam.

"That was exciting," Escobar said. "The fans got very loud. That was the biggest out of the game for me."

Gary Matthews Jr. went 2-for-3 with an RBI and scored twice against his former teammates in his second game for Los Angeles. He went 1-for-3 and scored a run in his Angels debut.

Twins 3, Orioles 2
Jason Bartlett's broken-bat single drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, and Minnesota rallied to beat Daniel Cabrera and visiting Baltimore.

Cabrera (0-1) struck out nine and gave up six hits and three runs in seven innings while walking four. He lost a 2-0 lead that Baltimore built on Melvin Mora's home run and Aubrey Huff's RBI single in the third.

Pat Neshek (1-0) pitched a scoreless seventh for the victory, and Joe Nathan earned his second save after three Minnesota relievers worked out of a two-on jam in the eighth.

Mariners 8, Athletics 4
At 2-0, the Mariners are off to their best start since Ken Griffey Jr. and Randy Johnson were



MCT photo/Carlos Gonzalez/Minneapolis Star Tribune
Minnesota Twins pitcher Joe Nathan celebrates after the last out of the game against the Baltimore Orioles at the Metrodome. The Twins defeated the Orioles 3-2.

stars on the 1996 team.

The Mariners, who have finished last in the AL West for three consecutive years, have won as many games in two days against the defending division champions as they did in 19 tries last season.

Betancourt's homer came in a four-run seventh against Kiko

Calero (0-1) and Justin Duchscherer.

The Athletics had three hits in six innings off Jarrod Washburn, who left with a 4-2 lead. They got three hits in the seventh off winner Julio Mateo (1-0).

Milton Bradley homered for Oakland.

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Thursday the Lady Steers will send Kelly Sage to the mound as they host Plainview at the Big Spring Softball Complex.

"When Kelly pitches for us our defense is pretty much set," Reyes said, "but right now we are in search of some offense and it might be time to make a slight change. I'm not sure, we'll just have to wait and see. I know that we have the talent and the ability to compete and play in this district — we just have to start proving it on the field.

"That needs to start Thursday. The errors and not playing smart softball — that is something that we should be able correct in a hurry."

Game time is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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seven ACC coach of the year awards and compiled a career record of 396-99.

The decision came less than a week after about 200 fans gathered outside Cameron Indoor Stadium in hopes of persuading her to stay. But on Tuesday afternoon, there was little activity around Cameron as Goestenkers met with her players off campus to inform them of her decision.

The night Conradt retired, Texas officials made it clear they would be willing to pay for a

top-notch coach. Conradt earned \$550,000 a year. While Goestenkers' salary at Duke is not a public record, it was believed the private school wasn't likely to match a high offer from the Longhorns, which is expected to be upwards of \$800,000.

Chris Plonsky, the Texas women's athletic director and considered one of the most powerful women in college sports, declined comment outside her office Tuesday.

Goestenkers visited the Texas campus last week, when she met with Plonsky and members of the school's search committee and toured the Longhorns' 44,000-

square-foot practice facilities.

"I think she would be awesome," Texas guard Carla Cortijo said when Goestenkers visited. "We can be as good as Duke or anybody in the country."

In a statement last week, Goestenkers said she admired the program built by Conradt, who spent 31 seasons with the Longhorns. Conradt retired with a career record of 900-306 in 38 seasons at Sam Houston State, Texas-Arlington and Texas.

That tradition seemed to intrigue Goestenkers. The Longhorns also boasted a program regarded as one of the

nation's best, with first-rate facilities and a recruiting pipeline to 1,300 Texas high schools. Goestenkers already has established herself with those schools, signing All-American senior Lindsey Harding out of the Houston area.

"I know this was an extremely difficult decision for her," Duke president Richard Brodhead said in a statement, "but ultimately the lure of a new challenge outweighed her many ties at Duke."

Her last Duke team was one of her best. The Blue Devils (32-2) won a school-record 30 straight games, ended the regular season ranked No. 1.

Bowl - A - Rama Update

Results for Tuesday Couples Bowling League for March 27
Bowlers of the week for top handicap game — Mike Holt and Lindsay Conway.
Bowlers of the week: Mike Holt and Linda Conway.

	W-L	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Ups and Downs	6-2	849	775	847	2471
S.O.S. - Creel's Auto Care	2-6	702	825	802	2329
K.C.'s Sandstormers	4-4	892	832	837	2560
Stagecoach gifts	4-4	836	840	881	2557
Bowl-A-Rama	2-6	819	779	784	2382
First Bank of West Texas O&G	6-2	775	866	785	2426
Cox's Alley Oops	4-4	819	832	803	2454
The Blankety Blanks	4-4	814	811	845	2470

Results for Week 29 of 35

1. 3 Stagecoach Gifts	128.0	104.0	55.2	53728	617	732	1986
2. 4 K.C. Sandstormers	126.0	106.0	54.3	57371	659	767	2223
3. 7 The Blankety Blanks	120.0	112.0	51.7	54908	631	731	2018
4. 8 Cox's Alley Oops	118.0	114.0	50.9	52432	602	727	1992
5. 1 S.O.S. - Creel's Auto Care,	116.0	116.0	50.0	56798	652	795	2222
6. 5 First Bank of West Texas O&G	114.0	118.0	49.1	50608	581	699	1888
7. 6 Bowl-a-Rama	104.0	128.0	44.8	48781	560	644	1786
8. 2 Ups and Downs	102.0	130.0	44.0	50355	578	733	2024

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

We're all recovering from the high-energy full moon earlier this week. Maybe that's why we're more tired than usual, typical for this moon phase. We're also a little testy as the moon in S c o r p i o reminds us to respect our own emotional territory.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Like a geyser breaking through your consciousness, a full-blown strategy appears overnight. Your mission is totally possible. Be inclusive. Your strength isn't in numbers, but in the different perspectives you pull together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may feel like an ugly duckling, but in someone else's eyes you're a swan. You don't have to let them in on your little secret, just enjoy being the subject of devotional worship for a day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're coming from a place of unity, and it's the right place to be. Bringing others in on your work projects not only makes

them feel important, but it brings your conscience to that coveted sense that all's right in the world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Burn the candles at both ends only if that makes it more exciting for you. It's a bummer to finish a perfectly enjoyable task emotionally exhausted. For lightness, bring your imaginary playmate to work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). We all like to be in control of how others see us, but realistically the only thing we can control is our self-knowing. If you're clear in who you are, others' impressions are mere mirages.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can hide how you feel, but it feels much cleaner to release it. A Scorpio person provides the opening you were waiting for. Tonight you finally reach a conclusion on the case you never thought you'd crack.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Life sends you a cheerleader! This one supports your every move, regardless of whether or not she agrees with it. Happiness is finding the right person to trust at the right moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When shown airbrushed photos of their better half, people in love will almost always choose the ideal (fake) photo as true over the real or less ideal. If you're confused as to which one to choose, put your sweetie on a pedestal!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're powerful in your skin. This surge of personal energy is put to good use when you dare to raise your standards. Fascinating characters emerge to meet your new demands.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). The dollars are finally coming in! You earn interest off your interests, work doesn't even feel like work — you're just attracting energy by doing what you do naturally.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The masses are ready for your quirky message. As offbeat as you think it may be, others want to hear it. So amplify your missive. If you're freaky and you know it, clap your hands!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's been a bit repetitive lately. You feel like your mind is a fishbowl, but really it's an ocean. Colorful creatures just passing through are mere players in the epic fantasy tale of your life.

A S T R O L O G I C A L TOPIC: Wild Women (Part 2): A wild woman is powerful. And like an invisible magnet that emanates around her wherever she goes, she doesn't have to be loud to be powerful. If she's an introvert, she lives under the radar, quietly performing her acts of creative power. Penelope Cruz, a Taurus, shows her quiet wild-woman ways by contributing time to AIDS research. But an extrovert like Madonna, a Leo, can't help but try to get attention. Fire signs, Aries, Leo and Sagittarius, have that hot spotlight following their every move. Whatever your disposition, you can

step into your power by listening to your inner chatter. Does "I'm the only one who can do what I do" or "If I don't do it, it won't get done" repeatedly rattle your mind? These are disempowering statements. You're worth more than that. As a wild woman, your goal is to recognize your divinity by connecting to the powerful web of wild women who've graciously done it all — with help! Be willing to step outside the walls of comfort and into your own courage. That's where the juicy stuff is.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Heath Ledger snagged a Golden Globe nomination for his portrayal of a gay cowboy in "Brokeback Mountain." On the set of that movie, he met actress Michelle Williams, and they had a daughter, Matilda Rose. More kids are in the picture. Ledger's Jupiter, the planet of bigger is better, is in Cancer, a sign that loves to nest. Aww, a family man!

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Annie's Mailbox®

Dear Annie: I am a seventh-grade boy, and I have a very big problem with another boy in my grade. "George" is extremely annoying. He pesters me all the time. He never lets me concentrate in class, he follows me everywhere, even into the bathroom, and constantly tells me about every single thing he has ever read on the Internet or in books, and everything he's heard on TV or seen in a movie. He always wants to know my grades on tests. He gives me massages, on the shoulders, in the middle of class, which makes me very uncomfortable.

I would tell him just to leave me alone, but George is twice as big as I am, and I'm afraid he will hurt me. He is also constantly telling me that I am the best and coolest friend he has ever had, which adds to the moral issues involved in telling him to leave me alone.

Does he have some kind of psychological disorder that makes him unbearably attached to me? How can I make him stop? — Really Annoyed and Frustrated

Dear Annoyed: George admires you and wants to be friends, but his behavior is intrusive and inappropriate. Explain nicely and casually that real friends give each other a little more space, and that you like talking to him, but he has to stop following you around so much, and no more massages, because they make you uncomfortable. If he becomes belligerent or won't stop, you should tell the school counselor. But just because George is large doesn't mean he's going to hurt you. In fact, he could turn out to be a very loyal friend if you give him a chance.

Dear Annie: I always enjoy your column, but I think your answer to "Happy but Annoyed in Florida" probably annoyed her even more. She wanted people to stop nagging her about finding a guy, and you basically joined the crowd. "Happy" sounds well adjusted to me. She's con-



KATHY MITCHELL
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fidant and someone who likes herself and her life. She will certainly attract the right guy eventually and naturally in time, most likely because of those positive attributes. It's not a race, and, as we have always heard (even from you), love often comes when you are not looking. Everyone should just leave her alone. — Roxanne in New York

Dear Roxanne: We knew we were going to get slammed for that response, but sit in our shoes for a moment, reading thousands of letters from single people in their 30s, 40s and 50s, who find the dating pool has shrunk and regret not paying more attention when they were younger. We don't believe everyone needs a mate, and we certainly don't think people should rush into relationships and have said so, but most people eventually hope to find that special someone. We don't want "Happy" writing us in 10 years saying she wished she'd had more dating experience when she was in college.

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New directors for the United Way of Howard County, from left, Jerry Moos, Curtis Spain, Kevin McIntosh and JoAnn Knox are sworn in by outgoing UW President Franklin Weber during the organization's annual meeting Tuesday evening.

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Area students fare well in UIL contests

Heald Staff Report

Many area students fared well in recent district-level academic meets.

Several Forsan High School, Coahoma High School and Stanton High School students qualified for regional University Interscholastic League competition during academic meets this past weekend.

Following are Coahoma High School and Stanton High School results from the recent District 5-2A University Interscholastic League Academic Meet (regional qualifiers in bold):

- Computer Application — Kelly Lee, Coahoma, and Traci Carr and Sarah Louder, Stanton, tied for seventh.
- Computer Science — **J.D. Galaviz, Stanton**, second; Jonathan Ireton, Stanton, fourth; Ismael Rosa, Stanton, fifth.
- Computer Science team — **Stanton**, first.
- Cross-Examination Debate — Albert Garza and Michael Graves, Stanton, third; Rachel Eckert and Michael Teveni, Stanton, sixth.
- Current Issues — **William Reilly, Coahoma**, first; KaySea Spiller, Coahoma, seventh; Ismael Rosa, Stanton, eighth.
- Current Issues Team — Coahoma, second; Stanton, fourth.
- Editorial Writing — **Michelle Teveni, Stanton**, second; **Logan Stone, Coahoma**, third.
- Feature Writing — **Kelsey Coggin, Stanton**, third.
- Headline Writing — **Logan Stone, Coahoma**, second; Brennan Harp, Stanton, fourth; Callie Paige, Coahoma, sixth.
- Journalism Team — **Stanton**, second; Coahoma, fourth.

- Lincoln Douglas Debate — **Chris Weihert, Coahoma**, second; **Rebecca McEndree, Coahoma**, third.
- Literary Criticism — Anna Smith, Stanton, fifth; Caleb Ramsey, Stanton, sixth.
- Literary Criticism Team — Stanton, third.
- Mathematics — **Simon Stolarczyk, Coahoma**, first; **Jonathan Ireton, Stanton**, second; **William Reilly, Coahoma**, third; Teryn Bibb, Coahoma, sixth.
- Mathematics Team — **Coahoma**, first; Stanton, second.
- News Writing — **Kelsey Coggin, Stanton**, first; Kim Calvert, Coahoma.
- Number Sense — **Simon Stolarczyk, Coahoma**, second; Ashley Martin, Coahoma, fifth; Michael Teveni, Stanton, sixth.
- Number Sense Team — Coahoma, second; Stanton, fourth.
- One Act Play — **Stanton**, second.
- Persuasive Speaking — **Chris Weihert, Coahoma**, second; Rebecca McEndree, Coahoma, fifth.
- Poetry Interpretation — Anna Smith, Stanton, third; Nino Buzzell, Stanton, fifth; Amy Holleman, Coahoma, sixth.
- Ready Writing — Callie Paige, Coahoma, fourth; Kayla Gutierrez, fifth.
- Science — **Simon Stolarczyk, Coahoma**, first; **William Reilly, Coahoma**, third; Logan Stone, Coahoma, fifth; Nick Sevey, Coahoma, and Joe Benny Bryand, Stanton, seventh.
- Science Team — **Coahoma**, first; Stanton, fourth.
- Social Studies — Colter Morgan, Coahoma, seventh; Kelly Lee,

- Coahoma, eighth.
- Social Studies Team — Coahoma, third; Stanton, sixth.
- Speech Team — Coahoma, third; Stanton, fifth.
- Spelling and Vocabulary Team — Coahoma, fourth; Stanton, sixth.

Following are Forsan High School results from the recent District 11-1A University Interscholastic League Academic Meet (regional qualifiers in bold):

- Accounting — Kassi Wash, eighth.
- Accounting Team — Forsan, third.
- Calculator Applications — **Eric Ellis, first; Seth Johnson, second; Tim Ballard, third; Charlene Stanley, fifth.**
- Calculator Applications — **Forsan**, first.
- Computer Applications — **Kaleb Willey, third; Michael Leal, seventh.**
- Computer Science — **Kassi Wash, second; Jace Purser, seventh.**
- Computer Science Team — Forsan, second.
- Cross Examination Debate — **Clint Lockhart and Rachael Wheeler, first; Michael Leal and Alex Newsom, second.**
- Current Issues — Claudia Jones, Forsan, fourth.
- Current Issues Team — Forsan, third.
- Feature Writing — Tara Kuykendall, fifth.
- Headline Writing — **Clint Lockhart, second.**
- Informative Speaking — **Clint Lockhart, second.**
- Journalism Team — Forsan, fourth.

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Grizzle and director Kim Howell.

"Honestly, it was Clay and Kim," Weber said. "They brought a different perspective than a numbers and cents guy like me."

Grizzle will take over duties as local United Way President next year, with Jesse Mendoza assuming campaign chairman duties and Tim Yeats chairing the allocation committee.

tion committee.

New directors sworn in during Tuesday's meeting were Jerry Moos, Curtis Spain, Ken McIntosh, JoAnn Knox, Carmen Colon and Murray Murphy.

Outgoing directors recognized Tuesday were Roy Worthy, Irene Galan, Cheryl Trusvkovski and Phil Fuqueron.

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EGGS

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ers. "That will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Last year we had long lines and ran out," explained the assistant activities director.

KBYG will be providing announcements and music, and volunteers will be on hand to direct traffic. Oh, and there will be a big bunny there as well. Yes, a big bunny.

All area children are invited and should be supervised by an adult. There is no charge and it is up to parents to control how much candy their child can consume at any one sitting.

The hunts — one for children age 7 and under and another for children age 8 through 12 — will be held on the facility grounds beginning at 2:15 p.m. There is no pre-registration, though parents should bring their children a few minutes early.

Oh, and as for the world record, the 301,000 mark was set by Georgia Stone Mountain in 2006. Since

then, on April 1, in fact, Cypress Gardens Adventure Park in Winter Haven, Fla., held an Easter egg hunt with more than a half-million eggs. So much for records.

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Vera E. Lackey, 93, died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Geronimo "Lupe" Gonzales, 77, died Monday. Vigil Services will be at 7:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Vernon H. "Sleepy" Parks, 88, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be at 10:00 AM Friday at the Draw Cemetery in Lynn County, Texas.

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OUR VIEWS

Giving children proper options on alcohol vital

April is Alcohol Awareness Month and a good time to consider a somewhat sobering thought: That far too many very young children are being faced with the decision of whether or not to drink.

Unfortunately, too many of us seem to find that difficult to believe.

Underage drinking is seen by many as a problem found at high schools and with college freshmen — not in middle schools and on elementary school campuses.

And thankfully, most fifth and sixth grade students in Big Spring and across the state of Texas are not using alcohol.

However, it is a sobering thought that even a few of them are facing such an important decision. What's more, we as adults should remember that how wisely they choose is up to us.

We have noted in this space before that one national study showed 10 percent of 9- to 10-year-olds say they have already started drinking. And by the time students reach the eighth grade, nearly 50 percent report they had at least one drink. Some 20 percent say they been drunk.

All of us — parents, teachers ... all adults — have a responsibility to make sure children not only know how to say "no" to peer pressure and other enticements to drink, but to help educate them as to how potentially damaging underage drinking is to their health.

This month many schools across the state will be conducting programs to help give fifth and sixth graders the information they need.

But the discussion about the harmful effects of underage drinking should not stop at the doors of our schools. A clear and consistent message at home and at school that underage alcohol use is dangerous and unacceptable will reinforce a child's ability to make healthy decisions.

Statistics show that about 10.8 million young people between the ages of 12 and 20 in America drink alcohol and that is a statistic that needs to change.

We here at the *Herald* encourage our readers to please talk with your children today and help prevent underage drinking.

For more information about underage drinking and drug use, log onto www.samsha.gov or call the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Clearinghouse for alcohol and drug information at 1-800-729-6686.

The cost of not being responsible adults in such a matter would be simply too great to bear.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we enjoy our daily small successes because they are gifts from You, Lord.

Amen

The hidden anti-Latino agenda

At a time when immigration reform proposals have been moved so far to the right that even conservative Republicans could support them, out comes the White House with its own remarkably hawkish set of ideas.

For a president who supposedly wants comprehensive reform passed this year, George W. Bush is going out of his way to shoot himself in the foot.



MIGUEL PEREZ

The Democratic-controlled Congress was already considering a House bi-partisan proposal that is far more conservative than the comprehensive immigration reform package passed in the Senate last year. It was being hailed by editorial writers as a reasonable compromise to finally fix the nation's broken immigration system.

But instead of supporting it, the White House is now trying to swing the pendulum even further to the right. Last week, the administration floated its own even more conservative proposal, one that has no chance of getting approval from the Democratic majority in Congress.

Clearly, it's all about politics. Republicans are naturally worried that — after bashing immigrants for so long — once illegal immigrants become citizens, they are going to vote for Democrats. So the White House has been floating an immigration plan that would make it harder for them to gain citizenship.

In meetings with congressional GOP leaders, administration officials have reportedly floated ideas to further appease the xenophobic hawks. These ideas are clearly for the consumption of those who have a deeper, more sinister agenda, which is to slow the empowerment of Latinos.

After all, we know that's really what the conservatives are wor-

ried about. Since most illegal immigrants are Latinos, it's about suppressing Latino empowerment. It's not about giving legal status to some 12 million people who are already living and working here, people who are essential to the success of our economy.

It's about denying them, their children and the relatives they will bring from other countries, the right to vote.

Bush now seems to be telling his hawkish friends, "hey, no problem, we can delay that — indefinitely."

Of course, what they are doing is making the offer that will eventually be made to illegal immigrants so unattractive that many of them simply won't take it. And we'll still have a huge illegal immigration problem.

Even the House legislation, hailed as the middle ground proposal that all had been seeking, runs the risk of being rejected by many illegal immigrants.

That's because the bill, sponsored by Rep.

Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., and Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez, D-Ill., requires illegal immigrants to return to their home countries, perhaps for only a few hours, and then return here legally.

For many illegal immigrants who are poor and have families, the cost of returning home and coming back is unaffordable.

Of course, almost all these proposals call for a fine of at least \$2,000 for every illegal immigrant who submits to a legalization plan. A family of five illegal immigrants would be paying at least \$10,000 to get a green card and work here legally.

Based on cost alone, many of them may choose to remain underground.

The Flake-Gutierrez bill would tighten the borders and toughen enforcement of immigration laws. It would establish many of the hurdles conservatives have been asking for, especially requiring new plans to toughen workplace enforcement and border security

to be satisfied before its citizen provision kicks in. It would require a major buildup of border patrol officers and technology at the Mexican border, a system for employers to electronically verify whether job applicants are eligible to work here, and tougher penalties for many immigration-related violations.

The measure keeps many of the hurdles that were already in last year's bill. Applicants for legalization would still be required to pay a \$500 fee, a \$1,500 fine and any back taxes they owe. They would still be required to clear a security and background check, to learn English and civics, submit proof of past employment and maintain a felony-free record.

Only after satisfying those requirements for six years would they be allowed to apply for permanent residency status, which could lead to citizenship five years later.

It means they would have to wait at least 11 years for the right to vote as Americans.

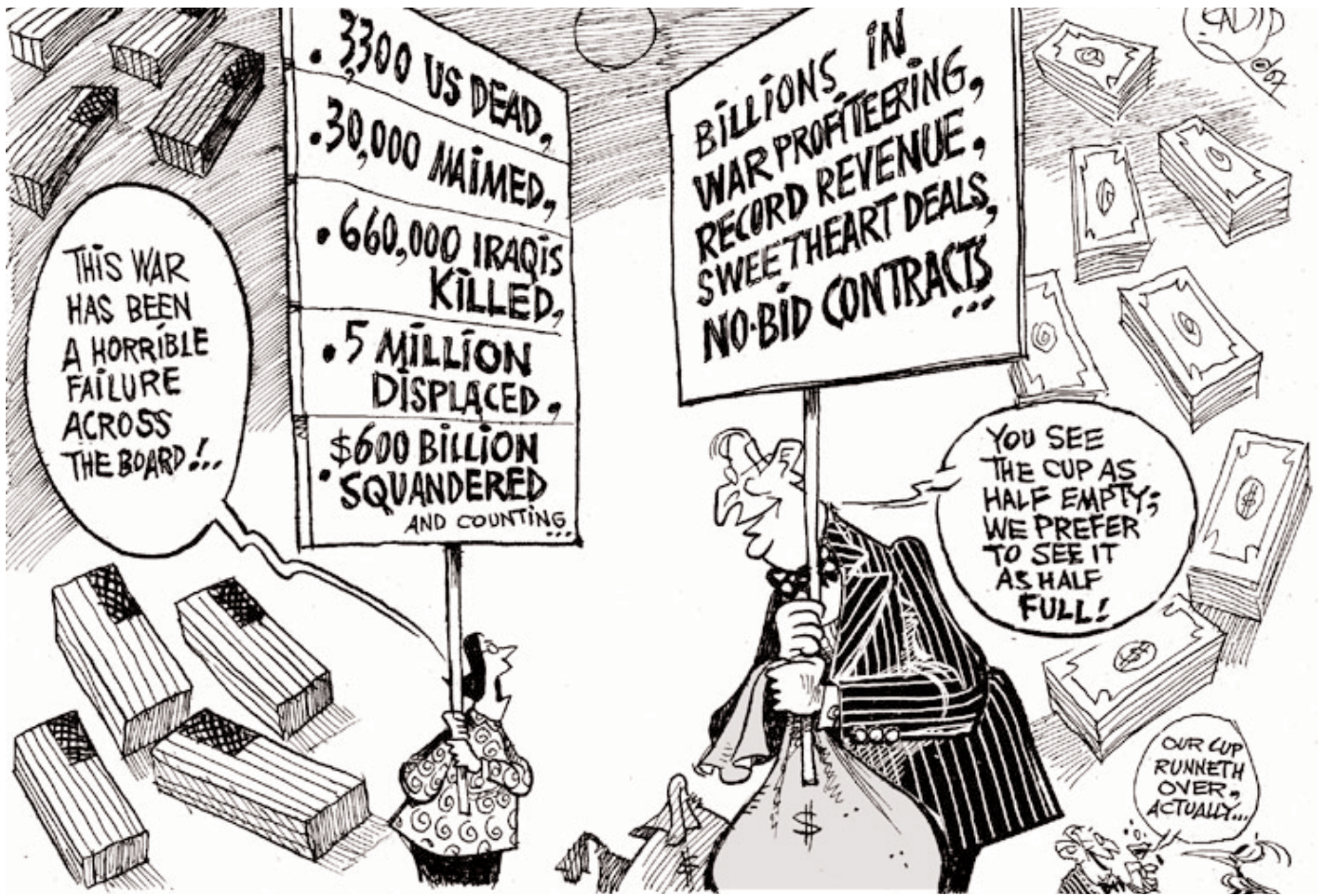
But as expected, nothing was gained from taking this comprehensive reform proposal further to the right — because the hawks are still calling it "amnesty." And they will continue resisting any kind of legislation that will eventually create more Latino and more Democratic voters.

That's why the Bush administration is still trying to please its conservative extremist base by floating a proposal that would make illegal immigrants wait many more years before they could become U.S. citizens.

Nevertheless, even that proposal is threatening to those who fear Latino political empowerment. Even if that empowerment is delayed, expecting conservative extremists to come to a middle ground on immigration reform is absurd.

They have a deeper, more sinister, anti-Latino agenda.

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The fascinating Patricia McCormick

For the past year or so I have been working on a video documentary about Pat McCormick, the famous lady bullfighter in the '50s and '60s. She is 77 years old now and looks like she could get into the bullring today.

The video will be shown at the Heritage Museum in Big Spring on Monday during a tribute to Pat McCormick. She will be on hand with some of her artwork and is planning to demonstrate some of her bullfighting moves.



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Her swords, clothing and personal effects from her bullfighting years will be displayed.

She spent much of her time after bullfighting in California, working as a secretary for an art school and doing some drawings of horses, bulls and bullfighters. She seldom mentioned her bullfighting days. Her neighbors didn't even know about her fame. Pat grew up in Big Spring and

attended Texas Western College in El Paso (now the University of Texas at El Paso). While studying art, she crossed the border and into Juarez and started training to become a bullfighter. Her first fight was in September of 1951. That led to a contract for nine fights and her career was launched. She fought professionally from 1952 to 1962, receiving top billing at all her fights. She is the first female American bullfighter and the only woman ever admitted to the bullfighters union.

During her career, articles about her appeared in Newsweek, Time, Life, Sports Illustrated and other magazines and newspapers all over North and South America and Spain. She was a guest on the TV show, "What's My Line." Ernest Hemingway wrote about Pat. She became friends with movie stars. Her artwork appeared in galleries and museums as far away as Taiwan.

She quit the ring when bullfighting went into decline. Bulls were getting smaller and she didn't want to fight small bulls. All over Mexico, bullrings were being torn down to make way for parking lots and Wal-Mart stores.

Pat settled down to a quiet life in Pebble Beach, Calif. After living there 13 years she moved to Midland.

She would probably have remained in seclusion had it not been for a longtime fan of hers, Gary Humphries of Del Rio. While he was at a bar in Ciudad Acuna, he saw a picture of Pat on the wall. He remembered her coming to his house while she was recuperating from a severe goring. His mother was a friend of Pat's nurse and the nurse brought Pat over for a visit.

Gary started a search for her, and after months of phone calls all over the U.S. and Mexico, he found her in Midland.

He convinced her to move to Del Rio, where she has become the toast of the town. People see her on the street and recognize her.

At a restaurant, people ask her for an autograph. She makes speeches and has been guest of honor at Acuna's annual Running of the Cows, held in April every year.

Pat is extremely unassuming and can't imagine all this sudden attention, but says it is wonderful to be remembered.

► State briefs

Lawmaker wants Bible classes mandated in public schools

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas legislator wants to require the state's nearly 1,700 public school districts to teach the Bible as a textbook, "not a worship document."

The House Public Education Committee late Tuesday considered — but didn't vote on — a bill by Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, mandating high schools to offer history and literature courses on the Old and New Testaments. The courses would be elective.

The idea of teaching the Bible in school seems to be undergoing a revival nationally. Two literature classes on the Bible are included on a list of state-approved courses that Georgia public schools could choose to offer beginning next year. Some critics say it would be the first state to take an explicit stance endorsing and funding biblical teachings.

The Texas measure goes a step farther — requiring school districts to make such courses available, advocates on both sides agreed.

Death results in ban of restraint board in state schools

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services said it stopped using a six-point restraint board after a 15-year-old boy died at the Mexia State School when he was improperly restrained.

A moratorium on the Transboard — which consists of a board with six straps for the arms, torso, legs and ankles — was enacted Jan. 15, the day the boy died, agency spokeswoman

Cecilia Federov said.

Adelaide Horn, the department's commissioner, informed a state Senate committee last week of the boy's death. She said the three staff members who improperly restrained the boy were first suspended and then fired after she received the autopsy and investigative report.

No charges have been filed in the case, but it has been referred to Limestone County officials. Horn said last week that the boy died of "stress associated with combative behavior and the improper use of restraints."

House approves measure intended to insure more children

AUSTIN (AP) — More children of the working poor in Texas would have access to the state's low-cost health insurance program under a measure tentatively approved in the House.

The proposal would dismantle several changes that the Legislature made in 2003, when the state faced a \$10 billion budget shortfall and cut spending on state services like the Children's Health Insurance Program.

The House approved the measure by a 126-16 vote Tuesday. The proposal is expected to get final approval in the House Wednesday. It next moves to the Senate, where observers believe it will have a tougher time emerging intact.

The proposal by Rep. Sylvester Turner, R-Houston, would let parents reenroll in the program every year instead of every six months. The measure also would eliminate the 90-day waiting period unless the child had recently been covered in another insurance plan.

Officials estimate that more than 100,000 children would be added to

CHIP, which is intended for children whose parents make too much money to qualify for Medicaid.

Nine accused of prison gang involvement

MCALLEN (AP) — Nine alleged members of the Texas Syndicate prison gang are charged with racketeering crimes including murder, kidnapping and drug trafficking under a four-count indictment unsealed Tuesday, federal prosecutors said.

Fidel Valle, 41, of Donna, was arrested March 28 on charges he was a major drug supplier for the gang in the Rio Grande Valley. He was being held without bond pending a detention hearing Friday.

Benjamin Piedra, 31, of Weslaco, was arrested Tuesday on charges he was a soldier for the gang. He also was being held pending a detention hearing Friday.

Seven other defendants are already in Texas prisons and were to be transferred to federal custody to face the new charges.

The Texas Syndicate originated in the 1970s and operates inside and outside jail and prison facilities, prosecutors said. Gang members join for life and face penalties including death for violating gang rules.

Helicopter plucks man and pet bird from pine tree

HOUSTON (AP) — A Coast Guard helicopter rescued a Texas man from the heights of a pine tree Tuesday when he got stuck while fetching his exotic pet bird.

The unidentified man from

Montgomery, about 50 miles northwest of Houston, scaled 60 feet up the tree to retrieve his \$2,000 cockatiel, the Houston Chronicle reported in a story posted on its Web site Tuesday night.

The first firefighters to respond to the stranded man were hampered in their efforts to back a truck up to the tree because of the rain-saturated ground. When a water rescue team couldn't reach the man with a rope, the Coast Guard helicopter was called in.

Video from KHOU showed the man standing on a branch and awaiting rescue, the bird apparently tucked under his T-shirt, as an emergency worker dangled in a harness beneath the helicopter.

Halliburton employee arrested after threatening co-workers

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — A temporary employee at Halliburton faced misdemeanor charges Tuesday after walking into a Halliburton building with an SKS assault rifle and a handgun and making verbal threats.

Officers used a stun gun on Jeremy Hale, 30, of Clifton and arrested him Monday night at the Halliburton complex, Grand Junction police spokeswoman Linda Bowman said.

Police and Mesa County sheriff's deputies went to the Grand Junction complex after Halliburton employees called to report that an armed man was making threats to co-workers. Bowman said police don't believe Hale pointed his guns at anyone. There were 30 to 50 people in the building at the time. No one was injured.

The officers used a stun gun to subdue him after he pointed the handgun at his head, Bowman said.

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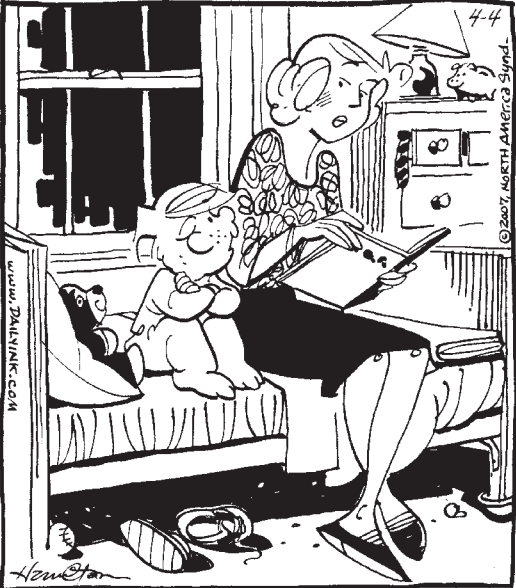
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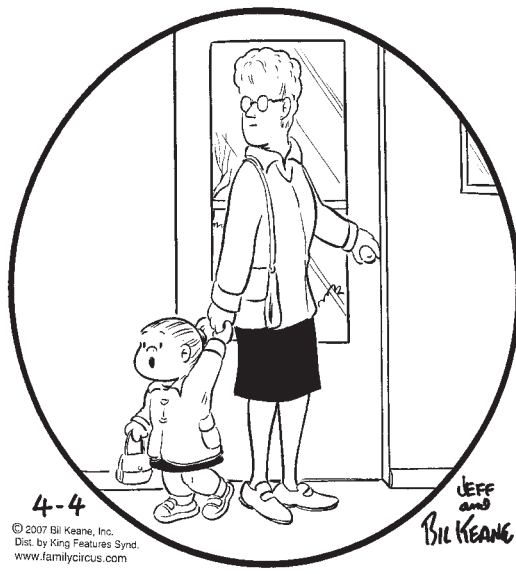
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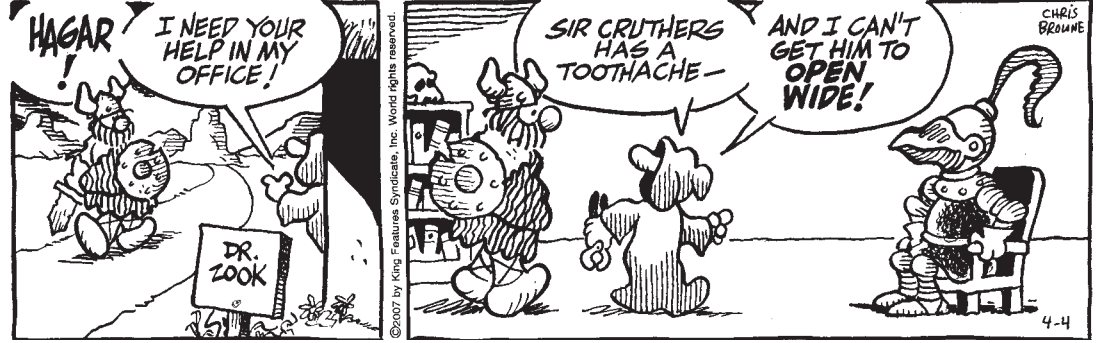
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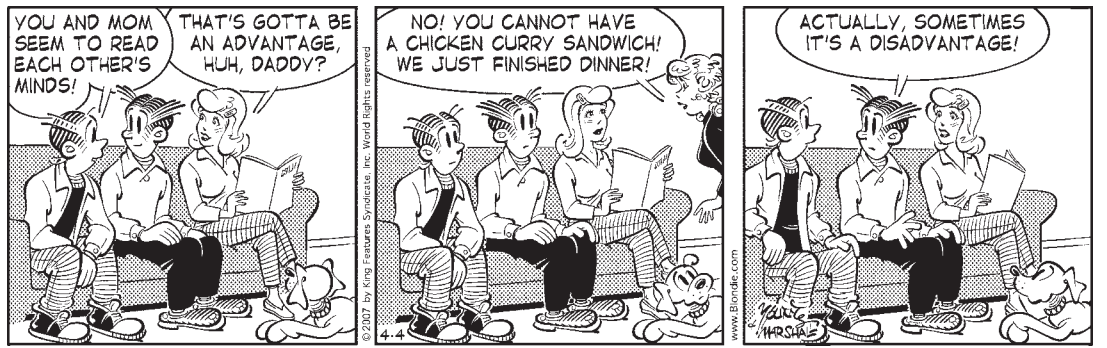


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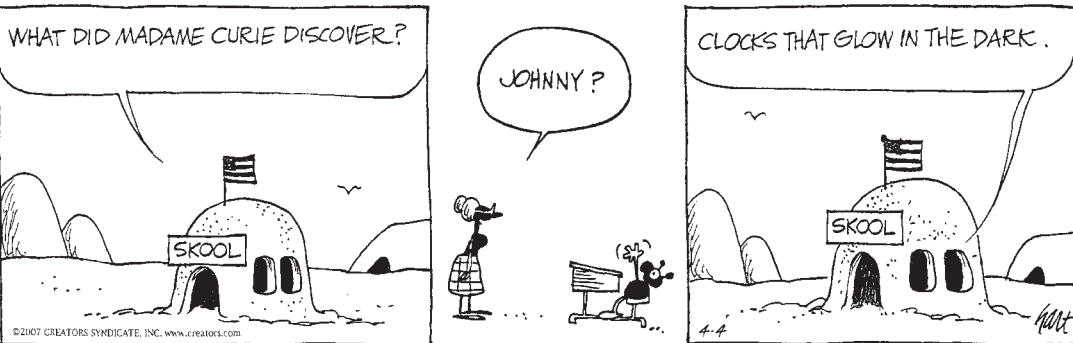
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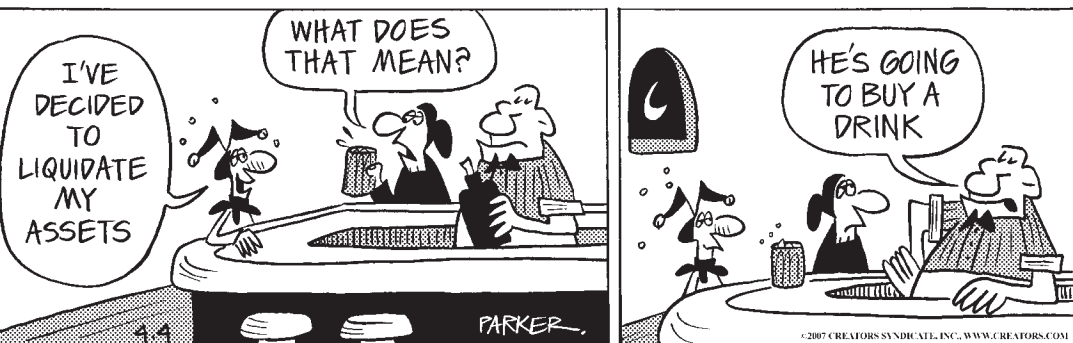
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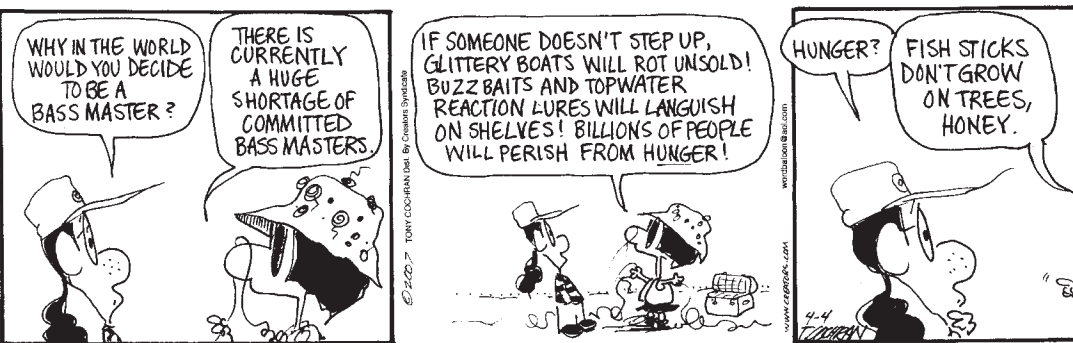
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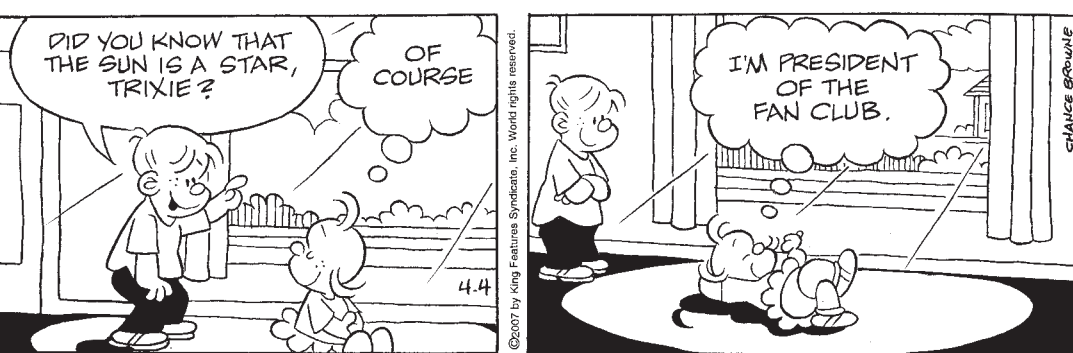
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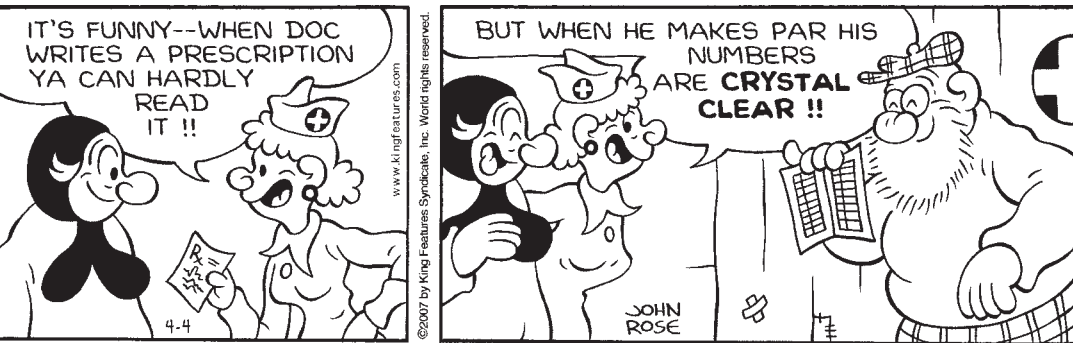
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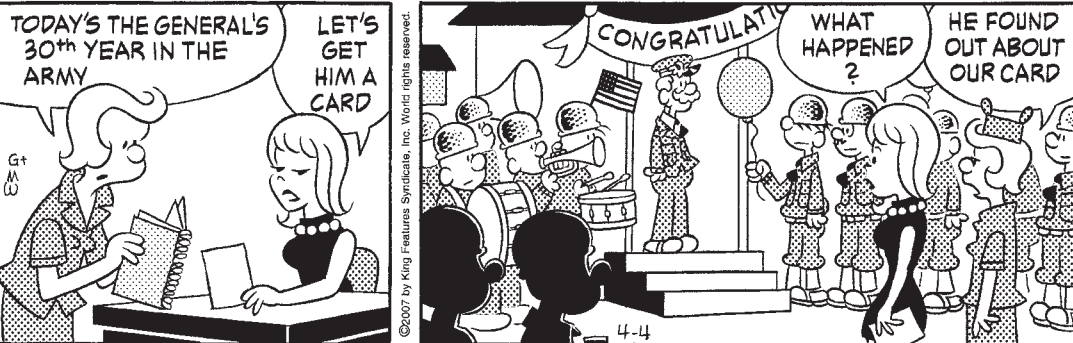
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, April 4, the 94th day of 2007. There are 271 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 4, 1968, civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn. On this date: In 1818, Congress decided the U.S. flag would consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union. In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office. In 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporated. In 1887, Susanna Madora Salter became the first woman elected mayor of an American community: Argonia, Kan.

In 1902, British financier Cecil Rhodes left \$10 million in his will to provide scholarships for Americans, British colonists and Germans at Oxford University. In 1945, during World War II, U.S. troops on Okinawa encountered the first significant resistance from Japanese forces at the Machinato Line. In 1949, 12 nations, including the U.S., signed the North Atlantic Treaty. In 1975, more than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crashed shortly after takeoff from Saigon. In 1981, Henry Cisneros became the first Mexican-American elected mayor of a major U.S. city: San Antonio. In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage. Today's Birthdays: Author-poet Maya Angelou is 79. Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) is 75. Recording executive Clive Davis is 75. Bandleader Hugh Masekela

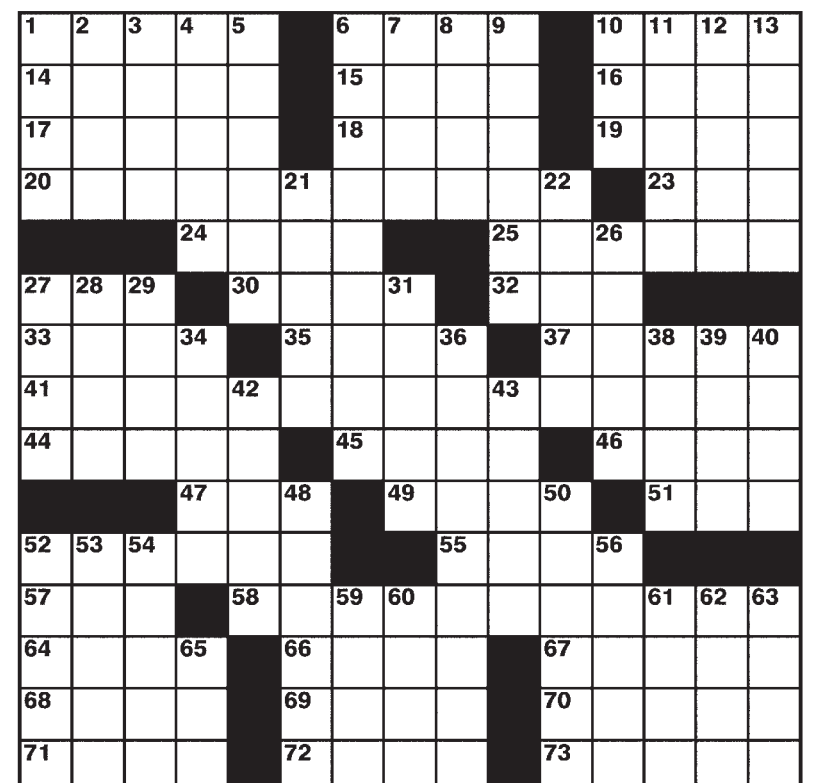
is 68. Author Kitty Kelley is 65. Actor Craig T. Nelson is 63. Actor Walter Charles is 62. Actress Caroline McWilliams is 62. Actress Christine Lahti is 57. Country singer Steve Gatlin (The Gatlin Brothers) is 56. Writer-producer David E. Kelley is 51. Actor Phil Morris is 48. Actress Lorraine Toussaint is 47. Actor Hugo Weaving is 47. Rock musician Craig Adams (The Cult) is 45. Actor David Cross is 43. Actor Robert Downey Jr. is 42. Actress Nancy McKeon is 41. Actor Barry Pepper is 37. Country singer Clay Davidson is 36. Singer Jill Scott is 35.

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Some pet owners making their own dog and cat food

ATLANTA (AP) — Some dog and cat owners frightened by a contamination scare are forsaking the pet-food aisle and grinding up meat in their own kitchens instead.

Sales of pet food recipe books have also shot up since the nationwide pet-food recall began two weeks ago.

Amy Parish, 40, stopped giving her two aging chow chows canned food. Instead, Parish mixes dry food with a mash of chicken, rice, oatmeal and cottage cheese that she prepares twice a week.

"I'm very suspicious of any large-brand manufactured dog food," said Parish, who lives in the Atlanta suburb of Tucker.

But veterinarians warn that making balanced meals for pets can be complicated and should only be a temporary remedy until the scare passes.

Nearly 100 store and major-brand pet foods were recalled by manufacturer Menu Foods Inc. on March 16. Three other companies have recalled some foods since then.

Food and Drug Administration testing found that wheat gluten imported from China was contaminated with a chemical used in the manufacture of plastics. The FDA has confirmed about 15 pet deaths, and anecdotal reports suggest hundreds of cats and dogs may have died.

Some pet owners are not taking any chances. After Hills Pet Nutrition Inc. recalled one of its cat products, John Slavens, 41, of San Diego, started making homemade food for his two border collies.

"These dogs are my family," Slavens said.

The FDA and the American Veterinary Medical Association are urging pet owners to switch brands if they are worried. The veterinarian group also warned that many common foods are not safe for pets, including salt, garlic, onions, grapes and chocolate.

Making pet food at home is "kind of like canning: You have to think about bacterial contamination. And how do you make sure it's nutritionally appropriate and balanced for the animal?" said an FDA spokeswoman.

Following Supreme Court ruling, EPA revives California request to set tough emission standards

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California can move forward with its efforts to set the nation's first standards to cut tailpipe emissions from cars, light trucks and sport utility vehicles, the Environmental Protection Agency said.

The state has been seeking an exemption from the federal Clean Air Act since 2005 to set emissions standards in hopes of reducing greenhouse gases.

The EPA had refused, arguing that the authority to set fuel economy standards belonged only to the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Supreme Court, however, eliminated that argument on Monday, ruling that the EPA has the authority to establish vehicle emissions standards.

That 5-4 ruling could also affect an auto industry lawsuit seeking to block the state's proposed regulations.

The California regulations

were designed in 2002 to reduce the emissions from cars and light trucks by 25 percent and from SUVs by 18 percent starting in 2009.

"We've reviewed the issues within the waiver request," EPA spokeswoman Jennifer Wood said Tuesday. "We're moving forward to the next steps of the process."

The agency next will schedule a public comment period and public hearing.

California has special authority under the federal Clean Air Act to set its own vehicle emissions standards because it began regulating air pollution before the federal government did in the 1970s. Ten other states have adopted California's standards, and Maryland is considering doing so, but they have to wait to implement them until the EPA grants California a waiver.

"It's clear EPA has to consider California's waiver request

now," said Sean Hecht, executive director of the environmental law center at the University of California, Los Angeles. "That doesn't mean it's a foregone conclusion with respect to the waiver request."

Monday's court ruling prompted movement Tuesday in a separate lawsuit brought by the auto industry to prevent California from moving forward with its regulations if it receives the waiver.

The California Air Resources Board, along with several environmental groups, officially notified U.S. District Judge Anthony Ishii of the Supreme Court's decision. In January, he placed the lawsuit on hold pending a decision by the court.

It's unclear what the next step will be in the case, which is being heard in federal court in Fresno. But both sides said the Supreme Court's decision favors their argument.

"The case will affect all of the pending litigation that California has with both the auto companies and Midwestern energy companies," California Attorney General Jerry Brown said in an interview Monday with The Associated Press.

The Natural Resources Defense Council intends to ask the judge to dismiss the case in light of the Supreme Court's ruling, spokesman Craig Noble said.

Raymond Ludwizewski, an attorney representing the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers, interpreted the ruling by the Supreme Court as a directive that greenhouse gas regulations should be crafted at the federal level.

"I think the Supreme Court ruling makes it clear that the court viewed global warming as an issue that should be dealt with nationally and not at the state level," Ludwizewski said.

Infractions common in state's county jails

By LYNN BREZOSKY

Associated Press Writer

HARLINGEN — When the Kleberg County jail failed its state inspection last week, it joined a list. One in three Texas jails have failed state inspections so far this year, and more than a fourth failed last year, an Associated Press review of Texas Commission on Jail Standards records found.

When inspected, the jails ranged in population from seven inmates to more than 9,000, and infractions ranged from mold to structural problems to inadequate staffing, Commission director Adan Munoz said. Many are crumbling with age and lack adequate space for female inmates.

"Most of the jails that we're currently inspecting are pretty much at the minimum anywhere from 10 to 15 years old or older, which starts to create infrastructure problems," he said. "Equate it to a home, except being used as a much larger volume. The facility begins to get worn down."

Of 38 county jails inspected by March 20, 13 have failed. Seventy-three of the state's 268 jails failed in 2006, among them the Harris County Jail in Houston, one of the state's largest with more than 9,000 inmates.

Kleberg was cited for 11 deficiencies, including overcrowding, rust, mold and mildew, and insuffi-

cient staffing.

County Judge Pete De La Garza pledged to hire a maintenance worker and more correction officers.

Munoz said just about any infraction of the commission's standards could make the jail noncompliant, and most jails corrected the problem before the next inspection. Of the 37 jails currently deemed noncompliant, he said only four had to have remedial orders against them, all for overcrowding.

In recent years just one jail, the Howard County Jail, had to be shut down on the spot. The jail's smoke evacuation system wasn't working.

"That created a serious life safety issue for anyone in the facility," Munoz said. "Ninety percent of our mission is to try to help counties stay in compliance so their liability issues can be reviewed," he said.

Bexar County Jail Administrator Dennis McKnight viewed the inspections positively.

"I treat them as a resource myself," he said. "If there was a lawsuit that had to do with the jail and it met their standards, they've got a defense to it."

His jail holds more than 4,000 inmates and would

have passed its Feb. 14 inspection had it not been for some faulty wiring on the jail's fire alert system. While the sprinklers and alarms were working, an indication light in the control room did not. County maintenance workers did not tell him about the problem, he said.

"For the want of a \$5,000 fix, an inspection is lost," he said.

He said the breakdown in communications also means a correction officer must be freed up to walk around doing 15-minute fire watches until the jail is re-inspected, checking every cell and pod to make sure there are no fires.

"That's all he does, all day long," he said.

Population growth in some counties is outpacing county jail expansions, causing counties to have to spend extra money sending inmates to other counties.

Cameron County, on the Mexican border, has had both rapid population growth and escalating levels of crime relating to international drug smuggling.

Gov. Rick Perry's Operation Linebacker, which sent about \$10 million to border county sheriffs to help enforce

the law, has swelled the jail population even more, Chief Deputy Gus Reyna said.

"We have been able to obtain four additional officers through

Operation Linebacker, also overtime, so we are doing more intense patrols. That creates an issue as to more arrests, and it floods our jails," Reyna said.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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♣ J 7 2

EAST
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♥ 7 3
♦ K 10 9 8
♣ 10 8 6 4

SOUTH
♠ Q 8 4
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The bidding:
East Pass
South 1 NT
West Pass
North 3 NT
Opening lead — three of spades.

The great majority of bridge players have never played duplicate bridge, or even seen it played. Furthermore, most of them don't realize that duplicate is a wonderful training ground for improving one's game. The chief reason is that in rubber bridge, most mistakes tend to go by unnoticed, while in duplicate, one's mistakes are brought sharply to attention by comparing scores with those obtained at other tables on the

very same cards. Consider this deal where West leads a spade against three notrump. Declarer plays low from dummy, and East wins with the king. Back comes a diamond, and South's jack loses to the queen.

Another diamond lead from West forces out the ace, and declarer must now tackle the hearts. So he plays a heart to the king and finesses on the way back, and goes down one when West takes the jack with the queen and returns a diamond.

In most rubber bridge games, this might be chalked up to bad luck, but in duplicate, declarer would realize he had blundered after comparing his result with other declarers who had played the same hand and learning they had made the contract.

The key play occurs at trick one, when declarer should go up with the ace of spades. He then plays the king and another heart, finessing the jack after East follows low and thereby guaranteeing the contract. When dummy comes down, South can see nine virtually certain tricks — a spade, four hearts, a diamond and three clubs — and he should not jeopardize them by playing a low spade from dummy at trick one.

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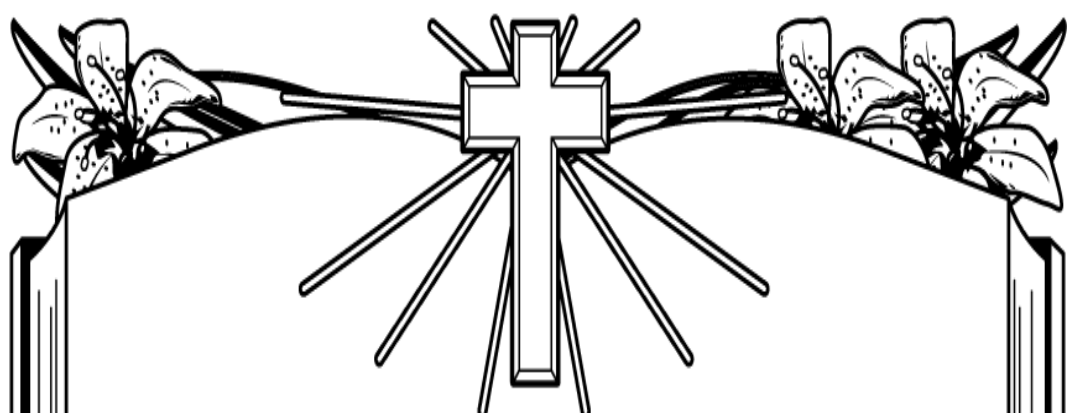
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