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IN BRIEF

Dawson earns trip to state track meet

Big Spring's Zack Dawson earned himself a trip to the UIL state track and field meet during the first day of the Region I, Class 4A meet at Angelo State University and on Saturday, made sure he'd be busy in Austin. Dawson claimed the regional championship in the 1,600 meters Saturday with a time of 4:25.13, after finished second in the 3,200 meters with a time of 9:34.04.

The Steers also got two fourth-place finishes at the regional meet from Scott Frankhauser in the 300-meter hurdles and Chris Martinez in the 800 meters. Raymond Porter chipped in fifth-place points in the triple jump to round out Big Spring's point production as a team that left them tied with Lubbock Estacado for the region's runner-up spot behind champion Wichita Falls.

Lady Kats thinclads place at II-1A meet

K'Lann Niehues led the way for Garden City at the Region II, Class 1A track meet at Elmer Gray Stadium in Abilene.

Niehues finished second in the triple jump with a leap of 35 feet even, earning herself a trip to the UIL State Track and Field Meet in Austin.

Paige Niehues added a third-place finish in the 400 meters and the Lady Kats added a third-place finish in the 1,600-meter relay.

In the meet's boys' division, Jason Fores took fourth in the 800 meters.

Bulldogettes post practice game win

The Coahoma Bulldogettes warmed up for the Class 2A softball playoffs with a 6-0 win over Cisco in extra innings Saturday night in Eastland.

Freshman pitching ace Heather Newton improved her record to 17-5 with the shutout win, allowing just three Cisco hits in what was a seven-inning pitcher's duel.

Coahoma finally broke the scoreless tie in the top of the eighth inning with all six of their runs, and then shut down Cisco in the bottom of the frame to end the contest.

Newton helped her own cause with a double, as did Krista Kerby and Shelbi Paige, but the biggest blows for Coahoma came in the form of eighth-inning home runs from Amy Martinez and Laci Sterling.

The win improved Coahoma's record to 24-6 on the seasons, while Cisco dropped to 28-3.

Coahoma banquet slated for tonight

The Coahoma High School Athletic Banquet will be held at 7 tonight in the elementary school cafeteria. Tickets, priced at \$6 each will be available at the door.

All Bulldogs and

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Verplank finally wins Nelson tournament

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — As much as Scott Verplank wanted to win Byron Nelson's tournament, he never really expected to do it.

Not even when he asked Nelson's wife, Peggy, at the beginning of the week to be there at the 18th green if he was in contention.

"You know, I think that was wishful thinking," Verplank said. "I can't believe it happened."

But Peggy Nelson was there when Verplank, who had last won in 2001, made his final 2-foot par putt at No. 18 Sunday for a one-stroke victory over Luke Donald in the first EDS Byron Nelson Championship played without its namesake.

"I think Byron had a hand in this week," Verplank said. "She just told me that he picked the winner this week. I think he might have."

Verplank, who as a teenager growing up in Dallas got to know Nelson and play several rounds

with the legendary golfer, had three straight birdies and an incredible par save from a bunker at No. 17 — blasting from the opposite side of the green to within 2 feet of the cup.

The 42-year-old Verplank finally won on his 21st try at the Nelson, which he considers his fifth major because of the man for which it's named — and who used to write him encouraging notes. Verplank once was a standard bearer at the tournament, where his mother was a volunteer.

When his final putt went into the cup, Verplank dropped into a squatting position and put his head into his hands. Then he looked skyward with a huge smile.

"I just kept saying, 'Oh my gosh! I can't believe it!' I couldn't believe that it happened. It was a dream," Verplank said. "Then I looked up and said, 'Thank you.' Incredible."

Verplank closed with a 4-under-66 for a 13-under 267 total and his

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Lady Steers moving on

Now face EP Chapin on Friday

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — Big Spring's Lady Steers advanced to the second round of the Class 4A softball playoffs Saturday, closing out their best-of-three bi-district playoff series with Hereford's Lady Whitefaces in two games, thanks to a 6-4 win in Game 2.

The Lady Steers opened the playoffs with a 3-1 win Friday.

Kelly Sage was again the Lady Steers' star on the mound, as she improved her record to 10-2. It was not as easy as it had been in Game 1, however. She allowed 11 Hereford hits in the distance-going performance and struck out just three batters.

Desiree Yanez led the way for the Lady Steers offensively, pounding out a double and a triple, as well as scoring a run. Bridgette Rodriguez added a single, a double, two stolen bases and a run scored, while Amber Sides added a double, a stolen base and a run scored. Other hits came from Sage and Kinzie Hunt.

With the win, the Lady Steers improved their



Big Spring's Lady Steers pose with their bi-district championship trophy following Saturday's 6-4 win that completed a sweep of Hereford's Lady Whitefaces in the Class 4A softball playoffs. The Lady Steers will now face El Paso Chapin in the area playoff round. Game 1 of that series is slated for Friday in Artesia, N.M.

HERALD photo/Ricky Dominguez

record to 19-18 and

advance to the area round of the playoffs where they'll face El Paso Chapin, the District 1-4A

champion.

Game 1 of that best-of-three series is set for 4:30 p.m. Friday in Artesia, N.M. Game 2 will be at 11

a.m. Saturday and a third game, if necessary, would begin 30 minutes following the completion of Game 2.

Hereford saw its season come to a close with a 15-3-1 mark — all three of its losses coming at the hands of the Lady Steers.

Mavs return home trying to save season

By **JANIE MCCAULEY**

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Don Nelson had one message for Baron Davis at the morning shootaround: "dominate."

Davis had no problem obliging, despite the Dallas Mavericks' increased, more intense defensive pressure as they attempted to save face in their first-round playoff series with the Warriors.

Instead, the top-seeded Mavs are on the brink of an embarrassing early exit at the hands of eighth-seeded Golden State after a 103-99 loss Sunday night in Game 4 that gave the Warriors a commanding 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

"We've got a lot of basketball left in us," Dallas guard Jason Terry said. "We've got to want it. This is a test to see how much this team wants to continue playing."

Game 5 is Tuesday night in Texas.

If Golden State can pull off the upset, the Warriors would join only the Denver Nuggets (1994) and the New York Knicks (1999) as teams that have won a playoff series as a No. 8 seed — and the other two did it in the former best-of-five format.

In other NBA playoff games Sunday, Chicago defeated defending champion Miami 92-79 to complete a sweep of their first-



The Dallas Mavericks' Josh Howard drives on the Golden State's Monta Ellis during first half action in Game 4 of the NBA Playoffs at Oracle Arena in Oakland Sunday. The Warriors took a 103-99 win, putting the Mavericks one loss away from elimination.

MCT photo/Ben Noey Jr./Fort Worth Star-Telegram

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Obituaries

Odie Thompson



Odie Thompson, 102, of Big Spring died Saturday, April 28, 2007, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Odie was born March 10, 1905, at Colorado City to Jenny and Dave Anderson. She was a beautician in Big Spring most of her life. Odie owned the Crawford Hotel Beauty Shop and then the Beauty Bar. Odie married Clifton C. "Dick" Thompson on Jan. 7, 1932. He preceded her in death on June 25, 1988. They farmed for a number of years in Howard County. Odie was a lifetime resident of Howard County and was a Methodist.

Odie is survived by one niece, Dixie Daves of Big Spring; one nephew, Billy Joe Nichols of Bakersfield, Calif.; one great niece, Shannon Gleave of Conroe; one great nephew, Terry Daves of Conroe; three great-great nieces and nephews, Aaron Ray Gleave, Heather Daves and Cory Daves, all of Conroe; several cousins, including Josephine Thomas of Wichita Falls, J.V. Anderson, Frances Edens Overton and her husband Glen, and Faye Stallings and her husband Raymond, all of Big Spring; and special friends, Karen Edwards, Della Aikman and Frances Johnson.

In addition to her husband and parents, Odie was preceded in death by one brother, Dick Rigsby III; two sisters, Ruth Grantham and Wilma Nichols; and one great-great niece, Angela Daves.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 East 7th Street, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Karen Kistler



Karen Kistler, 65, of Big Spring died Friday, April 27, 2007, in a Midland hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Bill Ballard officiating.

She was born June 20, 1941, in Minot, N.D., and married Gareth "Gary" Kistler on June 16, 1966, in Velva, N.D.

Karen graduated from Velva, N.D., High School and Christie's Beauty College in Bismarck, N.D. She liked to collect bells and cats, and enjoyed bingo and the lottery. Karen was an organizer. She loved the basic things in life and encouraged others to do the same. She was a Lutheran.

Survivors include her husband, Gary Kistler of Big Spring; two sons, Paul Kistler and wife Carla of Big Spring, and Karl Kistler of Velva, N.D.; her mother, Myrtle Wojahn of Velva, N.D.; two brothers, Dennis Wojahn and Rodney Wojahn, both of Velva, N.D.; two sisters, Connie Guzman of Del City, Okla., and Norma Caquias and husband Louis of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; two grandchildren, Christi Estrella and Katie Kistler, both of Big Spring; two great-grandchildren, Mikaela Estrella and Ian Estrella, both of Big Spring; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Paul William Wojahn.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Allison Cancer Center, 301 North N, Midland 79701.

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

Paid obituary

Mary "Dollie" Vick Jennings

Mary "Dollie" Vick Jennings, 73, of Andrews, died Friday, April 27, 2007, in Odessa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at the First United Pentecostal Church with the Rev. James Linton, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in the Andrews North Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 30, 1934, in Franklin County. She worked as a nurse's aid in nursing homes before retirement.

Survivors include daughters Maquetia Allene Wilson of Hendersonville, Tenn., Debra Kay Linton of Andrews, sons Buddy Youngblood of Lovington, N.M., and Jerry Neal Youngblood of Granbury; brother Charles Vick of Pampa; 12 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Leo, Cleo, Clyde and Earl Vick; and six sisters, Doris Elders, Hazel Pike, Illena Albright, Syble Dossey, Tincie Mae Vick and Bea Justice.

Jerline Myles Wilson

Jerline Myles Wilson, 60, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 29, 2007, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

John C. Allen

John C. Allen, 83, of San Angelo died Monday, April 30, 2007, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Lilia Garza

Lilia Garza, 81, of Big Lake died Monday, April 30, 2007, in Big Lake. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Robert Hansen

Robert Hansen, 47, of Big Spring died Monday, April 30, 2007, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Robert White

Robert White, 92, of Seminole and formerly of Stanton, died Monday, April 30, 2007. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- **GABRIEL LEE MARTINEZ**, 18, of Colorado City, was arrested Saturday on two local warrants and a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **KEVIN PATRICK THOMAS**, 18, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **DOMINIQUE X. WILLIAMS**, 18, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Saturday on two local citations and a charge of criminal mischief.
- **CHRISTINA REANN PAUL**, 23, of 1401 W. Fifth Street, was arrested Sunday on three local warrants.
- **BRIAN MICHAEL GARZA**, 24, of 1401 W. Fifth Street, was arrested Sunday on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance and a Gonzales County warrant.
- **TIFFINIE VANDERBILT**, 22, of 2534 Langley, was arrested Sunday on a local citation.
- **LOLITA A. SALAZAR**, 37, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RICARDO GUZMAN RUIZ**, 33, of 4213 Hamilton, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury - family violence.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1000 block of Lamesa.
- **POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG** was reported in the 1600 block of Second Street.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported:
 - in the 1600 block of Second Street.
 - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **FRAUDULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION** was reported in the 1400 block of Virginia.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 700 block of Circle.
- **ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 4200 block of Hamilton.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 800 block of 15th Street.
 - in the 1900 block of Rannels.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 400 block of Edwards.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of West Sixth St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Harding. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on 15th Street and Gregg. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2700 block of West 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in 2900 block of West Highway 80.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 6100 block of North County Road 23. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 400 block of Scurry. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2000 block of South Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 4200 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was taken to the VAMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on Highway 87 and Rural Route 33. One person was transported to SMMC.

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.

- **ARABELLA CARRILLO**, 27, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of theft by check.
- **JOY ANNETTE MARQUEZ**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK**, 66, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of harassment of a public servant, resisting arrest and criminal trespass.
- **TYLER JAMES URBINA**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **BRYSON ONEIL VANDERBILT**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **DEBRA DENISE AUSBIE**, 45, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to appear - possession of a controlled substance.
- **BRANDON SHANE ANDERSON**, 24, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, possession of marijuana and a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a building.
- **CURTIS PAUL THURMAN**, 42, was arrested Saturday on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property and theft by check.
- **JENNIFER THURMAN**, 35, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft by check and a capias warrant for theft by check.
- **ESTELLA CARRILLO JARA**, 57, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of terroristic threats.
- **CARLA ANN YORK**, 51, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **JAY GARD**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of alcohol by a minor.
- **BRAD GERALD UGSTAD**, 54, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **ROBERT JERALL MCCURDY**, 41, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia, no driver's license and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **RICHARD DALE SPIVEY JR.**, 26, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LONNIE RAY GRAY JR.**, 27, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
- **CHRISTINA PAUL**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **TIFFINIE VANDERBILT**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of a dangerous drug.
- **KEVIN PATRICK THOMAS**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **RICARDO GUZMAN RUIZ JR.**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury - family violence.
- **DOMINIQUE XAVIER WILLIAMS**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **TAMMIE SUE HORN**, 38, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **NATHAN HENRY BAKER**, 52, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **NIKKI LEE SMITH**, 19, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance and no driver's license.
- **VICTORIA HANNABASS**, 18, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license (two counts), no liability insurance, possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

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"Remember...you deserve the best!"

Gordon wins Talladega, moves past Earnhardt on career wins list

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer
TALLADEGA, Ala. — At the track where Dale Earnhardt dominated, and on the day he would have turned 56, Jeff Gordon scored career victory No. 77.

It was the fitting venue, the perfect day, for Gordon to move past Earnhardt on NASCAR's wins list.

And, as expected, it was wildly unpopular.

Fans littered the track with debris Sunday as Gordon crossed the finish line under caution at

Talladega Superspeedway to move into sixth place on the win list.

"I never caused a riot before for winning — well, maybe once or twice," Gordon laughed.

It was the same reaction he received last week in Phoenix when he tied Earnhardt's mark and flew a No. 3 flag on his victory lap. That gesture didn't sit well with Earnhardt fans, even though Dale Earnhardt Jr. called the tribute classy and urged his "Red Army" of supporters to stop throwing beer cans

out of safety concerns.

"I thought Junior had more power," Gordon said. "I thought they'd throw toilet paper, which is what he asked them to throw. I saw maybe one roll."

But Talladega is Earnhardt country. The Intimidator won 10 times here, and his legion of fans adopted his son following Earnhardt's 2001 death. The fans turn the grandstands into a sea of red, and when Junior charges to the front the roar is deafening.

It's what made this the

perfect place for Gordon to surpass the seven-time champion. Although their fans mix like oil and water, Earnhardt and Gordon were pals. They shared a competitive rivalry on the track and a healthy friendship away from it.

Earnhardt would have been proud, and Gordon was conflicted about it.

"On one side I just want to jump up and down and be fired up about getting 77 here at Talladega where three-quarters of the grandstands were pulling against us,"

Gordon said. "And then on the other side, I respected Dale so much, learned so much from him, today being his birthday and knowing how many of those people up there wanted to see Dale Earnhardt Jr. win today — it's tough."

"I certainly didn't want to start a riot, and hopefully nobody got injured. But I wanted to break that record. I keep going back and forth. Why did it have to happen at Talladega?"

The ending was anticlimactic and confusing, fin-

ishing under caution with Gordon unsure if he'd actually won. Nobody was quite sure after two separate accidents on the first lap of a two-lap shootout to the finish froze the field and had NASCAR scrambling to make sense of the finish.

Gordon, who started from the pole, ran up front early but was 14th on a restart with 10 laps to go. He stormed to the front, and with three laps to go passed Jamie McMurray for the lead a split-second before a caution came out.

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round series, Phoenix beat the Los Angeles Lakers 113-100 to a take a 3-1 series lead, and New Jersey routed Toronto 102-81 to go up 3-1 as well.

Davis had five of his 33 points and two key assists in the final 3 1/2 minutes to lead the rally, and that was just the conclusion of another brilliant game for the do-everything guard.

"When we do the little things, we put ourselves in a position to win," Davis said.

All of his extraordinary feats sure help, too.

Davis knocked down a 3-pointer from just a few steps inside the midcourt line at the halftime buzzer

to tie the game at 49 heading into the break. He had one sequence late in the third quarter that perfectly told the story: Davis swished a 3 with a hand in his face to pull Golden State within 77-75, blocked Jerry Stackhouse's 3-point attempt on the other end, then dunked moments later off a steal to send the game into the final quarter tied at 77.

"We gave Baron different looks — he just makes tough shots," Mavs coach Avery Johnson said. "We trapped him five times and he split it every time. ... He's a strong-willed guy."

That describes the Warriors these days, too. When Stephen Jackson joined the team back in

January, Golden State lacked the poise to pull off a win as monumental as its latest playoff triumph.

And the Mavericks certainly didn't have the wherewithal to blow it in such a big game the way they were clicking at the time — in the midst of the best regular season in franchise history.

"We are learning how to stay in games and finish games," said Jackson, acquired from Indiana in an eight-player deal that also brought Al Harrington to the Warriors and sent Mike Dunleavy and Troy Murphy to the Pacers.

Johnson is still learning a thing or two from his old mentor, Nelson.

The Dallas players are getting outdone by a team

that wasn't supposed to do much more than show up in these NBA playoffs, but Nelson has the Warriors believing they can shake up the seedings. It was the Mavericks less than two weeks ago who lost their second-to-last game at Golden State 111-82 and helped secure the Warriors' first playoff berth in 13 years.

"Our crowd is going to be in a frenzy and excited to be in the game, and that's all we need to think about," Johnson said, looking ahead to Game 5 back home.

If the Mavs can't pull off an improbable comeback, Mark Cuban's club's seventh straight playoff trip will be considered one of the most royal failures in

playoff history.

"You look in the locker room right now and everyone's very disappointed obviously," said Dirk Nowitzki, who had 23 points, 15 rebounds and four steals. "Now, our back's against the wall and we have to come out swinging."

Nelson, who groomed Johnson to be his replacement in Dallas, has been mellow throughout Golden State's first playoff trip since he took the Warriors to the postseason during his first stint as coach in 1994. Nellie sat outside in the back of a pickup truck before the morning shootaround, smoking a cigar with a couple of others.

And if the Warriors keep playing like this,

they will be on to the Western Conference semifinals for the first time since 1991, when they lost in the second round to the Los Angeles Lakers.

"It just shows the growth of this team," said Jason Richardson, who had 22 points, five rebounds and four steals. "We just grew during the season and took some losses. We don't care now. ... We knew we were going to win this game."

Johnson, finishing his second full season in charge, has been feeling the pressure. His players called a team meeting Saturday in an effort to get back on track, but the Mavs did themselves in with 19 turnovers that led to 33 points for Golden State.

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fifth PGA Tour victory, the first since the 2001 Canadian Open. Phil Mickelson (65), Jerry Kelly (64), Rory Sabbatini (64) and Ian Poulter (66) tied for third at 10 under.

Sadly missing was a personal congratulation from Nelson, who died Sept. 26 at age 94. But Peggy Nelson clutched one of his famed fedoras in her hand when she hugged Verplank.

"Byron would be very, very happy for Scott. I am, too," she said. "The friendship they had, it's great to see it culminate

this way."

Donald's 12th straight under-par round at the Nelson — a 66 on Sunday — wasn't enough to overcome Verplank's apparent destiny this week.

The sore shoulder that has bothered Verplank for so long, the same problem that forced him to withdraw from last year's tournament that was the last attended by Nelson, was never an issue this week.

"It went away. I'm serious," Verplank said, shaking his head. "I didn't feel any pain."

Donald started the final round ahead by a stroke. His lead had grown to three after his 12-foot putt at the 438-yard sixth hole,

his third birdie in a four-hole stretch.

"I was feeling really good about my game," Donald said.

But No. 6 was the same hole where Verplank began his birdie run with a 5-footer. Verplank was within a stroke at 12 under after chipping to 2 feet for birdie at the 533-yard seventh hole and making a 12-footer at No. 8.

Things went wrong for Donald at the 439-yard ninth hole, with a double bogey after his first three shots missed the green and a poor chip set up a two-putt from 12 feet.

"That was the difference," said Donald, also a runner-up at the Sony

Open in Hawaii in mid-January. "I will look at the positive, but right now I'm very disappointed. ... It's not much fun finishing second."

Even though Verplank missed his 8-foot birdie attempt at No. 9, he was in the lead — and stayed there.

Clinging to a one-stroke lead after the par save at the 196-yard 17th hole, Verplank got an unexpected comforting feeling before hitting his final tee shot.

"I had some help there on the last hole. There's no doubt," he said. "I felt a cool breeze, and it wasn't cool out there."

Verplank and Donald both drove their balls into

the fairway and then had similar 10-foot birdie attempts that slid past the hole.

The closest Verplank had come to winning the Nelson before was in 2001 when he lost a four-hole playoff with Robert Damron. That was the first of three top-10 finish-

es his last six Nelsons, but he was in his 140th PGA Tour event since last winning.

"There's no question in my mind that the stars lined up and I got a little help from upstairs," Verplank said. "I just haven't been playing that good."

BRIEFS

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Bulldogettes fans are encouraged to attend.

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.

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 Cloudcroft, 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.

Information on all the Tech camps is available at www.texastech.com.

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.

Teenage baseball league to begin

The Big Spring Teen Baseball league is now looking for coaches or anyone willing to help with the leaguen this season.

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

Baseball umpires needed for season

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

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Date Change For Spring Sports Banquet Lady Steer Athletics

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Pictures Starting @ 6:00 p.m.

ATTENTION: The Lady Steer Booster Club is requesting photos of Lady Steer Athletes participating in the following sports during the 2006-2007 Season: Basketball, Track, Power Lifting, Softball and/or Cheerleading. Please transfer photos to disc and contact Leslie Whitten at 816-6764 by 5-4-07

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LULAC

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community is very important in the internal development of an individual.

"I want the membership to be part of the progressive movement Big Spring is heading toward. I feel the more the community is united in development, both in education and time invested, Big Spring will once again thrive, as in years past."

The image of the local

LULAC chapter has changed many times over the years, according to Ybarra, but the newly elected president hopes to unite the group and place it firmly on target.

"In the past, folks have had a different philosophy. Today's society is more educated than we've ever been," said Ybarra. "Although some issues do exist, those issues are pretty much isolated. As a partnership, we can all serve one goal, and that goal is for mankind and our kids, our future generations to come. That's

where our goals should be. LULAC can only be one of the factors to get us where we need to be, and I'm determined to see that happen.

"I want this organization to thrive," he added. "I've recruited more individuals who are professionals and represent the community. And what we want to do is assist and partnership with the community so Big Spring can thrive and bring the economic levels up for everyone. That's my goal for LULAC."



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

A motorist navigates a water-logged Big Spring street Sunday evening. Heavy rains and high winds pounded much of the Permian Basin Saturday, National Weather Service Officials said.

CITY

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company upon the Settles Company coming up with

\$6 million," said Moore Board member Frank Parker during the Wednesday meeting.

According to Ryan, SHDC is preparing for a \$12 million renovation

project which includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors.

MHMR

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types of mental illnesses but it helps alleviate many of the symptoms of the disease."

Stressing the importance of exercise in consumers' lives has always been part of the Center's mission by sponsoring the Hoops, Dreams and Goals annual basketball tournament. But Smith and her staff wanted to do even more.

"We always celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month in May but this

year, we thought that there was no better way to involve our consumers and get the message out than by sponsoring a run/walk," she said.

The 5K Run/Walk, 1-mile and 1/2-mile walk will be the morning of May 5 at Comanche Trail Park. The 5K run starts at 8:30 a.m. and the walk kicks off at 9:30 a.m. Registration is \$15 and includes lunch and a T-shirt. The race registration form can be downloaded from the West Texas Centers Web site www.wtcmhmr.org

Race day registration

will be at 7:30 a.m. at the Alice Haynes Pavilion.

"It's such a beautiful course," Smith said. "I'm just real excited. It's a challenging course and you can either run or walk the course. We have several people from Midland and Odessa who have already registered."

More than 140 runners and walkers have pre-registered for the race, Smith said.

"They are developing teams in our 23-county region and they are all coming together and supporting each other with team t-shirts and words of

encouragement."

Big Spring State Hospital, who is co-sponsoring the race with West Texas Centers for MHMR, also has many employees and patients entered in the race, hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon said.

"We have many who have been training for this," Moughon said. "We have the track our volunteers built several years ago, and we have been using it more and more lately."

"During the past decade, newer medications have helped patients

more quickly and effectively but they do have their side effects, which sometimes may include weight gain," Smith said. "Exercise is a great way to counter that."

"We know exercise is a mood elevator and we want to be the leader in assisting patients become more active. We want to emphasize that to be healthy you can't focus on one area of the body but you have to work on the whole body."

West Texas Centers and Big Spring State Hospital want people in the community, whether they live

with mental illness or just want to become healthier, to treat the race day as a springboard toward a healthier life.

A healthy lunch will be served following the race and information on mental health will be available throughout the morning.

For more information, call 263-0007.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Odie Thompson, 102, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jerline Myles Wilson, 60, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Robert Hansen, 47, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

MALL

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mall manager. "Big Spring Police Department will be issuing criminal trespass warnings to anyone displaying such activities or are found wandering in the back or around the mall after hours. Parents, please provide adult supervision and accountability for your children and let them

know this is for their own safety."

Ramirez said the merchants and owner of the mall have "zero tolerance" for criminal activity and will be working to discourage those types of acts.

"I am asking the public and the mall merchants to please help out on this matter and to call the police and report anything that is out of the ordinary," said Ramirez.

"Please help us to make The Big Spring Mall a better and safe place to shop. It will take everyone's participation to help eliminate these problems. In other words, if nobody is around and you see something that is not right, call the police."

Ramirez said she has ordered no trespassing signs for the side and rear of the mall and alerted maintenance staff to watch for vandals and

people loitering.

She said a criminal trespass warning is a warning to stay off the premises for one year.

"Police will keep records of everyone issued a criminal trespass warning and if the subject returns to the property while under the warning, they will be immediately arrested," Ramirez said.

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OUR VIEWS

Take advantage of an opportunity to go vote early

Early voting for the May 12 municipal and school district elections began today and continues through May 8. We want to encourage readers to cast their ballots soon.

Polls will be open at the Howard County Courthouse for Big Spring and Forsan voters from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. except for tomorrow and Thursday, when ballots can be cast from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Coahoma voters can vote early at the Coahoma Community Center.

Early voting for the Stanton Independent School District trustee election is taking place at the Martin County Courthouse.

There are plenty of reasons for voting early, not the least of which is the unpredictability of our West Texas weather. Warm, dusty, rainy — the only thing you can count on is that the weather will change.

Another reason to cast your ballot in the next few days is human nature. The fact is, the longer we put things off, the less likely we are to ever get them accomplished. Too many other things come up, and suddenly we find ourselves out of time.

There are a plethora of key races in on the ballot this time around. The headliner, of course, is the Big Spring mayoral race between incumbent Russ McEwen and two challengers — Shannon Thomason and James "Jim" Hicks.

In addition, there's the District 5 race where a trio of candidates — Troy Tompkins, Woody Jumper and David Scott — are vying for the position.

In the city of Coahoma, all three incumbents have filed to run for re-election — David Elmore, Ricky Stone and Mayor Bill Read.

Read is being challenged by retired city employee Billy Sullivan, while Odis Franklin filed his candidacy for one of the two at-large seats on the council.

Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton school districts will also hold contested elections this year.

In Big Spring, two of the three trustee seats up for election this year will be contested. Terri Myrick will challenge incumbent Mike Dawson in District 5, while mechanical engineer Jeff Brorman and Tom Ralston will contest incumbent Ricky Robertson for the District 6 position.

District 7 incumbent Phil Furqueron is unopposed for re-election.

Coahoma ISD features three candidates vying for two at-large positions on its board. Danny Martin faces incumbents Sissy Franklin and James White on the ballot.

Forsan ISD voters will decide between four candidates for two at-large positions. Incumbent Tom Bill Kuykendall is facing Chris Evans, Nancy Raney and Glenn Graves.

Dr. Pablo Teveni and Darren Patrick are seeking the District 5 trustee position on the Stanton ISD school board.

Add a state constitutional amendment to extend property tax relief to senior citizens and the disabled, and a \$21.6 million bond issue to finance renovation and construction on Howard College's Big Spring campus, and it's clear that voters have quite a bit to decide.

It almost goes without saying that these are decisions which will impact all our lives for some time to come.

So, we hope you will take time to study the candidates and issues. Then make your choice at the polls.

And remember, if you don't bother to go vote — either during the early voting period or on election day — you really have no right to complain about the decisions made by your elected representatives.

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are here for Your purpose, Lord, may we fulfill our heavenly destiny.

Amen

Will Afghanistan be the next Iraq?

The simple equation in politics today — at least according to many Democrats — is that the war in Iraq is a bad war and the war in Afghanistan is a good war. But if a congressional timetable forces a pullout of U.S. troops from Iraq, will Afghanistan go the way of Iraq?

My fear has been that a pullout from Iraq will further imperil Afghanistan.

Having succeeded, jihadists who have gone to Iraq to martyr themselves instead would go to Afghanistan.

Also, if U.S. troops withdrew from Iraq precipitously, there would be a vacancy for the "bad war" slot. Antiwar activists in North America and Europe would push for their countries to withdraw their troops from the NATO coalition in Afghanistan. In short order, they could succeed in undermining the effort.

Afghan Ambassador Said Tayeb Jawad has seen his country suffer from roadside bombs and suicide bombers, which he noted are a "foreign phenomenon in Afghan culture" inspired by terrorists in Iraq. The diplomat visited The San Francisco Chronicle last week, which gave me the opportunity to ask him what he thought would happen if U.S. troops left Iraq as per the wishes of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Jawad had a rosy response. U.S. support for Afghanistan is strong and bipartisan, he answered. He does not think an Iraq withdrawal would affect his country and that "support for Afghanistan will be stronger."

In a follow-up e-mail, Jawad explained that, "Terrorists are opportunistic and constantly trade one battleground for another, moving from Chechnya to Uzbekistan

to Afghanistan to Pakistan to Iraq." If terrorists do "find their way to Afghanistan, with additional resources becoming available, better training and equipment, and a robust and unified international front consisting of the United States and NATO, the Afghan government will be able to counter them."

Bob Ayers of Chatham House, a London-based foreign-affairs think tank, gave a different answer as to what is likely to happen in Afghanistan if U.S. troops pull out of Iraq a la Pelosi: "We will see an ever-increasing level of radicalization, coupled with a return to more localized government based on tribal loyalties with a commensurate decrease in the country by the central government."

And: "There would likely be a period of violence directed against the central government, but given the relative weakness of the central government, it is doubtful that such attacks could be resisted and stable government maintained for a protracted period of time."

Sounds like Iraq to me. As for my belief that antiwar factions would start chipping away at popular support for the war, Jawad answered, "The U.S. government and new Congress support is robust and bipartisan and long-term." I hope, if Congress does set a hard timetable to withdraw from Iraq, that Jawad is right. Clearly, he wants what is best for his country.

As an American, however, I don't see how the same arguments for pulling troops out of Iraq won't apply to the 25,000 American troops in Afghanistan.

Sure, Iraq war critics like to point out that the United States had a casus belli — Osama bin Laden — for entering Afghanistan. But we don't know that bin Laden is still in Afghanistan.

As the left likes to dwell on President Bush's failures, the failure to get bin Laden lends itself to

defeatism.

Then there is the left's conceit that only liberals really care about the toll on U.S. troops. According to the Pentagon, as of April 14, the death toll of U.S. troops in Afghanistan was 315 since October 2001. If fighting should escalate, how long will it take before the media start reporting on benchmarks? As in: 500 dead, and what can we show for it? Canada has sacrificed, as well — losing 54 troops in Afghanistan since 2002.

On Thursday, Liberals in Canada's Parliament introduced a motion calling for Canadian troops to be out of the NATO military mission by February 2009. Italian discontent about troops in Afghanistan forced Prime Minister Romano Prodi to step down temporarily in February. Polls show Germans want to get out, too — even though the German government has kept its NATO troops out of harm's way. Look at the headlines from Afghanistan. "Afghan civilian death toll up in 2006/More than 1,000 people were killed, rights group says." That's from January.

"Afghan town falls to Taliban after NATO troops leave." February.

"Marine unit ordered to leave Afghanistan/They're accused of killing civilians" — that was in March.

And this month: "Iranian-made arms seized in Afghanistan."

While Pelosi has called Afghanistan "the real war on terror," the nation is mired in internal strife and beset by jihadists, and its internal problems undermine attempts to create an infrastructure needed to make Afghans prosperous. Jawad sees long-term international will. If he were President Bush, folks would call that a "rosy scenario."

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If young Americans voted...

They like Rudy and Barack. They worry most about Iraq, and over half think the country's on the wrong track. They are liberal, but not always.

We speak of 18- to 24-year-olds, a group that's worn many labels. Some call them "Generation Y" because they're younger than Generation X. They've been named "Generation 9/11" for obvious reasons. My favorite tag is "Millennials," because of its historic sweep. The last Millennial Generation lived in the year 1000, when the Vikings were ravaging the British Isles.

A big political question about this group is: How will they vote? The bigger one is: Will they vote? It's hard to gauge these folks because so many rely on cell phones, which may not be used for polling. On the other hand, they're easy to reach on the Internet.

Democrats have long pursued the so-called youth vote. Their perennial hope has been that young people, who are traditionally liberal, would march to the polls in greater numbers. But they usually wake up the first Wednesday in November realizing that their Great White Whale had overslept once again.

When the voting age was

dropped to 18 in 1972, all hailed a new era for youthful involvement in our democracy. The reality is that over the last 35 years, the youngest group's participation in elections has steadily dropped.

Democrats detected a sign of life in 2004, when the Millennials' turnout rose to 47 percent from 36 percent in 2000. But the Bush-Kerry match excited more of everyone. In the end, young people's share of the electorate remained at 17 percent, unchanged from 2000.

A surge in college voters in 2006 is said to have delivered victory to Democrats Sens. Jon Tester of Montana and Jim Webb of Virginia. But others give the credit to single women.

A new Pew Research Center survey touches on the apparent lack of political knowledge among Millennials. Its objective was to test whether Americans are more or less informed about current affairs than they were in 1989. The conclusion is that they know about as little now as they did then.

The survey did compare age groups, and the 18- to 29-year-olds did far worse than the others. Only 15 percent had a "high knowledge" of current affairs, and 59 percent had "low knowledge." The remaining 29 percent were in the middle.

These weren't trick questions about the president of Pakistan. Only 26 percent of respondents in the youngest group knew that the Sunnis are one of the two main

branches of Islam, the other being the Shiites. Only 55 percent could name their governor.

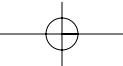
As a Pew analyst told me, knowledge of public affairs always increases with age. Still, the report offers little optimism for any vast improvement. Only 15 percent of the 18- to 29-year-olds read a daily newspaper. More of them (26 percent) get their news from Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" or "The Colbert Report" than by listening to National Public Radio (17 percent).

Another recent survey, from Harvard's Institute of Politics, attempts to assess the political attitudes of the 29 million Americans age 18 and to 24. It finds that 35 percent identify with Democrats and 25 percent with Republicans, but 40 percent with neither. Some 61 percent think health insurance is a basic right, and only 23 percent want religious values to play a strong role in government.

The Millennials sound liberal but feel independent. If push comes to shove, they'd probably be Democratic voters, were they to vote.

Stand aside, Boomers and Xers, the Harvard report declares, "The Millennial Generation is preparing in 2008 to make their voice heard again, perhaps louder than ever." We shall see.

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Staying young at heart

Healthy eating and regular physical activity are keys to good health at any age. They may lower your risk for obesity, type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease, cancer, and other chronic diseases. They may even help ward off depression and keep your mind sharp as you age. Remember, it is never too late to make healthy changes in your life.

What is healthy eating?

A healthy eating plan for older adults includes a variety of nutrient-rich foods. In January 2005, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture jointly released the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. These new guidelines outline recommendations to promote health and reduce the risk of chronic disease through nutritious eating and physical activity. The recommendations include some of the nutritional needs of older adults.

To help you stay on track with your healthy eating plan, follow these tips:

- Do not skip meals. Skipping meals may cause your metabolism to slow down or lead you to eat more high-calorie, high-fat foods at your next meal or snack.
- Select high-fiber foods like whole-grain breads and cereals, beans, vegetables, and fruits. They may help keep you regular and lower your risk for chronic diseases, such as coronary heart disease and type 2 diabetes.
- Choose lean beef, turkey breast, fish, or chicken with the skin removed to lower the amount of fat and calories in your meals. As you age, your body needs fewer calories, especially if you are not very active.
- Have three servings of vitamin D-fortified low-fat/fat-free milk, yogurt, or cheese every day. Milk products are high in calcium and vitamin D and help keep your bones

Experts offer best bets in beverages for children

HOUSTON — When your kids want something to drink, reconsider that juice box.

"Many parents are confused about what is and what is not a fruit juice," explained Marilyn Swanson, registered dietitian at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital. "If the label does not say 100 percent juice, it is not genuine fruit juice."

Fruit-flavored beverages, like many of those handy juice boxes, have sugar content that is comparable to sodas. A better option is to substitute actual pieces of fruit.

Healthy beverage choices are important throughout the day to keep kids hydrated and to provide good nutrition. Swanson recommends that children drink mostly water, then low-fat or skim milk, and then real fruit juice in moderation. Sodas should be limited since they are full of sugar and have no nutritional value.

She also offers two main strategies for parents: make healthy options available and be a good role model.



MCT photo/Mike Haskey

Women enjoy a hula dancing class. It is important for senior citizens to keep active in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

strong as you age. If you have trouble digesting or do not like milk products, try reduced-lactose milk products, or soy-based beverages, or tofu. You can also talk to your health care provider about taking a calcium and vitamin D supplement. Photo of happy couple.

- Choose foods fortified with vitamin B12. Many adults over the age of 50 have difficulty absorbing adequate amounts of this vitamin. Therefore, they should get this nutrient through fortified foods, such as breakfast cereals, or from a dietary supplement. Talk with your health care provider to ensure that you are consuming enough vitamin B12.

- Keep nutrient-rich snacks like dried apricots, whole-wheat crackers, peanut butter, low-fat cheese, and low-sodium soup on hand. Eat only small amounts of such foods as dried apricots and peanut butter because they are high in calories. Limit how often you have high-fat and high-sugar snacks like cake, candy, chips, and soda.

- Drink plenty of water or water-based fluids. You may notice that you feel less thirsty as you get older, but your body still needs water to stay healthy. Examples of water-based fluids are caffeine-free tea and coffee, soup, and low-fat or skim milk.

Planning and preparing your meals

It is easier to eat well when you plan for your meals and make them enjoyable. Try these tips:

- Grocery shop with a friend. It is pleasant and can save money if you share items that you can only use half of, such as a bag of potatoes or head of cabbage.

- Cook ahead and freeze portions to have healthy and easy meals on hand for days when you do not

feel like cooking. Photo of Man in Store

- Keep frozen or canned vegetables, beans, and fruits on hand for quick and healthy additions to meals. Rinse canned vegetables and beans under cold running water to lower their salt content. If fruit is canned in 100-percent fruit juice, drain the juice to avoid added calories.

- Try new recipes or different herbs and spices to spark your interest in food. Set the table with a nice cloth and even a flower in a vase to make mealtime special.

- Eat regularly with someone whose company you enjoy.

- If you are unable to cook for yourself, find out about a community program in your area that serves meals or delivers "Meals on Wheels." Call the Eldercare Locator at 1-800-677-1116 for information on the program nearest you.

Check with your health care provider

If you have a problem eating well, such as difficulty chewing or not wanting to eat, talk to your health care provider or a registered dietitian. They can give you specific advice on following a healthy eating plan that addresses these barriers to healthful eating. Check with your dentist about caring for your teeth or dentures and your gums.

The death of a loved one or moving from your home of many years may affect your desire to eat. Talk to your health care provider if events in your life are keeping you from eating well. Sometimes talking to a friend or family member can help. You can also check with your church or local Department of Social Services to see if there are support services available in your area.

Many medications may alter the taste of food. If you have difficulty eating because many foods taste

bad, speak with your health care provider about other options and medications.

Ask your health care provider if you should take a daily multi-vitamin/mineral supplement. No pills have been proven to "stop aging" or "improve your memory." Taking a "one-a-day" type, however, may help you meet the nutrient needs of your body every day.

Physical activity

Physical activity is good for your health at every age. If you have never been active, starting regular physical activity now may improve your strength, endurance, and flexibility. Being active can help you live on your own for a longer time and lower your chance of getting type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease, and colon cancer.

Whatever activity you choose, follow the safety tips below:

- Ask your health care provider about ways you can safely increase the amount of physical activity you do now.

- Take time to warm up, cool down, and stretch.

- Start slowly and build up to more intense activity.

- Stop the activity if you experience pain, dizziness, or shortness of breath.

- Drink plenty of water.

- When you are active outdoors, wear lightweight clothes in the summer and layers of clothing in the winter.

- Wear sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat for sun protection.

- Wear shoes that fit well and are right for your activity.

Getting active

Aerobic activities use your large muscle groups and increase your heart rate. They may cause you to breathe harder. You should be able to speak several words in a row while doing aerobic activ-

ities, but should not be able to carry on an entire conversation. Examples of moderate-intensity aerobic activities include:

- walking briskly
- water aerobics
- tennis
- housework or gardening
- active play with children or grandchildren
- dancing

To get started, pick an activity you enjoy. Begin with small, specific goals, such as "I will take a 10-minute walk three times this week." Slowly increase the length of time and the number of days you are active.

You may benefit most from a combination of aerobic, strength, bal-

ance, and flexibility activities. Build up to 30 minutes or more of moderate-intensity cardiovascular or aerobic activity on most, preferably all, days of the week. Try to incorporate balance and flexibility activities into your daily workout as well. Work toward doing strength exercises on 2 or 3 days a week.

Be good to yourself

Due to loss of loved ones, health problems, trouble paying bills, or other reasons, many older people feel lonely, sad, or stressed in their daily lives. Feelings like these may cause you to lose energy, not feel like doing anything, not eat enough, or overeat. Being good to yourself may help you to cope with your feelings and improve your energy level, eating habits, and health. Here are some ideas for being good to yourself:

- Get enough sleep.
- Stay connected with family and friends.
- Join a walking group, or other social group.
- Surround yourself with people whose company you enjoy.
- Volunteer or get active with groups in your community.
- Try a part-time job at a place you would enjoy working for a few hours a week.
- Watch a funny movie and laugh.
- Take up a hobby such as playing cards, gardening, cooking, or dancing.

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Legals

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below.

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DOCUMENT 00030 REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

1.1. **OWNER:** Coahoma Independent School District 600 North Main Coahoma, Texas 79511-0110 Mr. Jerry Johnson, Superintendent

1.2. **PROJECT:** Renovations and Additions to Coahoma Schools Coahoma I.S.D. 600 North Main Coahoma, Texas 79511-0110

1.3. **ARCHITECT:** Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. Engineers & Architects & Planners 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423 (806)743-2200 (806)743-3500 FAX

1.4. **DESCRIPTION:** Coahoma Independent School District will receive sealed proposals for General Construction Work, including interior renovations, mechanical and electrical work for renovation and new construction of classrooms, library, offices, science labs, locker rooms, a fieldhouse, and other support spaces. Site work includes replacement of main sewer lines and construction of six tennis courts. (Refer Section 01010)

1.5. **BASIS OF PROPOSALS:** Coahoma Independent School District will be utilizing the competitive sealed proposals procurement method as authorized by the Texas Legislature in Senate Bill 1 and further defined by Senate Bill 583 and Texas Education Code, Chapter 44, Subchapter B. The selection criteria used to evaluate each proposer's proposal will include the following:

- A. Price - Base Proposal price.
- B. Alternate(s) Pricing.
- C. Resume of proposed job superintendent.
- D. 3% List of potential items from proposer that could reduce the cost of work, but result in the same end product. List shall include suggestions of materials/assemblies, but no price.
- E. 3% Insurance claims and litigation during the last 3 years.
- F. 5% Construction time
- G. 8% List of Subcontractors (turned in to Coahoma ISD within 1 hour of Proposal). A Dunn and Bradstreet Financial Statement will be considered in the subcontractor evaluation of the mechanical and electrical subcontractor.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Mars in Aquarius is in a featured position to stimulate our pursuits with a dose of competitive energy. Talk about social pressure!

When keeping up with the Joneses requires a streamlined and strategic approach, the result is positive whether or not the Joneses are ultimately kept up with. You're better for the effort ... so make the effort!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can be extraordinarily compassionate. Someone is trying to reach out to you in subtle ways. Pay careful attention, and you'll never have to look back on this time and say, "If only I had read the signs ..."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Working makes you feel rich and powerful. Disallow interruptions, and this will be one of the most productive days in weeks. (It's possible to be too available to a loved one's every need.)

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Let go of old soul



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Tomorrow's Horoscope

baggage. No big production is required -- just drop it. The result is amazing creativity. You're fertile in more ways than one. What was out of the question is now very much an option.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If life is a box of chocolates, then to the untrained eye, this box looks picked over.

Luckily, you know the one with the odd-colored creamy filling is an adventure waiting to happen. Dig in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Did you know that there's a Billboard award for the best cell phone ringtone? Well, it seems there's nothing that can't be celebrated. Think of your own excuse to give yourself a trophy, or at least a pat on the back.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Listening to a friend go on and on and on reminds you that we may all be tragically stuck inside our own heads. Use the advice you offer to this person and your love life blossoms overnight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The secret of being a selfstarter is not to rely on your "self" to start. Involve friends, fans and mentors. Tonight, love is frivolous, fun, and even if you've been together for

years, totally unpredictable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A little conflict doesn't hurt anyone (unless, of course, it does). Your judgment is sound though, so don't back down from conflict. In order to create sparks you need someone to be the flint.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Who needs St. Patrick or a four-leaf clover to bring good luck? It's coming out of your ears. You've been meaning to gamble on something for a while. Go for it -- the odds are in your favor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Let go of all pretense and relationships deepen. When you lose self-control, you have fun. Doesn't everyone prefer the unpredictable goofball to the person who is tightly wound?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). All the information you require to make your wish come true is being told to you either in a verbal or a non-verbal way. Listen well, and you'll be served what you want on a silver platter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Love is on the rocks ... but are we talking happy hour or stormy

beach? For you, it could be either (or both) on any given day. Fortunately, the unexpected doesn't phase you. Excitement is always better than boredom.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Whether it's in a relationship with a crossdressing athlete, a reality show documenting highly unusual nuptials or an exercise program featuring strip tease, Carmen Electra seems comfortable in the heart of a controversy. Venus and Mars in Gemini reveals that she's incapable of taking herself too seriously, which makes it so much easier for this Taurus to move gracefully through the highs and lows of life in the public eye.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My "Aunt Valerie" has a 40-year-old son who e-mailed invitations to his destination wedding at a fancy hotel. My parents drove 12 hours (one way), while another aunt and uncle endured a 32-hour drive (one way), paying \$250 per night at the hotel.

The day of the ceremony, my mother jokingly asked Valerie, "So he's really going to do this? He's got a license and everything?" Valerie replied, "Actually, this is sort of a mock wedding. They didn't have time to get the license. Besides, they really want to get married by their minister, but he couldn't come this weekend. Nobody's supposed to know."

My mother was furious they'd

driven all that way and spent an exorbitant amount of money for a mock wedding. Mom waited until after the ceremony and quietly mentioned the information to my father, who, fuming, told my aunt and uncle. My aunt eventually phoned Valerie and told her none of them had any intention of attending another ceremony back home. Valerie said everyone was overreacting. She got into an argument with my father, flung all kinds of accusations at my mother, and was upset that no one seemed supportive of the bride and groom.

I heard the bride and groom are now legally married, finally. Are we justified in feeling deceived and

misled? Or, as Valerie said, are we all overreacting? Please help us sort this out. There are some pretty hard feelings. — Niece

Dear Niece: We understand your anger. You were misled, but it doesn't seem intentional. This is the wedding your cousin wanted to share with his family, and he was too disorganized to get the license in time. Instead of canceling, they decided to go through with the festivities. None of you was obligated to attend a second ceremony, but it would have been more diplomatic if your parents had simply replied, "Sorry, we can't make it," when invited to the real thing, instead of saying so in advance. Now we hope everyone will forgive one

another and wish the newlyweds well.

Dear Annie: My cousin joined a gang. She's only 12, and I'm so scared for her that when I found out, I couldn't sleep. She's making me so mad. How can I help her? — Scared in the USA

Dear Scared: You are right to be scared. The best thing you can do for your cousin is to tell your parents, and ask them to discuss it with your cousin's parents. Your cousin may be upset with you, but you are doing the right thing. We hope her parents will find a way to help before your cousin makes a terrible mistake.

Dear Annie: When I read your column about Valentines for Vets, I got my little honor guard consisting of four kids (sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders), and the school allowed us to have a field trip to the VA hospital in Biloxi.

The experience was a teary eye-opener for me, a retired Navy chief, and my honor guard loved it. It was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life, and the kids are still talking about it.

I am a member of the Patriot Guard Riders, and our Mississippi group made Easter baskets for vets at the veterans home in Jackson. I took my 12-year-old granddaughter to this event so she could see the sun rise on a veteran's face. — Appreciated in Long Beach, Miss.

Dear Long Beach: Thank you for taking the time to make a difference in the lives of our veterans, as well as teaching the children how much a visit means to someone in the hospital. We hope more of our readers will be equally inspired.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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U.S. military reports death toll past 100 this month

BAGHDAD (AP) — Four U.S. soldiers were killed in separate attacks in the capital this weekend, including three in a single roadside bombing, the military said Monday, pushing the death toll past 100 in the deadliest month so far this year.

Both attacks occurred in eastern Baghdad, a predominantly Shiite area where American and Iraqi forces have stepped up their activities as part of a security crackdown that began on Feb. 14 to quell the sectarian violence.

In violence Monday, a suicide car bomber apparently targeting an Interior Ministry convoy struck an Iraqi checkpoint near a busy square in the predominantly Sunni area of Harthiyah in western Baghdad, killing four people and wounding 10, police said.

The bomber detonated his payload, causing part of the road to buckle, as he emerged from an underpass and was heading toward the checkpoint being manned by Interior Ministry commandos. Those killed included two commandos and two civilians.

The violence occurred despite stringent security measures during the security crackdown now in its 11th week.

Violence in Kansas City, Mo., leaves four dead

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The chaos began with police finding an elderly woman dead and her car missing.

It ended when officers fatally shot the man driving the car — but only after he fired on a police officer and later people at a shopping center, killing two of them.

Police trying to make sense of the four deaths were reviewing security footage and interviewing hundreds of witnesses to the shooting Sunday outside a Target store inside Ward Parkway Center in south Kansas City, police spokesman Tony Sanders said.

Target employee Cassie Bradshaw, 19, of Kansas City, was in a break room with two other people when they first heard shots. Then, her co-workers saw a man in his 50s with a rifle "shooting everywhere," she said.

"It sounded like maybe firecrackers at first but then they got louder and louder and louder, and it sounded like someone shooting a gun," she said.

NATO, government troops launch offensive

SANGIN VALLEY, Afghanistan (AP) — Hundreds of British troops swept into the lush poppy fields of southern Afghanistan Monday, drawing hostile fire at the start of a NATO operation to expel the Taliban from a valley stronghold.

More than 3,000 NATO and Afghan troops are participating in the operation, the latest effort to bring Helmand province under the control of President Hamid Karzai.

A long column of armored vehicles brought several hundred British soldiers to the Sangin Valley, near the town of Gereshk and Afghanistan's strategic ring road that links the cities of Kandahar and Herat.

"It is all part of a longer-term plan to restore the whole of Helmand to gov-

ernment control," said Lt. Col. Stuart Carver, a British commander. "You have to do it a piece at a time."

The soldiers came under attack from mortar rounds and machine-gun fire after they fanned out to patrol on foot.

Commuters face nightmare after fiery crash

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — San Francisco Bay area residents faced nightmarish commutes Monday after one of the region's most traveled sections of freeway melted and collapsed following a fiery crash.

An elevated section of highway that carries motorists from the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to a number of freeways was destroyed early Sunday after heat from an overturned gasoline truck caused part of one overpass to crumple onto another.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Officer Trent Cross of the California Highway Patrol. "I'm looking at this thinking, 'Wow, no one died' — that's amazing. It's just very fortunate."

Authorities predicted the crash would cause the

worst disruption for Bay Area commuters since a 1989 earthquake damaged the Bay Bridge itself. The sight of a soaring freeway twisted into a fractured mass of steel and concrete was reminiscent of the damage from the Loma Prieta quake.

European Union signals unity with the United States

WASHINGTON (AP) — As U.S. and European Union officials showcase closer ties at a summit Monday, they may have found common ground over Iran's nuclear program and Russia's objections to a missile defense plan.

The day before the summit, European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso responded to recent comments by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Russian President Vladimir Putin by expressing unity with the United States.

The comments come as U.S. and EU officials have made clear they would sidestep disagreements over global trade and climate change and highlight smaller signs of improving ties. Both sides

have emphasized a proposal by German Chancellor Angela Merkel to boost commerce by eliminating some bureaucratic hurdles.

Report on the Lebanon war sparks calls for resignation

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert faced strident calls for his resignation in the wake of harsh findings of an official inquiry into the shortcomings of his leadership during last summer's costly but inconclusive war in Lebanon.

The commission's first report was to be released later Monday, but government officials confirmed an earlier TV report that the findings would be strongly critical of Olmert and his defense minister, Amir Peretz. That was enough to trigger calls for Olmert's resignation from

coalition partners as well as opponents.

Olmert and Peretz, who took office with limited security experience less than two months before the war, already had lost much of their public support because of the conflict, launched when Hezbollah guerrillas captured two soldiers and killed three others in a cross-border raid on July 12.

Relying heavily on massive airstrikes recommended by the military chief, Lt. Gen. Dan Halutz, Olmert pledged to his people that Israel would crush Hezbollah and force return of the captured soldiers. Neither goal was accomplished, and Halutz already has resigned.

Instead, Hezbollah pounded northern Israel with nearly 4,000 rockets, halting only when the U.N. Security Council imposed a cease-fire, its short-range rocket capaci-

ty intact. Israel launched a late, costly ground offensive with the Security Council nearing completion of its cease-fire resolution.

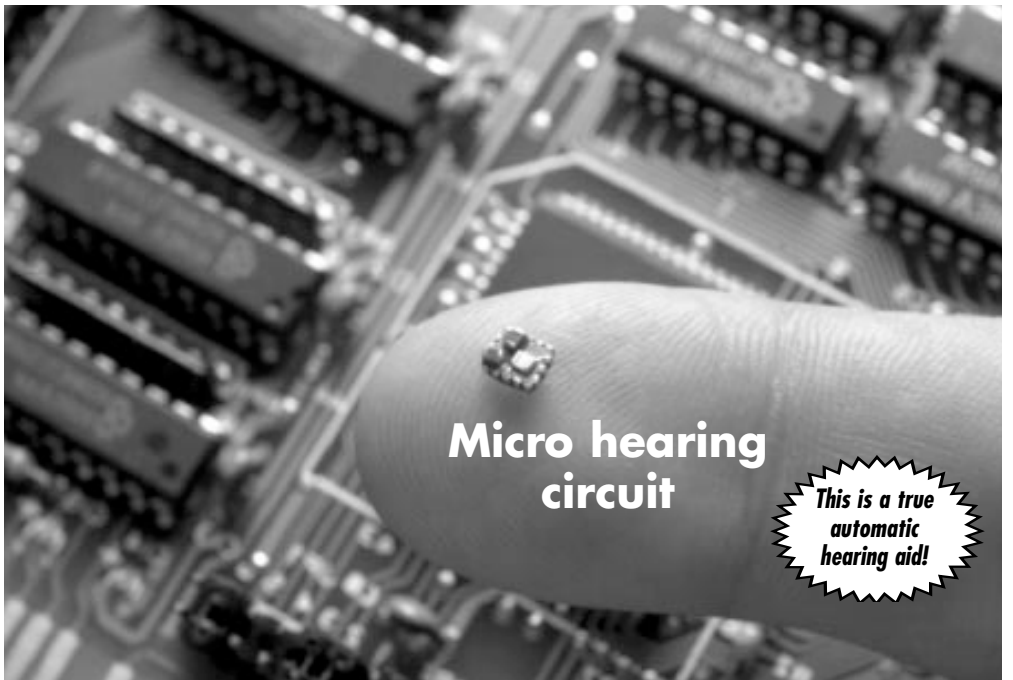
Climate change conference opens with calls for action

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Delegates at a major climate meeting debated Monday how to rein in rising greenhouse gas emissions that could threaten hundreds of millions with hunger and disease in the coming decades.

For the rest of the week, hundreds of scientists and diplomats attending the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change meeting will work to finalize a report detailing a range of technological options to mitigate rising levels of carbon dioxide, methane and other heat-trapping gases.

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♥ A
♦ J 8
♣ K J 8 7 4 2
WEST
♦ Q J 3 2
♥ K 10 3 2
♦ Q 6 4 3
♣ 6
EAST
♦ K 10
♥ 9 5
♦ 9 7 5 2
♣ Q 10 9 5 3
SOUTH
♦ A 6 5
♥ Q J 8 7 6 4
♦ A K 10
♣ A

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1♦
Pass 2♣ Pass 2♥
Pass 2♠ Pass 3♥
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Opening lead — three of diamonds.

This deal occurred in the final of the 1994 World Women's Team Championship. It features an excellent defensive play by Dori Cohen of Long Beach, N.Y., who appeared to have handed declarer the contract with an unfortunate opening lead.

North-South reached four hearts as shown after South, Judi Radin, opened one club, promising a strong hand. The bidding thereafter was natural. Cohen, West, led a low diamond, after which it seemed declarer would certainly score 10 tricks — four hearts, a spade, three diamonds

and two clubs.
Radin won the opening lead with dummy's jack and led a club to the ace and a heart to dummy's ace. The king of clubs was then played, declarer discarding a spade from her hand. Cohen ruffed the club and shifted to a low spade, East's king losing to the ace. Declarer then played the heart jack, taken by Cohen with the king in this position:

North
♦ 9 8 7
♦ 8
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West
♦ Q J 3
♥ 10
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♦ 6
♥ Q 8 7 6
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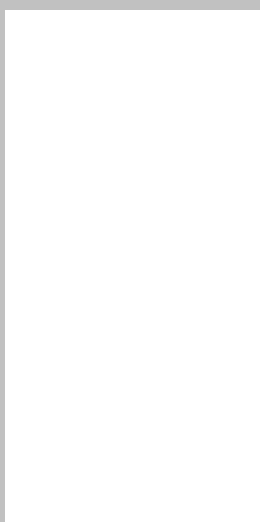
To this point, the defenders had scored two tricks — the heart king and a club ruff — and needed two more to defeat the contract. An unthinking player might have cashed the spade queen, ending the defense. Declarer would have won any return, played the heart queen and claimed the rest.

But Cohen realized the only hope was to score a spade trick and another trump trick. Accordingly, she returned a low spade! When the ten held, East, Sally Woolsey, knew exactly what to do. She led a club, and Cohen's heart ten was promoted into the setting trick.

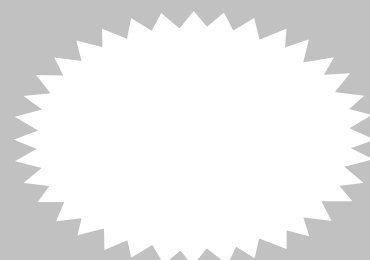
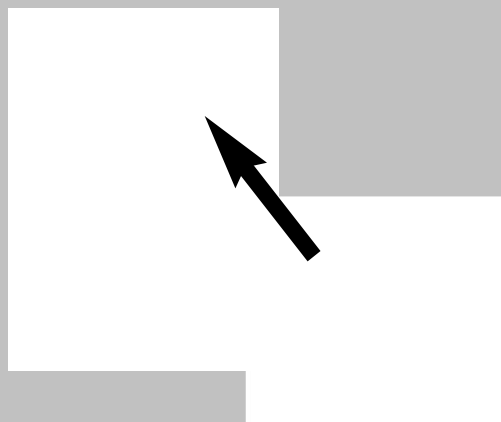
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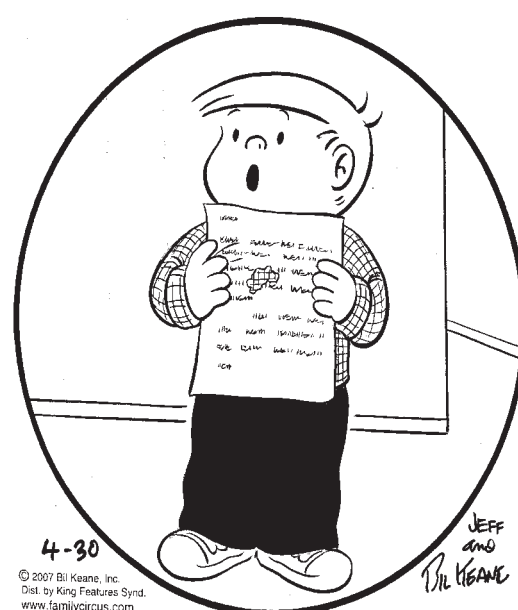
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6:30	News (CC) Entertainment	News Wheel-Fortune	Duelo de Pasiones	King of the Hill The Simpsons	News Entertainment	Dame Chocolate	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond Raymond	Van Impe Pres John Hagee	News-Lehrer	Mega Builders (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Charmed (CC)	Live (CC) Hotwired	Han, Montana Zack & Cody	Interruption NFL Live	MLB Baseball: St. Louis	Star Trek: Enterprise
7:30	Dancing With the Stars	Dancing With the Stars	La Fea Mas Bella	Drive (CC)	How I Met Old Christine	Marina	Deal or No Deal (CC)	Friends (CC) Friends (CC)	Update/Israel Charles Scott	Antiques Roadshow	MythBusters (CC)	Movie: Misery	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	NBA Basketball:	Movie: The Walk (CC)	Kim Possible: A Sitch in	Arena Football: Philadelphia	Cardinals at Milwaukee	Star Trek: Enterprise
8:30	(CC) The Bachelor:	(CC) The Bachelor:	Destilando Amor	24 (CC)	Two/Half Men King	Zorro - La Es- pada y la Rosa	Heroes (CC)	Friends (CC) Friends (CC)	Light of the Southwest	The Mormons (CC) (DVS)	Oil, Sweat and Rigs		CSI: Crime Scene	First Round -- Teams TBA		Time That's-Raven	Soul at Chicago Rush	Brewers (CC)	Star Trek: Enterprise
9:30	Officer and a Gentleman	Officer and a Gentleman	Cristina	Becker (CC) Friends (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	Sin Verguenza	The Real Wed- ding Crashers	Family Guy Family Guy			Stunt Junkies Stunt Junkies	Movie: Lake	Investigation (CC) (DVS)	(CC) NBA	Soul Food (CC)	Life Derek Phil of Future	Super Bowl	Baseball Tonight	Star Trek: Enterprise
10:30	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show-	Noticias 12 Corazones	News Tonight Show	Funnies Com- mercials: 2006	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Deadliest Catch	Placid (CC)	CSI: Crime	Basketball: First Round --	Jamie Foxx Jamie Foxx	Zack & Cody That's-Raven	XLI 360 Arm Wrestling (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	Movie: Universal
11:30	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill Malcolm-Mid.	Letterman Late Late	!Al Rojo Vivo!	Late Night-	Movie: Underworld	Uri Harel Scrivner	Sign Off	MythBusters (CC)	15 Movie: Pottergeist II:	Scene Invstgtn. Star Trek:	Teams TBA (CC)	In Living Color In Living Color	Han, Montana Kim Possible	NASCAR Now (CC)	NBA Fastbreak Baseball	Soldier
12:30	AM News (CC)	Extra (CC) Basco	El Privilegio de Amar	Malcolm-Mid. My Wife-Kids	Show The Insider	Pagado	Conan O'Brien Apex	Update/Israel Curt Landry			Oil, Sweat and Rigs	The Other Side	Voyager The Shield	Inside the NBA (CC)	Comicview (CC)	Proud Family Sister, Sister	2006 World Series of Poker	SportsCenter (CC)	Twilight Zone Twilight Zone

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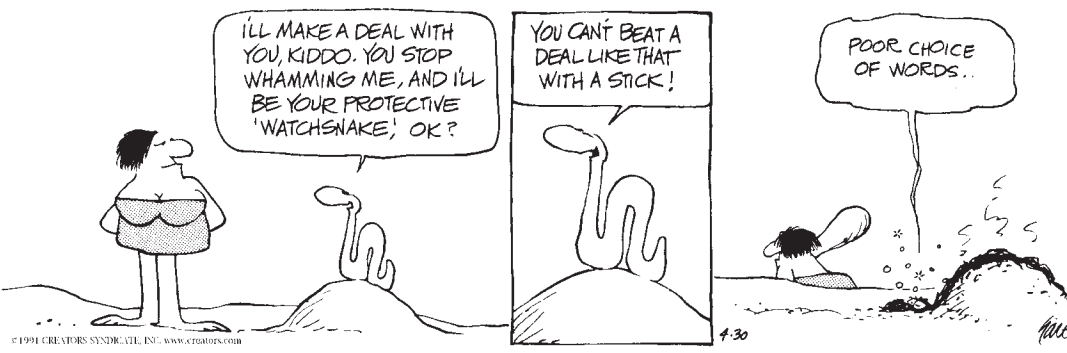
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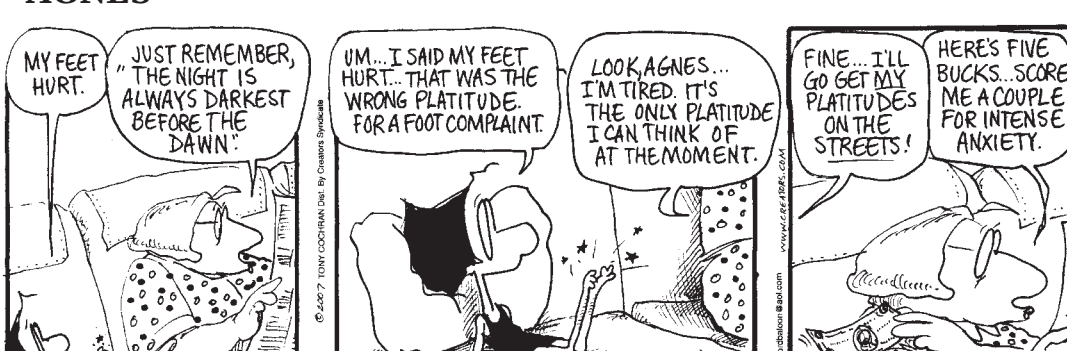
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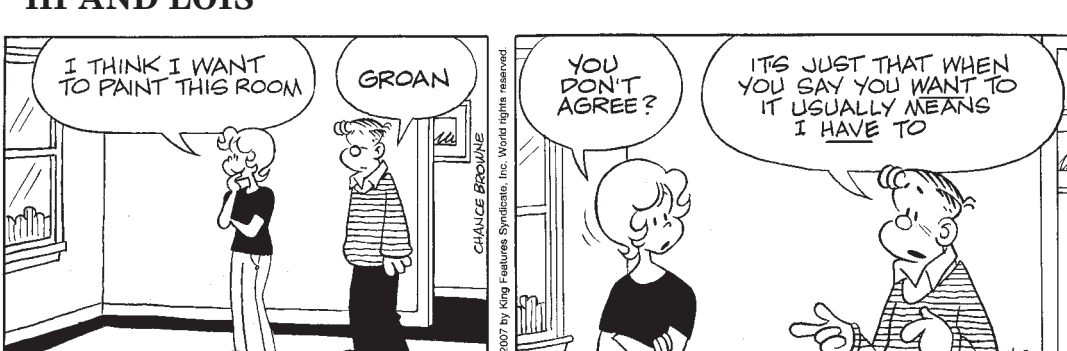
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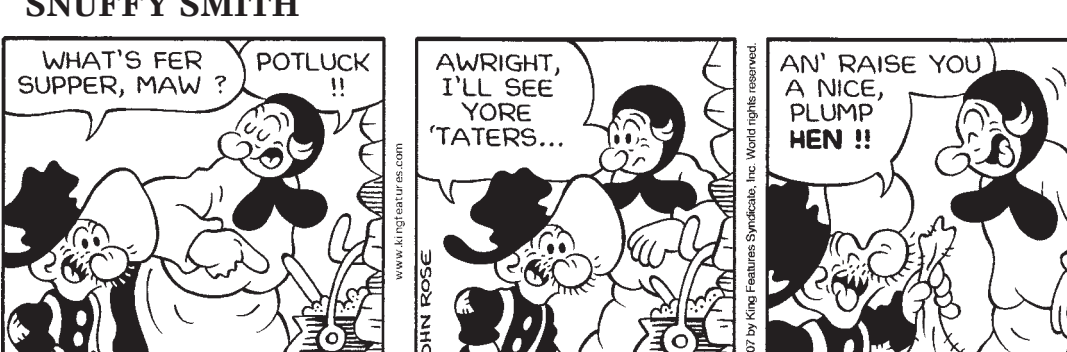
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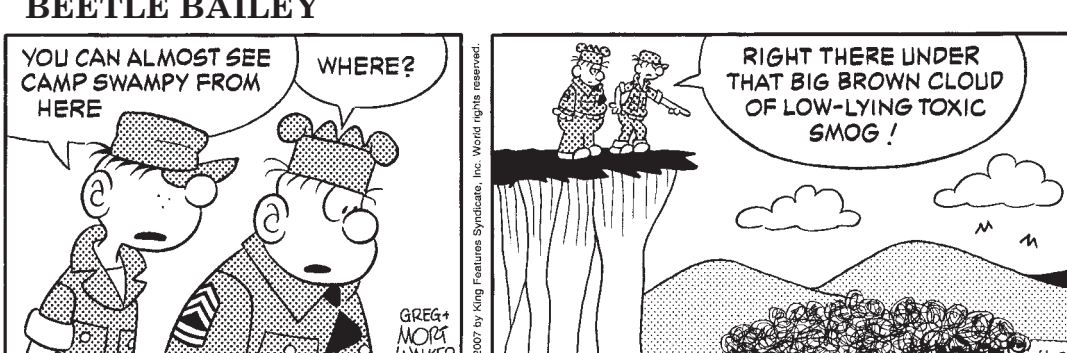
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 30, the 120th day of 2007. There are 245 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 30, 1945, as Russian troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun. On this date: In 1789, George Washington took office in New York as the first president of the United States. In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for 60 million francs, the equivalent of about \$15 million. In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th state of the Union.

In 1900, engineer John Luther "Casey" Jones of the Illinois Central Railroad died in a train wreck near Vaughan, Miss., after staying at the controls in a successful effort to save the passengers. In 1904, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition opened in St. Louis. In 1939, the New York World's Fair officially opened. In 1947, President Truman signed a measure officially changing the name of Boulder Dam to Hoover Dam. In 1970, President Nixon announced the U.S. was sending troops into Cambodia, an action that sparked widespread protest. In 1973, President Nixon announced the resignations of top aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, along with Attorney General

Richard G. Kleindienst and White House counsel John Dean. In 1975, the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon fell to Communist forces. Today's Birthdays: Actress Cloris Leachman is 81. Singer Willie Nelson is 74. Actor Gary Collins is 69. Actor Burt Young is 67. Singer Bobby Vee is 64. Actress Jill Clayburgh is 63. Movie director

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

SPRING GARDENING by Gail Grabowski
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- ACROSS
- 1 Flat-topped elevation
 - 5 Hawaiian garlands
 - 9 Escapade
 - 14 Historical times
 - 15 In addition
 - 16 Residence
 - 17 Lamp-socket insert
 - 19 Used an oar
 - 20 Golf-ball platform
 - 21 Is an omen of
 - 22 Smooths (out)
 - 23 Tiresome speaker
 - 24 Spud
 - 26 Car motor
 - 29 Floor-washing implements
 - 30 Workstation machines, for short
 - 33 Glanced (at)
 - 34 Mine product
 - 35 Chimney duct
 - 36 Diarist — Frank
 - 37 Chinese-restaurant sauce
 - 38 Uncommon
 - 39 Sock parts
 - 40 Advanced degree: Abbr.
 - 41 Gift-giver's request
 - 43 Superlative suffix
 - 44 Pod vegetables
 - 45 "Am not!" retort
 - 46 Hr. after noon
 - 48 Slip and slide
 - 49 Does modeling work
- DOWN
- 51 Auto-club suggestion
 - 53 Hosp. workers
 - 56 Bring to bear
 - 57 Go beyond, as a target
 - 59 Christopher of Superman
 - 60 Formally transfer
 - 61 Italian wine region
 - 62 Below
 - 63 Leg joint
 - 64 Psychic reader
 - 7 Worked hard
 - 6 Evade
 - 7 Spot of land in the sea
 - 8 Tearful tale
 - 9 Insertion marks
 - 10 Higher than
 - 11 Electricity source
 - 12 Biblical paradise
 - 13 Crimson and scarlet
 - 18 Steakhouse selection
 - 23 Two-wheelers
 - 25 King Kong, for one
 - 26 Fill with joy
 - 27 Forbidden acts
 - 28 Deteriorated
 - 29 States of mind
 - 31 Antique-shop collectible
 - 32 Take care of
 - 35 Released
 - 37 Irish emblem
 - 40 Energy
 - 41 Acorn producer
 - 42 Uses a lever
 - 44 Annoy
 - 47 Coward's lack
 - 48 Jacket material
 - 49 Lima's country
 - 50 Yoked animals
 - 52 Pizzeria appliance
 - 53 Valentine's Day flower
 - 54 Brief memo
 - 55 Recipe direction
 - 58 Owns

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