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Calling the Feb. 18 explosion at the Big Spring Refinery a miracle because only a handful of people were injured, local groups have joined together to hold a "Refinery Miracle Thanksgiving Service" at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Refinery Miracle Service set Sunday

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

A community-wide "Refinery Miracle Thanksgiving Service" has been scheduled for Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. with a dinner for refinery workers and their families, first responders and their families and members of local churches and faith-based organizations. The dinner will be held in the church's gymnasium.

The thanksgiving service, which is expected to last about an hour,

"...we as a community want to express our appreciation for God's hand in this emergency, the first responders' efforts and Alon's continued commitment to our community."

—Everett Bender

will begin at 8 p.m. in the church's sanctuary.

"This is really a community-wide event and we're encouraging everyone in the community to come out and join us in thanking God for providing the absolute miracle we experienced last Monday," said Everett Bender, one of several people involved in

coordinating the service.

"In fact, this is really a cooperative effort," Bender added. "A lot of people, employees and company officials from Alon USA, Mayor Russ McEwen, County Judge Mark Barr, the *Big Spring Herald*, all of our radio stations, the

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Commissioners give OK to wind farm road work

Voice concerns over utility lines, possible road damage

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners gave the go-ahead for possible road work necessary for the Airtricity Panther Creek Wind Farm, which is expected to bring 24 new wind turbines to the county.

"This resolution grants use of county roads to the Airtricity Panther Creek Wind Farm, which begins in Sterling County and continues through southwestern Howard into Glasscock County," said Terry Wegman, executive director of Moore Development, which serves as the tax abatement liaison in the county.

Commissioners expressed some concern over liability for damages to county roadways caused by the project.

"Now, we're covered whereby if there is any damage to the road, Airtricity will be responsible for them, correct?" County Judge Mark Barr asked.

According to Wegman, Airtricity will be liable



Wegman



Kilgore

for any damages, part of its original contract with the county.

"That's actually in the tax abatement agreement," said Wegman.

"There's a section under road maintenance that covers that."

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said he was concerned about the measures

the company will be taking with utility lines.

"Are you crossing or boring under, or going down a right-of way?" asked Kilgore.

Bobby Blunt, spokesman for Airtricity, said there are measures built into the abatement agreement that require the wind energy developer to provide notice before any permits are issued.

"If we're going to cross at all, we'll be letting you

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Penalties to mount for those who haven't paid property taxes

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Area property owners who haven't paid their 2007 taxes may want to get a move on, as the second deadline — and more penalties and interest — are just over the horizon.

After Thursday, Howard County property taxpayers will see a 7 percent



Sayles

penalty and 2 percent interest if their marker hasn't been cleared, according to County Tax Assessor Kathy Sayles.

"Once the taxes go delinquent in February, the penal-

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Howard County Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman pours punch for local resident Karen Carman during a special reception in the Justice of the Peace courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse. According to Wiseman, county inmates, under the direction of HCSO Sgt. Jason Ogle, repaired and refinished all of the wood in the 55-year-old courtroom, while Congressman Randy Neugebauer and State Sen. Kel Seliger provided new flags for the courtroom.

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Moore board slates meeting for Wednesday

The board of directors for Moore Development will meet Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board room, located at 215 W. Third Street.

The board is slated to consider financial and investment reports for the month of January during the meeting, with time for comments from the board and the public allotted on the agenda.

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar TODAY

Garden City basketball vs. Fort Davis at Monahans, 7 p.m.

Big Spring softball vs. Midland High, 6 p.m.

Big Spring baseball at Odessa Permian, 4 p.m.

Forsan baseball vs. McCamey, 4:30 p.m.

Forsan softball at Colorado City, 4 p.m.

Coahoma softball vs. Abilene Wylie, 7 p.m.

THURS.-SAT.

Big Spring baseball at Monahans Tournament.

Big Spring softball at Killeen Tournament.

Forsan baseball at Wall Tournament.

Forsan softball at Snyder Tournament.

Coahoma baseball at Sweetwater Tournament.

Coahoma softball at Lubbock tournament.

Grady Wildcats ousted, fall to Lorenzo, 45-38

Grady's Wildcats took an unexpected early exit from the Class A, Division II state playoffs, falling to Lorenzo, 45-38.

Justin Tubb scored a game-high 18 points, but was trumped by Lorenzo's Jason Merrill and Matt Villegas, who scored 17 and 16, respectively.

Grady finishes the season 22-3.

Big Spring golf teams showing improvement

Big Spring's varsity golf teams competed this weekend in two separate tournaments.

The boys played in the Tall City Invitational with a team comprised of Blake Broman, Jared Wilkerson, Andrew Fillingim, Kade Parker and Gerald Harris.

They struggled with the wind, but improved 22 strokes the second day.

The girls competed in Fort Stockton and finished seventh. Cassie Guinn, Ariel Johnson, Holly Bancroft, Sophia Gonzales and Cece Acosta made up the team.

Guinn tied for second, but lost in a play-off.

Last chance for Big Spring Girls Softball registration

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association has its last day for registering for the 2008 youth softball season Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall across from Merle Norman.

Girls ages 4 to 14 as of Jan. 1 are eligible to play.

Fee is \$45 with a \$5 discount for a second child.

Anyone with questions can call Rodney Jones at 213-3750.

Bulldogs run-rule Sweetwater

Herald Staff Report

COAHOMA — Call it a tune-up game.

Coahoma's Bulldogs got a taste of the competition they will face in a baseball tournament starting Thursday in Sweetwater by playing the host Mustangs Monday in Coahoma.

If the Bulldogs perform as well in the tournament as they did Monday, then nothing less than a first-place finish should be expected.

Coahoma's starting pitcher Donnie Garcia carried a perfect

game through three innings as the Bulldogs pounded Sweetwater, 13-3, in a five-inning contest shortened by the 10-run mercy rule.

Garcia struck out six in three innings, but was replaced by Ray Gutierrez to start the fourth. Bulldogs Head Coach Brad Harman said he just wanted to make sure several of his pitchers got work.

"Donnie didn't want to come off the mound because his arm was feeling really good," Harman said. "I didn't want to give him too much work, though. We'll

need his arm for the tournament and I haven't decided who I'm going to start in our first district game next week. I want to make sure he got work, but that he also didn't get tired."

Coahoma's sticks certainly weren't getting tired. The Bulldogs batted around in both the first and third innings and scored all 13 of their runs in the first three frames.

With Garcia dominating on the mound, the Bulldogs scored seven runs on five hits in the first inning and batted around for another five runs in the third

inning. Coahoma came close to sending the entire lineup to the plate in the second inning as well, but Sweetwater made some strong defensive plays to keep the Bulldogs from crossing the plate more than one time in the frame.

The Mustangs scored two runs in the fourth and added another in the fifth. Harman was most encouraged by the Bulldogs' stronger play in the field, though. Coahoma committed 10 errors in its final game of the

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Howard heads into Region V with win

Hawks clinch third seed with 75-70 win over South Plains

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

Howard College's Hawks and South Plains College's Texans put on a show the first time they matched up this season. The two basketball squads battled for an extra 25 minutes Jan. 24, battling through five overtimes before South Plains prevailed with the 108-106 victory.

The rematch Monday night was decided by the end of regulation, however, as Howard wrapped up the Western Junior College Athletic Conference's No. 3 seed heading into the Region V Tournament with a 75-70 victory.

The Hawks led by 2 at intermission, but quickly fell behind in the second half, 51-44, courtesy of a 6-0 South Plains run that ended with 12:38 left on the clock.

However, Howard had a response, ripping off an 10-2 run and regaining the lead, 54-53, with 8:17 left in regulation. Still, South Plains had plenty left in the tank, evoking another 6-0 run that gave them a 5-point advantage, 59-54, with 6:54 left.

The last momentum shift of the night belonged to Howard, though.

Trailing 63-58 with less than four minutes remaining on the clock, the Hawks embarked on a 9-0 run to take the lead for good.

Denzel Barnes initiated to blitz with a 3-pointer from the top of the key. Sean Watson followed up Barnes with a trey of his own, giving the Hawks a 64-63 advantage. Howard added another three points for good measure. Markeys Deans found a slashing Watson, who attacked the basket with a reverse layup, sinking the basket and drawing a foul. Watson converted the charity shot and matched Howard's biggest lead of the game at four points with 2:33 left to play.

South Plains drained a three with 22 seconds left to pull within 1, 69-68, but was forced to foul Howard to get another possession. The Hawks were a perfect six of six at the charity stripe in the final 20 seconds, icing the 75-70 victory.

The Texans were led by Landon Tatum and Nick Okorie, who scored 18 points apiece. David Tairu chipped in 11 and Jonathan Hall added 10.

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Howard College Hawks point guard Denzel Barnes looks over the offense in action from earlier this season. Barnes scored 15 points off the bench in the Hawks' 75-70 win over South Plains Monday.

Hawk women struggle, lose to South Plains

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

Howard's women's basketball team doesn't have to wait any longer. The regular season is over and the Hawks have qualified for the Region V Tournament in Belton for the first time since 2001.

However, they probably didn't want to go into the tournament with a performance like the one they had Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

For the first 13 minutes, Howard scored point for point with South Plains College, then didn't score a field goal over the last six minutes of the first half, leading to a drubbing from the Lady Texans, 58-40.

"This isn't how we wanted to go into the tournament at all," said Hawks Head Coach Earl Diddle. "I think a lot of credit goes to South Plains. They're a very good team defensively. Their quickness takes its toll on us. Our emphasis was that we had to screen and separate on offense to get our players free. We didn't do a good job of that."

South Plains outscored Howard 13-1 over the last six minutes of the opening half, opening up a 31-19 halftime lead. The Hawks only scored four points in the last 10 minutes of the first.

The second half didn't start much better as the Hawks appeared to have little energy

and never found a rhythm on the offensive end. The Lady Texans opened the second with a 7-2 run, extending their lead to 38-21 with 15:38 left.

Howard's play didn't improve from there as they turned the ball over 10 times and failed to secure defensive rebounds in the final 20 minutes, leading to plenty of easy baskets for the Lady Texans. South Plains scored 22 points off of Howard turnovers and 13 second-chance points.

"We're standing there watching the ball instead of blocking out," said Diddle. "We gave up a tremendous amount of easy baskets. We're going to see a team like this at the regional tournament. We may see this team again there. We've got to take better care of the ball, set better screens and get some separation offensively. If we can't do that, then we're not going to last very long. Every team we've played with better overall quickness has given us trouble and we know that."

Candace Lambert was the only Howard player to score in double figures, hitting for 16 points.

South Plains was led by Brittany Blackmon's 18 points and Chasity Workman's 17 points and 16 rebounds.

The Hawks play March 7 in the opening round of the Region V Tournament. An official game

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Howard College Hawks point guard Jotosha McDonald brings the ball down the court in action from earlier this season. McDonald and the Hawks struggled offensively in a 56-40 loss to South Plains College Monday.

Obituaries

Police blotter

Patricia Key Johnson



Patricia Key Johnson, 69 years of age, born in Big Spring on Dec. 31, 1938, went to be with the Lord on Feb. 24, 2008, after a courageous battle with cancer. Her husband, the Rev. Roy W Johnson, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at the Brookehill Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, with interment to follow at San Jose Burial Park. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

She is survived by her children, Roy Allan Johnson and wife, Margie, of Big Spring, RheaNell Rogers and her husband, Clifton, of Floresville, Avery Johnson of San Antonio, Vicky Cervantes and her husband, Victor, of San Antonio and Wendy Moran of San Antonio; one brother, Charles Key and his wife, Carolyn, of California; one sister, Juanice Godwin and husband, Wayne, of Colorado; one brother-in-law, Billy Johnson and his wife, Opal, of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous other loving family members and friends.

Paid obituary

Marge Kolden



Marge Kolden, 79, of Big Spring died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at her residence. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Carroll Kohl officiating.

She was born Sept. 19, 1928, in Koblenz, Germany, to Gulia and Hanz Bernd. She married Earl Kolden in 1954 in Germany. She moved to the U.S. in 1955 and then to Big Spring in 1969. She was the manager of Auto Hobby Shop at Webb Air Force Base for more than eight years and Payless Shoes more than 10 years. She was a Lutheran.

She is survived by her husband, Earl Kolden of Big Spring; two sons, Dale Kolden and his wife, Marilyn, of O'Brien, Fla., and Jerry Kolden of Big Spring; one daughter, Michelle Lipski and her husband, Mark, of Mineola; a son-in-law, Lonnie Gillihan of Philadelphia, Pa.; two grandchildren, Julie Kolden and Mark Lipski Jr.; one brother, George Bernd of Germany; and one niece, Bettina Bernd of Germany.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Julie Gillihan; one brother; and one sister.

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

Paid obituary

L.C. Gibbs Jr.



L.C. Gibbs Jr., 80, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Brother Monroe Teeters officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born May 14, 1927, in Knott and married Zeldia Mae Riddle on Nov. 12, 1948, in Big Spring.

Mr. Gibbs lived in Howard County all his life, except for serving in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. He owned and operated the Chevron service station at Fourth and Birdwell for 32 years. He also farmed in the Salem Community, retiring in 1988. He was a member of Salem Baptist Church where he served as a deacon.

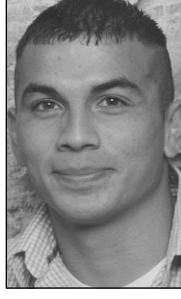
He is survived by his wife, Zeldia Riddle Gibbs; two sons, L.C. "Trip" Gibbs III and wife, Cheryl, of Lake Colorado City and Paul Gibbs and wife, Rhonda, of Midland; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one brother, Charles Ray Gibbs of Royce City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, L.C. Sr. and Della Gibbs, and sisters, Gladys Sanderson, Inez McLemore, Jewel Fields, Juanita Heflin, Faye Finley and Clara Ponder.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to your favorite charity or Gideon's International, P.O. Box 133, Big Spring 79721-0133.

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

Sgt. Conrad Alvarez



Sgt. Conrad Alvarez, 22, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, in Iraq. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Bernard Gully and Chaplain Joel Miller officiating. Burial with full military honors will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Conrad was born Jan. 20, 1986, in Sweetwater. He grew up in Sweetwater and Roscoe. He attended school in both towns and played football for the Roscoe Plowboys. He graduated from high school in 2004 at Hobbs, Texas. He moved to Big Spring in 2004 and enlisted in the Army in 2005. He was on his second tour in Iraq. Conrad married Maira Chavez Oct. 10, 2007, in Hopkinsville, Ky. He was a Catholic.

Conrad is survived by his wife, Maira Alvarez of Oakgrove, Ky., also serving in the Army at Fort Campbell; two daughters, Alyssa Alvarez and Celeste Alvarez, both of Sweetwater; mother, Belinda Garcia and her husband, Pedro, of Big Spring; one sister, Christina Menchaca of Big Spring; one brother, Timothy Alcalá of Pryor, Okla.; one aunt; and one nephew.

Conrad was preceded in death by his grandfather, Felix Alvarez, and one aunt, Rosemary Duran.

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

Christina Perez

Christina Perez, 90, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center. Private burial was held Monday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born July 24, 1917, in Mingus to Esabel and Isabel Soto. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by one daughter, Olga Lewis and her husband, Jerry, of Big Spring; and one grandson, Ian Scott of Big Spring.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Juan Perez, on June 15, 1984.

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

Sally J. Reibe

Sally J. Reibe, 71, of San Angelo died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008. Services will be held at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008.

She is survived by her husband, Horace Reibe, and sons Tim Reibe, Scott and Mike Jennings.

Otis Young

Otis Young, 82, of Stanton died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Emma Spivey Wells

Emma Spivey Wells, 84, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 13-18-19-28-35.
Number matching five of five: 0.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 5-12-29-34. Bonus Ball: 3.
Number matching four of four: 18. Prize: \$1,271.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-5-1-2. Sum It Up: 12.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-8-2. Sum It Up: 17

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. East winds around 10 mph shifting to the south after midnight.

Wednesday...Sunny. Not as cool. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows around 40. South winds around 10 mph.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Monday:

- **JOSHUA MATTHEWS**, 23, 1015 Sycamore, was arrested on two local warrants.
- **DAVID VITELA**, 50, 1700 Main, was arrested on a charge of assault causing bodily injury/family violence.
- **GARY LEON JETTON**, 54, 1517 Hwy 350 E., was arrested on two citations.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 900 block of Nolan.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue.
- **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 700 block of Gregg.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 1400 block of Gregg.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell, the 2000 block of Gregg and the 200 block of FM 700.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity Monday (Note: Officials report 41 prisoners in the county jail):

- **JESSICA BLANCO**, 25, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid/suspended.
- **CRYSTAL COBLE**, 20, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.
- **JENNY MARIE HAMILTON**, 33, was transferred from BSPD after her arrest on a motion to revoke probation for interfering with an emergency call.
- **JUAN ANGEL MADRID**, 22, was transferred from BSPD after his arrest on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- **WILLIAM SCOTT SIMPSON**, 45, was arrested by deputies on charges of bail jumping and failure to appear.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3600 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 900 block of Nolan. Service was refused.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 1300 block of Mulberry.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY
• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

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

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Edwards outduels Johnson to win California HAWKS

By MIKE HARRIS

AP Auto Racing Writer

FONTANA, Calif. — For Carl Edwards, it's a signal. At least one NASCAR Sprint Cup team is ready to take on Hendrick Motorsports.

Edwards won the rain-delayed Auto Club 500 on Monday, finishing ahead of Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon. In a race that resumed with the 88th of 250 laps, Edwards assumed the lead for good with 13 laps left.

"I hope it's an indication we've caught up with them," Edwards said after the eighth victory of his career. "They still were second and third and they were the guys to beat today. I hope this is a sign we're up to their standards, to their level."

Johnson took the green flag for the final restart in the lead with 26 laps left, but Edwards surged from third. He then showed fine form on his traditional victory backflip after capturing the checkered flag in a race that ended under caution when Dale Jarrett spun on the final lap.

Edwards had it all but wrapped up at that point, driving his Roush Fenway No. 99 Ford to a lead of more than four seconds over Johnson. It was his first victory at Fontana but his seventh top-10 finish in eight starts at the track formerly known as California Speedway.

Gordon, who dominated Sunday's rain-interrupted racing, finished third. He was followed by Kyle Busch and Roush's Matt Kenseth, who had won the two previous February races at this track. Another Roush driver, Greg Biffle, won this



AP photo/Mark Avery
Carl Edwards does a back flip off of his car after winning a rain delayed NASCAR Sprint Cup Auto Club 500 at the Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif., Monday.

event in 2005.

A year ago, Johnson and Gordon ended 1-2 in the season points. Johnson won his second straight Cup title and the team rolled up 18 victories in 36 races. The Hendrick contingent also won nine of the 16 races in which NASCAR's new Car of Tomorrow was raced.

The CoT is being used for the entire Sprint Cup schedule in 2008 and its debut on Auto Club

Speedway's 2-mile oval was a triumph for Edwards and Roush Fenway Racing.

"I know that last year I would not have traded my car in for one of theirs at any of the CoT races towards the end of the year," Edwards said. "I thought we had the best car. Everyone knows, all the drivers know for sure, it's what you're sitting in a lot of the times that makes a tiny little differ-

ence and I'm proud to be driving this car."

Team co-owner Jack Roush dragged his feet testing the bigger, boxier CoT a year ago. But Roush said that changed last May when he realized other teams were getting too far ahead.

"We went to Bristol (for the first CoT race) and we were 2,000 miles behind what they did in testing on non-sanctioned NASCAR tracks," Roush said. "That was my fault."

He said his team made "a Herculean effort" from that point on to develop the CoT.

On Monday, Edwards went into the final round of pit stops under caution on lap 221 while leading. He came out behind Johnson, Gordon and Roush Fenway teammate Jamie McMurray.

He quickly passed McMurray after the green flag waved for the start of lap 225 and set out after the leaders, passing Gordon for second on lap 233 and moving alongside Johnson's No. 48 Chevrolet on lap 236.

They stayed side-by-side for almost two laps before Edwards nosed ahead and began to pull away.

"I told my guys, 'We got 'em right where we want 'em.' This is what we prepared for," Edwards said. "I enjoy that kind of stuff."

"Jimmie is always fun to race with," he added. "He's a true racer."

Gordon's engine blew seconds before the last of 12 caution flags in the race froze the field.

"Carl Edwards was in another league," he said. "We've got some work to do to catch those guys."

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Watson scored a game-high 23 for Howard and pulled down seven boards. Corey Allmond scored 17 points and Denzel Barnes came off the bench to add 15. Deans had a double-double, scoring 11 and grabbing 11 rebounds.

The Hawks proved to be a very opportunistic squad, scoring 21 points on 16 South Plains turnovers. Howard also had a strong advantage at the free throw line, converting 24 of 31 attempts. South Plains attempted just six charity shots.

"We played really hard," Hawks Head

Coach Mark Adams said. "We overcame some adversity after being behind. That's what we needed, though. We needed to win a close game."

Howard owns the West's third seed heading into the Region V Tournament and they'll play March 6 in Belton in opening round action. Time and opponent hasn't officially been released.

Going into the tournament with a win leaves Adams with stronger optimism.

"I feel better after tonight," Adams said. "There's definitely a ray of hope."

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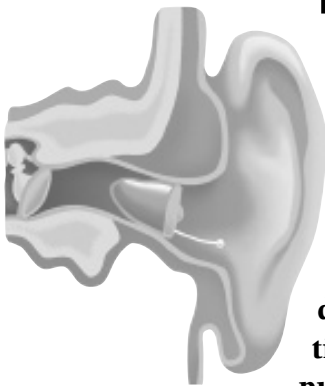
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News briefs

Pentagon inspector general asked to examine allegations MRAP delays led to casualties

WASHINGTON (AP)— The Marine Corps has asked the Pentagon's inspector general to examine allegations that a nearly two-year delay in the fielding of blast-resistant vehicles led to hundreds of combat casualties in Iraq.

The system for rapidly shipping needed gear to troops on the front lines has been examined by auditors before and continues to improve, Col. David Lapan, a Marine Corps spokesman, said Monday night. Due to the seriousness of the allegations, however, "the Marine Corps has taken the additional step" of requesting the IG investigation, Lapan said in an e-mailed statement.

In a Jan. 22 internal report, Franz Gayl, a civilian Marine Corps official, accused the service of "gross mismanagement" that delayed deliveries of the mine-resistant, ambush-protected trucks.

Gayl's study, which reflected his own views, said cost was a driving factor in the decision to turn down a February 2005 "urgent" request from battlefield commanders for the so-called MRAPs.

Stateside authorities saw the hulking vehicles, which weigh up to 40 tons and can cost as much as a \$1 million each, as a financial threat to programs aimed at developing lighter vehicles that were years from being fielded, charged Gayl, who prepared the study for the Marine Corps' plans, policies and operations department.

5 policemen, 1 child killed in roadside bombing in eastern Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A roadside bomb hit a vehicle carrying five policemen and a child in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, killing all six, officials said.

Taliban militants have increasingly aimed their attacks at police, killing more than 925 officers in 2007 alone. Afghan police often work in small groups in remote and dangerous territory, where they are outnumbered and outgunned by insurgents.

The blast happened in the eastern Khost province close to the border with Pakistan, said police chief Gen. Mohammad Ayub. He blamed the attack on Taliban militants.

The victims included five policemen and a 3-year old

child, said Lutfullah Babakarheil, a local government official. They were traveling in a private vehicle, he said.

The lack of an effective training program for the police is often cited as one of the West's biggest failings in Afghanistan since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion that ousted the Taliban regime for harboring Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida bases.

Secretary of State Rice wins China's help on dismantling North Korean nuclear programs

BEIJING (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice won a verbal assurance Tuesday from China to use its influence to jump-start the stalled process of dismantling North Korea's nuclear programs. Yet it was unclear when or how the Chinese would follow through.

In broad discussions with Chinese officials, Rice also won an agreement from China to resume an on-again, off-again human rights dialogue with the United States and she pleased her Chinese hosts by restating firm U.S. opposition to a Taiwanese referendum on United Nations entry that has infuriated Beijing.

MIRACLE

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Chamber of Commerce and local churches are organizing this because we as a community want to express our appreciation for God's hand in this emergency, the first responders' efforts and Alon's continued commitment to our community."

ment to our community."

According to Pat Simmons, another of the event's organizers, those who attend Sunday night's service are encouraged to stay following the formal events and mingle.

"We think it will be an excellent time for members of the community to express their appreciation

to the emergency personnel who responded during the crisis, and to the Alon employees who are working so hard to bring the plant back to full production as quickly as possible," Simmons explained. "But most of all it will be an opportunity for all of us to thank the Lord for the blessing he's given us."

Simmons said those wanting additional information can go to the group's Web site at hccchurch.org.

In addition, anyone interested in helping coordinate food for the dinner can e-mail Shirley Beauchamp at shirley-beauchamp@suddenlink.net; while those who would be willing to par-

ticipate in a community-wide choir to provide music during the service should e-mail Joe Whitten at mingbssh@yahoo.com; and those who can help set up before the event or clean up following the dinner and service can e-mail Simmons at psimmons4660@sbcglobal.net.

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Raymond Alaniz, 69, died Saturday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Nathaniel Carter, Jr., 72, died Saturday. Graveside Services will be at 11:00 AM Tuesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Marge Kolden, 79, died Thursday. Memorial Services will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sgt. Conrad Alvarez, 22, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Vigil Services will be at 7:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Christina Perez, 90, died Tuesday. Private burial was held Monday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

COUNTY

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know in advance," said Blunt. "It would just depend on the nature of the crossing. If we needed to go with an overhead line, we would let you know well in advance. However, we'll try to go under wherever possible. We don't anticipate too many crossings, but if we have any we have a permission in here which would require us to give you (commissioners) 10 days notice. Then we'll come and talk to you about getting a permit."

Blunt said he expects the first of the project's turbines to arrive in Howard County next

month or later.

"We expect turbines to begin arriving in the April time frame," said Blunt. "Sometime between late March and early April. There will be 24 turbines in Howard County."

Longshore, Overton, Casey Lane, Rodeo Road, Wildfire and Wilderness Trail and all other roads located in the reinvestment zone are impacted by the agreement, according to Barr.

Commissioners also approved a resolution Wegman described as clean-up work for the tax abatements for wind energy developers.

"I don't really call this an oversight," said Wegman. "However, when we elected to do the

guidelines for criteria we addressed this, but we didn't actually do a resolution. The statute actually states we must execute a resolution stating the taxing entity elects to become eligible to participate in tax abatements. So that's basically what we want to try to accomplish this morning."

The court approved both measures unanimously.

The court also cleared some confusion regarding the closure of County Road 49 during the meeting, an item the court failed to act on during its last meeting due to concerns a public hearing was necessary.

"Mike Thomas looked at this and we don't have to have a public hearing," said Simer. "The land

owners adjoining the road have to be in agreement, which, on this one, is Binie White. He owns (the property) on both sides. The county has not maintained the road in several years. It's County Road 49, north of FM 846."

"The only other stipulation is the commissioner's court has to approve the closure unanimously," said Barr, drawing the motion, second and a unanimous vote in favor

of closing the roadway.

The court also put the finishing touches on an interlocal agreement with the city of Big Spring, bringing the transfer of the Spring City Senior Citizens Center to the municipality to a close.

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TAXES

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ties and interest start at 7 percent and increase each month," said Sayles. "As of July 1, penalty and interest grows to 18 percent, with an additional penalty tacked on for attorney fees."

Sayles said area residents who aren't sure how much they owe can get that information over the phone or in person at the tax office.

"Some individuals don't get their statement for whatever reason," said Sayles. "We can pull up their name on the system and tell them the amount that's due. So if you haven't received a statement, call us or come by

the office. Some people, because of their homestead exemptions, have no taxes, so we don't send them a notice. However, if they just want to make sure everything is OK, all they have to do is call.

"They can reference their check with an account number that we can give them so they can get their payment in the mail. Once that's done, we mail them back a receipt for their payment."

The tax penalty and interest schedule after the Feb. 28 deadline is as follows: after March 31, 8 percent penalty and 3 percent interest; after April 30, 9 percent penalty and 4 percent interest; after May 31, 10 percent penalty and 5 percent interest;

and after June 30, 12 percent penalty and 6 percent interest, including an additional 20 percent attorney fee.

For more information, contact the Howard County Tax Collector's Office at 264-2232.

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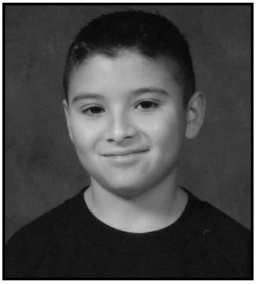
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Texas overcomes Beasley's 30, beat K-State Vols No. 1 following win over Memphis

By **JOHN MARSHALL**

AP Sports Writer
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State tried working the ball around the perimeter then dribbled through the lane. The Wildcats attempted lobs and passes into the post. They sneaked out on the break a few times.

None of it seemed to work.

It was almost as if Texas had an extra player or two on the court.

"They've got a whole army," Kansas State freshman star Michael Beasley said.

D.J. Augustin had 24 points and the fifth-ranked Longhorns held Kansas State to 32 percent shooting to win their eighth straight, 74-65 over the Wildcats on Monday night.

Texas (24-4, 11-2 Big 12) pressured Kansas State from the start, causing the Wildcats to miss 12 of their first 16 shots overall and their first eight 3-point attempts. Kansas State was only marginally better the rest of the way, becoming the 15th team Texas has held under 40 percent shooting this season.

The Longhorns have held their past four opponents to 23 percent shooting and they matched a school record set in 1962-63 with their eighth win



AP photo/Orlin Wagner

Kansas State forward Michael Beasley, right, looks to pass during the first half of the Texas Longhorns' 74-65 victory over Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan., Monday. Beasley scored 30 in the loss.

in February.

A.J. Abrams scored all of his 13 points in the second half and Connor Atchley had 12 of his 14 after the break for Texas, which needs one win in its final three games to match the school record of 25 regular-season wins, set two seasons ago.

"The guards really pressured the ball and helped out our big men as much as they could," said

Augustin, who had five assists and four steals.

In other games involving ranked teams on Monday, it was: No. 21 Marquette 85, Villanova 75; No. 24 Gonzaga 73, Portland 51; and No. 25 Saint Mary's 61, San Diego 54.

Kansas State (18-9, 8-5) got another big night from Beasley — 30 points and 15 rebounds — but had trouble solving

Texas' aggressive zone and lost its third straight. The Wildcats shot 7-for-27 from 3-point range and got almost nothing from second-leading scorer Bill Walker — one point on 0-for-14 shooting — as their 10-game home winning streak ended.

"They're big. They're so darn big," Kansas State coach Frank Martin said. "They're long and they pressure you. They're a good team."

Beasley was the only reason Kansas State had much of a shot.

Aggressive from the start, the 6-foot-10 freshman made quick moves instead of waiting for the defense to collapse around him. He had Texas big men Atchley and Gary Johnson in foul trouble in the first 10 minutes, and had his 24th double-double by halftime with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Beasley finished 10-for-21 from the field after scoring a Big 12-record 44 points in a 92-86 loss to Baylor on Saturday.

"He's got a special game," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "He's got great hands, soft hands. I think he's really a better shooter than people think he is, great around the rim."

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By **JIM O'CONNELL**

AP Basketball Writer

Tennessee surged to the top of The Associated Press college basketball poll for the first time Monday on the strength of its victory over Memphis in a Nos. 1-vs.-2 matchup.

The football team at Tennessee has been ranked No. 1 during four seasons, including two national titles. The women's basketball program has been a regular atop that poll since 1977, winning seven national championships under

coach Pat Summitt.

Now it's the men's turn. The Volunteers (25-2) were a runaway choice, receiving 69 first-place votes and 1,797 points from the 72-member national media panel after a 66-62 victory at Memphis. Tennessee is the 53rd school to hold the No. 1 ranking since the poll began for the 1948-49 season.

"The response has been overwhelming here," Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl said Monday. "The game Saturday, there'll

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NASCAR

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Gordon, a four-time Cup champion, and Johnson got off to a tough start last week at Daytona, finishing 39th and 27th, respectively.

"It's a good rebound from Daytona and we'll roll on," said Johnson, who won 10 races last season. "I was too loose off the corners to do anything with Carl."

Johnson said the new car performed well.

"Maybe another practice session would have helped," Johnson added, referring to all the track time lost to rain Friday and Saturday. "I think it would have helped the whole field."

About 25,000 fans, far short of the approximate 120,000 capacity, were on hand Monday, with the sun peeking out from high clouds and tempera-

tures moving into the high 60s.

The drivers spent most of Sunday waiting through rain, track drying and attempts to stop water seeping through seams of the track. The

race finally began about 2 hours late, followed by a rain delay of just more than an hour and then a five-hour wait after a downpour. NASCAR and track officials finally gave up after 11 p.m. and post-

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OUR VIEWS

Gem Show place to be this weekend

Trying to come up with something to do this weekend? Well, you're in luck and in the right place for that matter, because the 39th annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show staged by the Big Spring Prospectors Club is Saturday and Sunday.

The show is the place to go if you have any interest at all in rocks. From fine-crafted jewelry to rough materials that have only been cleaned up a bit, the show features something from everyone. There will be demonstrations in wire-wrapping, faceting and bead making, and even the fashioning of arrowheads and spears. You'll even be able to purchase a gem and have it mounted before you leave.

The talents displayed at this annual show are nothing short of amazing and all of the demonstrations are free to the public.

It's a great place for gifts, as well. Dealers from all over the state, and quite a few from outside the state, will have finished jewelry, rough rock, mountings, crystals, novelty items and more for sale.

You'll find things you never dreamed could be fashioned out of rock — from small animals to wall decorations that burst with color.

There's always a concession stand for those who get hungry.

Hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. It will all be going on at the Howard County Fairbarns adjacent to the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl, just off FM 700.

We've long said the Big Spring Prospector's Club is one of the best-kept secrets in our community and we haven't changed our minds about that.

The club's members have one of the longest-running activities in the area and it seems we're always trying to acquaint people with the event.

So, whether you're one of those people who are always looking forward to this show, or one of those who's never been, be sure to make plans now and pay the Prospector's Club a visit this weekend and join in the fun.

We'll see you there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not weigh issues so much that we can't accomplish good for You, Lord.

Amen

Individual travel vs. mass transit

Personally, I'd like to own a new Tata Nano. It only costs \$2,500 (plus tax) and gets 50 miles to the gallon.

They say it seats five, but those must be Calcuttans living on 1,000 calories a day. Plus it only has one windshield wiper.

Still Mr. Tata, India's Henry Ford, plans to revolutionize personal mobility in his country with this gem. It will make the ubiquitous motor scooter seem so yesterday. But even though the groundbreaking Nano sports only 33 horsepower, there are enough Indian buyers out there so that it may just finish off Greenland's glaciers. It will certainly complete the trend toward universal urban gridlock on the subcontinent.

We've pretty much pulled that off already in my state. Traffic is almost as big a conversation piece as sports. It's one reason that corporations and the young are slow to settle here. Good thing we offer elite schools and spiffy neighborhoods or no one might come at all.

But what an opportunity Mr. Tata gives us! We could now ban SUVs and other guzzlers in the United States and set up a handgun-like turn-in program. Bring in your old SUV and take home a shiny new Nano. Gas sales would plummet, highways would open up, parking would reemerge (though we'd have to narrow the pavement lines), and CO2 would

dwindle. Of course, we might need to put heaters in those little buggies, and the new owners would likely need long-term psychological counseling.

Well, OK, so maybe the Nano wouldn't sell very well over here, but the idea of it softens us up for the ultimate solution to our mobility problem — mass transit. Even as the rest of the world expands train, trolley, and bus systems, America widens highways. And as condos sprout in downtowns across the nation, do we service them with streetcars? No, we build parking garages. And do we set up separate state transportation departments to promote and build that mass transit? Rarely. For now, we mostly still leave that kind of transit to languish in transportation departments, where it can only play second fiddle to the highway lobby.

This continued veneration of the private auto is one of the presumed fruits of our free "market democracy." Citizens vote their own top interest, which often turns out to be personal mobility. Fair enough. We can now go anywhere we want, when we want, as long as the road's not clogged, there's parking when we get there, we can afford the gas, and the highway isn't flooded by global warming.

Plainly, individuals cannot pull off major solutions to this gridlock by themselves, save for switching to the Nano (or Prius). Only government, despised by all, can do that. An unlikely meshing of federal, state, and local initiatives is required to build a transit line,

though some cities have actually managed it. Locally, zoning for high-density housing downtown is a fine start, but then someone also needs to subsidize a grocery store, pharmacy, cleaner, stationer, etc., to make the neighborhood appealing to middle-class folk. Few towns have a department in charge of that. It's a mess.

Unfortunately, we Americans are better known for our individualism than for our teamwork. Thus, while New Jersey may have amazingly brought new life to its urban centers through mass transit, nearby Connecticut can't seem to learn from anything beyond the Hudson River. Indeed, corporate lobbyists, threatened bureaucrats, and jumpy citizens commonly stifle innovation everywhere. Nor is there any point in offering examples from other countries. We feel that they just have their own strange ways, though we'll spend a ransom to go there and look at them.

Surely, the most practical place to start real transit change is with buses. Some cities already have. But many voters still bristle at funding transit from the gasoline tax. "That should only be for roads!"

Well, maybe so, but if we don't get past that little hang-up, there won't be enough room left on those roads for us to even bother buying gas.

Columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.

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There's real heat in the kitchen

My friends who are also Hillary's friends, many of them classmates and fellow Wellesley women, keep e-mailing me about their concerns, not so much with the campaign, but with the outright meanness and hostility the media seem to be heaping on our friend. I'm not sure I've ever seen anything like it. Vicious doesn't begin to describe it.

No one likes a loser, that's for sure. But the exacting scrutiny is usually visited on the winner, especially when he is as new to the public super-stage as Barack Obama, not the underdog.

Yet no one is cutting Hillary any slack. It's stunning.

Now, I'm not saying they should. I've been in the public eye long enough to know this is what it's like. If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen. If you don't want to pay the price of fame, don't go for the goodies.

But there should be limits. And one of them should be the kids.

The way I see it, looking back, David Shuster's comment about the "pimping" of Chelsea Clinton was one of those turning points in this campaign, and in the public spiral downward.

I don't think Shuster should have been suspended. I think he should have apologized, which he did. But he was wrong. And press outrage at the fact that Hillary got mad on her daughter's behalf and behaved like a mother rather than

a hardened candidate has only made a bad situation worse.

First, Shuster. He's a newsman. And a pretty good one, as far as I know. The problem is that on the night he made his comment about Chelsea, he wasn't doing what he usually does — report the news — but was instead playing pundit/host/entertainer.

The only thing worse than some of the people who do those jobs is what happens when people who don't try to imitate them: Lines that barely exist the rest of the time disappear completely.

The hardest part about being a talking head these days, and I say this as one, is keeping track of your own internal compass, because the world we live in doesn't really provide an external one. It "feels" like anything goes, even if it doesn't, or shouldn't. You don't know there's a line until you step over it, which Shuster did, not because he used the word "pimping" — that's been done many times, for better or worse, and I would vote worse — but because he used it in reference to a young woman who has tried as hard as any first daughter in recent history to stay away from the press in the hopes that they would stay away from her.

Second, Chelsea. She is trying to help her mother. But she's trying to do it quietly. That should be her choice. Beat up Hillary. Beat up Bill. They put themselves out there. Chelsea is just being a loving daughter.

I was in a Target parking lot once, on a Sunday morning, when a woman started verbally abusing me for being a "baby killer." She

went so far as to run after me in the parking lot. I wasn't surprised at the viciousness of her language; I'd heard it before. What made me as angry as I've ever been in such a situation was that I was with my son, a then-small child who didn't even know what abortion was and shouldn't have had to hear his mother attacked for her views on the subject. I was ready to call the police when an off-duty police-woman intervened and scared the woman off. The officer had no idea who I was. All she saw was a mother being harassed in a parking lot in front of her child, and as a mother herself, it made her angry.

Third, Hillary. Hillary didn't behave like a candidate in responding to Shuster. She behaved like a mother. She got mad at an attack on her daughter.

Maybe she should have turned the other cheek, but I still remember when Michael Dukakis did that, in answer to a hypothetical about what he would do if his wife were raped and murdered, and people turned on him in a tidal wave, asking how he could be so inhuman.

The rub on Hillary Clinton is that she'd do anything to be president. I don't think that's true. She is a mother first.

But instead of getting any credit for that, she gets another heap of criticism. Life isn't fair, as Jimmy Carter used to say, and for Hillary Clinton and the press, that's an understatement.

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Kidd leads Mavs over Bulls in Dallas debut

By The Associated Press

It certainly was a blast from the past for Jason Kidd.

The All-Star point guard couldn't help but feel a bit anxious when he took the court in Dallas for his first home game for the Mavericks in more than 11 years.

"It's always a little nerve-racking coming back," Kidd said. "I was so excited to have this opportunity and this second chance to come back and play for the franchise. I just wanted to make a good impression."

He did that, and then some. In his first home game since being traded from New Jersey last week, Kidd had 11 points with nine rebounds and eight assists in a 102-94 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Monday

night. "I was happy to be back home," Kidd said. "This is where it all started for me."

Kidd was the No. 2 overall pick by the Mavericks in 1994, and played in Dallas until he was traded to Phoenix early in the 1996-97 season. After getting a loud ovation when he was the last Mavericks starter introduced, instead of Dirk Nowitzki as usual, Kidd had the fans cheering a minute into the game with an assist on Josh Howard's 3-pointer for the first basket that put Dallas ahead to stay.

"He still catches you off guard sometimes. It's been a lot of fun," said Nowitzki, who had 29 points and 10 rebounds.

In other NBA games, it was: San Antonio 89, Atlanta 74; Boston 104, the Los Angeles

Clippers 76; Toronto 102, Indiana 98; and Washington 95, New Orleans 92.

At Dallas, Kidd came up short of his 100th career triple-double, but was involved in significant plays throughout the game as Chicago kept coming back from double-digit deficit.

Ben Gordon had 25 points to lead five Chicago players in double figures.

The Mavericks (38-19) won their 11th straight home game and are a game back in the Southwest Division behind San Antonio, where they next play Thursday.

Dallas is only 1 1/2 games behind the Western Conference-leading Los Angeles Lakers. Those teams meet Sunday.

Dallas has won three straight since losing its first game after the All-Star game with Kidd,

who had practiced with the team only once by then.

"We've improved from game to game," Nowitzki said. "If you look at the West, you have to adjust quickly."

Spurs 89, Hawks 74

Tim Duncan had 23 points and 10 rebounds and San Antonio earned its sixth straight win despite scoring a franchise-low five points in the opening quarter.

Tony Parker added 15 points and nine assists and Manu Ginobili scored 13 for San Antonio, which shot just 6 percent (1-for-17) in the first quarter.

The five points were a team record for any quarter, but the Spurs rebounded nicely from their shooting woes.

Shooting guard Joe Johnson scored 17 points for the visiting Hawks, who have dropped two in a row.

Celtics 104, Clippers 76

At Los Angeles, Paul Pierce and James Posey scored 17 points apiece to lead Boston's well-balanced offense.

Fresh from ending a three-game losing streak that was their longest of the season, the Celtics had little difficulty making it two wins in a row. They moved in front for good 5 minutes into the game and improved their NBA-best record to 43-12.

Forward Tim Thomas scored 14 points for the Clippers, who are in last place in the Pacific Division with a dismal 19-35 mark.

HOOPS

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No. 21 Marquette 85, Villanova 75

Dominic James scored 25 points and Lazar Hayward added 15 points and nine rebounds for the visiting Golden Eagles

(21-6, 11-5 Big East), who won their fourth straight and eighth of 10.

Scottie Reynolds had 14 points for Villanova (17-10, 7-8), which had won four of five.

No. 24 Gonzaga 73, Portland 51

Jeremy Pargo and David Pendergraft both

had 13 points for the Bulldogs (21-7, 11-1), who remained tied for first place in the West Coast Conference with Saint Mary's. The teams play Saturday at Gonzaga. The visiting Bulldogs shot 55.6 percent from the field in the second half.

Robin Smeulders had 12 points for the Pilots (8-20,

2-10), who led by eight points in the first half.

No. 25 Saint Mary's 61, San Diego 54

Tron Smith scored 15 points and Todd Golden added 10 in their final home game as the Gaels (24-4, 11-1 WCC) avenged their only conference loss of the season. Smith had

two baskets in the 14-4 run midway through the second half but the Gaels had to survive an 8-minute stretch without a field goal late in the game.

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always be a lot of talk of where were you when they beat Memphis to become No. 1? It was that kind of event so it will have some staying power, but for us there will be little staying power because we have to go play at Vanderbilt on Tuesday where they have won 17 straight games.

"The fact that men's basketball was able to get to this point just brings us in line with the other sports here, men's and women's, like softball and track and field. This is the expectation at Tennessee and that you can point to those different sports is why Tennessee is one of the finest athletic programs in the country and this only adds to that."

Memphis (26-1), which

lost for the first time this season when Tennessee ended its 47-game home winning streak, had been ranked No. 1 for the past five weeks, the last three as a unanimous choice. The Tigers were No. 2 and received 1,682 points.

North Carolina (26-2), which was No. 1 in the preseason poll and for the first 10 weeks of the regular season, stayed third after wins over North Carolina State and Wake Forest. The Tar Heels received two first-place votes, while UCLA (24-3), which jumped from sixth to fourth after wins over Oregon State and Oregon last week, was No. 1 on one ballot.

There was some history made near the bottom of the rankings as well Monday with Kent State (23-5) moving into the Top 25 for the first time. The Golden Flashes were No. 23 after their 65-57 victory

at Saint Mary's, Calif., on Saturday night.

Texas moved up two spots to fifth. Kansas, which lost at Oklahoma State on Saturday, and Duke, which snapped the two-game losing streak with a win over St. John's on Saturday, both dropped two spots to sixth and seventh, respectively. Stanford, Xavier and Wisconsin rounded out the top 10.

Georgetown moved up one place to 11th and was followed by Indiana, Louisville, Butler, Connecticut, Purdue, Notre Dame, Vanderbilt, Michigan State and Drake. The last five ranked teams were Marquette, Washington State, Kent State, Gonzaga and Saint Mary's.

Gonzaga (21-6) was the week's other newcomer. The Bulldogs, who were 14th in the preseason poll,

returned after a nine-week absence. They have won 12 of their last 15, with the losses coming to Tennessee, Memphis and Saint Mary's.

Kent State entered the poll having won nine of 10, the loss coming at Toledo. Two of the Golden Flashes' losses this season were to North Carolina and Xavier.

Texas A&M (20-7) dropped out from 23rd, its first time out of the poll this season. The Aggies, ranked as high as No. 9 this season, have lost three straight — Oklahoma State, Texas and Nebraska, the first and last at home.

Kansas State (18-8) was ranked for eight weeks this season, including the last four in a row. The Wildcats fell out from 24th, having lost three of four, including losses to Nebraska and Baylor last week.

HOWARD

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time and opponent is yet to be decided.

Despite Monday's results, Diddle remains positive about Howard's chances to advance to the national tournament by winning regionals.

"I feel real good heading into the tournament,"

Diddle said. "I was just disappointed in the way we played tonight. I think South Plains affected our offensive psyche with its defensive performance. When you're struggling on offense, then you're not quite as quick defensively. That really took its

toll on us. We've got to play better than this, but I think we're capable of competing in the tournament."

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Sonora Tournament Saturday, but cut its fielding mistakes down to two against Sweetwater.

"We were much improved defensively tonight," Harman said. "That's been a problem for us, but our overall team defense was very good against Sweetwater."

Corey Roberts led the Bulldogs' offensive attack, going 3-for-4 with a double and three RBIs. Adrian Amaro was 1-for-3 with two RBIs and Dakota Griffith was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Casey Kilpatrick went 2-for-3 at the plate and pitched the fifth inning.

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As Mercury and Venus embrace in the friendly intelligent sign of Aquarius today, it's the uncommonly different people, ideas and things in life that hold our attention. Expressing our



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

appreciation for them feels easy — not only because they dazzle but also because the rare beauties we encounter really do possess a touch of sheer genius.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone tells you exactly what you want to hear. Can you help it if you're somebody that people want to please? Luckily, you're psychic enough to know the truth from pandering.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're hard to resist now, and frankly, who would want to? There are such rich rewards for giving in to you. Furthermore, if you make it plain that you like someone, you can expect to be liked right back.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's always a lark to find out everything there is to know about new friends, but now you'll be satisfied learning something new about an old friend. It's all in the questions you ask.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Matters aren't so clear cut "good" or "evil." A lighthearted and open-minded expression will free you to do what's really good — compassionately embrace ideas different from the ones you grew up with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your dreams are like wild, unpredictable children. Dare to indulge them anyway. They'll

start growing up and pointing you in a direction that's both imaginative and very possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Questions of character arise, the first of which may be: "What is my character?" You may learn that others see you in a kinder light than the one you use to for self-assessment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Things are picking up financially, but still there's a need for balance. Do a financial inventory. Tonight there's some tension between people you love. You're the grease that keeps the wheels rolling.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's the kind of day that turns the intangible into something you can embrace with all of your senses. Collective wishes are more than twice as lucky, so get together with a partner and state your desire.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're feeling competitive lately, but there's no need to keep up with the Joneses — does anyone even remember who they are? Relax and let your own unique style come through in all you do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a psychological chasm between you and someone you care for. Make a bold gesture, take

a leap. Because the thing about chasms is, you can't cross them in two small jumps.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Martha Graham said, "The only sin is mediocrity." By that standard, you should be a saint. Spurts of inspiration drive you to excel in ways no one else would have quite thought to do it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Conflicts are custom made for you to sort out. With your ability to understand people, you can do much in the way of creating peace world peace now, one relationship at a time.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Pisces people experience the spiritual lift of music and art as a real physical need and thus spiritual calling. It's almost as though they were born with headphones on. Erykah Badu has her sun and Mercury in Pisces. Her inner ear is naturally attuned to a stream of universal consciousness, which pierces together sounds, thoughts and images and meshes them into a fresh, flowing, lyrical style.

Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars." If you would like to write to her, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page.

Annie's Mailbox®

Dear Annie: I am a college student, and I live with my boyfriend, who just lost his job. He's actively looking for a new one, but hasn't had any luck yet.

As much as I enjoy my newfound "grown-up" life, I find it very hard to survive financially. I work full time and go to school in the evenings until midnight. My typical day lasts 16-18 hours, depending on homework. I don't have time for a second job. With student loans and car payments, insurance and rent, my budget is so tight that if I go a penny over the amount allotted for gas, I am in the red.

I go to a private college, which means I'm applying for new school loans every seven weeks. When you have that many loans and not a long credit history, it's hard for anyone to apply for a personal line of credit. I'm at my wits' end. I don't know how to stay afloat. Any suggestions? — Broke in Phoenix

Dear Broke: Yes, but you may not like them.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

You can live with a roommate who is able to pay half the rent and all other joint expenses. You can find a cheaper place to live. You can get a better job or ask for a raise. You can move back into your parents' home temporarily. You can attend a public university. You can postpone college until you have saved up enough to go back to the school of your choice. It's nice to live independently, and all young adults should do so, but when you are drowning, you need to take whatever steps are necessary to get out of the ocean.

Dear Annie: I am a 33-year-old wife and mother of three. Lately, I have been reading a lot on bipolar disorder and it scares me. Both my father and paternal grandmother are bipolar. What are the symptoms? What is the difference between depression and bipolar disorder? What kind of doctor do I need to see?

I feel I am shortchanging my kids because no matter how hard I try to be calm and patient, I can't. I snap at the smallest things and it is getting worse. I don't want to be emotionally abusive, but my children walk on eggshells around me. My husband ignores me or makes fun of me. Please point me in the right direction. — Longing To Be Normal

Dear Longing: Bipolar disorder (also known as manic depression) causes extreme shifts in mood, characterized by recurring episodes of

mania (elated or angry moods, impulsivity, increased activity and energy) and depression (prolonged sadness, loss of energy, inability to concentrate, feelings of guilt, thoughts of suicide).

Treatment includes medication along with therapy and support. Your doctor can refer you to a psychiatrist, or you can contact the American Psychiatric Association (psych.org) for a recommendation. If you are diagnosed as bipolar, you can find support through the National Alliance on Mental Illness (nami.org) at 1-800-950-NAMI (1-800-950-6264) or the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (dbsalliance.org) at 1-800-826-3632.

Dear Annie: I'm writing about the responses to "Craving Intimacy in Indiana," whose husband has no interest in sex. Why didn't you answer them the same way you would have answered men with the same complaint?

Maybe their husbands aren't feeling enough closeness to take it into the bedroom. Maybe the wives aren't making enough effort outside the bedroom. Better yet, maybe the husbands got tired of "chasing the proverbial carrot" and gave up. Sex isn't everything, ladies. Just ask my wife. — Fountain, Minn.

Dear Fountain: The women who wrote were upset because their husbands showed no interest in any form of intimacy, regardless of their efforts. When women avoid sex, we recommend counseling and a trip to the doctor. The same goes for men.

To our Baha'i Readers: Happy Ayyam-i-Ha. *Annie's Mailbox* is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the *Ann Landers* column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: *Annie's Mailbox*, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

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Bird Poop:

Northern shovelers fall victim to open pits around oil fields

The weather had been unseasonably warm for February. Having had the day off, the game warden enjoyed starting his yearly garden. About 3 p.m., he decided to check his answering machine. With no calls, he took the opportunity to work outside several more hours. Closing the back door, he was several feet from the house when the recorder took the message.



BEBE McCASLAND

Proud of what he had accomplished, the officer glanced at clouds building in the distance. "Finished just in time," he thought, as he quit for the day.

As the thunder heads had grown in size, a desolate area south of town offered the only shimmering surface for a small number of migrating birds. As they instinctively descended toward a place to weather out the slow moving storm, the first drops of rain splattered on the dusty ground surrounding a pond.

The foursome, while resting from their flight, would strain water and mud through the projections along the sides of their spatula-like bills. Their surface feeding would include small fish, water insects, snails and aquatic worms. The birds would also seek out buds and young shoots of water plants. In his mating plumage, the drake was noticeably more col-



Courtesy photo

The Northern shoveler represents its name by frequenting the northwestern United States, Canada and Alaska during the summer and having a flat, spatulate bill. Wintering in the southern states and Mexico, the bird is often called a "mud duck" because it stirs up bottom sediment in search of plant and animal life.

orous than the three smaller females. As the birds landed, the white embellishment on the underside of their wings was evident in both sexes. Once on the surface, the drake's iridescent dark green head, white breast, pale blue wing patch and rusty brown belly and flanks made the grayish-brown females look even more nondescript. Their only colorful attribute was an orangish bill in comparison to his black one.

Having watched their landing while reading a gauge on a nearby vessel, an employee called for his supervisor. Not getting an answer, the man knew that no matter what he did, he'd be in trouble. After trying to think of all the consequences, he made another call. Time after time, he reached an answering machine. The message he left was finally answered.

"When did this happen?" asked the game warden after reaching the caller. "Shortly after 3 p.m.," was the reply. Knowing he would need

help, the officer quickly called two other wardens to assist. Even though he was dirty and sweaty from his day's gardening, he quickly changed into his uniform. It wouldn't stay clean long.

Some 15 miles south, he turned to the east. Having to drive slower due to the deluge, he could barely see the road in spite of having his windshield wipers on high. Eight miles further he parked and waited for the other wardens.

When the officers entered the pond area, standing with the employee who had called were representatives of his company. Using their dip nets, the wardens removed four ducks from the surface of a pit. With one officer remaining at the facility, the other two rushed the oil soaked ducks to town.

"Can you identify some birds for us?" came the plea from the game warden. Since we had just started the 10 p.m. news, I invited him to come to our home. Then he told me he was parked out-

side in the driveway. As he and the other officer came toward the porch with a cardboard box, I could smell a distinct aroma. "We're not coming inside. We'd just get oil all over the place," said his fellow officer.

Since the rain had stopped, we could readily use the porch light and the emerging light of the moon through the clouds. "Shovelers. Northern Shovelers," was all I could say. Two of the ducks had died. The remaining two were in shock and gasping for breath.

After looking at the smaller female that was barely alive, I lifted the drake. Dripping oil and unable to lift his head, he twitched from the spasms wracking his body. Suddenly he was limp. His suffering had ended.

All four ducks had been in the open pit since 3 p.m. Even though the wardens had been able to get them out of the oil, they knew, as did we,

that the birds would not survive. Absorbed through the skin as well as being swallowed, the crude oil and chemicals would slowly kill the shovelers. To solidify their case, the officers had to have us identify the ducks.

Overcome by the agony of the dying shoveler, none of us could speak. Accustomed to seeing the worst that could be inflicted on wildlife, the two officers shifted from foot to foot while gaining their composure. Telling them there was nothing we could do for the remaining bird, we knew the shovelers would become evidence. To further their case, the men would return to the pit that night to continue dredging for any other remains.

As the officers turned to leave, I noticed that although their pants were splattered with oil, their shoes were clean. "We threw our boots in the back of the truck," was their parting comment. Their night was going to be a long one.

Walking back to the house, we noticed oily stains on my slacks, shoes and the front porch. This seemed inci-

dental compared to the penalties we, and the wardens, thought the company would have to pay. Recent legislation stated that open pits were to be covered to prevent such an incident. Game wardens would gain assistance in enforcement of such laws. Industry was being held accountable.

Within a week, we learned differently. Instead of the expected monetary punishment, an arrangement was constructed between a governmental department and the offender. The total value of the shovelers was lowered to the equivalent of being fined for fishing without a license.

In the 18 years since, industry has improved. Violations and the death of birds still occur, but to a lesser degree. The laws are still in effect, but their interpretation varies. When the story of that night was printed in the *Austin American-Statesman*, a controversy began over enforcement of environmental laws. With the death of the Northern shovelers, dialogue had at least begun.

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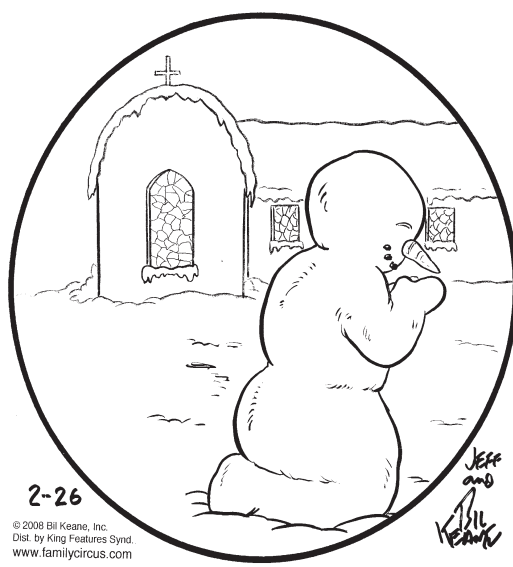
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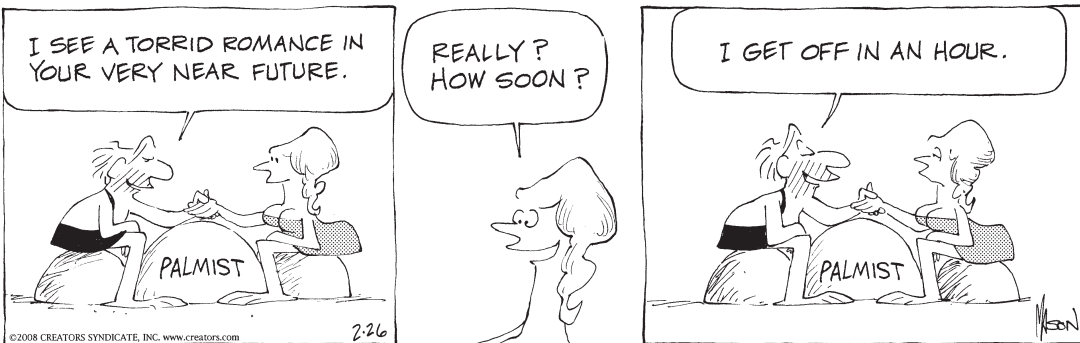
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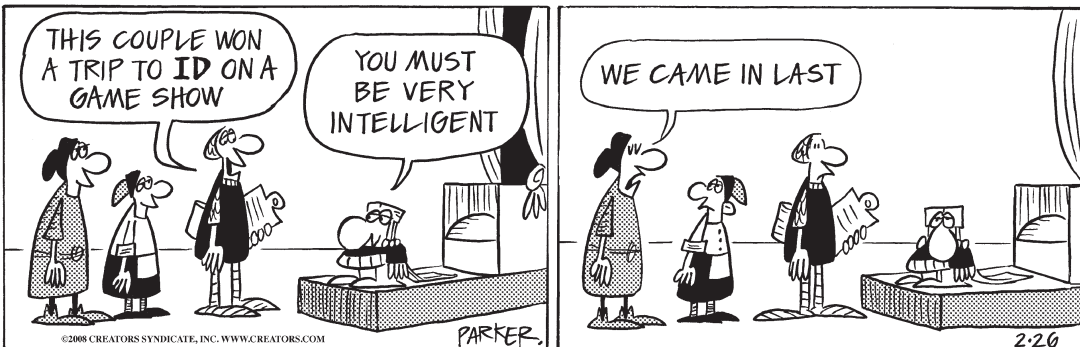
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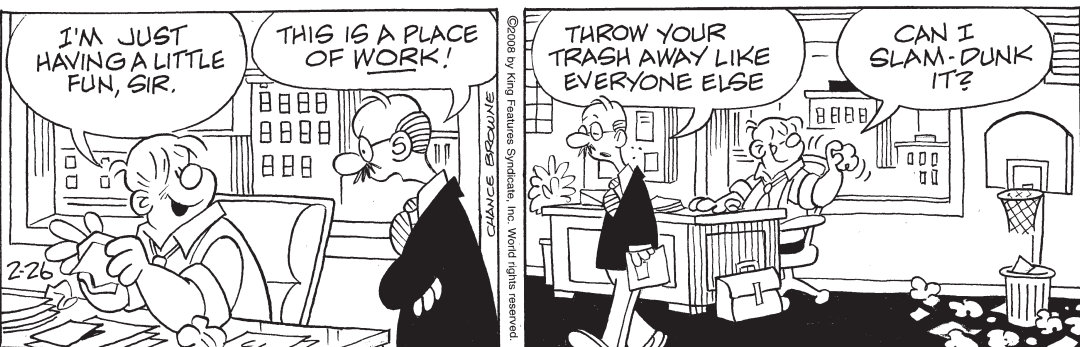
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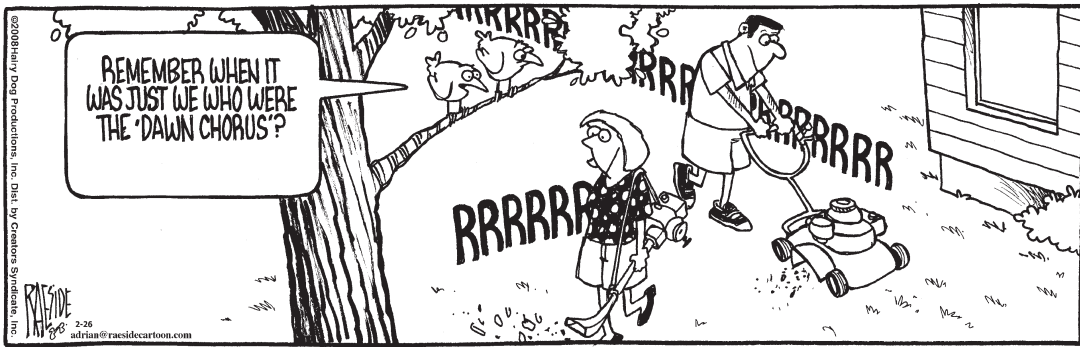
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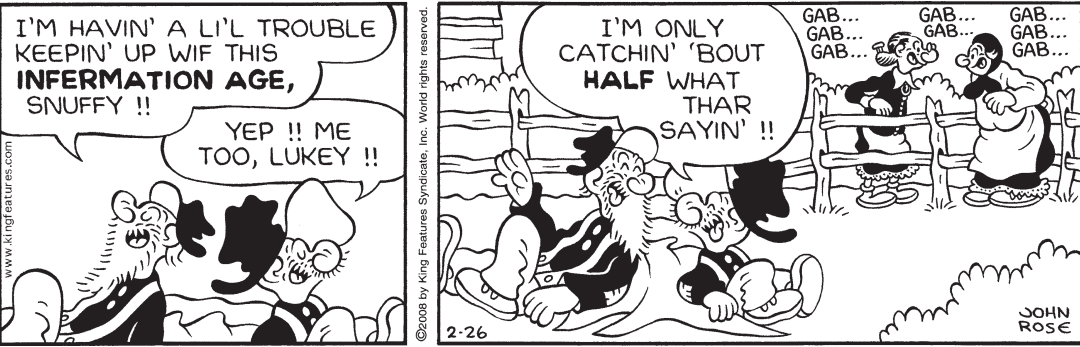
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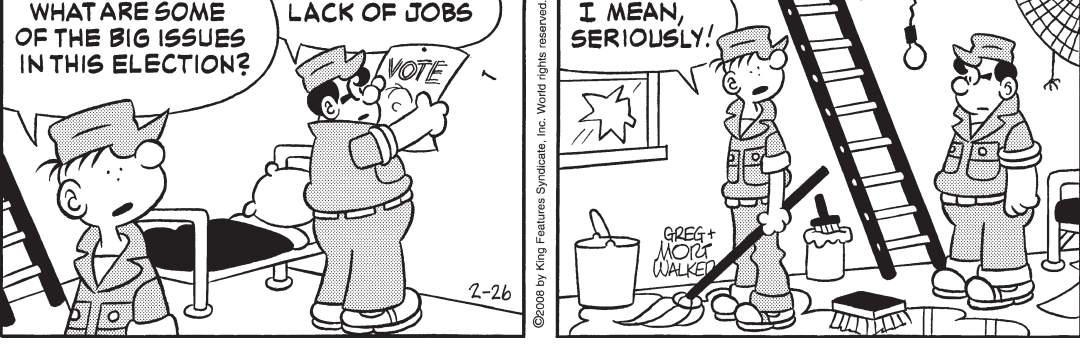
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2008. There are 309 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 26, 1919, Congress established Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona. On this date: In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from exile on the Island of Elba. In 1870, an experimental air-driven subway, the Beach Pneumatic Transit, opened in New York City. In 1907, Congress created the Dillingham Commission to examine the impact of immigrants on America. In 1929, President Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park.

In 1940, the U.S. Air Defense Command was created. In 1945, a midnight curfew on nightclubs, bars and other places of entertainment was set to go into effect across the nation. In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb. In 1979, a total solar eclipse cast a moving shadow 175 miles wide from Oregon to North Dakota before moving into Canada. In 1987, the Tower Commission, which probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued its report, which rebuked President Reagan for failing to control his national security staff. In 1993, a bomb built by Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others. Today's Birthdays: Singer Fats Domino is 80. Political columnist Robert Novak is 77. Country-rock musician Paul Cotton (Poco) is 65. Actor-director Bill Duke is 65. Singer Mitch Ryder is 63. Rock musician Jonathan Cain (Journey) is 58. Singer Michael Bolton is 55. Actor Greg Kinnear is 50. Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine is 50. Bandleader John McDaniel is 47. Actress Jennifer Grant is 42. Rock musician Tim Commerford (Audioslave) is 40. Singer Erykah Badu is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rico Wade (Society of Soul) is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kyle Norman (Jagged Edge) is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Corinne Bailey Rae is 29. Country singer Rodney Hayden is 28.

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