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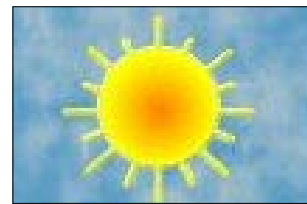
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Wanted: Asphalt



Eddy Jameson, road and bridge administrator for Howard County, tells county commissioners that no bids have been received for asphalt destined for road and street maintenance and repair.

County at a loss to find black, sticky pavement material

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The recent shutdowns of the Alon USA Big Spring Refinery may have Howard County commissioners looking as far away as Dumas for much-needed asphalt for road repairs and maintenance.

Commissioners voted to award the bid for aggregate — rock used with asphalt to maintain and repair streets and roadways — to Laredo Paving for approximately \$93,000, but according to County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson, one component is useless without the other.

"We can go ahead and

award the bid for aggregate, but until we find asphalt, it's not going to do us much good," Jameson told the court Monday morning.

The Big Spring Refinery — one of the potential bidders for the county contract to provide asphalt — was shut down after an explosion ripped through the facility Feb. 18, destroying much of the company's asphalt producing facilities.

The refinery fell victim to a second fire April 7 and one of the plant's asphalt tank batteries was destroyed, causing the facility to shut down after having only been

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Fourth man arrested in arson case

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials have made a fourth arrest in connection with a stolen truck that was set on fire at a location on Gail Highway, and say revenge may have been the motive for the crime.

Miguel Calixto Jr., 20, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of arson and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Shane Allen Knowlton, 21, was arrested last week by the Howard County Sheriff's Office on charges of

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Unemployment dips slightly here

Slides from 4.4 percent to 4.1 percent, according to local workforce officials

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate in Howard County dropped slightly in February, coming in just below the state average.

According to Carla Gross, assistant area manager for the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, the unemployment rate dropped to 4.1 percent in February, down from the 4.4 percent reported in January of this year and 4.5 reported in February of 2007. The state unemployment rate is 4.3 percent.

"The latest figures received from the Texas

Workforce Commission are February figures," said Gross. "As of this date, the local workforce solutions office has 92 open jobs listed. All job seekers are encouraged to utilize www.workintexas.com, whether they are unemployed or employed and looking for new opportunities. New job listings are received daily and opportunities arise for those that are discouraged with the types of jobs available in the past, or for those exploring new career opportunities.

"The Texas seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment grew by 13,000

jobs in February. Texas employers now have added 235,200 jobs over the past 12 months, for an annual job growth rate of 2.3 percent."

Gross said the adjusted unemployment rate for the state — which takes into account seasonal fluctuations — is dead even with Howard County's unemployment rate.

"The February statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.1 percent, down from 4.3 percent in January and 4.5 percent a year ago," said Gross. "The 4.1 percent February unemployment

rate in Texas remains significantly below the U.S. unemployment rate of 4.8 percent. Topping the job tally was trade, transportation and utilities, and leisure and hospitality.

"The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 2.6 percent. Odessa MSA was second at 3.1 percent, followed by the Amarillo MSA at 3.2 percent. The Texas unemployment rate is 4.3 percent, while the Permian Basin Workforce

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Pre-registration for 2008-09 to begin for BSISD

Special to the Herald

Pre-registration for currently enrolled students of Big Spring Independent School District will be held Wednesday through April 23. This consists of an information form being sent home with report cards. All that is needed is for parents to verify or change and correct the information on that sheet and then return the form

to the campus. When the campus receives the information sheet, the child will be automatically enrolled as a BSISD student for the next year.

All current transfer students must reapply for a transfer each year. The following criteria is what is considered when a request for transfer is submitted. Please be aware that space is very limited in K-3 grades

for next year and BSISD is anticipating another large class of approximately 350 to 380 students enrolling as kindergarten students for the 2008-09 school year.

1. Those given the highest priority to attend that campus are those students who live in that attendance zone.

2. Those students who attended that campus the prior year.

3. Those students who have

a sibling that attended the campus the prior year.

4. Those students who have a parent who works for the district on that particular campus.

5. Those students whose parents work for the district.

6. Out-of-district transfers. No transfers will be approved prior to Aug. 1.

Pre-registration for

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

TUESDAY
Big Spring softball vs. San Angelo Lake View, 4 p.m.

Forsan baseball at Eldorado, 4:30 p.m.

Coahoma baseball at Clyde, 4:30 p.m.

Forsan softball vs. Menard, 5 p.m.

Coahoma softball vs. Midland High, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Big Spring boys and girls track at Region I qualifiers in San Angelo through Friday.

FRIDAY

Big Spring softball at Lubbock Estacado, 4 p.m.

Big Spring baseball at Frenship, 7 p.m.

Coahoma softball at Merkel, 4 p.m.

Coahoma baseball at Merkel, 4:30 p.m.

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

Forsan softball at Miles, 5 p.m.

Crossroads Friends of NRA Annual Banquet scheduled

The Crossroads Friends of NRA will be holding its annual banquet and auction Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Tickets are available at Golden Pawn Shop on 700 E. 3rd St. or just call Darryl at 267-402, Brad at 393-5615, James at 580-8080 or Elmo at 393-5925.

Table sponsorships are available and the banquet is open to the general public.

Local man records hole-in-one on No. 7 Friday at BSCC

The Big Spring Country Club golf course had another hole-in-one shot on it Friday.

This time it was Ben Garcia, Sr. recording the second ace in his lifetime. He used a No. 3 Hybrid to ace the 169-yard seventh hole.

Witnesses were Mike Sanchez, Manuel Sanchez, Gilbert Reyna and Sammy Reyna.

Big Spring Teenage League holding sign-ups and tryouts

The Big Spring Teenage Baseball League is holding sign-ups and tryouts Saturday at the Roy Anderson Complex for interested players ages 13-15.

This is the final chance to sign up. Registration fee is \$90 and a copy of the child's birth certificate is required. Sign ups start at 1 p.m.

Tryouts begin at 3 p.m. and players that registered early do not have to be present until then.

Call Carey Burchett at 213-2706 for additional information.

Dodgeball tourney benefiting Relay for Life scheduled

The Yellow Dogs will be hosting a dodgeball tournament in the Big Spring Junior High

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Pacman applying for reinstatement

By **TERESA M. WALKER**

AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Suspended Tennessee Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones will again ask NFL commissioner Roger Goodell to reinstate him, with his agent planning to send in his latest request on Tuesday.

Jones had planned to ask to be

reinstated before the NFL draft on April 26-27.

His agent, Manny Arora, said that being able to work out for teams would increase Jones' appeal to those in the market for a cornerback.

"We were hoping something would get worked out with the Titans or another team to work out a trade, but the trade talks,

the way I read, aren't progressing as well as we hoped," Arora said on Saturday. "If the commissioner reinstates or grants permission to work out at a team's facility, that should ease the risk factor for a team interested in picking him up."

The NFL sent Jones a letter in late February telling him he could not work out at the Titan's

facility. The Titans have given Jones permission to talk to other teams about a trade, and the Dallas Cowboys have shown the most interest. But the talks reportedly have bogged down over compensation.

Arora said they still hope Jones will be traded before the draft, and they are ready to rework his

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Spurs clinch third spot in West

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Heading into the playoffs hoping to defend their title, the San Antonio Spurs will clearly need to step up their game if they want to repeat.

Tony Parker tied his season high with 32 points and added 11 assists as the struggling Spurs managed to pull out a 101-98 victory Monday night against the depleted Sacramento Kings.

The victory, coupled with Houston's loss to Utah, put the Spurs in position to clinch third place in the conference for a second straight season. The Spurs, who defeated Cleveland in the NBA finals a year ago, play Utah at home Wednesday to conclude the regular season.

San Antonio has lost three of its last six games, including a humbling 90-64 defeat on April 4 in Utah. The Spurs lost to the Lakers by 21 points on Sunday and were embarrassed last week in a 96-79 loss at home to Phoenix.

"It's been the way we have lost lately, games have been getting away from us," Spurs reserve forward Ime Udoka said. "We've gone through some scoring droughts, so it was good to get over 100 points tonight."

Still, the victory left no one in the Spurs' locker room giddy. Tim Duncan left for the team bus almost immediately after the game and didn't talk to the media, and Spurs coach Gregg Popovich was brief in his comments, talking about the Kings and not his team.

"We had a tough loss against the Lakers, so we needed this," said Parker, who scored eight

points in the fourth quarter, when the Spurs were outscored 22-18. "We got Utah next. The West is so hard that we need to get as high a seed as possible."

Trailing by four points in the closing minute, John Salmons scored inside and was hacked by Tim Duncan, who fouled out. Salmons made the free throw, pulling the Kings to 99-98 with 14.3 seconds left.

Then Michael Finley made two free throws with 11.8 seconds left. Looking to send the game into overtime, both Francisco Garcia and Quincy Douby missed 3-point attempts and San Antonio held on.

"I thought Francisco got fouled at the end there. A lot of times the ref's just not going to give you that," said Kings coach Reggie Theus, who was playing without three starters. "Clearly I thought he got hit in the head."

Playing only 24 minutes due to foul trouble, Duncan had 17 points for the Spurs. Finley scored 19 points and Fabricio Oberto had 17.

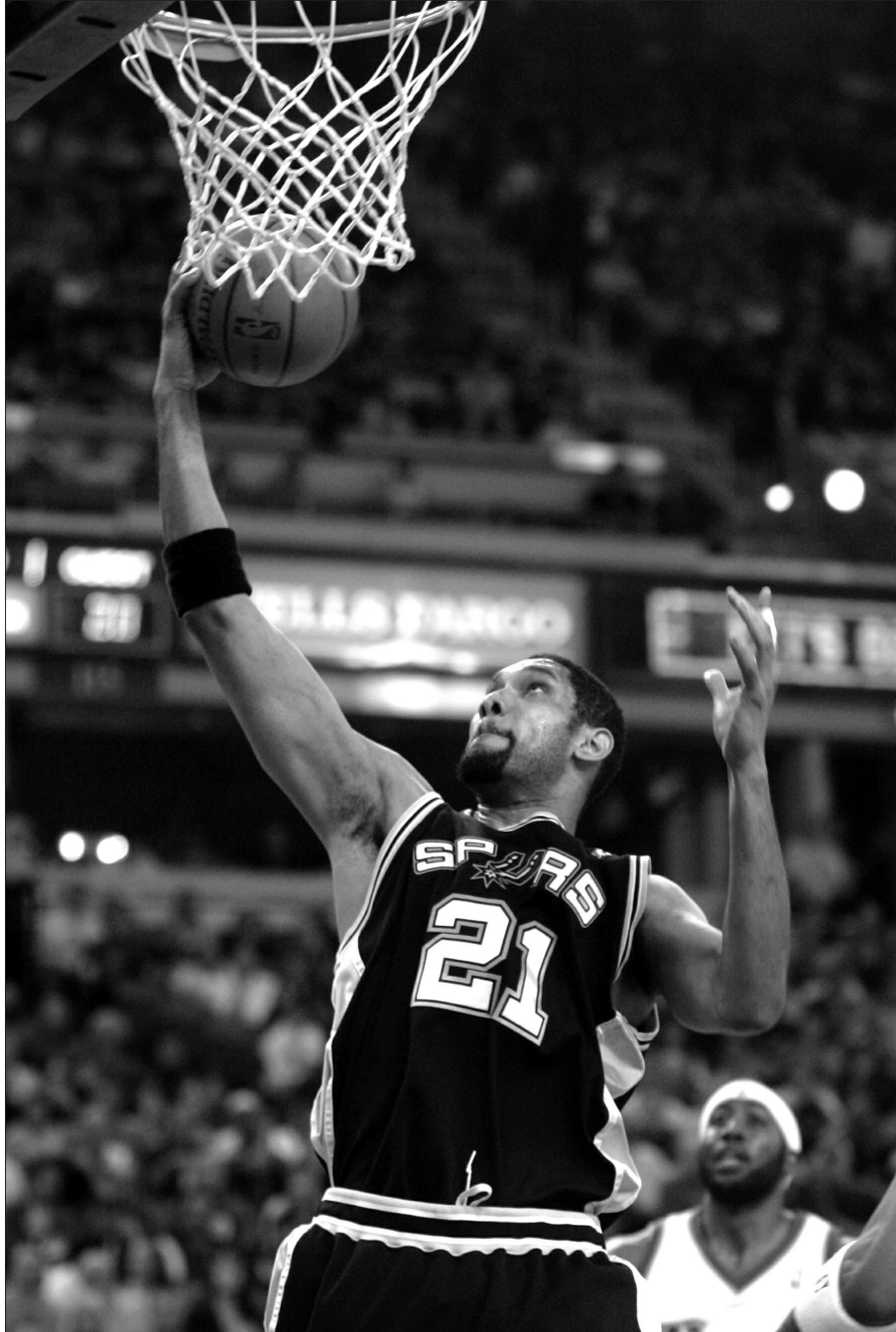
Salmons led the Kings with 29 points and 11 rebounds, Spencer Hawes had 17 points, Beno Udrih scored 16 and Garcia added 15.

The Spurs will have a day at home to regroup, then face Utah on Wednesday night with revenge in mind.

"We remember what they did to us a few weeks ago," Udoka said.

Trailing since late in the second quarter, the Kings ran off 11 straight points for a 93-87 lead with 6:04 remaining. It was Douby, a backup, who provided

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AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli

San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan, left, goes to the basket during the first quarter of a NBA basketball game in Sacramento, Calif., Monday. The Spurs won 101-98, clinching the third seed in the Western Conference playoffs.

Angels hand Rangers fourth straight defeat

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Ervin Santana was struggling in Texas — again. With some encouragement from his Los Angeles teammates, though, he stayed positive and came out a winner.

Santana rebounded from a three-run first to pitch seven strong innings, Mike Napoli homered and the Angels handed the Texas Rangers their fourth straight loss, 7-4 Monday night.

Santana (2-0) came in 1-4 with an 8.92 ERA in seven career road starts against the Rangers, and he quickly fell behind, allowing Hank Blalock's two-run homer and Michael Young's sacrifice fly in the first. But after loading the bases in the third, he retired 11 straight.

"He's got great stuff," Napoli said. "We let him know it to keep him confident. He's not letting up. He's really going after it."

Santana was not in the clubhouse after the game.

Francisco Rodriguez pitched a perfect ninth for his fourth save in five chances.

The Angels had lost seven of eight against the Rangers, including two of three in California April 4-6.

"Against us, they make all the plays," said Angels manager Mike Scioscia, who was ejected for arguing a called third strike in the eighth inning.

Los Angeles went in front 5-3 in the second against Rangers starter Jason Jennings (0-3) on Napoli's leadoff homer, Vladimir

Guerrero's run-scoring double and Garret Anderson's RBI single.

Texas loaded the bases in the third, but Santana escaped when he got Marlon Byrd to ground into a double play.

"That was a big play in the game," Scioscia said. "After that, he got better as the game went along. Once he found it, he started pounding the strike zone. We really saw him come to life."

With two outs in the fifth the Angels scored two more runs when Byrd misplayed a line drive by Maicer Izturis in right field for a 7-3 lead. Byrd charged the ball and it skipped past him for a two-base error that allowed Izturis to race to third as Guerrero and Casey Kotchman crossed the plate.

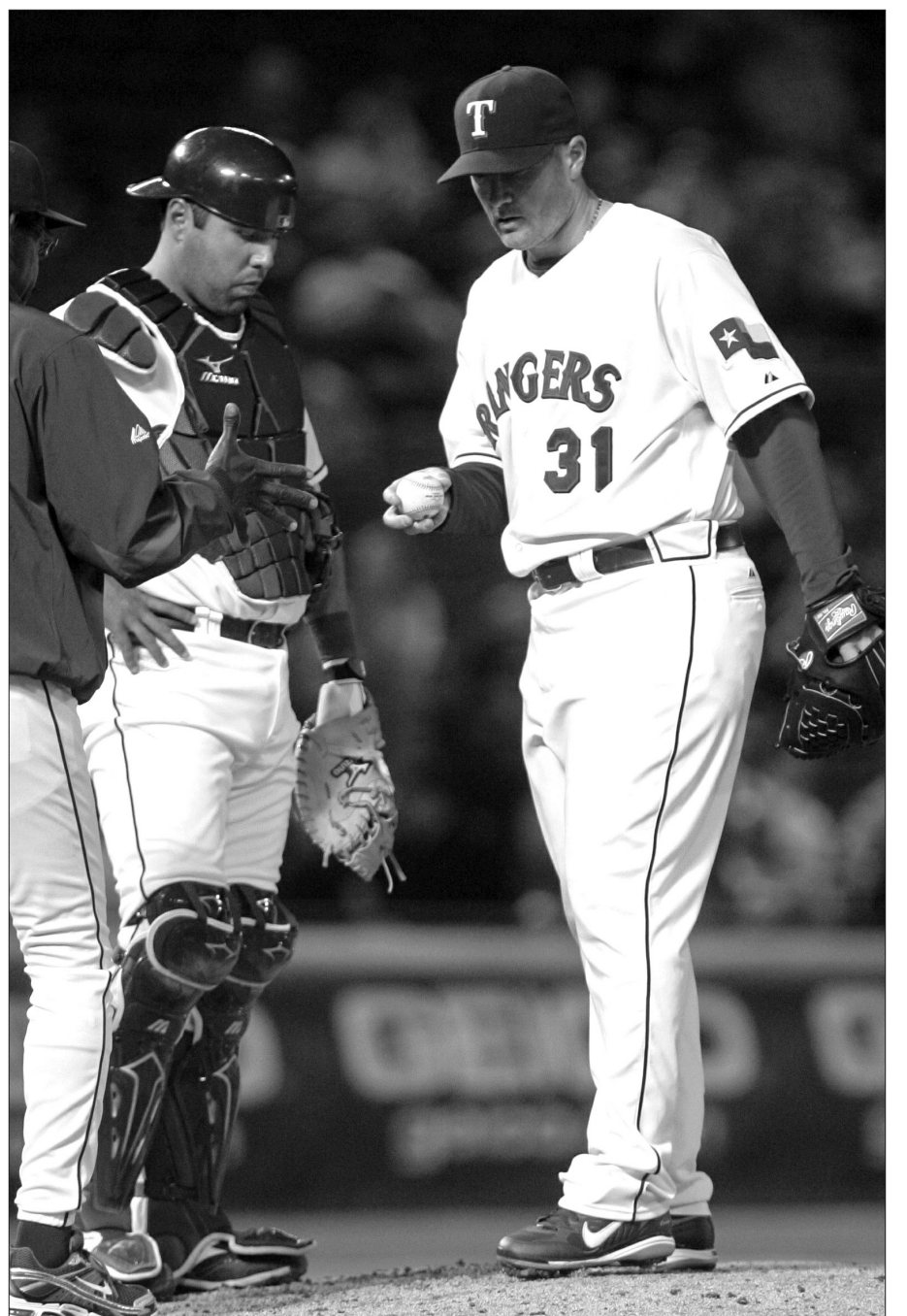
"(Byrd) probably wishes he had played it on one hop," Rangers manager Ron Washington said.

Jennings, a 16-game winner for Colorado in 2002 before right elbow problems threatened his career last season with Houston, gave up seven runs — six earned — and seven hits in 4 2-3 innings, increasing his ERA to 8.79 in three starts.

"He's coming off an arm injury and needs time," Washington said. "He has a track record of performing and we hope he starts performing the way he has in the past."

Jennings thought he threw the ball better than in his first two

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AP photo/LM Otero

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Jason Jennings (31) hands the game ball to manager Ron Washington, left, as he pulls Jennings as catcher Gerald Laird looks down during the fifth inning of a MLB baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels in Arlington Monday. Jennings ERA ballooned to a hefty 8.79 in the Rangers' 7-4 loss to Anaheim.

Obituaries

T.M. 'Hawaii' Morales



T.M. "Hawaii" Morales, 81, of Big Spring died Monday, April 14, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, led by Teresa Rocha. Burial with military honors will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born May 30, 1926, in Pecos to Cruz and Anastacio Morales. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Philippines during World War II and was awarded two Bronze Stars. He began his career in civil service at the Pyote Air Force Base before entering the Army. After the war, he returned to the Pyote Air Force Base and later transferred to Webb Air Force Base. He soon began work at the Big Spring Veterans Administration Hospital, where he served for 30 years. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and was also a Cursillista. He married Ascension Villalobos, Jan. 20, 1947, in Pecos.

He is survived by his wife, Ascencion "Chonita" Morales of Big Spring; two sons, Alfredo Morales and his wife Odila of Midland and Daniel Morales and his wife Frances of Seagoville; three daughters, Celia Ovalle and her husband Joe, Ida Leyva and her husband Joseph and Cynthia Islas and her husband Royce, all of Big Spring; 14 grandchildren, Alfonso Morales, Amy Morales, Rene Morales, Melinda Ruiz, Louisa Rangel, Veronica Stokes, Amanda Ovalle, Danika Morales, Randy Morales, Jeannette Acuna, Janelle Leyva, Matthew Islas, Ashli Islas and Cecili Islas; 17 great-grandchildren; and surrogate family, Karen and David Williams of Big Spring.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Thomas, Alfredo, Adan, Santiago and Manuel Morales; and one sister, Eva Morales.

Pallbearers will be Wylie Stokes, David Rodriguez, Rene Ruiz, Fernando Arriaga, Jose Acuna and Oscar Robles.

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

Paid obituary

Anna Hattenbach

Anna Hattenbach, 77, of Big Spring died Monday, April 14, 2008, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

• Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-10-21-25-32.
Number matching five of five: None.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 6-19-25-33. Bonus Ball: 25.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-3-9-4. Sum It Up: 20.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-2-7. Sum It Up: 11.



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Police blotter

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

- **SHEILA EISENBACH**, 24, transient, was arrested Monday on a local warrant.
- **ENRIQUE VELA III**, 30, of 1606 S. Main Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **STEVE RODRIGUEZ**, 26, of 100 N. Wasson Drive, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2400 block of Gregg Street.
- **FRAUDULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 48 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JOHN PAUL WILBON**, 36, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
 - **JAMEY SCOTT JOHNSON**, 45, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
 - **SHEILA EISENBACH**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.
 - **KIMBERLY RENEE MORRISON**, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on two Nolan County warrants.
 - **ANTHONY EUGENE TREVINO**, 21, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid.
 - **MIGUEL CALIXTO JR.**, 20, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of arson and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of 18th Street and Gregg. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of E. 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of 10th Street and Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry Saturday. Serving will be from noon to 3 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$8 each. Carryouts will be available. Delivery can be arranged by calling 263-2084 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Tickets for the Big Spring High School Prom will be on sale at the high school from noon until 1:30 p.m. each Friday leading up to the prom. Tickets cost \$20 each and must be paid for in cash. For more information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Karen Martin at 213-1388.

• Cross stitchers are needed to complete one or more blocks of this year's Howard County Fair quilt. All supplies are provided. Blocks may be picked up from Posey Cotton Office, 601 Scurry, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 263-1267 or 263-4980. This year's quilt theme is "Wildflowers of Texas." All proceeds from the sale of tickets for the quilt are used to defray the expenses of the Fair. The quilt will be awarded the last night of the fair.

• Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

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TODAY

- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- 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.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteers will be meeting at Papa Georgios at noon. For more information, call Gina Valencia at 517-4073.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 20 to 25 mph.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Cooler. Highs around 70. West winds 20 to 25 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon.

Thursday night...Mostly clear. Colder. Lows in the lower 40s.

Friday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s.

Saturday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.

Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s.

Sunday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.

Sunday night...Clear. Lows in the mid 50s.

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Ultimate champions



Courtesy photo

A local ultimate frisbee team called the Knights, consisting of several area youth, traveled to College Station March 22 to participate in the Texas State Ultimate Tournament. The Knights played a total of six games, winning all of them and bringing home a state title. In doing so, the Knights have qualified for the national tournament to be played at a later date in Kansas. The game consists of playings completing passes to each other with a disc or frisbee. Each time the offense completes a pass in the defense's end zone, a point is awarded. First team to 13 points wins the match. Pictured in the front row (left to right): Chris Brooks, Mason Hernandez, Caleb Chavez, Daniel New, Hutton Evans and Sammy Segundo. Back row (left to right): David Brooks, Sidney Parker, Jessie Sanchez, Cameron Hughey, Cade Hollingsworth, Josh Harris, Suraj Patel, Josh Urias, Nathan Atkinson, Lance Gross, Jake White, Ryan Hughey, Roger Kauss, Coley Hollingsworth and Hadden Phillips.

Local youth win in McKinney



Courtesy photo

The Midland Rattlers 13U Select Baseball team won the Super Series Qualifier American Division Tournament played April 5-6 in McKinney, Texas. Three players are from Big Spring — Gunnar Kennedy, Max Pappajohn and Jarred Dorporto. The Rattlers went undefeated with a record of 5-0 in the tournament winning the championship game 6-4 against the Texas Wranglers. Members of the Midland Rattlers are (front row left to right): Gunnar Kennedy, Lance White, Mason McClendon, Alex Mata and Ben Baccus. Second row left to right: Jack Wilkins, Max Pappajohn, Brent Stewart, Clay Adams and Jarred Doport. The team is coached by Alex Mata, Jeff White and Greg McClendon.

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contract.

Arora also said that if they can't get Jones reinstated they hope to at least ease the terms of his suspension, now going on more than a year, to make him more attractive.

Jones was the first defensive player drafted in 2005 with the sixth pick overall out of West Virginia, and he was Tennessee's best defender in 2005 and 2006.

Goodell suspended him on April 10, 2007, for his off-field conduct, which now includes six arrests since being drafted.

Jones settled the last of his criminal charges on Feb. 14 by entering

an Alford plea to obstruction of a police officer in Georgia, which left him with a felony conviction. Under an Alford plea, a defendant acknowledges there is enough evidence for a conviction without admitting guilt.

The commissioner has said he'll consider reinstating the cornerback before training camps open in July.

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BRIEFS

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gymnasium Saturday with all proceeds benefitting Relay for Life.

Registration is at 10 a.m. on the day of the tourney and costs \$5 a person. Teams should be comprised of four boys and four girls.

First game will be played at 11 a.m. A concession stand will be available.

Country club hosting 2008 Cancer Scramble April 26-27

The Big Spring Country Club along with several local sponsors are hosting the 2008 Cancer Scramble Golf Tournament April 26-27 with all proceeds from the event benefiting the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life.

The tourney's setup is a four-person scramble. Entrants can either make their own team or be assigned to one. The field will be flighted by first-round score.

Entry fee is \$75 per player plus a \$20 cart fee, however, private carts are

welcome.

Prizes will be given to first-, second- and third-place teams in the form of BSCC Pro Shop gift certificates.

Call the BSCC to enter at 267-5354.

Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic scheduled

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and ATMOS Energy are sponsoring

Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic to be held at the Big Spring Country Club May 17-18.

The tournament is limited to the first 100 paid teams with a two-man scramble format being used.

A handicap is required and the tourney will be pre-flighted by a tournament committee and local golf pro.

Entry fee is \$180 per team. All entries are to be paid in advance. The fee

includes access to the ATMOS Energy hospitality tent, free beverages, a barbecue lunch for both days, an afternoon shootout on May 16 and a golf goodie bag.

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What are the facts?
The "Israel lobby." A patriotic-named foundation urges, in full-page ads in national newspapers (very expensive — who pays for it?), to influence Congress to withhold support for Israel. Professors from prestigious universities write essays in which they aver that the United States is in thrall to the "Israel lobby." This lobby is said to pull the strings of American policy. Its supposed main promoters are AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) and the so-called "neo-cons," some of whom are indeed Jewish. They are said to exert an almost magical spell over policy makers, including the leaders of Congress and the President. Some even say that the Iraq war was promoted by this omnipotent "Israel lobby," that the President was flummoxed into declaring war on Saddam Hussein, not in order to defend the United States or to promote its interests, but in order to further the interests of Israel.

Israel is indeed a major recipient of U.S. aid. Israel receives yearly \$1.8 billion in military aid and \$1.2 billion in economic aid, a substantial portion of our yearly aid budget. Almost all of the military aid is spent in the United States, making Israel one of the major customers of the U.S. defense industry. Virtually all of the economic assistance goes for repayment of debt to the United States, incurred from military purchases dating back many years.

America's staunchest ally. A good case can be made that aid to Israel, certainly the military portion, should be part of the United States defense budget, rather than of the aid budget because Israel is, next only perhaps to Britain, by far the most important ally of the United States. Virtually without exception, Israel's government and its people agree with and support the foreign policy objectives of the United States. In the United Nations, Israel's votes coincide with those of the United States over 90% of the time. The Arabs and other Moslem countries, virtually all of them recipients

of American largess, almost reflexively vote against the United States in most instances. Israel is the major strategic asset of the United States in an area of the world that is the cradle of Islamo-fascism, which is dominated by tyrants and permeated by religious obscurantism and shows almost total disregard for human rights. During the decades-long Cold War, Israel was America's indispensable rampart against the inroads of the Soviet Union. It is now the bulwark against the aggressive intentions of Iran. During Desert Storm, Israel provided invaluable intelligence, an umbrella of air cover for military cargo, and had personnel planted in the Iraqi deserts to pick up downed American pilots.

Gen. George Keagan, former head of U.S. Air Force Intelligence, stated publicly that "Israel is worth five CIAs," with regard to intelligence passed to our country. He also stated that the yearly \$1.8 billion that Israel received in military assistance was worth \$50 to \$60 billion in intelligence, R&D savings, and Soviet weapons systems captured and transferred to the Pentagon. In contrast to our commitments in Korea, Japan, Germany, and other parts, not a single American serviceman needs to be stationed in Israel. Considering that the cost of one serviceman per year — including backup and infrastructure — is estimated to be about \$200,000, and assuming a minimum contingent of 25,000 troops, the cost savings to the United States on that score alone is on the order of \$5 billion a year.

Israel effectively secures NATO's southeastern flank. Its superb harbor, its outstanding military installations, the air and sea lift capabilities, and the trained manpower to maintain sophisticated equipment are readily at hand in Israel. It is the only country that makes itself available to the United States in any contingency. Yes, Israel is not a burden, but a tremendous asset to the United States.

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COUNTY

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back in production for a few days.

According to Lane McMillan, spokesperson for Laredo Paving, the court will have to travel nearly five hours north into the Panhandle if it wants to fill its asphalt order for 2008.

"Dumas is the closest I've heard about," McMillan told commissioners. "I've talked to officials with Alon USA, and they believe they will be able to produce their plain vanilla product by the middle of next month, but I don't know how much good that's going to do you folks."

Instead of abandoning the aggregate bids in light of the asphalt problems, however, the court struck a deal with McMillan and Laredo Paving, which agreed to accept payment for the rock and store it until the county calls for it.

"We'll go ahead and award the bid now, and add a note to the contract to make way for a fuel adjustment for any rise in fuel costs for shipping the aggregate to us," said County Judge Mark Barr.

McMillan said storing the rock will be no problem for his company, but dirt and dust could become a problem for the county if the product has to sit on his lot for too long.

"I just want to make sure you understand there will probably be some dust and dirt gather if we stockpile this," McMillan told the court. "You're probably going to have to have your guys rinse it before you use it."

In the meantime, Jameson said its unclear

when the county will be able to purchase asphalt.

"We had two bid packages picked up, but none of them were returned," said Jameson.

Also Monday, the court approved a \$25-per-month contract with Kenneth Steen to operate a concession stand in the courthouse lobby, but according to Barr, a number of health code problems could prevent it from ever opening.

"The health department has already told them they cannot cook the food at home and then bring it here to the courthouse to sell," said Barr, "so they are facing a number of pretty steep hurdles at this point. There are also some problems with the size of the room, making it nearly impossible for them to get their equipment in. We'll just have to wait and see what happens."

Commissioners also heard from Howard County Library Director Hollis McCright during a special budget meeting. McCright cited problems with the library's roof, including water leaks along the west side of the facility and continuing with leaks in the basement.

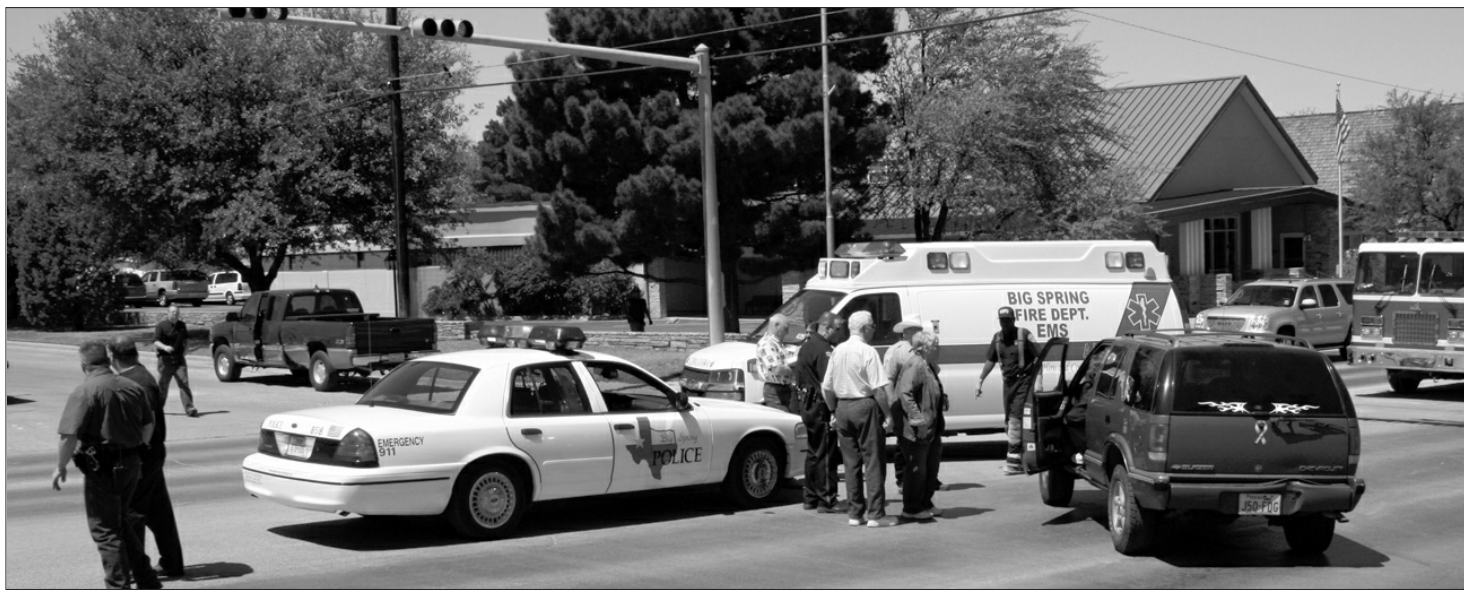
She said those problems and a lack of preventative maintenance were putting the library at risk for serious damage.

Commissioners will be holding similar meetings with other county department heads over the next few months in preparation for budget hearings later this year.

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



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Law enforcement officials direct traffic around a pair of vehicles involved in a crash near the intersection of 18th Street and Gregg Monday afternoon. According to witnesses at the scene, a Toyota (not pictured) — along with this white Ford SUV — were forced from the roadway while traveling south on Gregg by a green Chevrolet Suburban that veered into oncoming traffic while traveling north. At least one person was transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center with unknown injuries.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Emergency responders direct traffic around an accident at the intersection of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Gregg Street Monday afternoon involving a gray Blazer and a Chevy Z71 pickup. The accident occurred only moments after a second accident was reported only blocks away on Gregg Street. No life threatening injuries were reported as a result of the accident.

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ARREST

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arson, evading arrest/detention and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Also arrested were Cassandra Kathleen Villa, 18, and Quinten Lee Little, 19, who were taken into custody Thursday and also

charged with arson and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

According to HCSO Chief Deputy Mark Hall, the four are accused of stealing a brown Chevrolet Z71 pickup from a residence on S. Highway 87.

"We received a report of a vehicle fire on Gail Highway the Morning of March 11," said Hall. "We

responded, along with the fire department. Shortly after the fire was reported, the owner of the vehicle reported it missing.

"We investigated the incident for possible insurance fraud, but found nothing to indicate that's what had happened.

The truck was a total loss, but it wasn't completely destroyed and we were able to recover evidence

from the wreckage." Hall is still investigating the case.

"At this point in the investigation it looks like revenge was the motive for the theft of the vehicle and the arson," said Hall.

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JOBS

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Development Area is listed at 3.2 percent. Within the Permian Basin Workforce Development Area, there are 197,204 employed individuals, compared to last year's figure of 194,115."

Most other area counties managed to come in

under the state average as well, with Midland, 2.6 percent; Ector, 3.1 percent; Martin, 3.2 percent; Dawson, 4.8 percent; Borden, 3.8 percent; Glasscock, 3.3 percent; Andrews, 2.9 percent; and Upton, 3.1 percent.

"Job seekers interested in any job listings in www.workintexas.com can contact me or Marie Benavides at 432-263-8373 for more information and

referrals," said Gross. "We continue to have a critical demand in our area for correctional officers, welders, pipe fitters, boilermakers, LVNs, RNs, diesel mechanics, truck drivers, case managers and oil field workers."

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BSISD

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enrolling kindergarten students for the 2008-09 school year will be held during school hours Tuesday, May 6, through Friday, May 9. All Elementary campuses will be open until 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8, to

accommodate those parents who may be unable to register their enrolling kindergarten student from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All enrolling kindergarten students will need to register at the campus that is

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RANGERS

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starts this season, but he offered no excuses.

"I can't put us in a hole," Jennings said. "To not have a shutdown inning after we scored three in the first was a bummer. The thing is, I felt really good. There were some positives in how I threw the ball the last three innings."

Scioscia was ejected in the eighth for arguing a called third strike against Guerrero.

The Angels had the bases loaded with two outs in the eighth when home plate umpire Joe West called out Guerrero on a pitch by Jamey Wright that appeared to be low.

Guerrero stared at West and Scioscia came out of the dugout to dispute the call, receiving his first ejection of the season and 18th of his career.

Tigers 11, Twins 9

Ivan Rodriguez and the Detroit Tigers roared back from two big deficits to avoid another loss.

The struggling Tigers

twice trailed by five runs Monday night, but Rodriguez tied it with a two-run triple during a huge eighth inning and scored the go-ahead run on Jacque Jones' sacrifice fly in an 11-9 victory over the visiting Minnesota Twins.

One night after manager Jim Leyland lashed into his team following an 11-0 loss to the Chicago White Sox, Detroit responded. The big bats finally broke loose and the Tigers scored six times in the eighth, improving to 1-6 at home this season and 3-10 overall — still the worst record in baseball.

Not the start this \$139 million team was looking for, but better than 2-11.

"That's what everybody expected from this lineup," said Carlos Guillen, who had three RBIs. "But we have to be more consistent because it's a long season."

At Detroit, Rodriguez also homered in the seventh and the Tigers' much-hyped lineup finally came through by setting a season high for runs.

Todd Jones put two on with two outs in the ninth and needed a tricky catch

by left fielder Ryan Raburn to nail down his second save.

Francis Beltran (1-0) worked a scoreless eighth for the win, and Pat Neshek (0-1) took the loss.

"You saw a little of what the Tigers can do when you don't make pitches," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said.

Red Sox 6, Indians 4

It was a long winter for the Cleveland Indians after they blew a 3-1 lead against Boston in the AL championship series, and the first meeting between the teams this season had a familiar ending.

Six months later, the Red Sox came back on Cleveland again.

Manny Ramirez hit a two-run homer — No. 493 of his career — and Boston rallied for three runs in the ninth inning against closer Joe Borowski (0-2) for a 6-4 win over the Indians in a stunning rerun of their 2007 playoff series.

In other AL games, it was: New York 8, Tampa Bay 7; Kansas City 5, Seattle 1; Baltimore 4, Toronto 3; Los Angeles 7, Texas 4; and Oakland 2, Chicago 1.

SPURS

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the spark, making a jumper, a 3-point basket and finding Garcia open for a fastbreak dunk.

The Kings played without injured Kevin Martin and Ron Artest, their two leading scorers. Starting center Brad Miller also did not play.

San Antonio, which has won 50 or more games the past nine years, has the current longest playoff streak with 11 straight appearances. The Spurs will be trying to win their fifth NBA championship in 10 seasons.

Popovich went to his bench frequently, starting in the opening quarter when four reserves were on the court within the game's opening 8 minutes. The Spurs' leading scorer, Manu Ginobili, missed his third straight game with a strained left groin.

Duncan made all five shots in the first quarter, when the Spurs shot 74 percent and led 36-26. Duncan scored 14 points and Oberto had 13 for the Spurs, who led 56-51 at the half. Salmons scored

16 points for the Kings through two quarters.

Suns 122, Warriors 116

No stunning upsets on the horizon for the Golden State Warriors. They won't even be in the playoffs this spring.

A year after shocking Western Conference leader Dallas in the first round of the playoffs, the Warriors were eliminated from contention 122-116 by Phoenix on Monday night. The loss clinched the eighth spot for Denver.

"We gave our all, we played hard to the end," guard Monta Ellis said. "The better team won."

Amare Stoudemire scored 11 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter and Phoenix recovered after blowing a 17-point lead.

Steve Nash nearly had a triple-double with 13 points, 14 assists and nine rebounds as the Suns remained in the midst of a scramble for playoff positioning and possible home-court advantage in the first round.

Stephen Jackson scored 16 of his 23 points in the Warriors' third-quarter comeback. Ellis added 20 points, Kelenna Azubuike

17 and Andris Biedrins 16. Baron Davis was benched for the second half by coach Don Nelson.

Elsewhere Monday night, it was Utah 105, Houston 96; San Antonio 101, Sacramento 98; Washington 117, Indiana 110; Cleveland 91, Philadelphia 90; Chicago 151, Milwaukee 135; Boston 99, New York 93; and Toronto 91, Miami 75.

Jazz 105, Rockets 96

At Salt Lake City, Carlos Boozer had 21 points and 11 rebounds, pulling the Jazz even with the Rockets in the muddled Western Conference standings with one game to go.

Both teams are 54-27, but by winning two of three against the Rockets, the Jazz would hold home-court advantage if they still have identical records after Wednesday and meet in the opening round of the playoffs.

Mehmet Okur added 12 points and 12 rebounds for the Jazz, who won for the sixth time in seven games and finished their home schedule 37-4.

Tracy McGrady and Luis Scola scored 22 each for Houston.

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This event spotlights what today's youth are doing to make a difference in the world. When given the opportunity, young people are great assets and resources to their communities, providing unique perspectives and skills.

For more information, your readers can visit www.ysa.org, or write to Youth Service America, 1101 15th St. N.W., Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20005. They can also find volunteer opportunities in their communities at www.servenet.org.

— Steve Culbertson, President and CEO, Youth Service America
Dear Steve Culbertson: Thanks so much for letting us once again mention this worthwhile project. We hope all our readers, young or old, will check out the websites you mention and become involved in local volunteer programs.

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It's also a wonderful educational opportunity for teachers and students.

Dear Annie: I find your column quite helpful and was wondering if you are aware of any medical solutions for getting rid of body hair.

I have tried the traditional ways of shaving and waxing (that hurt), but they're not enough. I really have an overabundance everywhere on my body, including my back and ears. I swim quite a bit at our local YMCA, and there was a recent family swimming event where one of the topics of pool conversation was excessive hair. It made me very uncomfortable.

If you could please advise me, it will be most appreciated. — Illinois Man

Dear Illinois: Some excess body hair, especially on women, can be due to a hormonal imbalance. See your doctor for a complete checkup and mention your concerns. Otherwise, the best methods are the traditional ones, such as shaving, waxing and depilatories, and you might be a good candidate for laser removal or electrolysis, which will give you more permanent results.

Dear Annie: You want to know how kids feel when Mom leaves the marriage? My parents divorced when I was 17. Mom cheated on Dad with a man who killed his wife during a custody dispute. Mom testified as a character witness in his defense.

Mom was caring and involved when I was young. After I turned 13, the main attention I got came in the form of rules and punishments. Annie, all I ever did was get straight A's. I never touched drugs or alcohol or messed around with boys.

I don't blame her for divorcing Dad. He was difficult. We kids alternated one week at each parent's house. However, since my academic, athletic and social life was so full, I asked whether I could move monthly rather than weekly. Mom insisted she couldn't have me around for a whole month at a time because I was "impossible to live with." So I stayed with Dad. I finally had to tell my mother I didn't want to hear from her anymore because it only made me unhappy.

Now, years later, she wants to mend the relationship. I told her to pay Dad back for a fair share of my college tuition. (She received a sizable inheritance and can well afford it.) But apparently her feud with my father is more important than a relationship with me. — Sometimes Mom is the Cheater

Dear Sometimes: Too bad Mom is more interested in herself than

in you. Our condolences.

Dear Annie: I am a 38-year-old divorced mother with two sons, and I've been dating "Tim" for five years. Tim is 40, never married and still lives at home with his parents and a 47-year-old brother.

Tim and I were engaged (I popped the question), but while planning the wedding, he started acting odd. I asked what was wrong, and he said he was afraid of being a stepparent and concerned about the amount of fighting between us. He also said I wasn't the woman he "pictured he would marry." So I called it off, completely dejected. We reconciled a few months later, started couples counseling and things seemed to be progressing smoothly.

To figure out if he could handle being a parent, he moved in with me six months ago. Last week, I again brought up marriage. That led to an argument, and I finally told him to make a commitment or move out.

Tim says he loves me and wants to spend the rest of his life with me, but he needs more time. Yet, he never follows through on anything, and every time I want to discuss our future, he shuts down and runs away to his parents' house.

I've told his mother that allowing him to live there as an adult has stifled him emotionally. Tim has no real life experience (paying rent, taxes, grocery bills, etc.) and is petrified of adult responsibility. I asked her to not allow him to return home, but she refused. I've also spoken to his brother, who says I should be less demanding and more understanding.

I love Tim and his family, but I've been more than patient. What else can I do? — Fool in Love

Dear Fool: Tim is a little boy pretending to be a man. Of course he's scared. He will never be able to commit to you or anyone else (nor would you want him to) until he learns to stand on his own two feet. If you are looking for marriage in the not-too-distant future, you will have to find it elsewhere.

Dear Annie: "Curious in the East" asked how kids feel when Mom is the one who leaves the family.

My mother left when I was 16. She had an affair with a friend whom we knew well. She chose him over us, but she still expects us to be the ones to call and write. She is more concerned about the latest fashions and getting her nails done than her children and grandkids. She is the most selfish person I know.

Am I still angry? Absolutely. The feeling of abandonment manifests itself in behavior that is with you for the rest of your life. — Don't Want To Be Like Her

Annie's Snippet for Income Tax Day (credit humorist F.J. Raymond): "Next to being shot at and missed, nothing is really quite as satisfying as an income tax refund."

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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NOTICE OF ELECTION
STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HOWARD §
TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS
OF THE BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an election will be held within Big Spring Independent School District, on Saturday, May 10, 2008, as provided in the Order Calling Bond Election passed by the Board of Trustees of Big Spring Independent School District, a substantial copy of which Order is printed below.

ORDER OF BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING A SPECIAL BOND ELECTION AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT THERETO
STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HOWARD §
BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Big Spring Independent School District (the "District") held a regular meeting on February 14, 2008, and that said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551; and,

WHEREAS, the District deems it advisable to call the special bond election hereinafter ordered; and,

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined at said meeting that (1) it is in the public interest that the special bond election hereinafter ordered should be conducted jointly with the City of Big Spring, Texas (the "City"); (2) the hereinafter called election meets the requirements for a joint election under section 271.001, et seq., of the Texas Election Code; (3) pursuant to the Election Service Contract with Howard County, Texas (the "County"), the hereinafter called election shall be conducted by the Howard County Elections Administrator; and, (4) it is in the public interest for the District to hold the hereinafter called election on May 10, 2008, a uniform election date established by section 41.001 (a) of the Texas Election Code; and,

WHEREAS, the Election Service Contract with the County provides for the administration of such election by the County through the Howard County Clerk, Sandra Bloom, who shall serve as the Elections Administrator, pursuant to Texas Election Code, Chapter 31; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT:

1. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof. An Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 10, 2008. Such Election is to be conducted with the City, as provided by Chapter 271, et seq., of the Texas Election Code, and the Election Service Contract between the County and the District (the "Election Contract"). For the Election, the entire District shall constitute a single election precinct which Election shall occur at the following designated polling place(s), and with the following election officers, who have been appointed to hold said Election:

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
Howard College
1001 Birdwell Lane
Big Spring, Texas 79720
Presiding Judge:
Jane Hammond
Alternate Judge:
Shana McGee

2. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) but no more than five (5) qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting the Election; provided that if any Presiding Judge actually serves as expected, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of such clerks.

3. Early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance at the Main Early Voting Place at:

Howard County Courthouse,
3rd Floor
300 Main Street
Big Spring, TX 79720

Early voting shall be conducted according to the Joint Election Agreement, and during the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being April 28, 2008 through May 6, 2008. Early voting shall be conducted each day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays or legal state holidays, when there shall be no early voting by personal appearance, and shall occur at the following dates and times:

Date
Monday, April 28, 2008
Times
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Date
Tuesday, April 29, 2008
Times
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Date
Wednesday, April 30, 2008
Times
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Date
Thursday, May 1, 2008
Times
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Date
Friday, May 2, 2008
Times
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Date
Monday, May 5, 2008
Times
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Date
Tuesday, May 6, 2008
Times
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Main Early Voting Polling Place shall at all times remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance.

4. In accordance with the Elec-

tion Services Contract, the Early Voting Clerk for the Election shall be the Sandra Bloom, Howard County Clerk. Applications for early voting by mail shall be sent to Sandra Bloom, Early Voting Clerk, PO Box 1468, Big Spring, Texas 79721. Application for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 2, 2008.

5. Any applications for ballots by mail received by the District shall immediately be forwarded to Sandra Bloom for processing.

6. An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election. The Howard County Clerk, Sandra Bloom, shall appoint the Presiding Judge of the early voting ballot board, and the Presiding Judge, in turn, shall appoint at least two (2) other members to serve on the Early Voting Ballot Board.

7. All qualified electors of and residing in the District shall be entitled to vote at the Election.

8. At the Election, the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION
Shall the Board of Trustees of Big Spring Independent School District be authorized to issue bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$34,000,000 for the construction, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the District, and purchase of sites for school buildings, with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with the law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds?

9. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION
--- FOR
--- AGAINST
) THE ISSUANCE OF \$34,000,000 OF BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND THE PURCHASE OF SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, IN AND FOR THE BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX FOR PAYMENT THEREOF.

10. A substantial copy of this Order, in both English and Spanish, shall serve as proper Notice of the Election (the "Notice"), and the President of the Board of Trustees shall cause the Notice to be published at least one time, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District, or if none is published in the District, in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. In addition, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the Election, or not later than the next business day if the 21st day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the President of the Board of Trustees shall cause the Notice, in both English and Spanish, to be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meeting of the Board of Trustees, and at any other location(s) and by any other method as the District deems fit or may be required by law.

11. A substantial copy of this order delivered to the Election Judge(s) and Alternate Election Judge(s) within the time required by law shall be proper notice as required under Texas Election Code, and the President of the Board of Trustees shall cause this order and all other necessary notices to be posted and delivered to the Election Judges and any Alternates stated herein, as may be required by law.

12. In all respects the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and any other applicable state or federal law. Voting at said Election on election day and early voting by personal appearance shall be by use of paper ballot or an electronic voting machine, which has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State for use in Texas elections as an accessible voting system. Voting by mail shall be by paper ballots.

AVISO DE ELECCIONES
ESTADO DE TEXAS §
CONDADO DE HOWARD §
A LOS ELECTORES REGISTRADOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE BIG SPRING:

MEDIANTE ESTE DOCUMENTO SE COMUNICA QUE se celebraran elecciones en el Distrito escolar independiente de Big Spring, el sabado 10 de mayo de 2008, segun esta previsto en la Orden de convocatoria de elecciones para la emision de bonos aprobada por el Consejo de administracion del Distrito escolar independiente de Big Spring, cuya copia fiel se incluye a continuacion:

ORDEN DE CONVOCATORIA DE ELECCIONES ESPECIALES EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE BIG SPRING PARA LA EMISION DE BONOS Y QUE ESTABLECE LAS NORMAS PARA PROCEDER EN LAS ELECCIONES Y DEMAS ASUNTOS INHERENTES A LAS MISMAS
ESTADO DE TEXAS §
CONDADO DE HOWARD §

DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE BIG SPRING §

POR CUANTO, el Consejo de administracion del Distrito escolar independiente de Big Spring (el "Distrito") se reunio el dia 14 de febrero de 2008, estando dicha reunion abierta al publico, y habiendose dado aviso publico de la hora, lugar y proposito de dicha reunion, segun lo exige el Capitulo 551 del Codigo gubernamental de Texas; y

POR CUANTO, el Distrito considera aconsejable convocar las elecciones especiales para la emision de bonos que mas adelante se ordenan, y

POR CUANTO, en dicha reunion se declaro y determino oficialmente que: (1) es en interes publico que la celebracion de las elecciones, de aque en adelant ordenadas, deberia llevarse a cabo conjuntamente con la ciudad de Big Spring, Texas (la "Ciudad"); (2) la celebracion de las elecciones de aqui en adelante convocadas cumple los requisitos de elecciones conjuntas a tenor de la seccion 271.000 y siguientes del Codigo electoral de Texas; (3) de conformidad con el Contrato de servicio de elecciones con el condado de Howard, Texas (el "Condado"), las elecciones de aqui en adelante convocadas las llevara a cabo el Administrador electoral del Condado de Howard, y (4) es en interes publico que el Distrito celebre las elecciones de aqui en adelante convocadas el dia 10 de mayo de 2008, fecha uniforme para la celebracion de elecciones segun se establece en la seccion 41.001 (a) del Codigo electoral de Texas, y

POR CUANTO, el Contrato de servicio de elecciones con el Condado dispone que el Condado administre dichas elecciones a traves del Actuario del Condado de Howard, Sandra Bloom, que actuara como Administrador electoral, de conformidad con el Capitul 31 del Codigo electoral de Texas; y,

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, EL CONSEJO DE ADMINISTRACION DEL DISTRITO ORDENA:

1. Las declaraciones contenidas en el preambulo de esta Orden son ciertas y correctas y has sido adoptadas como conclusiones de hecho y disposiciones operativas del presente documento. Se celebraran elecciones especiales para la emision de bonos en el Distrito entre las 7:00 de la manana y las 7:00 de la tarde, el dia 10 de mayo de 2008. Dichas Elecciones se celebraran con la Ciudad, segun el capitulo 271 y siguientes del Codigo electoral de Texas y el Contrato de servicio de elecciones entre el Condado y el distrito ("Contrato de elecciones"). Para las Elecciones, el Distrito en su totalidad era la unica circunscripcion electoral y dichas Elecciones tendran lugar en el centro o centros electoral(es) designado(s), y con los oficiales electorales nombrados para celebrar dichas Elecciones:

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(Coliseo Dorothy Garrett)
Howard College
1001 Birdwell Lane
Big Spring, Texas 79720
Juez presidente:
Jane Hammond
Juez suplente:
Shana McGee

2. El Juez presidente nombrara no menos de dos (2) ni mas de cinco (5) secretarios electorales cualificados para servir y ayudar en la celebracion de las Elecciones. Cuando el Juez presidente ejerza sus funciones como tal, el Juez suplente sera uno de dichos secretarios.

3. La votacion adelantada sera en persona en el Centro electoral principal para la votacion adelantada:

Howard County Courthouse,
3rd Floor
(Juzgado del Condado de Howard, 3er piso)
300 Main Street
Big Spring, TX 79720

La votacion adelantada se llevara a cabo de conformidad con el Acuerdo de elecciones conjuntas, y durante el periodo de votacion adelantada permitido o dispuesto por la ley, siendo desde el 28 de abril de 2008 hasta el 6 de mayo de 2008. La votacion adelantada se llevara a cabo a diario, excepto sabados, domingos o fiestas estatales legales en las que no habra votacion adelantada en persona, y tendralugar en las siguientes fechas y horarios:

Fecha
Lunes, 28 de abril de 2008
Horario
De 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
Fecha
Martes, 29 de abril de 2008
Horario
De 8:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m.
Fecha
Miercoles, 30 de abril de 2008
Horario
De 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
Fecha
Jueves, 1 de mayo de 2008
Horario
De 8:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m.
Fecha
Viernes, 2 de mayo de 2008
Horario
De 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
Fecha
Lunes, 5 de mayo de 2008
Horario
De 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
Fecha
Martes, 6 de mayo de 2008
Horario
De 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

El Centro electoral principal para la votacion adelantada permanecera abierto durante dicho horario establecido para la votacion adelantada en persona.

4. De conformidad con el Contrato de servicio de elecciones, la Secretaria de la botacion adelantada para dichas Elecciones sera el Actuario del Condado de Howard, Sandra Bloom. Las solicitudes para la votacion adelantada por correo se enviarian a Sandra Bloom, Early Voting Clerk, PO Box

1468. Big Spring, Texas 79721. Las solicitudes de boleta por correo deberan recibirse en fecha no posterior al cierre del horario comercial del dia 2 de mayo de 2008.

5. Todas las solicitudes de boleta por correo que se reciban en el Distrito se enviarian de inmediato a Sandra Bloom para que sean procesadas.

6. Se creara un consejo de boleta para procesar los resultados de la votacion adelantada en las Elecciones conjuntas. El Actuario del condado de Howard, Sandra Bloom, nombrara al Juez presidente del consejo de boleta para la votacion adelantada quien, a su vez, nombrara al menos dos (2) miembros mas para servir en el consejo de boleta para la votacion adelantada.

7. Todos los electores culificados del Distrito y que residan en el mismo, tendran derecho a votar en las elecciones.

8. En las Elecciones, se presentara la siguiente PROPOSICION de acuerdo con la ley:

PROPOSICION
El Consejo de administracion del Distrito escolar independiente de Big Spring queda autorizado para emitir bonos del Distrito, que tendran fecha de vencimiento, devengara intereses, y seran emitidos y vendidos de acuerdo con la ley en el momento de su emision, en una o mas series, por un importe total de capital de \$34,000,000, para la construccion, reformas y equipamiento de edificios escolares en el Distrito y la compra de terrenos necesarios para los edificios escolares? El Consejo de administracion queda autorizado para gravar y avalar, y hacer que se calculen y recauden impuestos anuales ad valorem, sobre todas las propiedades sujetas a impuestos en el Distrito, suficientes para pagar el capital e intereses de los bonos, sin limite en cuanto a la tasa o cantidad?

9. (a) Las boletas oficiales para las Elecciones se prepararan de acuerdo con el Codigo electoral de Texas, a fin de permitir a los electores votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de la PROPOSICION anterior, y dichas boletas incluiran las disposiciones, anotaciones y lenguaje que la ley exige, y cuya PROPOSICION quedara expresada sustancialmente de la manera siguiente:

PROPOSICION
-----A FAVOR
-----EN CONTRA

) LA EMISION DE BONOS POR VALOR DE \$34,000,000 PARA LA CONSTRUCCION, REFORMA Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES Y LA COMPRA DE TERRENOS NECESARIOS PARA LOS EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN Y PARA EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE BIG SPRING Y EL GRAVAMEN DE IMPUESTOS PARA EL PAGO CORRESPONDIENTE

10. Una copia fiel de esta Orden, en ingles y en espanol, servira como Aviso apropiado de las elecciones (el "Aviso") y el Presidente del Consejo de administracion hara que dicho Aviso se publique en un periodico del Distrito o, si no se publicara periodico alguno en el Distrito, en un periodico de circulacion general en el Distrito, al menos una vez, en fecha no anterior a 30 dias ni posterior a 10 dias antes del dia fijado para las Elecciones. Ademas, en fecha no posterior a 21 dias antes del dia fijado para las Elecciones, ni posterior al dia laboral siguiente al dia 21 si este fuera sabado o domingo, el Presidente del Consejo de administracion hara que se coloque el Aviso, en ingles y en espanol, en el tablero de anuncios utilizado para la colocacion de avisos de las reuniones del Consejo de administracion y en cualquier otro lugar o lugares y de la manera que el Distrito considere apropiado o segun lo exija la ley.

11. Se entregara una copia fiel de esta Orden a los jueces electorales y a los jueces electorales suplentes en el plazo establecido por la ley, y dicha copia servira de aviso apropiado segun lo exige el Codigo electoral de Texas, y el Presidente del Consejo de administracion hara que esta orden y todos los demas avisos necesarios se anuncien y entreguen a los Jueces electorales y suplentes mencionados en este documento, segun lo exija la ley.

12. En todos los respectos, las Elecciones se celebraran de conformidad con el Codigo electoral de Texas y cualquier ley estatal o federal aplicable. La votacion de dichas Elecciones el dia fijado para las elecciones, o durante la votacion adelantada en persona, se hara mediante el uso de boleta de papel o de un sistema de votacion electronica, certificado por el Secretario de Estado de Texas para su uso en las elecciones en Texas como sistema accesible de votacion. La votacion por correo se hara mediante el uso de boleta de papel.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

If you've ever taken on a questionable project, and by virtue of going through the process to completion

redeemed its value in spades, you understand Virgo energy. Today's Virgo moon relishes the particulars of getting a job done and doing it well. Likewise, if you encounter kinks on the way, a method (or manual) fixes things in a jiffy.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone looks up to you because of all you've done right lately. But it's your mistakes that allow you to meaningfully connect with this one. It's a relief to know you're an imperfect human, just like the rest of us.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're a what-you-see-is-what-you-get kind of person. You prefer not to pretend or hide. Still, you recognize that everyone — even you — has a private world in which there are secrets of all size. You'll learn one today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Planets focus on the physical you. Taking care of your body shouldn't feel like a chore — it's supposed to be fun. If it feels like a grind to work up a good sweat then it's definitely time to find a new way to get moving.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Good friends throw mischief and madness into your daily mix. Some antics are not so amusing at first. Still, the only thing to do is laugh. Eventually this all seems extremely funny.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Hard work is a virtue. But not if you're only working hard because you can't seem to find the path of least resistance. Ask people who know the lay of the land. Don't fight a battle you thought you had already won.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're developing a stronger feeling of belonging, to a family, group of friends or organization. This unity springs from a deeper sense of belonging to yourself — accepting yourself for who you are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Good luck might look like bad luck and vice versa, so it's best not to worry about luck at all. Take it as it is and make no judgment. You're extremely creative using whatever comes your way as a resource.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The start of a project was hopeful and bright. Now the real work starts. The hardest part is holding on to that hope. Keep reminding yourself of the shining, colorful vision you originally had.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You never know how people will respond to your requests until you make them. And the only way to get better at asking things is to keep asking. Soon you'll be as gracious and smooth as you always wanted to be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may realize that the tale you've been telling in casual

conversation isn't the whole story. It's just one way to tell it — a way that no longer fits the new you. Give your history a rewrite.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Accounting snafus are meant to get your attention, not to ruin your day. Be aware of what needs to be handled and then figure out how you can manage it. Allow yourself no longer than five minutes of worry.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your tendency to behave in a certain rhythm will be challenged when someone knocks you off your clock. You're amazingly versatile when you relax.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My mentor and professional hero has fallen in love with me. I feel very nourished by our developing relationship, but also apprehensive. Is there danger in this mixing of roles or am I apprehensive because I am a Capricorn responding to social standards (he's older, he's my mentor, and in an ill-defined marriage)?"

With your innate understanding of "right" and "wrong" Capricorn, you're admirably — and inescapably — ethical. In other words, I'm concerned that if this relationship advances into territory that feels unsafe or immoral to you, you could wind up feeling transgressed.

Many Capricorn women are romantic suckers for power and authority, aka the boss (he doesn't have to be your boss either, just be in charge of people and pretty good at it). Yet power is your allure, too — and what is power but an ability to influence others? Before sexual chemistry usurps your chance to be powerful, why not tell him, in a straightforward fashion, what feels right and wrong for you? By honoring your integrity, you'll cull out his. And for you there's nothing sexier than a powerful (SET ITAL) and (END ITAL) righteous man.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Whatever Victoria Beckham wants to do, she does it. Although Posh presents as one put-together chick, with both Mercury and the sun in Aries, she's got a spontaneous, fun-loving side — it's just highly controlled by a Mars-Saturn aspect, a keynote of grit and determination. Posh's passions end up fueling some form of calculated risk-taking, lending her Aries sun an entrepreneurial signature.

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OTHER VIEWS

Legislature should finish its CHIP task

Say the words "Texas" and "health insurance," and it's pretty certain that "worst," "last" or "lost chances" will follow close behind. Last year, though, Texas leaders got fed up with the selfishly politicized plight of uninsured children and made two powerful changes.

The results are better than the state's health commission could have imagined. After an unpromising start, the Legislature changed a bad law and partially restored CHIP, the federal/state child health insurance program for the working poor. Then hospitals, schools and businesses collaborated with child health activists to get eligible youngsters signed up.

Here's how they've done: By April, when the reforms were fully in effect, 108,914 children had joined the thrifty CHIP program. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission had predicted a grand total of 129,000 new enrollees by 2009.

After years of uninsured children needlessly becoming sick or dying, Texas lawmakers, advocates and business leaders have reason to be proud. They ought to take a moment to savor a job well done. Then they should lose not a second more before completing the task: About 1.5 million Texas children remain uninsured.

Making the connection between parents, eligible children and affordable health coverage requires several pieces of policy machinery to move at once. Restoring CHIP's 12-month enrollment period was an essential cog. Another was allowing eligible families to have \$10,000 rather than \$5,000 in savings, and to deduct child-care costs when calculating their income. Families no longer have to re-enroll every six months or trade their economic safety cushion for insurance.

After the restoration passed, advocates had to tackle the nagging problem of underenrollment. In fall 2007, the Children's Defense Fund joined Houston hospitals and the Houston Independent School District to reduce the problem.

Under the 100 Percent Campaign, as it's called, HISD included a simple insurance question on all its enrollment forms. Then local hospitals hired HISD specialists to study those forms, flagging every uninsured child and pinpointing the most suitable coverage whether CHIP, Medicaid or a Harris County Gold Card.

To connect children with insurance, businesses, including HEB food stores, and school leaders joined in. Principal Maria Moreno of Gulfton's Las Americas Middle School put the parents of uninsured kids on a weekly auto-call. The most recent message promises the calls will stop when parents sign their children up for insurance.

Texas CHIP enrollment has hit its highest level since January 2004.

Most Texans now know that CHIP and Medicaid are cost-effective, and we see that efforts to enroll children can work.

But we still need to cover all of Texas' 1.5 million uninsured minors. It is time to separate the words "Texas," "health insurance" and "lost chances" for good.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we involve others in our lives, Lord, showing Your love.

Amen

Prisons have become national symbol

Everybody loves a milestone. Especially the press. Let someone turn 100 or survive 50 years of marriage or complete the Appalachian Trail and reporters are all over them like a tent. Thus when the U.S. recently achieved the dazzling record of incarcerating one of every 100 of its adult citizens, it was big news. Indeed we're now ahead of the whole world. Our rate is higher even than Russia and our total of prisoners is higher than China. That's an achievement!



WILLIAM A. COLLINS

An objective observer might conclude that this would be a ripe moment for some introspection. After all, we're a rich country, we're pretty law-abiding and there's no crime wave to speak of. So what's going on? But unfortunately America is not an introspective nation. We're a fearful nation. Historically we've allowed shameful treatment of our own citizens for fear of the Japanese, the Soviets, the drug dealers and now, the Muslims. Nothing is too severe for such suspects. Lock 'em up!

And so we do...wisely or not. The sparse press coverage that does exist typically deals with cost, dangers from parolees, racial disparity, overcrowding, privatization, recidivism, or other symptoms of such a huge population. Methods of reducing numbers attract less comment. Might our draconian mandatory drug sen-

tences be a pernicious factor, or the lack of job opportunities, or housing, or mental health care, or separation from family? Well, sure, but few legislatures or publishers are going to spend time or ink on any of those.

So it remains for pointy-headed Europeans to contemplate the propriety of mixing the mentally ill with typical criminals, the value of jailing drug users, the wisdom of putting minor pushers away for long terms, or the implications of harsher enforcement on minorities. Those central questions are not priority issues in our legislatures.

It goes without saying that few editors or political opponents will criticize you for building a new jail (some towns actually want them to provide jobs). And freezing parole after a vicious crime won't lose you any votes either. Nor will closing a halfway house when an inmate wanders off. Plus promoting three-strike provisions is always popular. Shows you're tough on crime (and maybe your opponent isn't). Further, we certainly don't want to give any more discretion to bleeding heart judges who are often unduly influenced by the facts.

But while holding one in every hundred adults behind bars sounds like an excessive figure, their ethnic breakdown is even more troubling. Most glaring is that for black men between ages 20 and 34, one in nine is jailed. And all this while many business groups allegedly suffer a labor shortage. For some employers though, it's easier and cleaner to

hire newly-minted and fearful immigrants than to take on poor blacks who may speak better English, but who also may be better schooled on their employment rights.

For lawmakers it is surely a safer bet to issue bonds for yet another jail than to reduce mindless drug penalties. The bonds will be paid off by future generations, but reducing sentences can get you tagged right now as "Soft on Drugs." Nor do panicky governors help out by restricting parole. Such demagoguery makes it all the harder for serious legislators to deal rationally with the issues.

Take mental illness. Surveys show that one in five prisoners has some. Are these folks being adequately treated? Are you kidding? When they finally get released, their free-ranging demons simply lead them back into more anti-social behavior. Money for jailers comes a lot easier than money for therapists.

In the end Americans don't look upon our bursting jails as a problem anyway. Rather, they're a solution. They help keep minorities and sick people out of our hair. If prison conditions get dismal enough, convicts will behave better so as not go there. Though for some unfortunates, jail still means a warm, dry room, three squares and a bed. We're not introspective about that either.

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The Fed and its crony capitalism

The Federal Reserve's recent decision to grant Wall Street access to special borrowing facilities smells of special dealing for special interests. The decision subsidizes the biggest most powerful investment banks, thereby distorting financial markets in their favor. Behind the decision lies the problem of excessive representation of Wall Street interests within the Fed. The Fed's response to the crisis, combined with its earlier massive policy failure to address asset price bubbles, raise grave questions about its independence and judgment. At this stage, Congress should launch formal hearings into the governance of the Fed, which has remained largely unchanged since the 1930s.



THOMAS PALLEY

The Fed's new Primary Dealer Credit Facility (PDCF) effectively gives Wall Street's primary government securities dealers, which includes all the large investment banks, access to discount window borrowing. That means access to funding at the bargain basement interest rate of 2.5 percent, and all that is asked is that borrowers post some form of investment grade collateral. This arrangement constitutes a massive subsidy, which would be large in normal times. However, it is especially large at a time of market uncertainty and liquidity shortage. While other market participants are being forced to de-lever at fire-sale prices, the Fed's friends are being given near-free government money to snap up assets.

Wall Street has been quick to embrace the facility, and within four days borrowing reached \$29

billion. Erin Callan, Chief Financial Officer of Lehman Brothers, enthusiastically declared the facility to be "incredibly attractive... Our ability to access that form of financing to do more business for clients is incredibly interesting."

The new facility represents a complete break with the past. Previously, discount window borrowing was restricted to regulated depository institutions, and access was always described as "a privilege and not a right." That meant banks could only get access to cover seasonal shortfalls of funds or dire emergency needs, and any borrowing was subject to regulatory disapproval — so-called Federal Reserve "frown" costs. Now, the Fed has apparently made the discount window available to Wall Street as a source of ordinary business finance. This means the Fed is providing risk capital to the likes of Goldman Sachs at paltry interest rates that confer a significant subsidy. Moreover, the mere right of access enables them to borrow more cheaply from other lenders because of the back-stop reassurance provided by discount window access. It also establishes incentives for future excessive risk-taking.

These subsidies are a travesty. Goldman Sachs, Lehman Brothers, and Morgan Stanley are extraordinarily profitable companies. They have also been the drivers of the worst trends in the American economy over the past generation, pushing excessive CEO pay that has spread like a cancer throughout corporate America, even reaching into universities and non-profits. Additionally, they have pedaled the shareholder value paradigm, that has pushed companies to emphasize short-term gain over long-term investment and contributed to ripping

up America's social contract. Meanwhile, their business model has promoted speculation that is behind repeated asset and commodity price bubbles.

Subsidizing these firms is an insult to Main Street. Many families are losing their homes as part of the mortgage crisis. If they had access to 2.5 percent financing that would not be happening. Likewise, manufacturing firms are being forced to close because of lack of affordable capital, which is destroying jobs and the economic foundation of communities. The Fed will claim it had to institute these measures to calm Wall Street. That is nonsense. The fair and economically efficient way to deliver emergency liquidity to Wall Street is through an auction facility that is open to all financial firms, and in which participants supply good collateral. Those who need the funds most will bid the highest. That way, taxpayers get properly paid for their support, and the funds go to those who need them most.

Geologists say they learn the most from extreme events like earthquakes that reveal the reality of the earth's crust. For the past 25 years, critics of the Fed have been dismissed and the Fed's high standing has blinded the reality of its revolving door with Wall Street and its class-based conduct of policy. Now, the Fed's response to Wall Street's panic has revealed the reality of its crony capitalist world. That provides an opening for long-needed reform.

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Bird Poop:

Western meadowlark survives fright injuries

Having seen them near the tall grasses that crowded the dirt roads, the pumper loved to hear their song during his work day. Careful to avoid hitting them when they suddenly burst into the air as his truck approached, he appreciated their being an integral part of the landscape.



BEBE MCCASLAND

With an abundance of grasshoppers and beetles, leftovers from harvested grains and seeds from miles of weeds, the birds had a smorgasbord awaiting them. Why they persisted in being so close to the road was a mystery to him.

After stopping at the tank battery, he continued his daily routine. In the distance, their distinct, individual call sounded first like a whistle and ended in a gurgle. His favorite birds were lending their musical voices to his morning.

Nearing one of the vessels, he heard the pickup coming before he saw the dust it left behind. He knew it was the same guy that raced through the farm and ranchland as if he were the only person in a hurry. As the menacing truck barreled past, dust, dry brittle grasses and two birds scurried in the aftermath.

"Darned idiot," he thought as he brushed the settling dust from his

face and clothes. After checking the separator, he started walking back to his truck.

Approaching the last tank, he scanned the ground as a matter of habit. He never took for granted that it would be snake-free.

Ahead, at the base of the metal structure, lay two birds. When closer, he realized they had to be the birds that had fled the speeding pickup. Carefully placing them in a rag that he carried for wiping his hands, he carried them to his truck.

"Two meadowlarks flew into a tank. They're still breathing," said the pumper. "See you in about 45 minutes."

After handing us the birds, he was visibly upset when we told him only the male survived. Paler in comparison, the female had never regained consciousness. "What about him?" Our answer was to wait and see. In a quiet, secluded area the western meadowlark would have a chance to come back slowly on his own. Food and water would be provided, but nature would determine the outcome.

Then he asked, "Why do those birds always seem to be right beside the road?" Telling him the meadowlarks try to flush insects from the grasses, we added, "They take every opportunity to eat the flesh of other birds killed on roads and highways."

While that didn't offer any comfort, it helped him to realize the birds were carnivorous. However, the larks, in turn, were prey for hawks, eagles, falcons,



Courtesy photo

Nearly 70 percent of the western meadowlark's diet consists of insects. Weed seeds and grains offer sustenance during winter months. The ground-dwelling birds build domed nests on the ground and are masters at disappearing into the long grasses they call home.

raccoons, coyotes and even skunks.

Before he left, the pumper took a final look at the handsomely colored lark. With its bright yellow neck, breast and belly accented with a broad black V, the bird was attired for the breeding season. Its upper parts were a nondescript brown with buff and black markings, while the head was accented with a black and white striped crown and pointed bill.

Several hours later when we checked on the meadowlark, it was standing and seemed surprised by its enclosure. Examining every inch of its cage, it was impatient with its captivity.

Having placed crickets, seeds, grains and raw beef to tempt its appetite, we were quickly

informed that it did not accept our offer of help. The bird was a bundle of opposition.

Deciding to hold it until the next morning when we could take it far out in the country, we continued to observe the meadowlark from a distance. By evening, the defiant guest had mastered the perches and occasionally nibbled from the food dish. The fact that it could not see us bolstered its confidence and recovery.

Insulted with my catching it the next morning, the bird protested by kicking and nipping at any exposed flesh. Closing its cardboard carrier for the trip, I had learned quickly that these birds tolerate no one. Only a few other birds had been as wild and determined to mend without our assistance.

After driving to an area that offered the open grasslands the bird required, we enjoyed leaving the vehicle and hearing the silence of a country day. Not wanting to handle and frustrate the bird any more than necessary, we gradually opened the container. All it could see was familiar terrain.

Quickly walking away, with its back toward us, it stopped. Beak upward, it listened. Glancing at dried stalks and emerging greenery, the lark appeared to relax.

In the distance, was a sound I had hoped to hear. With quick flaps of its wings, the bird rose to land on a fence post. Knowing it was back where it belonged, the meadowlark continued making its way down the

fence line.

Having mastered its reintroduction to nature, the bird took flight with intermittent flapping and sailing on set wings.

Prairies and plains would greet the meadowlark with abundant food and another season of

courtship. The flute-like melody that announced his area was occupied would entice a future mate to share his return.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

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Scientists say California facing earthquake by 2037

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California faces an almost certain risk of being rocked by a strong earthquake by 2037, scientists said in the first statewide tremor forecast.

New calculations reveal there is a 99.7 percent chance a magnitude 6.7 quake or larger will strike in the next 30 years. The odds of such an event are higher in Southern California than Northern California, 97 percent versus 93 percent.

"It basically guarantees it's going to happen," said Ned Field, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Pasadena and lead author of the report.

The 1994 Northridge earthquake under Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley was magnitude 6.7. It killed 72 people, injured more than 9,000 and caused \$25 billion in damage in the metropolitan area.

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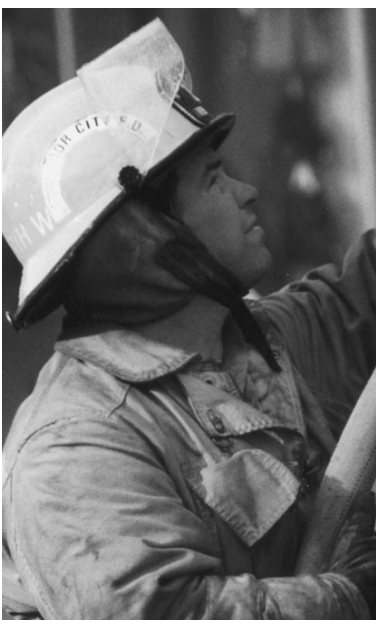
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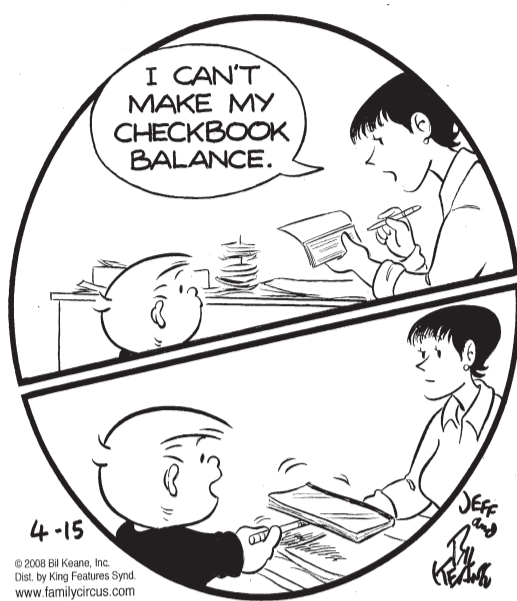
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"I DON'T HAVTA PAY TAXES 'CAUSE MY DAD SAYS I'M HIS 'LITTLE DEPENDENT.'"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Look, Mommy! Here's how!"

HAGAR

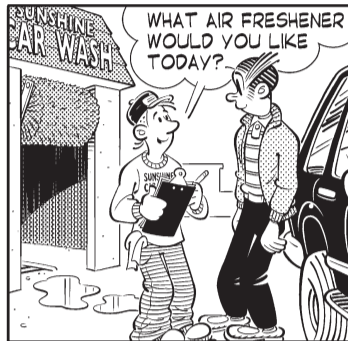


LOOKING AT THE MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY OF STARS IN THE NIGHT SKY SURE MAKES YOU STOP AND THINK, DOESN'T IT?



ABOUT WHAT?

BLONDIE



WHAT AIR FRESHENER WOULD YOU LIKE TODAY?



WELL, I KNOW WHAT I'D LIKE, BUT I BET YOU DON'T HAVE IT...



HONEY, WHY DOES OUR CAR SMELL LIKE PEPPERONI?

BC



HOW CAN I GET WOMEN TO NOTICE ME?

WOMEN DIG THE 'BAD BOY.' TRY PICKIN' ON HER A LITTLE BIT.



HOW'S IT GOIN'?

WIZARD OF ID



DO YOU HAVE MINORITIES HERE?

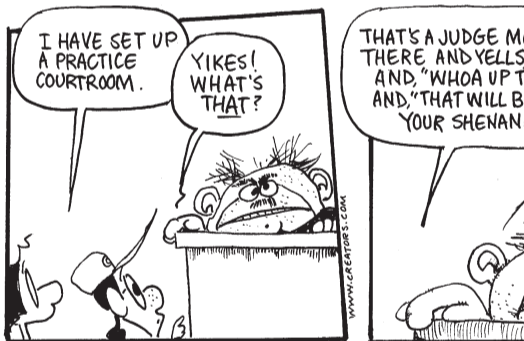
YES, WE DO



WHAT DO YOU CALL THEM?

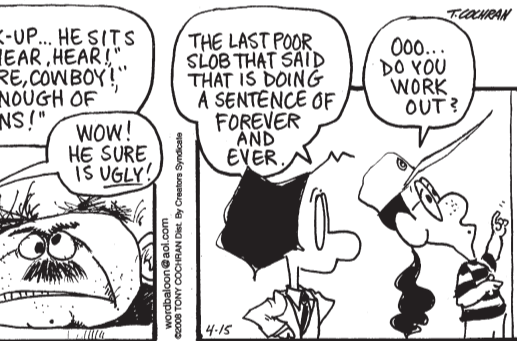
THE WEALTHY

AGNES



I HAVE SET UP A PRACTICE COURTROOM.

YIKES! WHAT'S THAT?



THAT'S A JUDGE MOCK-UP... HE SITS THERE AND YELLS "HEAR, HEAR!" AND "WHOA UP THERE, COWBOY!" AND "THAT WILL BE ENOUGH OF YOUR SHEGANIGANS!"

WOW! HE SURE IS UGLY!

HI AND LOIS



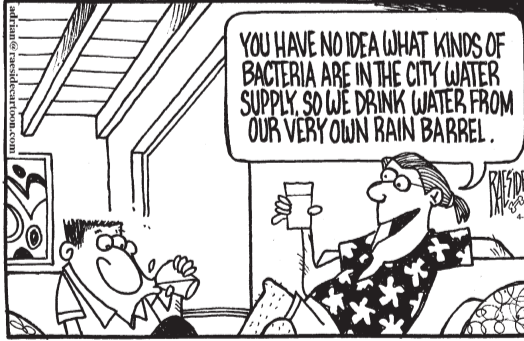
MY ACCOUNTANT SAVED ME SOME MONEY ON MY TAXES.



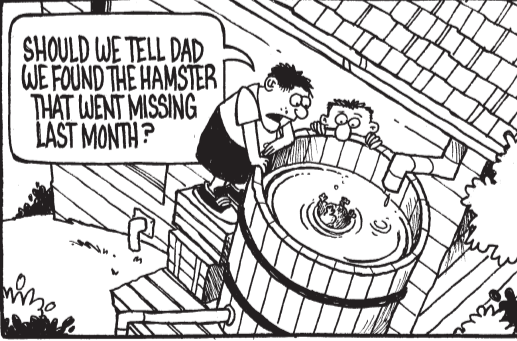
BUT HIS FEE IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS MY REFUND.

THAT'S A SHARP ACCOUNTANT.

THE OTHER COAST

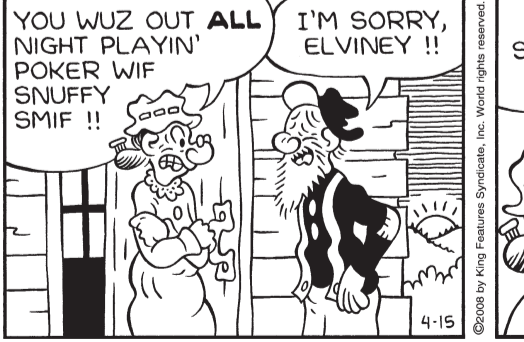


YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT KINDS OF BACTERIA ARE IN THE CITY WATER SUPPLY, SO WE DRINK WATER FROM OUR VERY OWN RAIN BARREL.



SHOULD WE TELL DAD WE FOUND THE HAMSTER THAT WENT MISSING LAST MONTH?

SNUFFY SMITH



YOU WUZ OUT ALL NIGHT PLAYIN' POKER WIF SNUFFY SMIF !!

I'M SORRY, ELVINEY !!



A-HA !! SO I WUZ RIGHT !!

DANG !! WHEN WILL I L'ARN NOT TO APOLOGIZE ?!

BEEBLE BAILEY



LISTEN! ISN'T THAT "HAIL TO THE CHIEF"?

YEAH! THEY PLAY THAT FOR THE PRESIDENT



ONLY LT. FUZZ WOULD USE THAT FOR A RINGTONE!

YES?

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 15.

Today's Highlight in History:
In the early hours of April 15, 1912, the British luxury liner Titanic sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland, less than three hours after striking an iceberg. About 1,500 people died.

On this date:
In 1850, the city of San Francisco was incorporated.

In 1861, three days after the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter, President Lincoln declared a state of insurrection and called out Union troops.

In 1865, President Lincoln died, several hours after being shot at Ford's Theater in Washington by John Wilkes Booth. Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president.

In 1945, during World War II, British and Cana-

dian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen.

In 1945, President Roosevelt, who had died April 12, was buried at the Roosevelt family home in Hyde Park, N.Y.

In 1980, existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre died in Paris at the age of 74.

In 1989, 95 people died in a crush of soccer fans at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England.

In 1990, actress Greta Garbo died in New York at age 84.

In 2005: President Clinton, in his weekly radio address, asked Congress to protect a short list of key legislation, saying he was giving the highest priority to welfare reform, targeted tax cuts and a crime bill preserving the assault weapons ban.

In 1998, Pol Pot, the notorious leader of the Khmer Rouge, died at age 73, evading prosecution for the deaths of two million Cambodians.

In 2002, retired Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White died at age 84.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Michael Ansara is 83. Country singer Roy Clark is 72. Rock singer-guitarist Dave Edmunds is 61. Actress Lois Chiles is 58. Actress Amy Wright is 55. Columnist Heloise is 54. Actress-screenwriter Emma Thompson is 46. Singer Samantha Fox is 39. Rock musician Ed O'Brien (Radiohead) is 37. Actor Flex Alexander is 35.

Thought for Today: "If the end brings me out all right what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, 10 angels swearing I was right would make no difference." - Abraham Lincoln (1809-1965).

Answer to previous puzzle

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| CRAM | SLED | PETER |
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Newsday Crossword

BITS OF NATURE by Gail Grabowski
Edited by Stanley Newman
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| ACROSS | DOWN | DOWN |
| 1 Teacup defect | 1 Sink-drain problem | 10 Tire filler |
| 5 Wharf | 2 Estate receivers | 11 Informal poll |
| 9 Fresh-mouthed | 3 Relative by marriage | 12 Messy sort |
| 14 Late-night TV host | 4 Sheriffs' groups | 13 Evergreen trees |
| 15 Capri, for one | 5 Kitchen cloth | 21 Clearance event |
| 16 Vehicle owner's document | 6 Capital of Norway | 22 UFO pilots |
| 17 Some paintings | 7 Hoof-on-cobblestones sound | 26 Makes mistakes |
| 18 Gin flavoring | 8 Doesn't throw away | 28 Legendary story |
| 19 Cupid's weapon | 9 Had the top role | 29 Parody |
| 20 Leaping insect | | 31 Wicked |
| 23 Belly muscles | | 32 Feudal worker |
| 24 Take an oath | | 33 Payment method |
| 25 Scatter about | | 34 Garage occupant |
| 27 Shuts with force | | 35 Expand, as a business |
| 30 Starts a tennis game | | 37 Wrench or hammer |
| 33 Taxi | | |
| 36 Cairo's country | | |
| 38 Had control of the wheel | | |
| 39 Radiant quality | | |
| 41 Also | | |
| 42 Use a swizzle stick | | |
| 43 Office workers | | |
| 45 Sounds like an owl | | |
| 48 North Pole aide | | |
| 49 Pays tribute to | | |
| 51 Elevator stop | | |
| 53 Wept | | |
| 55 Piece of dinnerware | | |
| 58 Scrooge's exclamation | | |
| 60 Prevent further losses | | |
| 64 Online reading material | | |
| 66 ___ Scotia | | |
| 67 Kite attachment | | |
| 68 Evade | | |
| 69 Specialized police-team acronym | | |
| 70 ___ and crafts | | |

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