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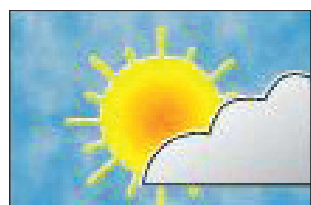
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FF&E locked up

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners took yet another step toward completion of the new \$11.57 million jail Monday morning, as the court approved a number of bids for furnishings and fixtures for the facility.

With completion of the facility expected by the end of February, County Judge Mark Barr said Monday's finalization of the FF&E bids — furniture, fixtures and equipment — is just one more step in the right direction.

"We were able to finalize all of the remaining FF&E bids, including several to some local businesses," said Barr. "Unless we come across something unexpected, this should wrap up this phase of construction."

The 96-bed jail, which was approved by voters in 2006, will replace the current facility located in the Howard County Courthouse.

Barr said the early completion date — the original completion date for the



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According to county officials, the new \$11.57 million jail facility is expected to be completed by the end of February, with the first inmates ready to be moved in by the end of March.

facility was April — should have jail officials and inmates ready to move in sometime in March.

Weather shouldn't play a role in the construction from here out, accord-

ing to Barr, as the builders are now "in the dry" and working inside the structure.

"As for the work going on outside the jail, that's still up in the air. The

sprinkler system has been installed, but it's unclear when landscaping and things like that will be finished."

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A short walk ... a long way

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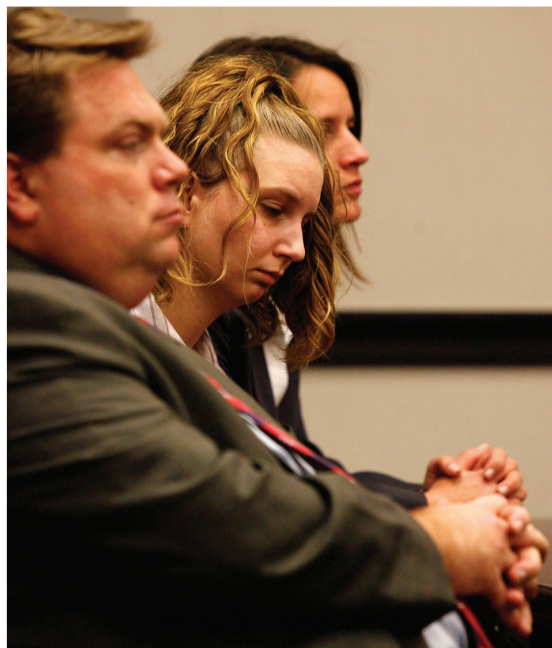
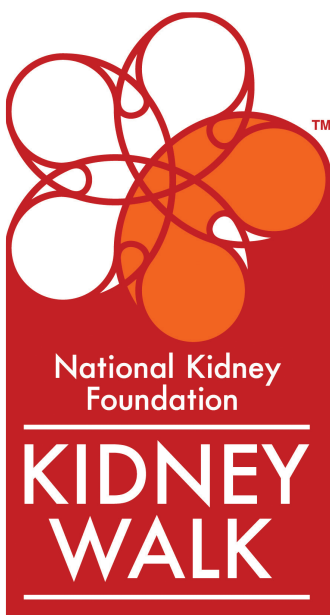
A 1k or 2k stroll could end up going the extra mile towards the detection and prevention of a disease that affects more than 26 million Americans.

Hundreds are expected to step up for the Kidney Walk and help raise awareness and funds to support those who

already have chronic kidney disease and the millions more at risk. The noncompetitive 1k or 2k walks will be held April 4 at Comanche Trail Park Old Settlers Pavilion. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk starts at 10 a.m.

"A short walk may help someone take a lifesaving step. Anyone with high blood pressure, diabetes or a family history of kidney disease is a risk," said Cheyan Jackson, NKF regional walk director. "By teaming up for the Kidney Walk, we hope those at risk will hear the message

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AP Photo/Jennifer Reynolds

Kimberly Dawn Trenor, 20, reacts as Judge David Garner polls the jury Monday after finding Trenor guilty of capital murder for the 2007 death of her daughter.

Jury convicts mother in Baby Grace's death

By **JUAN A. LOZANO**

Associated Press Writer

GALVESTON — When 2-year-old Riley Ann Sawyers' badly decomposed remains were found inside a plastic box in October 2007, investigators promised they would do at least one thing for the toddler.

"That we would find the people responsible for her death and bring them to justice and we did," said Galveston County Sheriff's Sgt. Michael Barry.

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Obama plans media blitz on stimulus plan

By **STEVEN R. HURST**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama planned Tuesday to blanket U.S. television with the message that Congress must approve hundreds of billions of dollars to fight off economic collapse.



Barack Obama

In more normal times, Obama's plans to name a third Republican to his Cabinet — New Hampshire Sen. Judd Gregg as commerce secretary — would have dominated White House news, since it is rare for a president to cross party lines to fill his Cabinet.

But with the United States facing an uncertain financial future, and rising unemployment and discouraging economic data, Gregg's nomination falls to a distant second to Obama's plan to grant interviews to every national television network.

Obama campaigned for the presidency and took office promising to yank Washington out of decades of bitter bipartisanship but has struggled on the stimulus measure despite his unprecedented courting of the opposition party even before he was inaugurated.

Republican want to reshape his massive stimulus plan — budgeted at \$819 billion as it passed the House of Representatives and rising to nearly \$900 billion under debate in the Senate.

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Obituaries

Floyd Pringle

Floyd Pringle, 85, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 2, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

- West Texas Opportunities Inc., through a Job Access Reverse Commute project with the Texas Department of Transportation offers transportation to employment in Midland, on a limited schedule, Monday through Friday each week. This fixed route currently leaves Big Spring at 7 a.m. and makes a stop at the EZ Rider bus connection in downtown Midland. The route leaves Midland for the return to Big Spring at 4:15 p.m. As a promotional introduction, no fare is charged. Beginning April 1, the daily fare will be from \$3 to \$8, round-trip, depending on the number of passengers using the service. For more information, call Victor Enriquez, JARC coordinator, at West Texas Opportunities, (800) 245-9028.

- The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

- HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

- 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 (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to drive in this program should call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.

- Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

- All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

- Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

- New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

Police blotter

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

- **DEREK SCOTT PIERCE**, 20, of 102 W. 13th St., was arrested Monday on charges of theft and failure to appear.
- **JESUSITA MICHELLE ZAPATA**, 32, of 701 Creighton, was arrested Monday on charges of expired driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, operating a motor vehicle with the wrong registration and displaying a fictitious or counterfeit inspection certificate.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- **THEFT** was reported: in the 3700 block of Hamilton. in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 100 block of Canyon.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 46 inmates at the time of this report.

- **THOMAS RAY CAMARILLO**, 35, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RONNIE DEAN BROWN**, 47, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ANDREW JUAREZ JR.**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **JEFFREY PAUL CARTER**, 45, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- **BILLIE JEAN JAMES**, 45, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance.
- **CECILIO PENA**, 25, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of displaying a fictitious or counterfeit inspection/insurance document, displaying an expired registration, failure to maintain insurance, driving while license invalid and a child passenger not secured by safety belt.
- **SHELITA JEAN DUPRE**, 39, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of fraudulent possession of a controlled substance prescription schedule.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3100 block of S. Highway 87. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Airbase Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Ent. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3600 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

TODAY

- Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St. Tuesday, Jan. 6, Teen Challenge will be held at The Path. They will present a Rally for Jesus.

- 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), support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call (432) 517-9207 for 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.

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Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.
- 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.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- 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 at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 11 - 16 - 28 - 29. Bonus Ball: 2.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2 - 3 - 18 - 28 - 32.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6 - 2 - 4 - 0. Sum It Up: 12.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5 - 0 - 0. Sum It Up: 5.

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Police: Victims mum on shootings

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A weekend shooting in the 400 block of Westover Road sent at least two individuals to the emergency room, but according to police officials, a lack of cooperation from witnesses and victims has seriously squelched the investigation.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, the shooting was reported at approximately 2:15 a.m. Saturday morning.

"There were two people, and possibly a third, shot," said Everett.

"It's unclear if they were transported to the emergency room by private vehicle or ambulance. However, their wounds were not life-threatening."

Everett said the victims refused to press charges or cooperate with police officers in any way.

"They made it very clear they didn't want any type of police involvement," said Everett. "So naturally, no arrests have been made and the investigation is at a standstill."

Everett said the shootings are not believed to be gang related.

"My understanding is there was

some sort of disturbance at a party," said Everett. "There's nothing to lead us to believe the shootings were gang motivated."

Everett said the victims are believed to have been treated and released.

"Cases like this are so frustrating because no one involved wants to cooperate with law enforcement," said Everett. "It really makes you wonder what's going through people's minds."

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WALK

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and get their kidneys checked out."

Funds raised from the walk benefit the National Kidney Foundation's programs and services, including public and professional education, kidney health screening and research grants. Walkers can participate as individuals or form a team with family, friends or colleagues.

The walk will feature music, a special letter from U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer, and Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen.

McEwen, serving as honorary chairman of the walk, will help with the opening of the event. Local resident Terry Watkins will be serving as the walk chairman.

To take the first step and register for the event, call the National Kidney Foundation Serving West Texas at (806) 799-7753 or sign up online at www.kidneywalk.org. On site registration will also be accepted. There is no registration fee but \$20 is the suggested pledge amount. The Kidney Walk is sponsored by H-E-B.

The National Kidney Foundation Serving West Texas is dedicated to the prevention of kidney and urinary tract disease, improving the health and well-being of patients and families affected by these diseases and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation.

For more information visit www.kidney.org

Democrats promise boost for road building as Obama plan advances to Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top Democrats plan to add a big increase in highway and mass transit funding to President Barack Obama's economic recovery program Tuesday, even as others in the president's party hope to rein in the plan's almost \$1 trillion cost to taxpayers.

A move by Patty Murray, D-Wash., to add \$25 billion in infrastructure projects is first in line as the Senate

begins thrashing through dozens of proposed changes to the sprawling \$885 billion measure.

Murray's plan would increase the money in the bill for highway projects by almost 50 percent, to \$40 billion, reflecting complaints from lawmakers in both parties that Obama's plan doesn't do enough to relieve a backlog of unfinished projects. Mass transit programs would get a \$5 billion boost.

JAIL

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he said.

And while the hammers continue

to swing at the new facility, located on Highway 80 on Big Spring's west side, Barr said he and the commissioners court couldn't be happier with the progress being made.

"We're very satisfied with what we've seen so far," said Barr. "Now

it's just a matter of getting everything up and running."

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BLITZ

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While issuing praise of the highly popular president's call for quick stimulus action, Republicans have been attacking their Democratic congressional colleagues for what they say is loading the measure down with pet projects and failing to provide larger tax cuts — the perennial Republican prescription for economic troubles.

Obama bore down on fellow Democratic congressional leaders at a White House meeting late Monday and planned to talk economics with party rank-and-file at House and Senate retreats later in the week.

While battling to hold together a stimulus measure acceptable to both parties, Obama faced the unwelcome distraction of a second Cabinet nominee falling under

an income tax cloud.

Former Sen. Tom Daschle, under Senate scrutiny as secretary of health and human services, apologized Monday for failing to pay more than \$120,000 in taxes and appealed to his former colleagues to approve him all the same. Obama said he was "absolutely" sticking with his nominee.

The White House at once underscored the magnitude of the problem while trying to minimize Daschle's culpability.

"Nobody's perfect," said press secretary Robert Gibbs, while acknowledging "it was a serious mistake."

A tax problem for a third top administration nominee prompted Nancy Killefer on Monday to withdraw her candidacy to be the first chief performance officer for the federal government. She failed for a year and a half to pay employment taxes on

household help.

The White House said Obama had accepted Killefer's decision and that the 55-year-old executive with a major consulting firm would explain her reasons for pulling out later Tuesday.

When her selection was announced by Obama on Jan. 7, The Associated Press disclosed that in 2005 the District of Columbia government had filed a \$946.69 tax lien on her home for failure to pay unemployment compensation tax on household help.

Since then, administration officials have refused to answer questions about the tax error which she resolved five months after the lien was filed.

There was welcome news when another Cabinet choice, Eric Holder, was confirmed by the Senate late Monday and sworn in Tuesday as the first African-American

U.S. attorney general.

Holder's nomination initially had been viewed as problematic because of questions over his role in controversial pardons when he was the No. 2 Justice Department official under President Bill Clinton. Now Holder will be the country's chief law enforcement official as head of the Justice Department.

Holder easily overcame some Republican objections over what they considered his insufficient commitment to fight terror and his support for gun control, but even his critics agreed that Holder was well-qualified for the post.

While there were no predictions Daschle would be rejected, his tax troubles proved difficult for senators who only last week confirmed Timothy Geithner as treasury secretary despite his separate tax-payment problems. The

issue strikes a nerve as many Americans are struggling with their own serious money problems.

The political scrum over Obama's stimulus measure took place as the Commerce Department reported that personal spending fell for the sixth straight month in December by 1 percent. Analysts had predicted a decline of 0.9 percent. Incomes also dipped, and the personal savings rate shot higher, a sign that consumers remain extremely nervous about the economy.

Also Monday, the president predicted some of America's troubled banks still could fail, despite a \$700 billion financial bailout program, half of which has already been spent by the former Bush administration. The bailout program is separate from the Obama administration's stimulus plan.

Top Senate Democrats plan to add a big increase in highway and mass transit funding to the recovery program Tuesday, even as others in the president's party hope to trim the cost of the plan. Republicans were pressing to lower mortgage costs to try to jolt the housing market out of its slump.

In the Capitol, Republicans said their goal was to change the bill, not to block it. "Nobody that I know of is trying to keep a package from passing," said Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Republican leader.

"We need to fix housing first," he said.

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Floyd Pringle, 85, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

GUILTY

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A jury on Monday convicted Riley's mother, Kimberly Dawn Trenor, of capital murder for the little girl's death. The child had been whipped with belts and flung across a room like a rag doll before her body was dumped in Galveston Bay. Until her remains were identified, she was dubbed "Baby Grace" by investigators.

Jurors deliberated less than two hours before reaching a verdict. The conviction brought an automatic sentence of life in prison without parole.

Prosecutors declined to seek the death penalty against either Trenor or her husband because they didn't think they could prove that the pair would be a future danger, a requirement for such a punishment.

"All of us involved in this case from the beginning have been waiting for this day for some time," Galveston County District Attorney Kurt Sistrunk said after the verdict.

Trenor and her husband, Royce Clyde Zeigler II, were accused of killing the toddler in July 2007. Prosecutors said Trenor and Zeigler beat Riley with belts, dunked her head in cold bath water and threw her onto a tile floor, fracturing her skull and causing her death. Zeigler, also charged with capital murder, is being tried later and remains jailed.

After Riley's death, the couple stuffed her body in a plastic box and hid it in a storage shed at their suburban Houston home before dumping it in the bay, according to authorities. It took weeks for investigators to identify her remains. Many of those investi-

gators cried after hearing the verdict read in the courtroom.

Trenor's defense attorney, Tommie Stickler Jr., had implored jurors during his closing arguments on Monday to not let emotion control their decision.

"I'm not going to say the jury did or didn't put away their emotions," he said. "I don't think anybody could have put them aside."

The jury foreman, Randall Rothschild, said emotion did not play a role in the verdict. "Justice is served," he said.

Riley's identity was a mystery for weeks until her paternal grandmother in Ohio, Sheryl Sawyers, saw an artist's sketch of the girl and told authorities in Tex-

as she thought it was her granddaughter.

"For Sheryl it's difficult. She looked at Kimberly as a daughter," said Laura DePledge, an attorney for the Sawyers family. "It's a victory for Riley but it's another loss for Sheryl and the Trenor family."

Sheryl Sawyers as well as Trenor's parents were in the courtroom when the verdict was read but did not speak with reporters afterward.

During closing arguments Monday, prosecutors called Trenor a cold-blooded liar who ignored her daughter's pleas to stop the abuse.

Trenor admitted disciplining the child but blamed 25-year-old Zeigler for throwing Riley across the family room

and causing the skull fractures.

Stickler said Trenor never intended to kill her daughter and painted a picture of a frightened 18-year-old at the time of Riley's death who was being controlled by her husband.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

What are our Afghan objectives?

After the fruitless search for weapons of mass destruction, the last thing that Americans want to repeat is to go to war for one specified purpose, only to find out the fight is actually about something else.

More than seven years since the 9/11 attack on America, most people realize that the U.S. goal in Afghanistan is no longer simply to capture or kill its creator - al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

But, beyond the hunt for bin Laden, former President George W. Bush never articulated clearly the specific mission of our troops there. And to this point, neither has President Obama. Until our troops' mission is clear, the length of their stay in Afghanistan will remain an open question. As will the number of soldiers needed to get the job done - whatever that job is.

In Iraq, the quest for WMD became a war to topple Saddam Hussein. Then came nation-building, installing a democratic government, and clearing out the jihadists who had flocked to Baghdad.

Is that the course for Afghanistan? Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates says no. "If we set ourselves the objective of creating some sort of Central Asian Valhalla over there, we will lose," he said last week.

OK, no Afghan Valhalla, but what do we want to accomplish? President Obama has announced a buildup of U.S. troops, probably doubling the current 34,000 in two years. Is he willing to add even more soldiers to reach whatever our goal is? What would need to happen for him to start reducing U.S. forces?

The answers will be complex. What happens in Afghanistan impacts its neighbor Pakistan, whose shaky government is threatened by the same al-Qaeda and Taliban jihadists that camp out in the border area linking the two countries.

Pakistan has nuclear weapons, so its stability is even more important to the region than Afghanistan's. But ensuring its stability is delicate. Pakistan's government has been cooperative, but politics dictate that President Asif Ali Zardari must not appear to be America's tool.

Obama has appointed veteran ambassador Richard Holbrooke to be his point man in Afghanistan. One of his first tasks is to get President Hamid Karzai to crack down on government corruption and on the opium trade used to bankroll the jihadists. That, too, will be difficult, with the poppy being Afghanistan's principal cash crop.

It's time for Obama to explain his endgame. Is the mission to eradicate the Taliban and al-Qaeda in Afghanistan? What if the Europeans refuse to contribute more troops and materiel to the NATO forces there? Missiles have been fired from drones into Pakistan; how far will we go to root out al-Qaeda?

"My own personal view," said Gates, "is that our primary goal is to prevent Afghanistan from being used as a base for terrorists and extremists to attack the United States and our allies - and whatever else we need to do flows from that objective." That makes it all sound so simple, but what is included in "whatever else we need to do" needs to be made clearer.

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Stop those refund checks

This is the Republicans' big contribution to our economic recovery: They want to make sure that undocumented immigrants who pay taxes using tax identification numbers don't get a cent of their tax money back in the refunds enacted by Congress. Oh, yes, and they want rich people to get tax refunds.

Anything else to contribute?

Republicans, rejecting all pretense of putting country before party, much less trying to participate in the solution instead of continuing to be the problem, voted to a person against the economic stimulus plan approved by the House. Last time I tuned in to their rants against illegal immigrants, they were stealing jobs from Americans and not paying taxes, thus robbing the U.S. Treasury - even though, for their tax dollars, they are excluded from receiving most benefits the rest of us can get.

Now the major moan seems to be that those darn immigrants are actually paying their taxes and, therefore, like every other taxpayer, are entitled to a refund for having paid more than their

share. How dare they? Then, of course, there are the familiar rants that the top 5 percent (which I assume includes every one of the ranters) should receive a bigger share of the tax relief (they already got the biggest share under the Bush plan) because, after all, who else is going to stimulate the economy by buying designer shoes and ball gowns?

This should be a moment for Republicans to look in the mirror and realize they need to reinvent themselves. Having presided (yes, it was a Republican in the White House) over the biggest economic meltdown in our lifetimes, brought on by (I will be honest enough to admit) the bipartisan embrace of their hands-off/deregulation/market-madness theory of the free enterprise system, and then having responded (yes, they were still in charge) with a big government bailout that conflicted with all those once cherished tenets, you might think that at least a few of the Republicans in Congress would realize it's too late to "just say no," and that they need a new song and dance.

A tune you can hum. An approach to the problem that goes beyond demanding more for the wealthy and blaming immigrants for the rest.

Apparently not.

The country wants bipartisan-



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Star Wars to be scrutinized at last

In the short amount of time that President Barack Obama has been in office, he has already shifted away from earlier presidents' more controversial policies. Guantanamo is to be closed, there will be more transparency and openness in government documents and the "gag rule" (preventing federal money from going to international groups abroad that provide information of or access to abortions) may very likely be revoked.

It is entirely possible that the George W. Bush administration's infatuation with missile defense may end up on the list of changes as well.

The newly-updated White House website spells out many of the Obama administration's positions on key foreign policy and defense issues. While his administration "will support missile defense," it will do so by developing it "in a way that is pragmatic and cost-effective." Finally, the Obama administration will make sure that missile defense "does not divert resources from other national security priorities until we are positive the technology will protect the American public."

That provides a lot of leeway for future action by this administration, but a few things jump out:

"Pragmatic and cost-effective"

are not ways in which one would describe how missile defense has been developed thus far. Since Ronald Reagan's initial Star Wars speech in 1983, well over \$120 billion has been spent. In return, even the program's most ardent supporters would have to admit that what has been fielded to date is, at best, a rudimentary version of what is envisioned overall for the program.

"Cost-effective" can be interpreted in ways other than adding up the fiscal cost of missile defense; there is also the diplomatic cost of the program. Putting a system in Europe to defend against a non-existent Iranian long-range ballistic missile threat, which would cripple relations with Russia in the near-term, would be (from a cost-benefit analysis) a very costly decision.

Despite the years of testing, the Missile Defense Agency still has not proven that its systems can work reliably in real-world circumstances. Furthermore, the interceptor that the United States wants to field in Europe doesn't exist right now, is not planned to be tested until the middle of next year at the earliest and is based on a model that has successfully intercepted its target eight times out of 14 attempts. The Obama administration is wise to double-check on the system's effectiveness before betting U.S. national security on a wobbly defensive system.

This is because there are much more pressing national security priorities than the threat of a long-range ballistic missile attack against the United States,

but it's hard to be bipartisan with people whose heads are firmly planted in the sand. All you can do is walk around them and wait for them to dig themselves out. Sooner or later. Or maybe never.

Democrats, for sure, don't have all the answers. Mistakes will be made. Maybe the Republican theory is to do nothing so that anything that does go wrong won't be their fault. But hoping for the worst and playing the blame game is precisely the kind of politics that almost everyone - regardless of race, age, class or even political party - agrees is useless, hopeless and just plain insulting.

During the Reagan years, they used to call the Democrats the party of "doom and gloom," focused on what's wrong, or would go wrong, or had been done wrong. It is fair to say that it was not an effective strategy. The 1980s were a wasteland for the Democratic Party.

Better to try and fail than to sit on your hands. Or stick your head in the sand. Or scream about how the rich should get more and immigrants should pay more. If that's the best Republicans can do, they'll be stuck in place for quite some time.

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and the \$10 billion-plus which is being spent annually on missile defense systems could be reallocated and be used in a more efficient manner.

For example, one could argue we would be better off spending our money on developing the capability to defend against "the threat of a terrorist attack with a nuclear weapon and the spread of nuclear weapons to dangerous regimes," which the White House website calls "[t]he gravest danger to the American people."

As it stands currently, missile defense gets roughly twice the amount of funding that programs which strive to prevent spread of nuclear materials and weapons receive. It is hoped that this too will be corrected by the Obama administration, but the sheer amount of missile defense spending (plus the associated political capital and jobs created by that money) may end up largely protecting it from serious cuts.

The Pentagon's budget request for the next fiscal year will be released to Congress later this month.

At that point, we should have some indication of whether missile defense will be permitted to continue rolling along under the power of inertia, or if sanity will prevail and it will be downgraded to a lesser national security expenditure, allowing for resources to be focused on a real threat to the United States.

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Bird Poop: Strange visitor at the Potton House

After it happened, the tall, dry weeds, thick brush and grasses broke its fall. Tangled in the dense growth beside the railroad tracks, the large bird heard its predator crashing through last year's crop of undesirables in pursuit.

With its long beak leading its sleek body through tangled debris, it carefully took long strides forward until reaching an area that had been cleared. As the sounds of danger behind stopped, then started repeatedly, it quickly created a distance between itself and the unknown.

Having flown toward the lake with its familiar flock, the bird had swirled in a descending circle before trying to land with wings spread and feet settling into the shallow water. Their final approach over the tracks had been abruptly interrupted.

Staying close to the tall growth, the blue-gray bird used winter's starkness to disappear from view as the sky turned from pale orange to night. Accustomed to walking daily during its quest for food in the cotton, wheat and grain fields to the north, the bird continued its sojourn toward a safe roosting site.

Called to open the historic home for a guided tour, the volunteer parked on the side street and entered the yard through the front gate. Having climbed the familiar steps to the front porch, she unlocked the door and prepared for another group of visitors. With time to spare, she rearranged the brochures, and checked every room before sitting beside one of the tall windows.

Detecting movement outside, she quickly noticed the tall, stately bird standing in the back yard. As it paced the fence line, it found the gate that allowed it to wander near the back stone wall and wooden structure. It was as if the bird were seeking a way out of its confinement.

When the phone rang, I heard the

familiar voice of an animal control officer. Alerting us to the discovery of a sandhill crane at the Potton House, he asked if we would take the bird. Assuring the officer we would be there shortly, we grabbed a large, cardboard box to use for transport. With a height of almost four feet, the crane was too tall for any of our carriers.

Having dealt with sandhills and learned how rapidly they can walk and run, we were grateful that in the past a decorative fence had been installed to grace the period structure. Protesting its capture, the crane readily struck with its bill and feet.

Before placing it in the box, we laid the bird on its back and covered its head. Extending each wing, we told the officer and the volunteer the crane had been shot. The wound indicated the bird had been hit while in flight. Although no bones appeared to be broken, other problems such as nerve damage and infection might ultimately determine the bird's fate.

"Did you notice its rear bustle?" I asked, as we held the crane upright for better viewing. It seemed quite appropriate attire to match the home's elegance. Obvious, also, was its long neck, striking red forehead, and white cheeks and chin.

"If it couldn't fly, how did it get inside the fence?" was an excellent question posed by the volunteer. After placing the contained bird inside our vehicle, we began to look for the answer.

Except for tours, the Potton House remained closed, as well as the front gate. The two gates on the north side



Courtesy photo

From Canada, sandhill cranes migrate to the Panhandle, West Texas plains, coastal grasslands and parts of Mexico.

had a gap that did not allow them to meet; they had to be secured by wire or chain. With the leeway between the gates, the crane, pushing against one of the gates, might have caused just enough room to squeeze between them.

Having crossed the street and frightened by traffic, the bird somehow had succeeded in entering the closed grounds. The only other thought that came to mind was its ability to leap high into the air during courtship. Although it could have jumped over the gates, in all probability our first guess was correct. Only the crane could tell us for sure.

"Where did it come from?" was the next question. With One Mile Lake about a quarter of a mile to the west, it was possible for the crane to walk that distance. Tangled in its chest and wing feathers were bits of thistle and dry grasses that indicated the area south of the water.

Since poaching and hunting were not allowed within the city limits, the game warden would be notified. Catching whomever had disabled the winter visitor would be difficult, if not impossible.

At the wildlife sanctuary in Midland, we watched as the sandhill towered over the other water and shore birds. The biggest difference was it only went to water to drink and have a safe place to roost at night.

Dependent upon location for its food during migration, this land bird readily enjoyed mice, frogs, lizards, and snakes. In our area, it could feast on grain sorghum, wheat, peanuts, and some corn. Searching the plowed earth, it would readily take worms, grubs, grasshoppers and other insects.

Although the wing would heal, the crane could never fly again. The disheartening news a few days later was tempered by its future placement in an educational setting.

Announcing fall and the coming winter, the welcome V-formation and bugling call would be left to other cranes to continue. No longer with neck extended, legs trailing behind, would its powerful, graceful flight join hundreds silhouetted by a winter's sunset.

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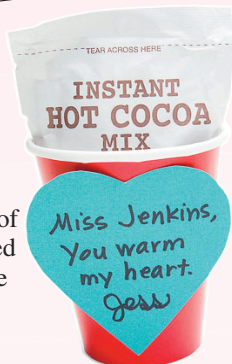
COOKIE CUTTER HEART

This is one Valentine gift that keeps on giving: a heart-shaped cutter to make cookies or clay hearts all year long. The Coakley sisters, Amelia, 13, and Olivia, 10, attach a favorite sugar-cookie or play-dough recipe to their cutting-edge valentines, but you can keep it simple with a heart-shaped message that says, "You're cut out to be mine."



I'M COCOA FOR YOU

Say you care from the bottom of your ... cup! The DeLeon family, whose 6-year-old gave one of these fun valentines to each of her teachers, called it "Abby's Cup of Love." Simply write a message on a card stock heart, stick it to a red paper cup with double-sided tape and add a package of hot cocoa mix.



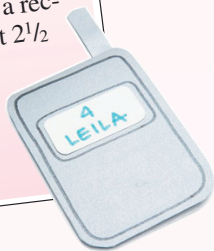
V-ALIEN-TINE

Sent in by Meghan Cassell, this funny little extraterrestrial is no stranger to love: just open him up, and you'll find he's all heart. To create your own out-of-this-world card, simply cut a heart from folded green paper (we used metallic scrapbooking paper). Draw on features and glue pipe-cleaner antennae to the back, then write your message inside. Our choice: "There's space in my heart for you."



SWEET TEXT MESSAGE

Cupid's calling! And we've got the perfect answer: a candy-button phone that tells your valentines they're worth every minute. Sharon Cindrich, a mother of two and a FamilyFun craft contributor, designed this card using card stock, white paper and button candy. To make one, simply cut a rectangle from silver card stock (ours is about 2 1/2 by 7 inches), then fold it in half and round the corners. Glue on a card stock antenna (or use a pipe cleaner), two paper message screens and the candy keypad.



PUTTY IN YOUR HANDS

Dough you want to be mine? When Autumn Gates offers up these lovable, squashable valentines, the answer is always a resounding, "Yes!" To make a big batch, start with 24 balls each of two dough colors (recipe below), then press together one of each color to shape a two-color heart (use a cookie cutter as a mold if you like). For each valentine, place the clay heart in a cellophane bag and add a card stock tag threaded onto a twist tie.

YOU WILL NEED (for 24 valentines)

- ♥ 3 cups white flour
- ♥ 1 1/2 cups salt
- ♥ 1 1/2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- ♥ 3 1/4 cups water
- ♥ 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- ♥ Food coloring

Mix the flour, salt and cream of tartar in a medium saucepan. In a separate bowl, mix the water and oil, then pour the liquid over the dry ingredients and stir. With an adult's help, cook over medium-low heat, stirring continuously, until the mixture holds together and gets too stiff to stir (it will stiffen even more as it cools), about 5 to 10 minutes. Let it cool, then knead it briefly. Halve the ball of clay, then knead food coloring into each half, a few drops at a time, until you reach the desired shade.



PLANT ONE ON ME

Complete with a packet of seeds, this valentine is one any recipient would dig.

Here's a two-in-one card that promises budding friendship now and blooming flowers later. Inspired by a botanical valentine made by Sophia Nicholson, 7, we simply added a flowery message to a packet of seeds and transplanted it (with double-sided tape) to a pot we snipped from folded terra-cotta-colored card stock. Add a message to the inside, and you've got the perfect way to tell that special someone he's really grown on you.

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The News

Girls, Boys and love

Valentine's Day can put a big, heart-shaped spotlight on the differences between boys and girls. We've invited girls and boys to tell us about their crushes and to talk about mushy roman stuff. Guess who we hear from? Girls! Nine out of 10 kids we heard from were girls.

And when boys did make a comment, they sometimes wanted to let us know they didn't like anyone at all. Girls have a LOT more to say on the subject of love. Mostly, they like to talk about a certain guy — maybe you know him? He's soooooo cute and nice, smart and funny and plays sports, likes ketchup and on and on and on.

For centuries, people have been wondering why men and women see this subject so differently. Child psychologist D'Arcy Lyness offered her help.

Girls are often more interested in being social and developing relationships, Dr. Lyness said. This means girls like talking and expressing their feelings. For many girls this is easier than it is for boys, she said.

"Girls might send more valentines, for instance, and find it more fun to make them. Boys might think it's too mushy. They might feel embarrassed or even overwhelmed by a girl's big display of liking them," Dr. Lyness said.

"Get Away From Me!" Feeling overwhelmed means a person just doesn't know what to do. No one likes to feel overwhelmed. Here's an example: Sally gets up in front of the class and says: "I absolutely love Harry and want to marry him!"

Now, even if Harry likes Sally, he might feel real awkward, upset or angry and he might say something mean, like, "Get away from me!" Now Sally's feelings are hurt and she feels overwhelmed.

Boys can overwhelm girls, too. Maybe a boy really likes a girl, but she only likes him as a friend. That can be a confusing situation, too.

It's not that boys never have the same mushy feelings that girls do, Dr. Lyness said. Some boys might not feel this way until they're a little older. "This can be frustrating to girls — especially if the boy she likes doesn't seem to be ga-ga over her," Dr. Lyness says.

Other boys have feelings for girls, but are more interested in other things. Boys also may feel shy or scared about showing this kind of emotion. Then, there are boys who have these feelings and don't mind showing them — which is OK, too.

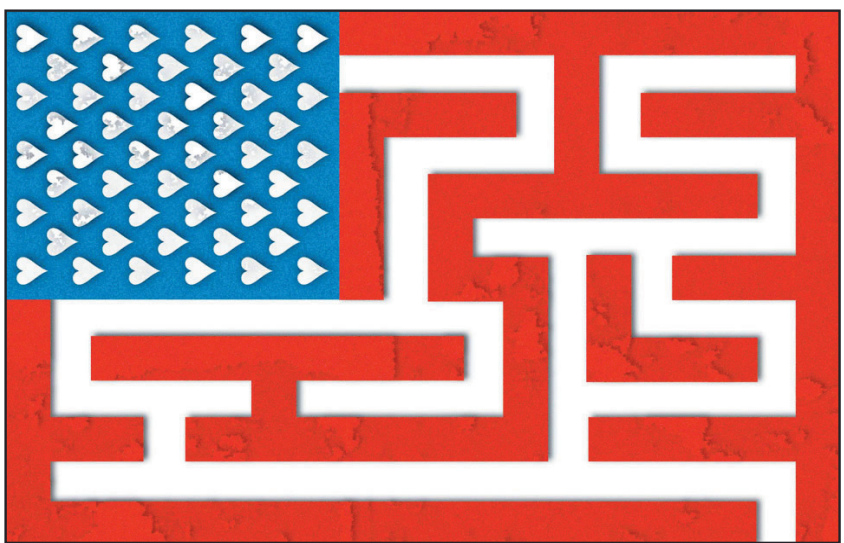
Why Are We Different? Some people say girls and boys are just born that way — naturally, girls may be more driven to want to take care of people, settle down, and have a family.

But maybe it has something to do with the way boys and girls are raised, Dr. Lyness says. Boys are often taught to be "tough" and get trucks and action toys to play with. While girls, on the other hand, often get dolls and kitchen sets. No one knows for sure because there are plenty of exceptions — girls who have no interest in dolls and boys who like expressing their feelings.

What You Can Do? So what's a boy or girl to do? Just understanding these differences is a good first step. A boy doesn't have to return a girl's strong feelings, but he can try not to hurt her feelings. Likewise, girls can respect that boys may be less interested — or more private. That might mean not calling a boy you like every night, especially if he doesn't seem to like it.

But girls shouldn't feel strange about having strong emotions. It can help to talk to friends or write down your feelings in a journal. It can feel really good to write it all down. — *The Nemours Foundation/KidsHeads*

Rips & Raves



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Move over, Cupid. These edible valentines will win the heart of everyone in the family. They're also sure to be a hit as a classroom snack.

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HERALD SPORTS HONOR ROLL.

DeShae Green

BSHS senior swimmer
Green set a school and District 4-4A record on his way to a victory in the 100-meter freestyle event Saturday. He finished the race in 49.48 seconds. It was his second win of the day as he had taken gold in the 200-meter freestyle earlier in the district meet. Green picked up some more hardware in the 200-meter relay as he teamed with Cameron Hughey, AJ Richey and Caleb Chavez for another school record performance.

Derrick Anderson & Jonathan Molina

BSHS power lifters
Both Anderson and Molina claimed first place in their respective weight classes at the Big Spring Invitational powerlifting meet Saturday at Steer Gym. Anderson lifted a total of 1,250

pounds in three events — bench press, squat and dead lift — to win the 242-pound class.

Molina claimed victory in the super heavy-weight class, racking up 1,350 pounds — almost 200 pounds more than his closest competition.

Catherine Leubner

BSHS senior distance runner
Leubner signed a letter of intent to run track and cross country for Wayland Baptist University last week. Leubner was a District 4-4A cross country champion in her senior season and will now run for one of the stronger NAIA track programs in the country at Wayland.

Keely Parnell

BSHS tennis player
Big Spring tennis has started its spring season, which is focused on individual play rather than team. Parnell got off to a strong start over the weekend. In consecutive days, she finished second along with partner C.J. Burleson in a tournament in Granbury, then turned around and won the girls singles bracket at Midland Christian.

Cerbi Ritchey

BSHS freshman post
Ritchey is starting to let some of District 4-4A's top squads that she is going to be a force in the paint for the next three years. Ritchey led the Lady Steers with 11 points Wednesday against Plainview, then scored another eight in a loss at Frenship. In both games, most of Ritchey's points came from offensive rebounds.

Each week the Herald recognizes area athletes for achievements in their particular sport.

BSHS tennis off to solid spring start

Herald Staff Report

GRANBURY — Big Spring High School's varsity tennis team finally participated in its first and second tournament of the second semester over the weekend.

One thing appears certain after competing in two separate brackets Friday

and Saturday — Big Spring is going to be a force in mixed doubles competition.

The Steers presented the top two teams in the mixed doubles bracket at the Granbury Invitational Friday and in the Midland Christian Invitational Saturday.

Friday, it was Kristina Chang and

Mikael Gonzales teaming together for a gold-medal finish, besting teammates Keely Parnell and C.J. Burleson in the finals.

Chang and Gonzales went for a repeat performance Saturday, but came up short, settling for silver as Jeremy

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HC rolls in Borger



Howard College Hawks guard Denzel Barnes soars to the hoop in action from Howard's pre-conference schedule earlier this season. Both the Howard College men's and women's basketball teams were in action Monday night in Borger, taking on Frank Phillips College. The women doubled up FPC, 74-37, while the men also won, 74-63. Both squads are off Thursday, but return to action the following Monday, playing host to New Mexico Junior College at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The women are set to tip at 5:30 p.m. with the men starting approximately 20 minutes following the completion of the ladies' game.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Super Bowl gets 2nd-highest TV ratings ever

By DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — The Arizona-Pittsburgh matchup wasn't considered an ideal one for television, but its finish riveted an estimated audience of 95.4 million people, second only to last year's game as the most-watched Super Bowl ever.

Viewership peaked in the fourth quarter, when Arizona took the lead on

Larry Fitzgerald's 64-yard catch and sprint to the end zone only to have it snatched back when Santonio Holmes' end zone leap gave Pittsburgh the 27-23 win. More than 100 million Americans were watching between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. EST, according to Nielsen Media Research.

The game was the third most-watched program in American television history, after the 106 million people who

watched the "M-A-S-H" series finale in 1983 and the 97.4 million who watched the N.Y. Giants end the New England Patriots' bid for an undefeated season in the 2008 Super Bowl.

"The Super Bowl, once again, proved its ability to capture America," said Dick Ebersol, NBC Universal Sports chairman.

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Sports in brief

Free junior tennis league starts Feb. 9

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen is starting a free Junior Tennis League Feb. 9 at the Figure Seven Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

The league is for boys and girls 8-12 years old or in grades four through six.

It will be held every Monday, beginning Feb. 9, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Just bring a racket or one will be provided.

At 5:15 each Monday before the league starts, Olesen will accept challengers who believe they can throw a football

further than he can. Anyone able to do so will win a free 30 minute tennis lesson.

For more information, visit www.bigspringtennis.com.

Coahoma softball alumni needed for annual game

The 7th Annual Coahoma Softball Alumni Game has been scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and will be played at the Coahoma High School field.

Any former player interested in participating should call Amy Dunn at 263-2228 or 394-4323.

BSCC hosting 4-person scramble Feb. 21-22

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 4-person scramble tournament Feb. 21-22 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

Entry fee is \$75 per player plus cart, although private carts are welcome.

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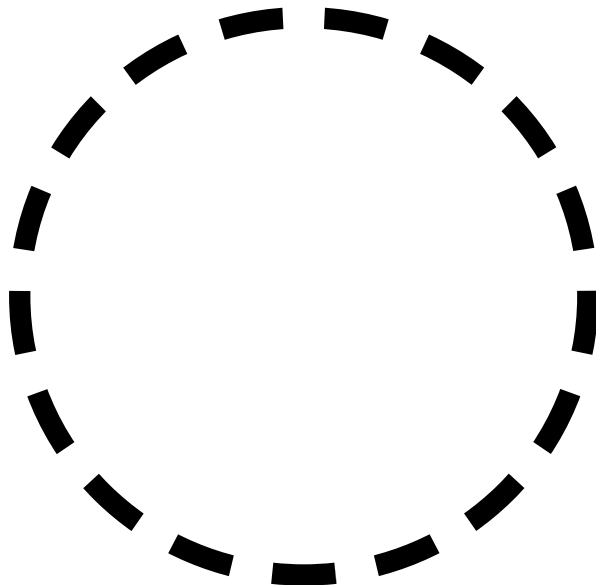
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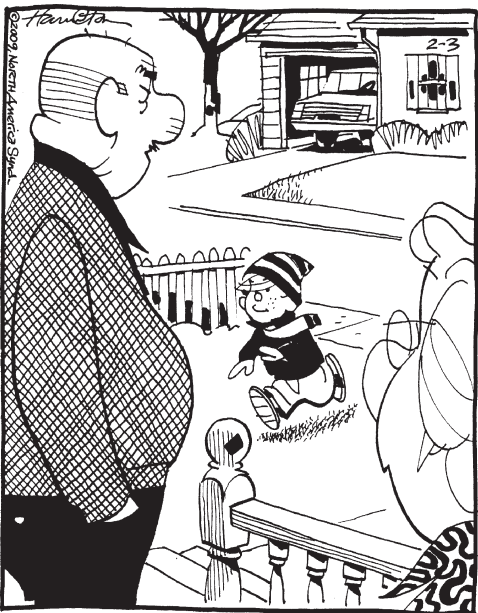
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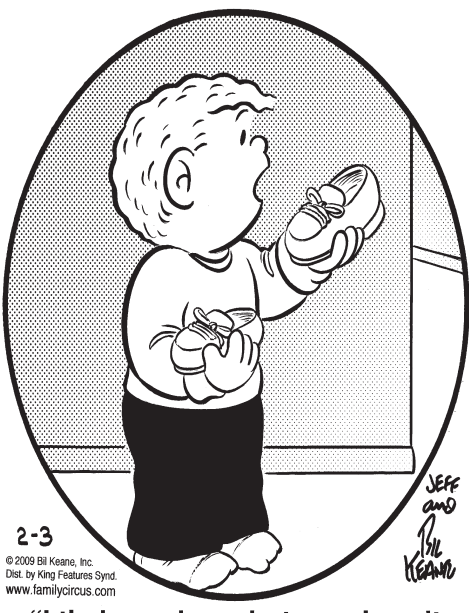
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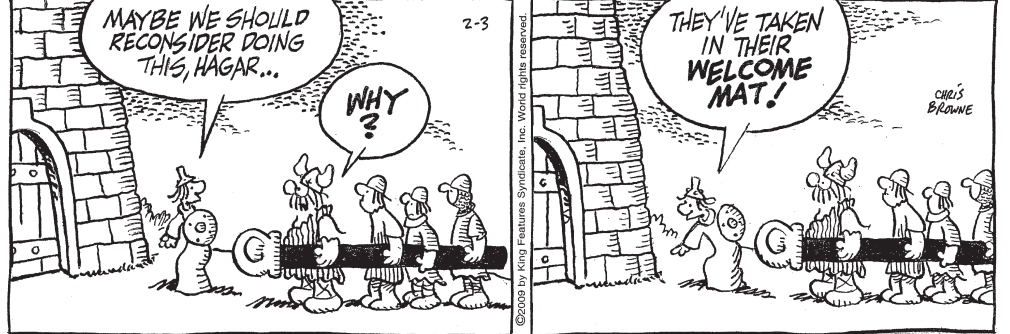
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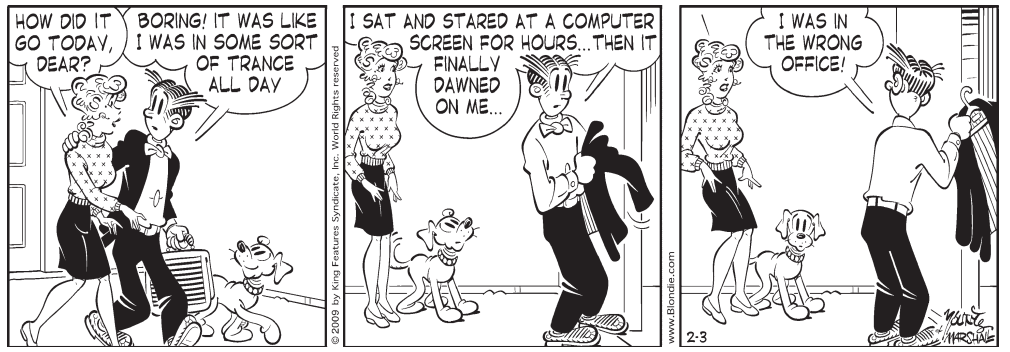


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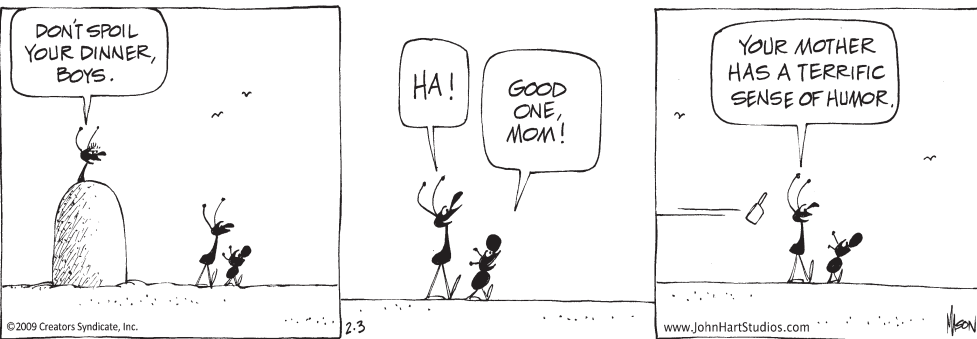
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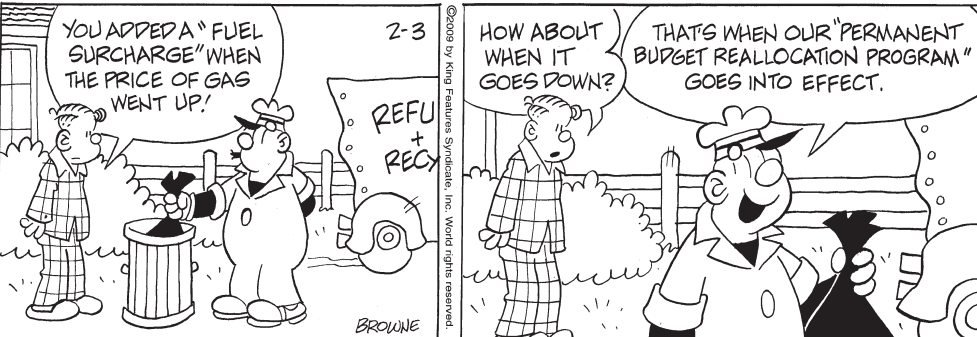
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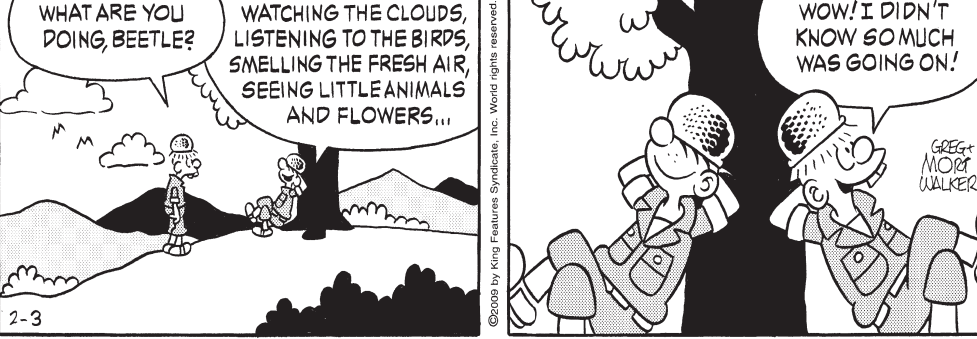
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 3, the 34th day of 2009. There are 331 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Feb. 3, 1959, a single-engine plane crashed shortly after midnight near Clear Lake, Iowa, claiming the lives of rock-and-roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson, as well as pilot Roger Peterson. That same day, an American Airlines Lockheed Electra from Chicago crashed into New York's East River while approaching LaGuardia Airport, killing 65 of the 73 people on board.

On this date:

In 1809, 200 years ago, German composer Felix Mendelssohn was born in Hamburg. Congress passed an act establishing the Illinois Territory effective March 1.

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens held a shipboard peace conference off the Virginia coast; the talks deadlocked over the issue of Southern autonomy.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.

In 1916, Canada's original Parliament Buildings, in Ottawa, burned down.

In 1924, the 28th president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington, D.C., at age 67.

In 1930, the chief justice of the United States, William Howard Taft, resigned for health reasons. (He died just over a month later.)

In 1943, during World War II, the U.S. transport ship Dorchester, which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a German torpedo. (Four Army chaplains gave their life belts to four other men, and went down with the ship.)

In 1966, the Soviet probe Luna 9 became the first man-made object to make a soft landing on the moon.

In 1969, Yasser Arafat was elected chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization's executive committee during a council meeting in Cairo, Egypt.

In 1989, Alfredo Stroessner, president of Paraguay for more than three decades, was overthrown in a military coup.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Shelley Berman is 83. Football Hall of Famer Fran Tarkenton

is 69. Actress Bridget Hanley is 68. Actress Blythe Danner is 66. Singer Dennis Edwards is 66. Football Hall of Famer Bob Griese is 64. Singer-guitarist Dave Davies (The Kinks) is 62. Singer Melanie is 62. Actress Morgan Fairchild is 59. Actor Nathan Lane is 53. Rock musician Lee Ranaldo (Sonic Youth) is 53. Actor Thomas Calabro is 50. Actor-director Keith Gordon is 48. Actress Michele Greene is 47. Country singer Matraca Berg is 45. Actress Maura Tierney is 44. Actor Warwick Davis is 39. Reggaeton singer Daddy Yankee is 33. Musician Grant Barry is 32. Singer-songwriter Jessica Harp is 27. Rapper Sean Kingston is 19.

Thought for Today: "I can, therefore I am." — Simone Weil, French philosopher (born this day in 1909, died 1943).

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