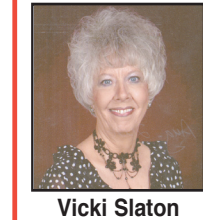




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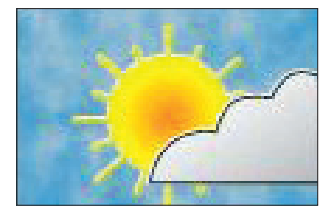


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HERALD file photo

Corey Wood, technology director for Big Spring Independent School District, is shown working on the student management system server in this 2006 file photo. School trustees will consider purchasing a new SMS package when they meet Thursday evening.

After years of frustration BSISD to shelve student management software

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees apparently will end their five-year business relationship with a student management system software maker

when the school board holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

Trustees are expected to approve a new student management software system and say goodbye to the Chancery

SMS package. BSISD officials reported numerous problems with the Chancery system soon after it was purchased in 2004. The software, which was sup-

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Concrete solution

Engineers believe time, money can be saved during street renovation

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

An abundance of moisture isn't a common problem in the Big Spring area, but that's exactly the challenge contractors responsible for the reconstruction of several downtown streets are facing as the city moves forward with its bond-funded renovations.

Butch Davis, an engineer with Parkhill Smith & Co-

per, the firm hired by the city of Big Spring to head up its downtown street reconstruction project, delivered the news to members of the city council Tuesday night, and although the wet conditions may be a problem, there could be a very attractive silver lining in the end.

"We started the work on First and Second streets, and the contractor opened up a half-width of those streets," said Davis. "The contractor began preparing the sub-grade, he encountered some



Davis

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Kids' Zone fire ignites positive public response

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The vandals who perpetrated the arson attack on Comanche Trail Park's Kids' Zone lit a fire, but according to local officials, it pales in comparison to the fire that seems to have been lit in the community to see the facility rebuilt bigger and better than before.

Todd Darden, assistant city manager for Big Spring, told the city council Tuesday night the fund-raising efforts to replace the portion of the park destroyed in the Dec. 9 attack on the municipal facility have exceeded the initial goals set by local civic groups.

"Roughly we have about

\$38,000 in donations and pledged donations from the community," said Darden. "We have the \$41,000 the city is responsible for, along with about

\$13,000 in recoverable depreciation. Our deductible was \$25,000 and the insurance check that we have already received is for just less than \$4,000. That brings our total projected project cost to slightly more than \$80,000. We've been working with Leathers & Associates... and they have gone out on a limb and already started on this.

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Darden

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Officials eye year-end completion target for Coahoma ISD projects

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

COAHOMA — School officials here are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

After almost two years of various construction projects, Coahoma Independent School District officials believe they are nearing the end of

renovations. When that end date will be, however, is still up for discussion.

The status of renovations will be one of the main topics of discussion when the CISD trustees meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Thursday in the administration building board room.

Superintendent Randy Brown said

the project, which has been hampered by various delays, is picking up steam.

"It's coming along — it's still not as far along as we want it to be, but it's coming along," Brown said.

The most visible construction project now ongoing — a second wing of

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Newton no-hits Ballinger in 5-0 CHS win

Herald Staff Report

BALLINGER — Coahoma's Bulldogettes might be in a brand new district in the 2009 softball season, but pitcher Heather Newton is still making it look like old habits.

For the third time in the District 7-2A season, Newton threw a no-hitter in a 5-0 win over Ballinger.

Coahoma — currently ranked 10th in the state according to the Texas Girls Coaches Association poll — improves its record to 22-8 with an 8-0 mark in

district. It's the 20th consecutive victory for the Bulldogettes after starting the season 2-8.

Newton (18-1) allowed just three baserunners with two reaching via walk and the other, making it aboard on an error. She struck out 16 batters.

Senior shortstop Shelbi Paige led Coahoma at the plate, going 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI. Paige's double was the only extra-base hit of the game.

Coahoma was forced to manufacture runs and stole seven bases with Newton, Berkley Iden, Jennifer Castilaw, Joanna

Gonzales, Kalea Neff, Minnie Goofblanket and Jordan Martin each stealing once.

Coahoma has clinched a playoff spot and can win the district at 6:30 p.m. Monday when it travels to Wall. The Bulldogettes first play Colorado City at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in Coahoma.

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Heather Newton and Berkley Iden. Frierson and Parker. W - Newton (18-1). L - Frierson. 2B: Coa - Shelbi Paige. RBI: Coa - Paige 2, Newton, Breanne Conner.

Cooper clips Lady Steers again, 4-3

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

ABILENE — With one swing of the bat, momentum can change in softball.

Sometimes, that's also all it takes for a game to be brought to an end.

With one hit to right field that found its way to the corner of the fence, the Abilene Cooper Lady Cougars picked up a key victory in District 4-4A action over the Big Spring Lady Steers, 4-3.

With the game tied at 3 and one out in the bottom of the seventh, Cooper's Sammi Meisner lined a pitch from Kenzie Hunt down the line in right field. The ball made its way towards the corner of the fence.

Despite hesitating as she came around third, Meisner slid under the tag of Big Spring catcher Jessica Womack for a walk-off inside-the-park home run.

It's the second time Cooper has defeated Big Spring with a seventh-inning run this season. In their first meeting, the Lady Cougars put one across in the top of the frame with two outs. It turned out to be all they needed for a 1-0 win.

"I'm a bit speechless," said Big Spring Head Coach John Sparks. "To have the game suddenly end like that is a little hard to take in."

The Lady Steers had just tied the game in the top of the seventh inning. Down

See **LADY STEERS**, Page 3B

Steers' rally falls short

Big Spring makes comeback bid, Plainview holds on for 7-5 win

By BILL NORRIS

Special to the Herald

On the cusp, but just not quite there.

That describes the past three games for the Big Spring Steers baseball team.

The Steers were frustrated again Tuesday as they fell to the Plainview Bulldogs.

Reliever Jason Miller, who lost to the Steers in the District 4-4A opener, came on to shut down a bases-loaded rally in the seventh and secure the Bulldogs' 7-5 victory and send the Steers to another maddening defeat.

"We keep suffering these

tough, close losses and we've got to figure out a way to win them," said Big Spring Head Coach Burt Otto. "We have to realize that we're not out of the playoff hunt. Our goal at the start of the season was the make the playoffs. We're not going to be able to win district, but we've still got a shot at the two seed in this district. We've got to put these tough losses behind us and finish strong in the last two games."

Down 7-2, the Steers scored three in the bottom of the seventh and had the bases loaded with just one out.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Matt Ritchey secures a fly ball in District 4-4A action against Plainview Tuesday at Steer Park. The Steers fell to Plainview, 7-5.

Burton leads Buffs to shutout win

Herald Staff Report

FORSAN — There's little doubt about Forsan junior Evan Burton's ability to hit a baseball. Burton was named the district's Offensive Most Valuable Player in his freshman and sophomore seasons.

However, it was on the mound that Burton shined Tuesday night.

Burton, making just his third pitching appearance this season, picked up his second win of the season, dealing a complete game shutout as he led the Buffs past Winters, 10-0.

"Evan has the most experience on the mound of any play-

er on this team," said Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips. "We brought him along slowly this year because he had a longer basketball season, but it's dropped right into place just the way we wanted it to. He's really starting to hit his peak at the right time."

Burton pitched all six frames in a game shortened by an inning due to the 10-run mercy rule. He allowed five hits and one walk, while striking out 10 batters.

He got plenty of help offensively, particularly from the bat of freshman Foster Burchett. Burchett homered and drove in two runs. Jake

Rhoton had three RBI.

Ever since a 10-9 heartbreaking loss to Ira in extra innings 10 days ago, the Buffs have played two of their best games of the season with this win and an 11-5 victory over Miles last week.

"It feels great to have the team playing this well," said Phillips. "We started a bit slow swinging the bats in this game, but from the third inning on, we really started hitting the ball hard. We're striking out too much, but when we're making contact, then we're really driving the ball."

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Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan pitcher Evan Burton throws to the plate in District 2-A action against Winters Tuesday in Forsan. Burton pitched a shutout as Forsan won 10-0.

Sports in brief

BSCGA holding monthly tourney at 10 a.m. Saturday

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is holding its monthly tournament at 10 a.m. Saturday at the municipal golf course at Comanche Trail Park.

Entrance fee is \$20 and prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. Registration needs to take place at 9:30 a.m.

The format is a four-person selected drive.

For more information, call Pano Rodriguez

Registration and tryouts for Big Spring Pony League set

The Big Spring Pony League will have registration and baseball tryouts Saturday at Roy Anderson Complex.

Registration is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with tryouts starting at 2 p.m.

Players must be within the age range of 13-15 years old.

If a child is currently 12 and turns 13 by April 30, he or she is eligible to play. A 15 year old must not turn 16 by April 30. Birth certificates are required to sign up.

Cost is \$90 per child with no fund raiser.

Anyone interested in coaching or for more information, contact Shelli Harrington at 264-6501 or e-mail her at soccermom077@yahoo.com.

Golf tournament to benefit KBSB set for Saturday

The fifth annual Keep Big Spring Beautiful Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tourney will be played in a four-person scramble format with an entry fee of \$65 per player. Tee time is 8:30 a.m.

Any individual or company can sponsor a hole for \$100.

For more information on sponsorship, contact Verna Davis at 267-8003 or 425-2325.

Harlem Starz taking on Big Spring coaches Monday

In an attempt to raise money for camps for the Big Spring Lady Steers varsity girls basketball team, several Big Spring ISD coaches will be taking on the Harlem Starz at 7 p.m. Monday at Steer Gym.

Tickets cost \$7 and can be purchased at the Athletic Training Center during business hours.

2009 Cancer Scramble Golf Tournament April 25-26

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a golf tournament April 25-26 with all proceeds to benefit The American Cancer Society and Relay for Life.

The format is a four-person scramble with the option to either form a team or be assigned to one.

Prizes in the form of BSCC Golf Shop gift certificates will be awarded.

Entry fee is \$75 per player plus a \$22 golf cart fee, but private carts are welcome.

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Obituaries

Earnest A. Richters

Earnest A. Richters, 91, of Coahoma, died Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Correction

In the April 12 weekend edition of the *Big Spring Herald's* Public Records, a suit was incorrectly identified as: Rodney Newell vs. Nancy Newell, protective order. The suit should have read: Rodney Newell vs. Nancy Newell, divorce. The *Herald* apologizes for any inconveniences caused by the mix-up.

Take Note

• Pre-registration for students who will be attending pre-K and kindergarten classes at Elbow Elementary will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. this week at the school, located at 5001 Nichols Rd. Parents will need to bring their child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization record and proof of residence. Parents enrolling their child in pre-K classes must provide proof of income. For more information, call 398-5444.

• A retirement ceremony for Coahoma Mayor Bill Read will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Signal Mountain room at the First Bank of West Texas' Coahoma office. The public is invited.

• A benefit account has been established at Woodforest National Bank (Account 1652331339) for John Allison and Jacoby Rivera, who lost their belongings in a residential fire Friday on Runnels. Donations can also be made by calling (431) 213-4091.

• The Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 3188 American Legion Post 506 will be sponsoring a fund-raiser for Lee Karwedsky, a young boy with Muscular Dystrophy who is confined to a wheelchair, in hopes of raising enough money to purchase a handicap-accessible van. Homemade chopped barbecue sandwich plates, complete with trimmings, will be available Saturday for \$7 per plate from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. at 703 W. Third St. There will be games and a dance beginning at 8 p.m. featuring the Hill Country Pickers. For more information, contact Vonda Wrye at 816-1261.

• The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau will be hosting a Meet the Candidate Forum, Tuesday, April 21, at 6:15 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Invited are Big Spring and Coahoma candidates running for city council, school board and mayor. The format will be informal. Candidates will be given five minutes to introduce themselves and make a few comments about their campaign platform, etc. The remaining part of the evening will be spent visiting and talking personally to the attendees. Candidates will be allowed to bring campaign material and handouts. For more information, contact Debbye ValVerde, executive director for the Chamber of Commerce, at 263-7641.

• A fund-raiser featuring dinner, drinks, a dance and a silent auction will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. May 23 in the Garden City Community Center. Tickets are \$100 per couple or \$50 each and may be purchased by calling Kristin Schwartz at 354-2698 or 270-0544 or Shana Kirkland at 354-2331 or 213-4198. Funds raised will allow the Texas Hooter Honeyes to walk in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, 60-Mile Breast Cancer Walk.

• The Big Spring High School Class of 1989 is looking for members to attend a 20-year reunion in September. Contact Christy Alexander Brown at (972) 567-8037 or Irma Moreno Garcia at (432) 816-5321 with your updated information.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers. If you can donate one hour per week to our organization delivering meals between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., you will be helping the senior citizens of Big Spring. Contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016

• The Family History Center (genealogy library) of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be open from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. If you need assistance in searching out your ancestors, bring all the information you have about your family and we will be happy to assist you. For more information, contact R.A. McKay at (432) 553-8127.

• Big Spring resident Velma Campbell was on vacation in Arizona when she had a massive stroke. She has since been transported to a hospital in Lubbock. She has many friends and is an avid bowler. If anyone would like to help, a savings account has been set up at Wells Fargo. The savings account number is 9662778118.

Police blotter

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

- MICHAEL LEE DOTSON, 61, of 2705 Lynn, was arrested Tuesday on an Ector County warrant for a motion to revoke probation for failure to register as a sex offender.
- LUIS ALBERTO GARFIAS, 21, of 2305 Marshall, was arrested Tuesday on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (four counts), no driver's license (two counts) and speeding.
- RONNIE EUGENE LEAL, 19, of 1733 Purdue, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- CHAD ALLEN MUSGROVE, 41, of 405 N. Moss Lake Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for parole violation.
- TONI JANETTE MARTINEZ, 24, of 2101 E. Ninth St., was arrested Tuesday on three local warrants for criminal mischief.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 300 block of Owens.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in the 1200 block of Birdwell Lane.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 50 inmates at the time of this report.
- ROSS PAUL BALLANCE, 47, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
 - KYLE LEE BROWNFIELD, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
 - MATTHEW CASTANEDA, 19, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of racing on highway.
 - BENJAMIN CHANCY, 32, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of racing on highway.
 - MICHAEL JOSEPH MCNEW, 18, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on an unnamed charge.
 - NORMAN JOE MCNEW, 44, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a probation revocation (charge not provided).
 - MARK TIMOTHY STANLEY, 47, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear (two counts).
 - MARK ALLEN WOOD, 27, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility, unsafe speed and driving while license suspended.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2500 block of Gregg Street. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of E. Fifth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2400 block of Adams. Service refused.
- DUMPSTER FIRE was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 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.

Your Local Weather

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Bulletin Board

TODAY

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

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.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth.
- 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.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- 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 1019 Nolan St. 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.

SATURDAY

- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- Time change starting April 20. Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery game is now worth \$109 million.

The grand prize amount rolled over after no player matched all the winning numbers in Tuesday night's \$92 million drawing. The next drawing is Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing were: 4, 11, 22, 48 and 50. The Mega Ball number was 42.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-24-13-22-9. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-7-6-1. Sum It Up: 17.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-4-0. Sum It Up: 9.

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Cowboys open new stadium vs. Giants

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Cowboys play the New York Giants in their first game that counts at the new \$1.1 billion stadium.

After that, the NFL schedule released Tuesday keeps them away from their classic NFC East rivals until the midway point of the 2009 season. And they have to wait until the Sunday before Thanksgiving to see another from the traditional New York-Philadelphia-Washington trio at home, when the Redskins visit.

That first one is big, though. The Giants come to suburban Arlington on Sunday, Sept. 20 — the second week of the season — to share the NBC spotlight in the first of back-to-back games in prime time on national television. The Week 3 game against the Carolina Panthers will be on ESPN on Sept. 28, Dallas' only Monday night appearance.

The Cowboys open the regular season Sept. 13 at Tampa Bay.

"I think just to have those games at the beginning that aren't division games are actually going to help us out," defensive end DeMarcus Ware said.

Then again, the Cowboys will have to wait half the season to try to make amends for the embarrassing finish in 2008, when they were blown out by the Eagles in a winner-take-all game for the playoffs. Dallas visits Philadelphia on Nov. 8 in the second

Date	Team	Time
Sept. 13	at Tampa Bay	Noon
Sept. 20	N.Y. Giants	7:20 p.m.
Sept. 28	Carolina	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Denver	3:15 p.m.
Oct. 11	at Kansas City	Noon
Oct. 18	BYE	
Oct. 25	Atlanta	3:15 p.m.
Nov. 1	Seattle	Noon
Nov. 8	at Philadelphia	7:20 p.m.
Nov. 15	at Green Bay	3:15 p.m.
Nov. 22	Washington	Noon
Nov. 26	Oakland	3:15 p.m.
Dec. 6	at N.Y. Giants	3:15 p.m.
Dec. 13	San Diego	3:15 p.m.
Dec. 19	at New Orleans	7:20 p.m.
Dec. 27	at Washington	7:20 p.m.
Jan. 3	Philadelphia	Noon

of three Sunday night appearances. The other NBC game is Dec. 27 at Washington.

After Oakland becomes the first Thanksgiving opponent in the new stadium, the Cowboys have 10 days to gear up for a tough five-game finishing kick against teams that figure to contend for the playoffs. It starts Dec. 6 with the Giants rematch at the Meadowlands, followed by a home game against San Diego, at New Orleans and Washington, and back home against Philadelphia.

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Texans open season at home, play second Monday Night game

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans will open the season at home for the first time since 2005 and get their second consecutive Monday Night Football appearance in 2009.

Houston opens the season Sept. 13 against the New York Jets, a team that has won all three meetings with the Texans.

The Texans get their second Monday Night home game after beating Jacksonville 30-17 in their Monday Night home debut last season.

Houston will host AFC South foe Tennessee in the Nov. 23 matchup.

"They're the team to beat right now in our division, the way they played last year," coach Gary Kubiak said of the Titans. "So we look forward to that game. They're a team that we have to be competitive against, that we have to find a way to be successful against if we plan on being a playoff team, and having it on Monday night just adds a little bit to it."

Along with AFC South teams Jacksonville (Sept. 27) and Indianapolis (Nov. 29), the Texans also host Oakland (Oct. 4), San Francisco (Oct. 25) and Seattle (Dec. 13) before the Jan. 3 season finale against New England.

Both the 49ers and the Seahawks will be making their first trips to Reliant Stadium. San Francisco hasn't played in Houston since 1996 and Seattle's last trip to the city came in 1994.

Houston Texans 2009-10 schedule

Date	Team	Time
Sept. 13	N.Y. Jets	Noon
Sept. 20	at Tennessee	Noon
Sept. 27	Jacksonville	Noon
Oct. 4	Oakland	Noon
Oct. 11	at Arizona	3:15 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Cincinnati	Noon
Oct. 25	San Francisco	Noon
Nov. 1	at Buffalo	Noon
Nov. 8	at Indianapolis	Noon
Nov. 15	BYE	
Nov. 23	Tennessee	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	Indianapolis	Noon
Dec. 6	at Jacksonville	Noon
Dec. 13	Seattle	Noon
Dec. 20	at St. Louis	Noon
Dec. 27	at Miami	Noon
Jan. 3	New England	Noon

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The Texans are looking forward to playing three of the first four games at home after playing their first three games on the road last season after Hurricane Ike rearranged the schedule.

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STREETS

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very wet sub-grade conditions, and those conditions are probably from ground water. At the same time we recognized that the existing concrete streets that were down there (underground) were in really good condition. They had adequate thickness, and other than the cracks you generally see in those old concrete streets, they are in pretty good shape.

"As the contractor and the engineer — Parkhill Smith and Cooper — discussed the situation, we recognized there might be considerable savings both in time and in money if we try to utilize those old, existing concrete streets as our foundation for the new streets. So we worked through a series of scenarios and came up with a procedure by which we would mill

off at least two inches of the old street, both asphalt and concrete, and that would allow us to place two new inches of hot-mix on those old concrete streets."

While the existing concrete sub-structure offers a very attractive shortcut, it doesn't come without its share of challenges, said Davis.

"Before we do that, we'll put a fiber mat on the old concrete streets. The reason we want to do that is because the cracks in the concrete streets have a tendency to reflect up through any new asphalt paving," said Davis. "This fiber material will arrest those cracks and keep them from coming up through the surface. So we'll have a good foundation and a way to prevent the future cracks from coming up through the surface and we'll put a new two inches of hot-mix on those old concrete streets."

"We elected to let the contractor go ahead and com-

plete First Street and Second Street utilizing that method as a test, and he (the contractor) is in the process of finishing First Street now. There is very good ride-ability, which was something the city was concerned with. It rides well and it has a smooth appearance to it, and it performs very well. This process looks very promising."

Davis said using the existing concrete will shorten the time to complete the project and knock off a considerable portion of the cost, money the city can use to pay some much-needed attention to another roadway.

"If we can do this on all of the existing concrete streets it will shave several months off the schedule. It will also save more than \$1 million in construction costs for the project," said Davis. "With that savings, the city has always had in their sights to do Lancaster Street. So what we'd like to propose is the

city add Lancaster Street to the project, and it wouldn't add any money to the project, just shift some of what would have been spent on Main and Scurry and apply that to Lancaster."

"The caveat to that is we always like to redo the water lines ahead of street reconstruction, and Lancaster Street has not been done. So what we would need to do is develop a bid package to replace the water lines, similar to what we did on Scurry and Main streets, ahead of the street reconstruction. We don't know the dollar amount that would take, but we have done some preliminary estimates, and we could still get a significant amount of Lancaster done. And we would work with the city staff to prioritize those areas of Lancaster that we really want to approach with this reconstruction."

Mayor Russ McEwen urged the council to approve the

addition of Lancaster to the roster of streets to be reconstructed.

"You all know how bad Lancaster is," said McEwen grimly. "It's in terrible shape. If we don't do it, I don't know when the city gets around to it, and that street is in dire straits with a lot of traffic."

Councilman Greg Biddison expressed some concerns as to the longevity offered by using the existing concrete.

"Do you think it's going to hold up for another 25 years?" asked Biddison.

"Yes, that concrete has probably been there 50 years or so and the only deterioration it's had is some of those thermal cracks that have happened in certain locations," said Davis. "The integrity of the concrete is very good. I don't think it will degrade any, and the cracks will be arrested by the fiber matting."

The council approved the measure by a unanimous vote.

RESPONSE

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"We had started out looking at some possible dates to have Kids' Zone back up and open to the kids when they get out of school. The original date we looked at was on the weekend of graduation... so the committee suggested we move that up to the 18th."

Darden said the majority of the materials needed for the repairs and additions will be coming from the consultant, which is based out of New York, but the remaining materials will most likely come from local businesses.

"Our consultants are coming out of New York, and they will be providing a lot of the material for this project," said Darden. "They will provide most of the wood material and most of the nuts and bolts will come from our local vendors. We'll be soliciting

for bids from those companies to hopefully buy those type of materials. The consulting and design fees would be approximately \$12,000 as a best case scenario, and just more than \$15,000 for a worst case scenario. It's all predicated on how many dollars you have to spend to go along with their estimate."

And while designing a playground may seem like child's play, Darden said the number of options and suggestions coming from Leathers & Associates has been extremely in-depth, and at times, daunting.

"In looking at some of the other features they had out there and the pictures we sent them, they sent back numerous recommendations for items that need to be replaced," said Darden. "What we're looking at doing is replacing what was damaged as a result of the fire and adding a section for toddlers 2 years to 5 years old to the play-

ground."

As fund-raising for the project comes to a close, Darden said there is still a very serious need for volunteers to help move the effort forward.

"We're using city resources and volunteers, and we're still looking for committee members to help us with the project. We need a minimum of about seven people to help out in the committees. Also, we need volunteers, specifically people who have carpentry trade skills. Most of this material is wood. There is some hardware involved to put it all together, but for the most part it's woodworking."

Airpark Director Jim Little, who has served as the liaison between local civic groups and the city during the fund-raising effort, said the support offered by the community throughout the effort has been enthusiastic.

"It has been a great project as far as community interest and involvement goes. The

generosity of the people has just been overwhelming," said Little. "It was almost overnight that we raised the \$25,000 we set out to raise, and we were able to do that because of the enthusiasm of the people. There have been families where the parents themselves used that playground, and then they had children who used it, and then grandchildren who used it. There was a lot of support for it."

"As far as the construction project goes, we're seeing that same kind of enthusiasm. People are lining up to help in terms of providing drinks and food."

Mayor Russ McEwen said he was extremely impressed with the support the community showed the project.

"David Justice, the warden for Cornell, made a phone call to me, and their employees — not their corporate office, but their employees — raised \$5,600 for this project, which

is just outstanding," McEwen told the council.

Anyone interested in volunteering their time to the effort to rebuild can contact Darden at 264-2501 or Little at 264-2362.

While fund-raising efforts have met with nothing but success since the blaze destroyed the southwest portion of the playground, efforts to catch the vandals responsible have yet to produce an arrest despite more than \$10,000 in reward money being put up by the city and Howard County governments.

Anyone with information regarding the fire — or any other acts of vandalism — are asked to call Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 264-TIPS (8477). No caller ID is ever used, and informants can remain anonymous.

Information can also be left with the Fire Marshal's Office at 264-2305, or the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550.

BSISD

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posed to streamline student data such as transcripts and grade books, instead caused numerous headaches to school officials during the system's first year of operation.

Those headaches were eased somewhat when school officials purchased another software package to handle the

grade book functions and the district has operated with a hybrid combination of Chancery and other software packages since then.

Thursday, trustees are expected to approve a new SMS package provided by the regional education service center in Midland.

Start-up costs, which include servers and other hardware, will be about \$65,000. Afterward, the district will pay a yearly license fee

of about \$16,000 to access the system, Assistant Superintendent Steven Saldivar said.

Ready training and technical support were two major reasons the district decided to go with the new system, Saldivar said.

"It was a pretty intensive search we had," he said. "We took input from teachers at every campus ... (and) we visited other schools to see what kind of systems they had. After that, we

made the decision to go with (the new system).

"The really good thing about this new system is that technical support will be right down the road in Midland," Saldivar added.

Also Thursday, trustees are expected to name a person to helm the new administrative position of executive director of instruction and personnel.

"The duties are pretty much in the job title," Saldivar said. "This

person will be responsible for coordinating our efforts in the areas of instruction and personnel."

In other business, trustees will consider:

- The purchase of two 46-passenger activity buses for a total of \$320,000.

- The transfer of property being held by BSISD to Howard County.

- Reports on facility needs and use of stimulus funds.

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- Personnel issues.

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classrooms at the high school — is proceeding nicely, Brown said, and other projects are beginning to pick up steam.

"The foundation work is done on the classroom wing and the steel work is starting to go up," he said. "And we've got several projects really close to completion."

Those other projects include:

- Tennis courts near the high school, which officials hope will be completed and available for the community's use this summer.

- The athletic field house, which is awaiting only floor work to be completed.

- The high school au-

ditorium, which should be ready for use by the start of the next school year.

Brown said officials were hopeful construction of the second classroom wing will be completed in time for the new school year, but were cautious about making any predictions.

"We don't want to be overly optimistic," he said. "It may be or it may not be. It's just too early to tell."

Projects planned for the summer months include carpeting and electrical work at the junior high school, upgrades of the locker rooms at the high school and junior high gyms and minor detail work at the elementary campus.

Once the second high school wing is com-

pleted, the last phase of construction — demolition of the old wing and installation of a parking lot — will begin, Brown said.

And then the \$13 million project will be completed.

"Original projections called for us to be fin-

ished by August," he said. "I don't see that. It could be Christmas or later before we're completed."

Also Thursday, trustees will consider:

- A student discipline issue in closed session.

- Possible revision to the student code of con-

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Rangers give up four in 10th, fall to Baltimore, 7-5

ARLINGTON (AP) — Adam Jones rewarded Baltimore's weary bullpen for its solid work. Jones hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the 10th inning and the Orioles held on to hand the Texas Rangers their fifth straight loss, 7-5 on Tuesday night.

With the score tied at 3, Brian Roberts singled with one out in the

10th off Eddie Guardado (0-1). Jones, who had three RBI, followed with his first homer of the season into the Baltimore bullpen in left-center. Jones was looking for a fastball, but thought Guardado might throw him a split-finger pitch. Jones was delighted when Guardado went with the fastball.

"He has a good split and I was just

trying to get something to hit," Jones said.

Luke Scott added a two-run double in the four-run 10th as the Orioles batted around to make it 7-3.

Jim Johnson (1-0) threw two innings of one-hit relief, joining four other Baltimore relievers in allowing just two runs over the final 8 2-3 innings.

"We asked an awful lot of those

guys in the bullpen tonight," Orioles manager Dave Trembley said. "Guys coming back on short rest, guys having to throw more pitches, more innings than they've thrown. I dare say we got the most out of everybody out there. Like I've been saying, in the early part of the season, what it comes down to is you got to make pitches and you got to make plays."

STEERS

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Miller came on in relief and snuffed out the rally, striking out Colby Landis and getting Kaegan Hunt to ground out to third to end the game.

Hunt, who has been the Steers top hitter this season, batting around 500, also missed on another bases-loaded opportunity in the sixth inning.

"Kaegan has been great all year and I really feel for him. He had some bad luck," said Otto. "He hit the ball well both times in those situations and I really believed we had the right kid up to bat with the bases loaded. I would want him up there every time.

He hit the ball well, but it was right at their guys, and to Plainview's credit, they made the plays."

Big Spring got off to a good start when Martin Yanez scored on a throwing error by Plainview.

Yanez singled to right and advanced to second when Jeremy Solis walked. Plainview starter Andy Craig had Yanez picked off second, but the speedy center fielder took off and slid into third ahead of the throw. When the ball got past the third baseman, Yanez scampered home to give the Steers a 1-0 lead.

Plainview bounced right back with two runs in the second on a walk, two hits and an error to take a 2-1 lead. The Bulldogs added another run in the fourth to make it 3-1. The Steers got within one in the fifth, when Hunt

singled to center and advanced to third when Craig's pickoff throw sailed up the right field line. Hunt would score on a sacrifice fly by Yanez to make it 3-2.

Plainview scored three in the sixth with a two out rally. Chris Hill reached on a fielder's choice, Jonathan Solis walked and then left fielder C.J. Perez stepped up and sent a long drive over the screen in left, making in 6-2.

Cade Hollandsworth took the loss as he pitched the entire game.

"I never really considered taking Cade out of the game. He had a couple of times when he took a hit from the ball and then a baserunner, but I didn't ever really want to take him out," said Otto. "I went out and talked to him after the home run because

sometimes a pitcher needs to talk after giving up a 3-run shot when he was nursing a 1-run deficit already. I wasn't going to bring him out, though."

The Steers (8-13, 2-4) are in a tie with Lake View (4-20, 2-4) for fourth in the district standings and sit a half-game back of Abilene Cooper (7-15, 2-3).

They have a bye Friday and host Cooper at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Steer Park.

Plainview	020 103 1-7 6 2
Big Spring	100 010 3-5 11 3

Craig, Perez(7), Miller(7) and Velasquez. Cade Hollandsworth, Colby Landis (7) and Rance Terry. W — Craig. L — Hollandsworth. 2B:PV - Landeras; BS — Hollandsworth. HR: PV - Perez. RBI: PV- Perez 4, Hill; BS — Martin Yanez, Hollandsworth, Jon Benavides, Steven Henry

LADY STEERS

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3-0 at the start of the frame, the Lady Steers finally started to post some runs with a two-out rally.

Linzee Yarbar reached base with one out in the frame when she singled. Two batters later, Jillian Valle picked up her third hit of the night with a hit into right field.

Yarbar was aggressive on the base paths and slid headfirst safely into third. Valle advanced to second on the throw, putting two runners in scoring position.

Prior to this situation, the Lady Steers had five runners on second or third five times in the game, but was yet to cash in on the opportunities.

This time they cashed in.

Valerie Ross made good contact and a hard-hit ball went through the legs

of Cooper's shortstop Meisner, scoring both Yarbar and Valle.

Ross moved up to second on a bloop single by Hunt, putting two on for Baylea Fox. Fox hit a flyball to center field that the wind pushed around some and was dropped by Cooper's Sarah Church.

Ross scored on the error to tie the game. Unfortunately, Fox was caught trying to advance to send and the inning ended with Hunt left on third.

In the end, the rally only set the stage for Meisner's heroics.

"I'm proud of the way these girls played in this game. It's the best late-inning comeback we've had this season," noted Sparks. "It's unfortunate it ended the way it did. We had a great chance to win this game. The momentum was going our way. That's just how softball goes sometimes."

Hunt took the loss for the Lady Steers despite giving up just one earned run. Cooper's first three runs of the game came in the fifth inning

on two errors by the Lady Steers.

Hunt gave up seven hits, but surrendered no walks as she struck out seven batters. She also went 4-for-4 from the plate, singling each time. She was stranded in scoring position after all four hits.

"Kenzie has been great. She's really working her tail off," said Sparks. "She's really stepped up as a pitcher since getting the ball exclusively. I couldn't ask for more from her. We've got to do a better job of backing her up and rewarding her performance."

The Lady Steers fall to 2-5 in District 4-4A play and now find themselves in a familiar situation. They play a non-conference game against Midland Greenwood at 5 p.m. Friday at Greenwood.

Then, for the third time this year, a Lady Steers team will have to compete with San Angelo Lake View to earn a berth into the postseason.

They host the Maidens at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and hold a one-game lead

over them for the final playoff spot out of 4-4A. If Lake View wins, then a play-in game would be needed to decide who gets into the postseason. Big Spring can avoid that by simply beating Lake View.

In both basketball and volleyball, the Lady Steers found themselves in the similar situations. With playoff spots on the line, the Lady Steers won a play-in game in both sports.

"I don't think it hurts that we've had to play Lake View for the playoffs in the other sports, too. Some of these girls are three-sport athletes, so they've experienced these important games against Lake View," said Sparks. "We want to avoid the play-in game, though. We just need to go out and take care of business, then get ready for the playoffs."

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Kenzie Hunt and Jessica Womack. Branell Falcon and Danni Delagarza. HR: AC - Sammi Meisner. RBI: AC - Devin McCory, Meisner.

FORSAN

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"I think we're as confident as we've been all year," he continued. "We're striking out, but we're going down swinging and being aggressive at the plate. Our defense has been phenomenal. There were two different times in this game where Winters had runners at second and third with

two outs. Both times, Evan stepped up and struck out the next two batters. We're staying away from the bad inning and scoring in just about every inning and that's great."

Forsan currently sits in a three-way tie atop the District 2-A standings with Ira and Miles with each team holding a 7-2 record. If all three finish with a 10-2 mark, then a playoff will be held between the squads to decide seeding for the postseason.

The Buffs have three district games remaining and travel to Westbrook at 5 p.m. Friday. They'll close the season with a doubleheader against Hermleigh beginning at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Forsan.

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COWBOYS

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The task is made more daunting by Dallas' recent penchant for late-season collapses and a 12-year stretch without a playoff win.

"Not how you can get to the playoffs, but how can you get wins under our belt. That's the first thing I look at," Ware said. "Then you look at, since we've been having trouble at the end of season, how does the schedule look at the end of the season. Our schedule right now is actually pretty hard."

The New Orleans-Washington pairing is the last of three back-to-back road swings. The first is Denver (Oct. 4) and Kansas City (Oct. 11); the sec-

ond is Philadelphia (Nov. 8) and Green Bay (Nov. 15).

But the Cowboys also have three sets of consecutive home games. After the first two, they get Atlanta and Seattle at home after their bye week. The Redskins come to Arlington on Nov. 22, four days before the Raiders' Thanksgiving visit.

The Cowboys open the stadium on national television with a preseason game against the Tennessee Titans on Friday, Aug. 21. San Francisco is the other preseason home opponent on Saturday, Aug. 29.

Dallas opens and closes the preseason with road games — Oakland (Thursday, Aug. 13) and Minnesota (Friday, Sept. 4).

The new stadium's first game that counts will be an Oklahoma-BYU college matchup on Saturday, Sept. 5.

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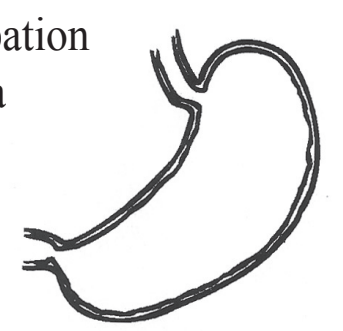
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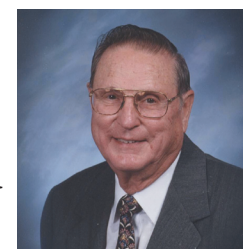
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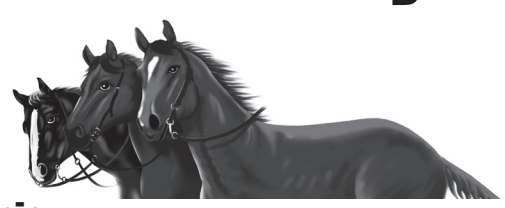
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OUR VIEW

Put Health Fair in your plans for the weekend

Do you know how healthy or unhealthy you are? Well, that's something every one of us ought to be interested in, and an event set for this weekend will help with that.

We have on numerous occasions used this space to say that nothing is more important than one's health. Old sayings on the subject are too numerous to mention. And for good reason, because anything else, with the exception of one's spiritual condition, pales in comparison.

Unfortunately, far too many of us fall woefully short of being conscientious when it comes to making sure we're in good health.

We're too busy, we too often tell ourselves, to schedule a doctor's appointment for a check up. Worse still, in some cases we ignore symptoms of potentially life-threatening conditions.

That's why it's important that we all make plans to take advantage of free health screenings that will be offered Saturday at Health Fair 2009.

Doors to Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and there will be numerous booths supplying free screenings and information.

The theme for this year's fair is "Know Your Numbers."

We here at the Herald are proud to be among the corporate sponsors for the event. Other corporate sponsors are Big Spring Air-Evac Lifeteam, Alon USA, Caring Hearts Home Health, Cornell Companies, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center H-E-B, KBST, KBYG, Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, Parkplace Retirement Living, Parkview Nursing and Rehab, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Warren Chiropractic Center, West Texas Centers for MHMR and West Texas VA Health Care Systems.

United Blood Services will have its mobile unit on hand, and the partial list of screenings available include: blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, PSAs, Pulse/Ox testing and weight. Fluoride treatment for children will also be available, as well as fingerprinting and picture identification kits for children and senior citizens.

We encourage everyone — from our community's healthcare professionals to the average man, woman or child on the street — to make plans to stop by the Health Fair on Saturday and pay a little attention to healthy living.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we are prepared for what life throw at us.

Amen

Laying the groundwork

Public schools are a popular topic for newspapers and magazines. I'm sitting surrounded by clippings. Headlines, paraphrased here, shout out: "Families Shut Out of Pre-K," "School Choice Programs Disappointing," "Magnet Schools Short Of Money," "Deficits Plague School Lunch," "Uniforms Are Popular," "Another Desegregation Plan," "Fiscal Disaster Awaits Urban Schools," "Cash Rewards For Pupils and Teachers," "Black Students Lag In A.P.," "Cops In Hallways," etc.



WILLIAM A. COLLINS

Usually the news is bad, but often with cheery reference to a hopeful new heroic superintendent or an inspired program. Maybe THIS one will lead us out of the darkness.

Just like the uplifting "No Child Left Behind," which unfortunately turned out to be little more than a slogan. And many programs have indeed been helpful: Uniforms, boot camps, breakfasts, lunches, magnets, busing, cops and others have each alleviated some nagging symptom.

The latest, paying kids for learning better and teachers for teaching better may help, too. Let's hope.

But perhaps scariest of these dismal headlines is the shortage of seats in Pre-K.

Rare is the educator who chal-

lenges the importance of starting kids early, especially those from homes with a stimulation deficit. Our own family has been painfully observing a toddler relative suffer in just such a sterile environment. She may never catch up. Were it not for inconvenient statutes to the contrary, there might have been a kidnapping by now.

Unfortunately, in the poverty-ridden wastelands of many American central cities, there is often no sensitive extended family even to lament the mental destruction that is daily taking place.

Rich folks commonly buy outside stimulation for their kids not long after the cord is cut. The poor lack that luxury, and often lack even the grasp of its importance.

So too does our nation. Education, for all the rhetoric of political campaigns and the heralding of brilliant new techniques, remains overwhelmingly a local problem. States give a try at balancing out school funding and they impose basic standards, but it's still local school districts that do the heavy lifting. Whether that includes serious pre-school stimulus or not generally depends on the wealth of the home folks.

Health and nutrition play a major role in learning too. Hyperactive or overweight or diabetic or hungry kids are not top picks for successful school careers. That's why Congress has funded (or under funded) breakfast and lunch programs, though these are as often designed to assist agribusiness as children. Head Start too, that

most commendable of preschool initiatives, has found itself a political football and many times not even part of the school system.

So a large element of the fix for urban schools lies outside the superintendent's control. And the job simply can't all be done with teacher bonuses, paying kids to study, smart uniforms, cops in the halls and pretending to desegregate. Without universal health care and enough income for decent nutrition, the education problem is plainly not going to go away. Without the stimulus of skilled childcare professionals for kids whose parents can't provide it, low-income public schools will remain high dropout public schools.

Is our nation willing to commit to such costly basic social expenditures in order to give our schools a chance? Well, we're already signed up for some pretty big expenses just now, like wars, bailouts and Pentagon spending. Probably can't fit in any more big commitments quite yet.

Education will most likely have to continue in the back seat, living off spurts of funding and flashes of insight. The dream of universal graduation needs to be based on universal health care, universal income support and universal pre-school.

Without these, all other programs are band-aids and our schools will stay sick.

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



Can't believe anything anymore

It's getting harder and harder to be sure of anything.

For example, we've long been told that Afghanistan cannot be conquered. The Soviet Union couldn't do it in the 20th Century, the British couldn't do it in the 19th Century, nor could Alexander the Great in the 4th Century, B.C.

At least that's what we've been told and that's what we believed. Those Afghans are some kind of tough.

Now comes Peter Bergen, a senior fellow at the New America Foundation, to tell us differently.

It seems that Afghanistan was subdued in the 13th Century by Genghis Khan and his Mongol hordes (sounds like a heavy metal rock band, doesn't it?). In the 16th Century, Barbur, founder of the Mughal Empire in India, knocked over Kabul like it was a candy store, and, so long as we're talking about it, the Brits came back from their defeat to conquer Afghanistan in a rematch.

Even Alexander wasn't really defeated by the Afghans. His troops just got tired of fighting and, like a bad date, insisted on going home. Far from being an invincible foe, these Afghans are bums on roller skates. Probably.

So maybe the president's new scheme to surge thousands of troops into Afghanistan and teach those Palookas a lesson

isn't as alarming as it seems on the surface to us peaceniks. Maybe.

And then there's global warming. I was pretty much convinced that just about everybody but kooks and crackpots were on board with Al Gore on this. The world is warming at an alarming rate and if we don't do something soon we will have water lapping the outside of our bathtubs as well as the inside. The debate was over, it was agreed.

Now I find that the debate rages on. Skeptics are pointing out that 2008 was the coolest year of the past decade and was followed by a punishing winter that featured snow in Georgia and New Orleans, as well as a cold spell in Europe that had them feeding hot tea to the chimpanzees in Rome. Seriously.

Global warming is over, these people — some of them highly respected, like Freeman Dyson, the eminent physicist from Princeton's Institute for Advanced Study — say. And they have statistics to back them. Unfortunately, so do the Gore-niks and they bear no relationship to statistics the other guys are using. I tend to stick with the Global Warmers, particularly when I look at the cheerleaders for the other camp — Rush Limbaugh, Ann Coulter and the rest of the Fox News coven — but there's one thing that bothers me.

That poor polar bear stranded on an ice floe whose picture they keep showing to demonstrate the case for warming. Very cute bear. Very alarming picture. But when you think about it, it doesn't make sense. Polar bears

can swim. I read someplace they can swim 50 or 60 miles at a time. That bear isn't stranded on that ice floe, he's surfing.

If the case for global warming is so overwhelming why are the Gore-niks resorting to cheesy sentimentality to convince us? Couldn't they come up with better examples?

To me the thing that argues most persuasively for global warming is this: Why wouldn't there be man-made warming? Do you really think that we earthlings can release vast clouds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere year after year without having an effect on that atmosphere? And if not warming, what? That's what I think but I'm less sure than I used to be, I'll tell you that.

And finally, there's President Barack Obama's plan to bail out the banks.

I was disturbed at the thought of rescuing institutions that had plundered the investments and savings of millions of Americans, but I was willing to go along. What am I, a Nobel Prize-winning economist?

Then Paul Krugman, who is a Nobel Prize-winning economist, said that the plan filled him with "a sense of despair." And he's a lefty.

I don't know what to believe anymore. Hot tea to chimpanzees?

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Wacky Facts

- * April 22 is National Earth Day.
 - * The average U.S. kid produces approximately 1,200 pounds of trash each year.
 - * Only about one-third of all the trash in the United States is recycled.
- World Almanac for Kids

Chatter Box

"I think the environment should be put in the category of our national security. Defense of our resources is just as important as defense abroad. Otherwise what is there to defend?"
— Actor Robert Redford ("Charlotte's Web")
on thinkexist.com

KID NEWS



DIG IN!

Thinking of planting a garden? Your harvest may yield a bumper crop of better health for your family. Here are five reasons why — and how to get started.

— Leslie Garisto Pfaff, FamilyFun magazine

A DOSE OF NATURE

Spending time outside yields a bushel of health benefits, including exposure to fresh air and sunlight (the best source for vitamin D), as well as all the mental and emotional bonuses that derive from communing with nature.

"Studies indicate that children are happier, healthier, smarter, and more self-disciplined when they have regular opportunities to be outdoors," says Cheryl Charles, Ph.D., president and CEO of the Children & Nature Network. And gardening, she notes, encourages qualities such as empathy and close observation. If you don't have room for a full-size garden, try growing veggies in space-saving containers. For tips and ideas, go to aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/container/container.html.



A GREAT WORKOUT

Gardening tasks provide plenty of exercise, from digging, to hoeing, to toting water.

* **A seeding straw makes planting fun.** At one end of a drinking straw, mark eight 1/4-inch intervals with a permanent marker. To plant a seed,

stick the straw in the soil to the required depth, drop in a seed, pull out the straw, and cover the seed with soil.

* **Challenge your siblings to a weeding contest.** Each of you picks one type of weed. Then, on the count of three, start pulling! See who's collected the most after 15 minutes.



IT STIMULATES YOUR BRAIN

A garden is like a classroom without all the desks, grades and homework. It presents endless opportunities for hands-on environmental learning. These subjects have built-in kid appeal:

* **Beneficial bugs.** For a lesson that'll keep you buzzing, learn about helpful bugs that aerate soil, pollinate crops and dine on pests. Check out hgvtv.com/decorating/the-lowdown-on-garden-friendly-bugs/index.html to find out how to identify and attract beneficial insects.

* **Composting.** View (and smell) the magic of turning organic garbage into super-healthy soil food. For detailed tips, go to journeytoforever.org.

* **Photosynthesis.** To learn how plants make food from light, check out the video at newtonsapple.tv/video.php?id=915. Then watch your own plants reach for the sun.



A MOOD BOOSTER

A study in the journal Evolutionary Psychology found that just receiving flowers made people feel better — and helped improve memory. For the sheer fun of it, try growing:

* **Mammoth sunflowers.**

What's not to love about a flower that's taller than Mom and Dad?

* **Nasturtiums.** Both the colorful blooms and nifty lily pad-shaped leaves are edible. Toss them in your salad for a peppery bite.

* **Lavender.** It's long been a favorite for its wonderful fra-

grance, and is thought to fight stress and aid sleep. To make a sachet, cut a dozen stems above the leaves as the buds color and start to open, hang them upside down for 10 days to dry, then remove the buds. Place the buds in a cotton sock, and tie it closed with ribbon.



IT ADDS FLAVOR AND NUTRITION TO YOUR DIET

Even the pickiest eaters find it hard to resist nibbling these straight off the plant:

* **Cherry tomatoes.** Who knew getting your vitamin C could be so tasty? Try Sun Gold for its sunny orange color and sweet-tart flavor.

* **Green beans.** The king of crunch. Build tepees out of wood stakes and let pole beans scramble to the top.

* **Strawberries.** Try one of the alpine varieties that bloom all season long — small but super sweet.

Most fresh produce offers nutrients, but some are more high-powered than others. When choosing your crops, pick these kid-friendly and super-nutritious favorites:

* **Bell peppers.** Buy them at the store, and you could be bringing home pesticide residue. Grow them yourself organically, and all

you'll be getting is vitamin C, a ton of phytonutrients, and great taste.

* **Tomatoes.** One medium tomato delivers a healthy dose of vitamins C and A. If your short on space, try a hanging tomato planter (get directions at FamilyFun.com) — best of all, it saves on weeding!

* **Carrots.** They're high in vitamin A, fiber and carotenoids — powerful antioxidants that boost your immune system. For fun, plant Thumbelina — small in size but big in flavor.

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In The News

A White House groundbreaking event

It was an unforgettable field trip. Twenty-six fifth-graders from George Bancroft Elementary School in Washington went to the White House last month. They used shovels, rakes, pitchforks and wheelbarrows to help first lady Michelle Obama break ground on a new fruit and vegetable garden.

The new White House garden is the first since World War II. In the 1940s, first lady Eleanor Roosevelt planted a White House Victory Garden to encourage Americans to grow gardens at home.

The garden is an L-shaped patch near the fountain on the South Lawn. Crops to be planted include butterhead lettuce, sugar snap peas, collard greens, onions and spinach. The herb garden will have garlic, sage and cilantro (si-lon-tro). Cilantro, which is also called coriander, looks like parsley. It is often used in Mexican food, an Obama family favorite. White House chefs will prepare meals for the first family using food from the garden. Some of the crops will be donated to Miriam's Kitchen, a soup kitchen near the White House.

The garden also will have two beehives. "We're going to try to make our own honey here," Mrs. Obama told the students.

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Bancroft students are experienced gardeners. They already garden at school. Their work at the White House has just begun. During their visit, students prepared the soil by digging up grass and roots. The first lady helped.

"Are we done yet?" she joked at one point. "I want to plant. Let's harvest something." But Bancroft students know that gardening takes time. They will come back to the White House this month to plant seedlings. They'll harvest the crops in June.

Assistant White House chef Sam Kass is in charge of the garden. He said that the crops will change with the seasons. But he is not sure how much food the garden will produce. "It should be quite a bit, if we're lucky," he said.



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First lady Michelle Obama works with kids from Washington's Bancroft Elementary School to break ground for a White House garden.

EATING RIGHT FOR GOOD HEALTH

Healthy food is important to Obama. She said the purpose of the garden is to make sure her family, White House staff and guests eat fresh fruits and vegetables. Obama hopes the new White House garden will help educate Americans about the importance of fresh, nutritious food at a time when obesity is a national crisis.

Obama said she has found that her daughters, Malia, 10, and Sasha, 7, like vegetables more if they taste good. "Especially if they were involved in planting and picking it, they were much more curious about giving it a try," she said.

When Bancroft students come back to the White House this summer, they'll get to taste the fruits (and vegetables) of their labor. After they harvest the crops they will get to cook and eat them.

— Jaime Joyce

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Reading Rack

It's just a fine time for rhyme



Celebrate National Poetry Month in April with a crackerjack stack of new children's poetry titles.

"The Bill Martin Jr. Big Book of Poetry" is an attractive volume created by the author of "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" It was published after Martin's death in 2004 with Michael Sampson, a frequent collaborator of Martin's.

Organized by themes, such as "Animals" and "Nonsense," the book includes 200 poems, some classic and beloved, others fresh and surprising. Authors include Robert Frost, Rachel Field, Robert Louis Stevenson, Nikki

Giovanni, Langston Hughes, John Ciardi, Jack Prelutsky — and Mother Goose.

Poems represent a mix of humor, sweetness and reflection.

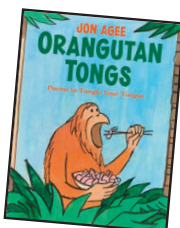
The artwork is a wonder. Some of the top children's book illustrators in the field have contributed their talents, including Chris Raschka, Lois Ehlert, Alike, Ashley Bryan and Steven Kellogg.

Eric Carle contributed a forward, and Kellogg an afterward, paying tribute to Bill Martin Jr., who wrote more than 300 children's books before he died.

"A Whiff of Pine, A Hint of Skunk: A Forest of Poems," by Deborah Ruddell, meanders through the woods offering whimsical and true observations on the creatures found there.

A beaver is a "Bucktooth Cleaver Tree Retriever."

A wild turkey offers a disdainful commentary on the hand-traced turkey portraits that proliferate in classrooms around Thanksgiving: "My head is quite distinguished and it's nothing like your thumb."

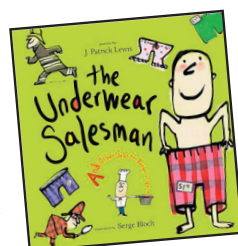


Joan Rankin contributes delightful artwork that melds the true nature of the animals, with Ruddell's humor. It's a delightful collection.

"Orangutan Tongs: Poems to Tangle Your Tongue," by Jon Agee, must be read aloud and is bound to

produce hilarity. It's a marvelous new collection of tongue-twisting verse by the marvelous Agee.

Try this bit: "There are people who use paper 'That is colored only purple 'They are in the Purple-



Paper People Club." The poems are not just twisty, they are funny, too, and Agee's pictures are terrific.

"The Underwear Salesman: And Other Jobs for Better or Verse," poems by J. Patrick Lewis, is a playful romp through a wide variety of usual and not-so-usual occupations, including plumber, exterminator, sunken-treasure hunter and ice sculptor.

Puns abound. The plumber works inside the "Twoilet zone." It's lots of fun and features inventive digital collage illustrations by Serge Bloch.

— Rebecca Young

Why not check this out? At the library

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Say what you will, the "Dummy" books are very helpful in explaining complicated stuff simply. Some new "Dummy" books are: "Geometry for Dummies," (516 RYA M) by Mark Ryan; "Calculus II for Dummies," (515 ZEG M) by Mark Zegarelli; "Coin Collecting for Dummies," (737.407 BER N) by Neil Berman; and a couple on medical topics: "COPD for Dummies," (616.24 FEL K) by Kevin Felner and "Controlling Cholesterol for Dummies," (616.136 RIN C) by Carol Ann Rinzler.

If you are trying to cut down your red meat consumption or if the price of meat is too high, try eating vegetarian. To me, a pot of blackeyed peas or red beans with hotwater cornbread can really be a complete meal. "Vegetarian Times Fast and Easy" (641.563 WIL P) from the editors of Vegetarian Times, has some excellent tasty sounding recipes. Each recipe is noted either vegan or not. True vegans only eat plant materials while a partial vegan will eat food that contains eggs or milk. Either way, there are recipes for beverages, soups, appetizers, main dishes, etc.

Were you surprised by who won

the Masters golf tournament? Angel Cabrera was the sudden death winner for those of you who don't follow golf. Maybe he'll read Jim Hardy's book "The Plane Truth for Golfers" (796.352 HAR J). Jim's book has lessons for improving your swing technique and mastering ball control.

Have you wanted to run away from home as an adult? How about selling everything you own and taking off to Spain, France, Tahiti? "The Grown-Up's Guide to Running Away From Home — Making a New Life Abroad" (646.79 KNO R) by Rosanne Knorr will show you how to do exactly that. A very interesting book.

The next book, "Do-It-Yourself PC Upgrade Projects" (004.028 HAR G) by Guy Hart-Davis, is designed for the computer savvy person to work on their computers. It explains how to install/connect a scanner; record music to your PC; and several other handy little programs/repairs. We also have "Guide to Internet Job Searching" (025.066 DIK M) by Margaret Riley Dikel for those of you who perhaps would like to relocate to a different area, but need to find a job.

Update your resume with "Resumes for Health and Medical Careers" (610.69 McG H) from McGraw Hill Publishing. All sorts of medical careers require special skills and learn how to present yourself in a confident, successful manner.

Is it time to pop the question or even answer the question with that special someone? Do you really know him or her? Read "Before You Get Engaged" (241.676 GUD D) by David Gudgel. It offers some good advice to daters who are contemplating matrimony. Explore the 12 relational indicators that lead to a healthy, lov-

ing marriage. Some questions are: would you marry you and are you better together than apart? I think this will be invaluable to the person who is considering marriage. This is a faith-based book.

With the weather getting pretty (forget the last two weeks), it is time to get busy on the home repair/improvement projects. We have received from Stanley Publishing, "Complete Wiring" (621.319 MER B). It will walk you through replacing an outlet, installing a ceiling fan, installing an over-the-range microwave, etc., simple jobs like that. For more complicated wiring, you prob-

ably should call your local neighborhood licensed electrician. Remember the adage about the shoemaker. Does your lawnmower need tuning up? We also have "Small Gas Engine Repair" (621.434 DEM P) by Paul Dempsey. Armed with easy diagrams and instructions, you can tune up any small gas engine.

After Easter, I am usually in a contemplative mood. This book came across my desk and it gave me some food for thought. "The Search for the Twelve Apostles" (225.922 McB W) by William McBirnie. He offers

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News in brief

U.S. cargo ship escapes
new Somali pirate attack

MOMBASA, Kenya (AP) — Somali pirates fired grenades and automatic weapons at an American freighter loaded with food aid but the ship managed to escape the attack and was heading Wednesday to Kenya under U.S. Navy escort, officials said.

In defiance of President Barack Obama's vow to halt their banditry, pirates have seized four vessels and over 75 hostages off the Horn of Africa since Sunday's dramatic rescue of an American freighter captain.

The Liberty Sun's American crew was not injured in the latest attack but the vessel sustained some damage, owner Liberty Maritime Corp. said.

Still, the attack on the Liberty Sun foiled the reunion between the American sea captain rescued by Navy snipers and the 19-man crew he had saved with his heroism.

Capt. Richard Phillips was planning to meet his crew in the Kenyan port of Mombasa and fly home with them Wednesday to the United States. But Phillips was on the USS Bainbridge, the destroyer diverted to escort the Liberty Sun after it evaded attack.

Pakistan grants bail to hard-line cleric
detained during mosque siege in 2007

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan's Supreme Court ordered the release on bail Monday of a hard-line cleric who had been detained since shortly before soldiers stormed his mosque in 2007, killing scores of people and energizing the country's Islamist insurgency.

LIBRARY

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a snapshot of the lives of each of the apostles. By studying scripture, traveling to Israel, listening to the local traditions, he brings these men to life.

Plans are being made for the Summer Reading Program. Donna is preparing crafts, speakers, projects and other fun things for young readers to enjoy. SRP will be held in the basement children's room each Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. during June. Children who are in Pre-k to grade 6 may begin registering May 1; registration ends May 31.

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

Maulana Abdul Aziz was granted bail while the court considers the charges against him in relation to the siege of the Red Mosque in the capital, Islamabad, his lawyer Shaukat Siddiqui told reporters outside the court. Prosecutors were not available for comment.

Aziz was arrested as he tried to sneak out of the mosque dressed in an all-covering burqa worn by some Muslim women.

Several days later, security forces stormed the mosque and adjoining buildings after scores of heavily armed militants inside refused to surrender. The government says 102 people, including 11 security personnel, were killed in the standoff.

Aziz is facing a raft of charges ranging from abetting terrorists to illegally occupying a building.

Timothy Dolan to become N.Y.'s
Roman Catholic leader in

ceremony at St. Patrick's Cathedral

NEW YORK (AP) — Archbishop-designate Timothy Dolan urged Americans to swap fear for faith during a prayer service that began his formal installation as New York's Roman Catholic leader.

Dolan, the former Milwaukee archbishop, said the church is "at her best" when inviting others to accept Jesus and turn away from "sin and isolation."

"That's the ultimate question," he told the estimated 1,500 well-wishers in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday night. "Will we open up in faith, hope and love to the God who gently knocks on the door of our being, asking Him to live with us? Or will fear, self-absorption, and darkness keep us locked up in ourselves?"

The worship service was the first of two ceremonies for Dolan, who succeeds New York Cardinal Edward Egan. The 77-year-old prelate is retiring after nine years. The installation wraps up Wednesday with a Mass in the cathedral.

The Archdiocese of New York is the nation's second-largest diocese after Los Angeles, yet it is the most prominent seat in American Catholicism.

Deportation of accused Nazi
guard halted by appeals court

CLEVELAND (AP) — A plane was waiting nearby to fly alleged Nazi death camp guard John Demjanjuk to Germany to face an arrest warrant and a possible war crimes trial.

But the frail 89-year-old retired autoworker won a late reprieve from an appeals court Tuesday, and with it, another chance to argue that his deportation would amount to torture, given his medical condition.

Six immigration officers carried Demjanjuk in a wheelchair from his ranch home in suburban Seven Hills on Tuesday. His mouth hung open, his head slumped back, and cameras clicked away to record the rare public appearance.

Former son-in-law and family spokesman Ed Nishnic said Demjanjuk moaned in pain. His wife and family cried as they waved goodbye.

But within hours, a three-judge panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted a stay until it could consider Demjanjuk's motion to reopen the U.S. case that ordered him deported.

North Korea marks Kim Il Sung birthday
after vowing to boycott nuke
talks, boot U.N. inspectors

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea celebrated the birthday Wednesday of late founding father Kim Il Sung amid international censure over the regime's threats to restart its nuclear program, expel U.N. inspectors and quit international

disarmament talks.

North Korea, which claims it sent a satellite into space April 5 as part of its peaceful space program, reacted angrily Tuesday to U.N. Security Council condemnation of its launch. Diplomats called it a violation of resolutions barring Pyongyang from ballistic missile-related activity, including firing long-range rockets.

The North vowed to boycott the ongoing six-nation talks on nuclear disarmament, kick out inspectors and restart its atomic program. The U.N.'s nuclear watchdog confirmed that Pyongyang has ordered inspectors to remove seals and cameras from its main nuclear complex and to leave the country.

Warning Pyongyang it risks further isolation, the U.S. and Russia cajoled North Korea to return to the six-party talks that promise Pyongyang aid in exchange for disabling its nuclear program. China called for calm.

There was no response in state-run media by midday Wednesday, which was celebrated nationwide as the "Day of the Sun" — a holiday honoring Kim Il Sung's birth 97 years ago.

Defiant Blagojevich starts journey
to clear name; legal team missing

CHICAGO (AP) — Rod Blagojevich appeared relaxed and breezy, far from stressed. He soaked up the attention as reporters and cameras swirled around him, almost as if he were back on the campaign trail, running for governor one more time — and expecting to win.

When a television cameraman stood atop a concrete pillar outside Chicago's federal courthouse to get a shot from above, Blagojevich obligingly looked up and smiled. He even stopped in the lobby to hug and kiss a well-wisher.

In a courtroom upstairs, the impeached and ousted governor said little as he pleaded not guilty Tuesday to racketeering and fraud charges that could send him to federal prison for years.

Downstairs, he smiled and chatted amiably despite finding himself without a full legal team in place and facing serious money woes — expressing the same easy confidence displayed since his Dec. 9 arrest on corruption charges that include allegations of a scheme to sell President Barack Obama's former U.S. Senate seat.

An attorney close to his legal defense said Blagojevich even wants the court's permission to leave the country to appear on a reality TV show in the Costa Rican jungle.

The attorney spoke on condition of anonymity, saying the plan is confidential, but NBC said it wants Blagojevich to appear on "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here!"

Crying California mother arraigned on
charges of murdering, raping girl

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — As prosecutors Tuesday accused a Northern Californian woman of kidnapping, raping and murdering an 8-year-old girl, authorities again searched her home and her grandfather's church.

Melissa Huckaby, 28, was charged Tuesday with murdering her daughter's playmate, Sandra Cantu.

Huckaby, who volunteered as a Sunday school teacher at her grandfather's Clover Road Baptist Church in Tracy, a city of about 78,000 people, 60 miles east of San Francisco, appeared in a San Joaquin County courtroom for her arraignment in a red jumpsuit and shackles.

She trembled and cried as a judge read the charge: one count of murder with the special circumstances of rape with a foreign object, lewd or lascivious conduct with a child under 14 and murder in the course of a kidnapping.

The special circumstances mean Huckaby, if convicted, could face life in prison without the possibility of parole or the death penalty.

District Attorney James Willett said Tuesday he has not decided whether to seek the death penalty.

Meanwhile, police were back searching the Clover Road Baptist Church and the home where Huckaby lived just a few doors down from Sandra.

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The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥

Opening lead — two of clubs.

You don't have to have a slide rule to be a good defender, but it helps greatly to know a thing or two about standard defensive conventions.

For example, take this deal where West led a club against four hearts. Declarer won East's jack with the king and played a trump, taken by East with the ace. Back came the seven of diamonds, South's king losing to the ace, and West returned a club to dummy's ace.

Declarer played a trump to his hand, led the jack of spades and finessed. East took his king and

returned the five of diamond South went up with the queen later discarded his diamond to dummy's third spade to make contract.

West stumbled badly on defense when he won the king of diamonds with the ace at trick three. In a seven-of-diamonds return, in accordance with convention, should have been difficult to read as "nothing," that is, indicating a diamond or tripleton diamond headed by the seven. This meant declarer held either the K-Q-x or Q-x-x of diamonds, so there was urgency about taking South's with the ace.

Had West ducked the king, ultimately would have gone one. When East later gained trick with the king of spades, his diamond return would have allowed West return the A-J to set the contract.

Incidentally, South likewise in the play of the hand. He should have led the jack of spades at two, not a trump. If the spade finessed, the contract would become foolproof, while if the finesse lost, declarer would suddenly acquire an extra spade trick that would prevent his losing diamond tricks. There was consequently much more to be gained tackling spades before trump: had declarer recognized this, defense's chance to set the contract would never have come to pass.

Tomorrow: Malfeasance in office.
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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Source: Napolitano to name a 'border czar'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano is naming a former federal prosecutor to the new post of "border czar" to oversee efforts to end drug-cartel violence along the U.S.-Mexico border and slow the tide of people

crossing illegally into the United States. An Obama administration official says Napolitano on Wednesday will name Alan Bersin, a former Justice Department official who was charged with cracking down on illegal immigration

in the 1990s, to fill the post at the Homeland Security Department. The official would speak only on condition of anonymity ahead of the announcement expected in El Paso. The Obama administration has promised to target border violence

and work with Mexican authorities to curb drugs and arms trafficking. Hundreds of federal agents, along with high-tech surveillance gear and drug-sniffing dogs, are being deployed to the Southwest. Two weeks ago, Napolitano traveled to San Diego, Mexico and Laredo to meet with officials about border enforcement and curbing violence spurred by warring Mexican drug cartels.

Last year, customs officials apprehended 792,321 people who tried to get into the U.S. through the Southwest border, and immigration officials removed more than 369,000, according to Homeland Security statistics. Napolitano was scheduled to fly to El Paso and Columbus, N.M., on Wednesday to tour ports of entry. She then was to head to the Mariposa port in Nogales, Ariz. While there, she was to meet with local officials and discuss coordinating efforts to disrupt illegal smuggling and curb illegal immigration. Later, she was set to join President Barack Obama in Mexico City to meet with Mexican President Felipe

Calderon. In his new capacity at Homeland Security, Bersin will work with international officials and their counterparts in the U.S. and border states. From 1993 to 1998, Bersin was the federal prosecutor who led the government's crack-down on illegal immigrants at the California-Mexico border. Bersin and Napolitano were both U.S. attorneys during the Clinton administration. During his final three years, Bersin doubled as the Southwest border representative for the attorney general.

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In this 2006 file photo, California State Education Secretary Alan Bersin, left, gestures during a meeting of the Board of Education in Sacramento, Calif. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano is expected to name Bersin to the position of Southwest border czar Wednesday.

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Today's conjunction of Mars and Uranus is a relatively rare and special astrological happening. This alignment offers an invitation to battle against the restraining forces in your life. Often the most tyrannical oppressors are our own thoughts. Zero in on belief that has been keeping you down and obliterate it by taking on the opposite belief.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Maybe no one has asked you what your favorite color is since you were 8. Well, what is it these days? You'll be offered a grand assortment of something and you'll be so pleased to get exactly what you want in the perfect hue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). One way to prevail over adverse circumstances is to avoid them altogether. That feeling in your gut tells you to go a different direction, take a different action or call a new person. You are a victor, not a victim.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You won't be required to do anything that's not fun today. In fact, your only requirement is to do fun things. This is your free day. Think of what brings you joy, pleasure and excitement and do it.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your affectionate feelings cause you to behave in a selfless manner. You will be an example of the loving compassion that is the most important of all human characteristics.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Anyone can be opinionated and cynical, but it takes a real social genius to be sweetly supportive and keep the rest of it out of the conversation. You'll be lucky when you don't say everything you think.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A new location attracts you, perhaps for the simple reason that you have never been there. Go! There you will meet people of a similar ilk who want to connect with you and forge an ongoing relationship.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Acknowledge yourself for the grace and maturity with which you handle your circumstances. You might not accomplish what you set out to do today, but you will find personal success anyhow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may be worried about using up all of your resources. Whatever it is, more of it will be made available to you. So let go of your worry and adopt an abundance mentality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Acknowledge your emotions, even the uncomfortable ones that you don't think you should be feeling. Everyone gets mad sometimes. Admitting the feeling, if only to yourself, helps it go

away. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your influence is strong and you will move people to action. Some will want to be like you. They will use your words as their own, so be sure to have a message that is worthy of adoption and repetition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A person who is suffering may seem to want your pity, but what this person really needs is for you to see his or her inner strength. Look for a divine light in this person's eyes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Loved ones are perceptive when it comes to you. If you attempt to hide your true feelings, you will surely be found out. Think about what will make you feel more positive about a situation.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My birthday is 1/26/1974; my man is 2/16/1976. Will this ever work out? Or should I just give up and move on? He says he cares, but I feel he is just say

ing that to not hurt me." You are an Aquarius with Mercury, Venus and Jupiter also in Aquarius. You are terrific at friendship and so keenly aware of social nuances and niceties, which is why you pick up on your Aquarian man's indifference. What is so interesting is that you have much in common. You both have natal sun and Mercury in Aquarius. There is a clear line of communication between you. You really do get him. Your love planet,

Venus, in Aquarius tells me that you could hang on a really long time with the special friendship you have, quietly pining for more. Considering his Venus in Capricorn, I think it's usually his work and his ambitions in life that keep him from moving forward with love. It's really not you; it's just that he's not ready for a heavy commitment. Moving on will be excellent for your relationship and for your heart. Chances are, as soon as you do, he'll come chasing after you.

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I have grandchildren (which Devon will never have) and would like some of those heirlooms to pass on to them.

My brother is henpecked and does whatever Devon wants. Should I confront them or remain silent? — Florida

Sister Dear Florida: Who handled the estate? Was there a legal will giving you possession of these items?

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Dear Annie: "Not Family Yet" said her fiance's "Grandpa Joe" molested his mother and sister, and the family has kept the secret under wraps.

There are now young granddaughters who are at risk. Protecting these girls must take priority over protecting this serial molester to whom they have the ill fortune to be related. If the children are abused and later learn family members could have protected them, it will be almost as damaging as the abuse itself.

I was molested and ultimately raped at age 11 by an alleged friend of the family. It was several years before I told anyone, and when I did speak up, I learned another person in our circle had known about my abuser all along but remained silent.

It's been 25 years and I still feel utterly betrayed. I've been part of a few groups for survivors of childhood abuse, and an overwhelming majority are, like me, just as angry with those who let it happen as those who actually inflicted the harm. — *Been Down that Road*

Dear Been: Most of our readers agree with you and think the fiance should speak up, even if it means ending the engagement.

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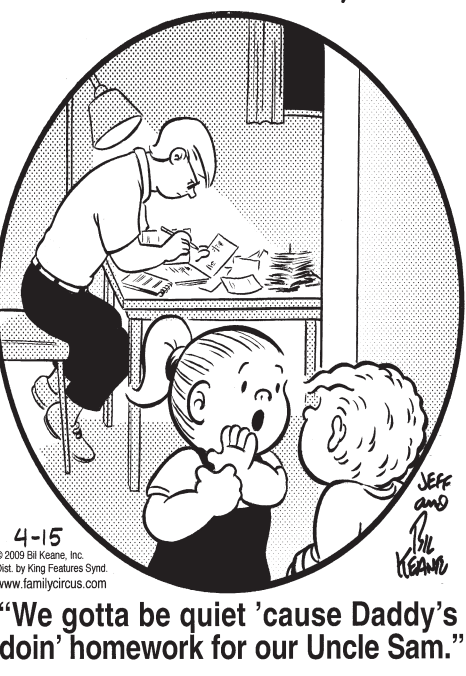
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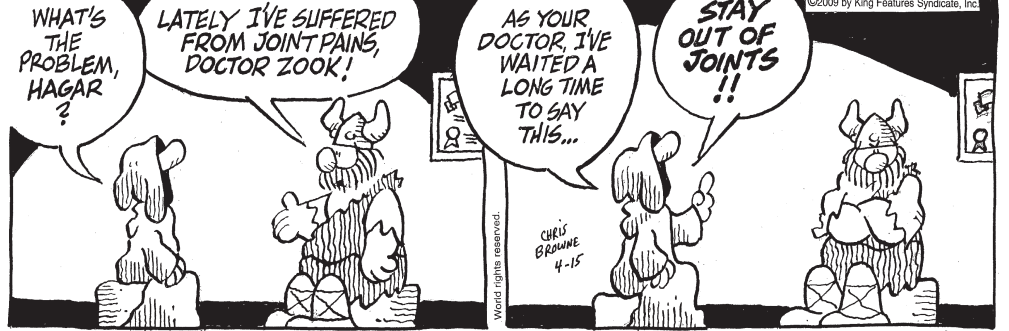
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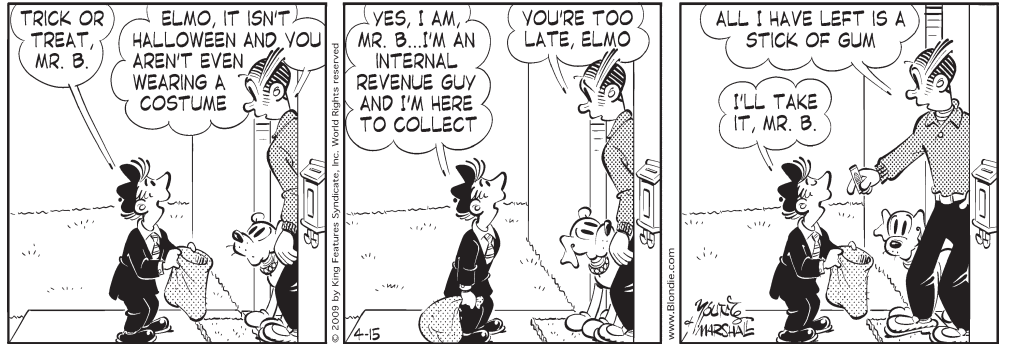
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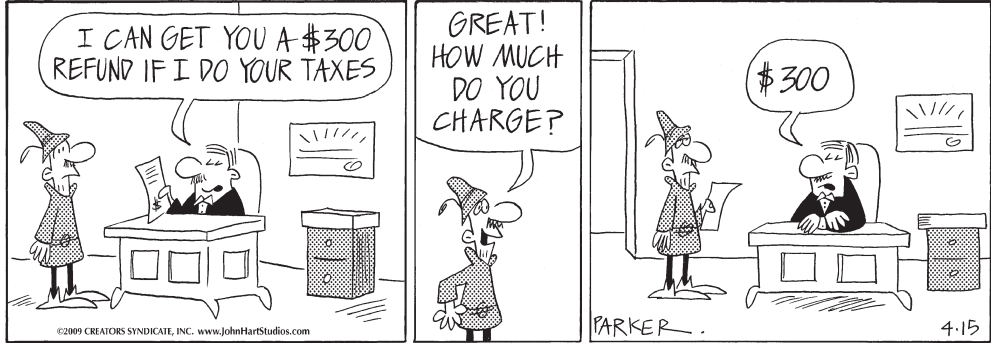
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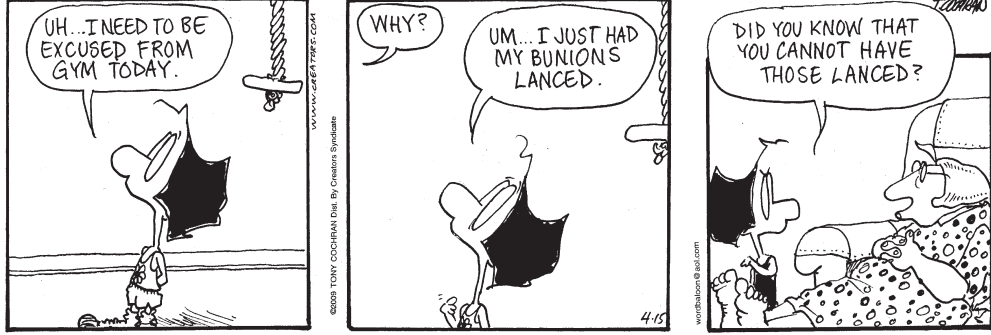
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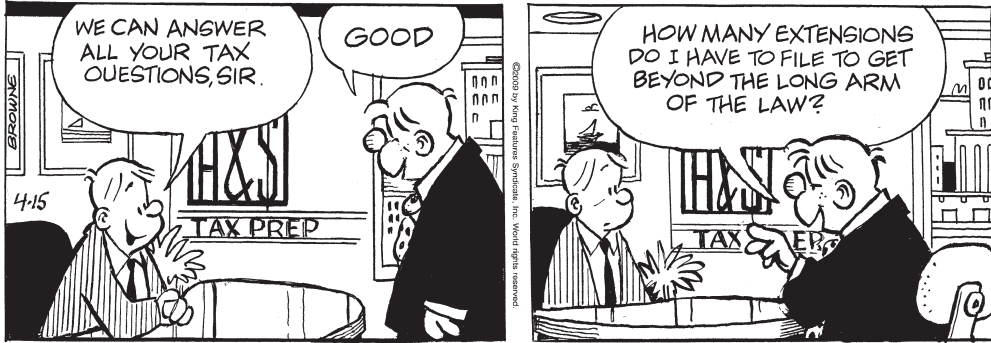
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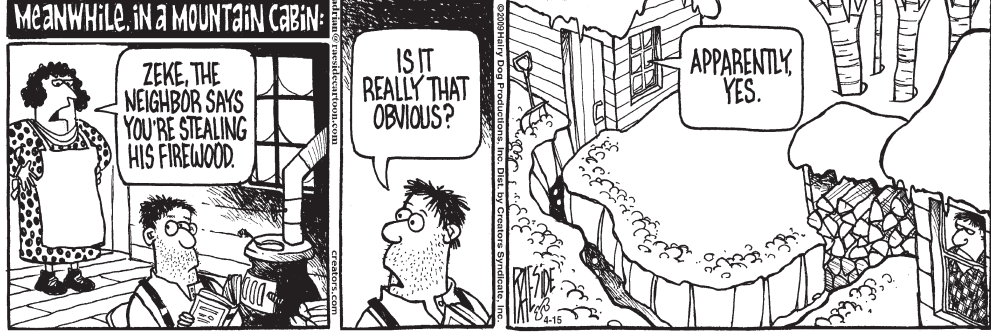
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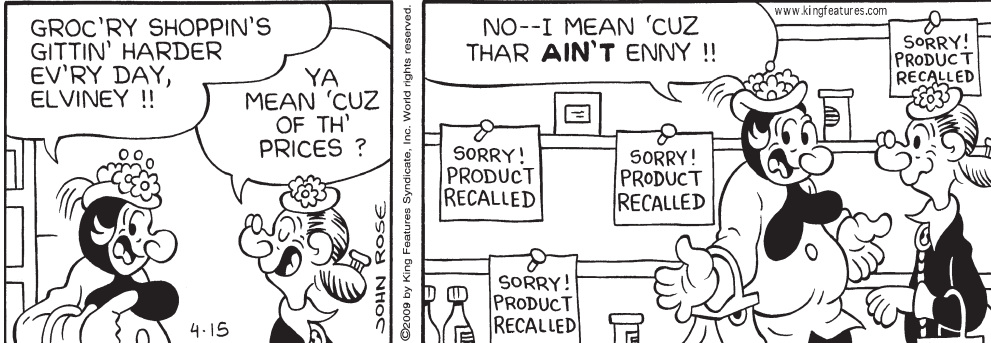
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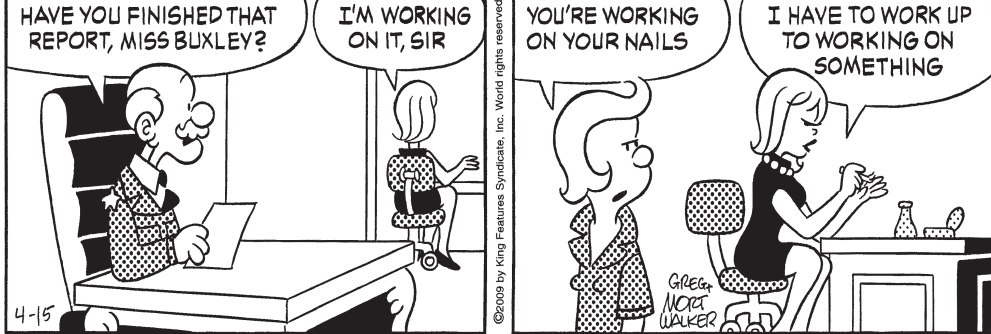
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, April 15, the 105th day of 2009. There are 260 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In the early hours of April 15, 1912, the British luxury liner RMS Titanic sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland, less than three hours after striking an iceberg. Some 1,500 people died.

On this date:

In 1817, the first American school for the deaf opened in Hartford, Conn.

In 1850, the city of San Francisco was incorporated.

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

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

dent.

In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen.

In 1947, Jackie Robinson, baseball's first black major league player, made his official debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day. (The Dodgers defeated the Boston Braves, 5-3.)

In 1959, Cuban leader Fidel Castro arrived in Washington to begin a goodwill tour of the United States. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles resigned for health reasons. (He was succeeded by Christian A. Herter).

In 1986, the United States launched an air raid against Libya in response to the bombing of a discotheque in Berlin on April 5th; Libya said 37 people, mostly civilians, were killed.

In 1989, 96 people died in a crush of soccer fans at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England. Students in Beijing launched a series of pro-democracy protests; the demonstrations culminated in a government crackdown at Tiananmen Square.

In 1998, Pol Pot, the notori-

ous leader of the Khmer Rouge, died at age 73, evading prosecution for the deaths of 2 million Cambodians.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Michael Ansara is 87. Country singer Roy Clark is 76. Rock singer-guitarist Dave Edmunds is 65. Actress Lois Chiles is 62. Writer-producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason is 62. Actress Amy Wright is 59. Columnist Heloise is 58. Actress-screenwriter Emma Thompson is 50. Bluegrass musician Jeff Parker is 48. Singer Samantha Fox is 43. Rock musician Ed O'Brien (Radiohead) is 41. Actor Flex Alexander is 39. Actor Danny Pino is 35. Actor-writer Seth Rogen is 27.

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| ACROSS | 57 ___ capita income | 8 Like some goods at Customs | 33 Court penalties |
| 1 President before Jefferson | 58 Sports artist Neiman | 9 Inuit people | 36 Went underground |
| 6 Be ominous | 59 <i>The Zoo Story</i> playwright | 10 Foil-wrapped chocolate | 37 Metrical foot |
| 10 Beat walker | 60 Driver's license info | 11 Slender woodwind | 39 Show fear |
| 13 Place for a flag pin | 61 Cut and paste | 12 Ivy League school | 40 Cell-phone features |
| 14 '90s Second Family | 62 Walk of Fame features | 14 Aerobics locales | 42 Stowe heroine shape |
| 15 Bart Simpson's grandpa | | 17 Artist Magritte | 43 Dunce-cap |
| 16 <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> star | DOWN | 22 Slangy denial | 45 Lord's mate |
| 18 "Smoking or ___?" | 1 Sushi ingredient | 24 "Yeah, sure!" | 46 Island off Venezuela |
| 19 Make public | 2 "Mack the Knife" singer | 25 Religious belief | 47 One who gets up |
| 20 Tiara adornments | 3 Copycats | 27 Packing heat | 48 Medicinal measures |
| 21 Shade tree | 4 RAM unit | 28 Pennsylvania port | 49 Quick swims |
| 23 Naval Academy grads | 5 Walked wearily | 29 Hankerings | 50 Blunted blade |
| 25 Ivory Soap alternative | 6 Conks on the head | 30 Nail to the wall | 51 Boy Scout lesson |
| 26 Quilting party | 7 Vein contents | 31 Sundry collection | 55 Providence sch. |
| 27 Word-processor navigator | | 32 Do some algebra | 56 Diner order |
| 30 Swindled, slangily | | | |
| 33 Lets loose | | | |
| 34 Ill temper | | | |
| 35 Zillions | | | |
| 36 Like track events | | | |
| 37 "The doctor ___" | | | |
| 38 Zilch | | | |
| 39 In perfect pitch | | | |
| 40 Brewski buys | | | |
| 41 Ran the show | | | |
| 43 Car-engine component | | | |
| 44 Makes level | | | |
| 45 Gable's acting spouse | | | |
| 49 Sling mud at | | | |
| 51 Welles role | | | |
| 52 Brazilian hot spot | | | |
| 53 Wall St. debut | | | |
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