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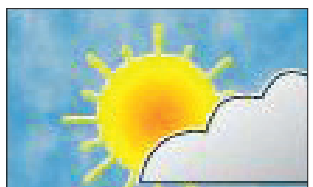
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City pool down the drain

Repairs would cost at least \$500,000 and couldn't be done by summer

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
Area residents hoping to cool themselves in the Municipal Swimming Pool this summer will have to think

again, as it appears a federal law will prevent the city of Big Spring from opening the facility June 1, as officials had planned.
Assistant City Manager

Todd Darden delivered the news to the council Tuesday night, saying the necessary repairs to bring the facility into compliance are staggering.

"We've been talking with our consultants, Parkhill Smith & Cooper, regarding the Virginia Graeme Baker Act which deals with your drainage (in the pool)," said

Darden. "We asked the people at PSC to tell us what it would take to make our drainage system comply with that law."
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Robbery suspect here faces more charges in Midland

Big Spring man being held in custody at Howard Co. jail

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
A suspect in custody for the April 29 robbery of the local Chicken Express restaurant will have more to answer for in the Tall City, as aggravated robbery charges in connection with a Midland stick-up have

been filed against the Big Spring man.
Phillip Garcia, 32, was taken into custody this week by the Big Spring Police Department after charges were filed against him in Midland for the April 29 robbery of Pinkie's
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BSISD officials hope to boost teacher salaries

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer
Big Spring Independent School District officials are looking at ways to bring local teacher salaries more in line with other schools in the area.
BSISD trustees will discuss a recent salary survey of district teachers when they hold their monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.
The study, conducted by the Texas Association of School Boards, shows that local

teacher salaries lag behind the area average by more than \$1,000 a year.
Dr. Michael Stevens, BSISD interim superintendent, said starting pay for Big Spring teachers is \$32,500 a year, compared to an average of \$34,300 in other area school districts.
"The study compared our salaries to those of other comparably sized school districts in the area," Stevens said. "It's a lot like what any business would do — find out



Cap Rock Energy photos

Midland man dies in wreck

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
Officials with the Texas Department of Public Safety say the cause of a one-vehicle crash that claimed the life of a Midland man Tuesday morning is still undetermined.
Rolando Perez, 35, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash on FM 829, approximately five miles north of Interstate Highway 20.
According to DPS Communications Officer Linda Chavez, Perez was traveling south on FM 829 at approximately
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Riders headed to memorial

Run for the Wall, Ride to Remember groups to visit site

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor
Big Spring's Vietnam Memorial will be visited by two veterans' motorcycle groups in May, with each group expected to bring hundreds of bikers to the site.
The first of those groups will ar-



Groves

rive around 10 a.m. Saturday, as the memorial will again be a stopping place along the route for a large group of West Coast bikers making the Run for the Wall from California to Washington, D.C.
Run for the Wall participants will stop at the Big Spring memorial on their way to the nation's capitol where they'll participate in the annual Rolling Thunder observance

on Memorial Day at the Vietnam Memorial.
"From what we understand, there are going to be something like 300 bikers, plus their support vehicles coming," Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee spokesman Jerry Groves said. "They'll be arriving somewhere between 10 a.m. and

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Randall wins two, sweeps Lady Steers out of playoffs

By **BILL NORRIS**

Special to the Herald

LUBBOCK — Big Spring's Lady Steers just couldn't find enough resilience Tuesday.

Coming off a thrilling victory Monday night to open a Class 4A bi-district best-of-three playoff series, the Lady Steers came in confident they could take 1-of-2 Tuesday from Canyon Randall's Lady Raiders and advance in the postseason.

Canyon Randall thought differently

and swept two from the Lady Steers, 7-3 and 12-6, ending their season in the first round of the playoffs.

"It was just one of those deals where you just have to look back and know that the girls put everything they could into the game, but it just was not there tonight," Big Spring Head Coach John Sparks said.

Canyon Randall jumped out to a 6-1 lead after three innings in the early game. Saybra Hahman had the big blow in the 5-run third with a 3-run shot over the fence in left. Hahman

would have two more homers in the late game, finishing the night 4-for-7 with six runs batted in.

The Lady Steers cut the lead in half, 6-3, in the top of the fourth. Jillian Valle singled, a wild pitch and a ground out put her at third. Valerie Ross grounded to short sending Valle home, who just beat the throw to the plate. A ground out by Cerbi Ritchey and a passed ball put Ross at third with two outs.

Macy Briggs walked and Baylea Fox followed with a single to left that

scored Ross. The ball was mishandled by the Canyon Randall shortstop in short left allowing Briggs to score all the way from first on the play, making it 6-3.

That would be it for the Lady Steers, though, as Canyon Randall starter Shelby Moser allowed just one more hit. The Lady Raiders added another run in the fifth for the final tally.

It looked like the Lady Steers would draw first blood in Game 2. They

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Hawks roll into finals

HC primed for regional title with 11-3 victory over Temple College

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

FORT WORTH — With every win, the Howard College baseball team sets a new win streak record. More importantly, the Hawks take a step closer to their ultimate goal of claiming a national title.

The Hawks (57-0) advanced to the finals of the Region V Tournament with an 11-3 win over No. 20 Temple College (42-15) Tuesday at LaGrave Field in Fort Worth.

The game was called after the seventh due to the 8-run mercy rule.

Howard meets either McLennan College, Clarendon College or Temple in the finals at 5 p.m. today. Howard holds an edge no matter who its opponent is due to being undefeated in the double elimination tournament. That means the Hawks have two games to pick up one win over its opponent.

"That's a big advantage," said Howard College Head Coach Britt Smith. "We've got two games to get one win. Whoever we play is going to have to beat us twice. We've put ourselves in a great position to win this tournament."

Also to the Hawks' advantage is the fact they've used just three pitchers in as many games.

Anthony Collazo followed the trend set by fellow starters Zach Neal and Dylan Cacciola Tuesday, pitching a complete game. Collazo allowed three runs

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College's Anthony Collazo pitches in a Region V Tournament game Wednesday at LaGrave Field in Fort Worth. Collazo struck out 12 batters in a complete game victory, 11-3, over Temple College, sending the Hawks to the tourney's finals.

Lakers bounce back to trounce Rockets, 118-78

By **BERNIE WILSON**

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Two days after being blindsided in Texas, the Los Angeles Lakers returned the favor.

Kobe Bryant needed only three quarters to score 26 points and the Lakers bounced back from their Game 4 flop, routing the Houston Rockets 118-78 on Tuesday night to take a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

The top-seeded Lakers did everything they didn't do in Sunday's 99-87 loss at Houston — hustled, rebounded and played tight defense on Houston's

smaller lineup, keeping Aaron Brooks in check and limiting wide-open shots.

On Sunday the Lakers trailed by 29 points. On Tuesday night, they had a 29-point lead by late in the second quarter, on a 3-pointer by Bryant, who led seven Lakers in double figures.

The 40-point margin tied the Rockets' worst playoff loss ever. They lost to the Dallas Mavericks 116-76 on May 7, 2005.

The Lakers can wrap up the series Thursday night in Houston.

Then again, they've been prone to

lapses in these playoffs, which is probably why Bryant warned that it's not going to be easy to finish off the Rockets.

"We've got to stay focused and understand that the effort we gave tonight is not going to be enough on Thursday. It's just not," Bryant said. "We're not playing some chump team. I don't care how many people they have out. This is a tough team, it's a tough team full of competitors."

The Rockets played their second game without Yao Ming, who sustained a season-ending stress fracture in his left foot in Game 3.

Bryant looked more like himself after being held to 15 points on Sunday. With the Lakers far ahead after holding the Rockets to only 15 points in each of the second and third quarters, he sat out the fourth period.

"We played just the opposite we did the last game," Houston coach Rick Adelman said. "We turned it over in the first half, shot it poorly. We said if we turn it over against this team we're going to be in big trouble. That's exactly what we did."

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Sports in brief

High school baseball and softball postseason schedule

Interscholastic play has been cleared to resume and local high school baseball and softball teams have reset their postseason schedules.

Big Spring

• Steers baseball plays a best-of-three series in the Class 4A bi-district round beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday at Moegle Field in Lubbock. Game 2 is set for 5 p.m. Friday at the same location with third game, if needed, to follow 30 minutes after.

Forsan

• Lady Buffs softball takes on Stamford in a best-of-three series in the Class A area playoffs beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday in Snyder. Game 2 is set for 5 p.m. Friday with a third game, if needed, occurring 30 minutes after.

• Buffs baseball faces McCamey in a Class A bi-district playoff at 5 p.m. Friday in Andrews.

Coahoma ISD sets aside day for athlete physicals

Physicals for all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th graders who plan on playing any sport at Coahoma next year will be given May 14 at the elementary gymnasium.

Cost is \$25 and can be paid in cash or check.

CGA holding monthly tournament Sunday

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is holding its monthly tournament at Comanche Trail Park May 17.

Cost to play is \$20 per person and participants must be registered by 9:30 a.m.

The tourney will be played in a two-man format with the first six holes being played as a draw, the second six will be selective drive and the final six are played as individual low ball.

For more information, contact Billy Pineda at 213-4943.

Free adult tennis league starting at Figure 7

Ted Oleson, City of Big Spring tennis pro, is beginning a free adult tennis league on Sundays from 3-5 p.m.

To be eligible, players must be at least 18 years old and out of high school.

Obituaries

Wanda Pipes

Wanda Pipes, 82, of Coahoma, died Monday, May 11, 2009, at Lamun Lusk Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Graveside services will be at 5 p.m. Thursday at Colorado City Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Wanda was born Sept. 12, 1926, in Fox, Okla., to Zula and Victor Young. Wanda married Jack Pipes on April 18, 1948, in Plainview. They moved to Coahoma in 1954 from Lubbock. He preceded her in death on Oct. 10, 1996. Wanda was a homemaker, but also worked as a Big Spring State Hospital telephone operator, Coahoma ISD cafeteria, and the Golden Plains Nursing Home as a medical aid. She was a member of the Coahoma Church of Christ.

Wanda is survived by three daughters, Mary Leatham and her husband George, and Helen Fannin, all of Big Spring, and Francis James and her husband Mitchell of Coahoma; one sister, Colleen Allen of Clyde; nine grandchildren, Amber Fannin, Christopher Posey, Sydney Dickson, Sarah Faultner, Bobby Posey, Taylor Leatham, Adam Johnson, Daniel Posey and Zach Posey; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Wanda was preceded in death by three brothers, Johnny Young, Jack Young and Victor Young Jr.

The family suggests memorials to the Coahoma Church of Christ, P.O. Box 120, Coahoma 79511, or Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Ste. A, Big Spring 79720

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

Paid obituary

Bernice Patterson Jordan

Bernice Patterson Jordan of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, was born Dec. 1, 1915, in Paducah. She died May 9, 2009.

She grew up around Childress and graduated from Tell High School. She married Thomas E. Jordan Jr. April 15, 1939, and lived in Big Spring all her married life. Bernice was a stay-at-home mom for their one daughter, Joan. Later she worked for 20 years as an elementary school secretary, and loved being around the children and teachers.

Bernice loved the out-of-doors and was an avid golfer.

She was a Presbyterian for many years, at First Presbyterian in Big Spring, then moving her membership to Westminster Presbyterian Church of Odessa when she moved there in 1989.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry S. and Eunie Patterson; three siblings, R.D. Patterson, Vanis Patterson and Lorene Roberson; her husband of 44 years, T.E. Jordan Jr.; an infant son, T.E. Jordan III; and a son-in-law, Don Errol McCown.

She is survived by her daughter, Joan Jordan McCown of Odessa; two much-loved grandchildren, Don McCown Jr. and wife Maryann of Asheville, N.C. and Marley McCown Williams of Richmond, Va.; a great-grandson, Marley's son, Daven; and nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a memorial gift to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4901 Maple Ave., Odessa 79762.

A memorial celebration will be held Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 4 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Odessa, and a grave side service will be held at 11 a.m. at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Big Spring Thursday, May 14, 2009. Arrangements are entrusted to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

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Police

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

Note: According to officials with BSPD dispatch, no arrests occurred for the corresponding time.

- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1000 block of 15th Street.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
 - in the 1300 block of State Park.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT OF A FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of Utah.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported:
 - in the 1600 block of Johnson.
 - in the 1600 block of Johnson.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 4200 block of Muir.

Willie Turner

Willie Turner, 92, of Andrews, died Monday, May 11, 2009, in an Andrews nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 14, 2009, at the First Baptist Church, Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Stanton.



She was born May 20, 1916, in Fayette County, Ala., and married Marvin Cecil Turner in Fayette County, Ala., Sept. 15, 1934. He preceded her in death.

She had worked as a seamstress most of her life and moved to Andrews in 1955 from Winfield, Ala. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Andrews.

Survivors include two sons, Wade Turner of Stanton and Hulon Turner of Huntsville; one daughter, Brenda Sue Scott of Fresno, Calif.; one brother, J.W. McCarver of Sylacauga, Ala.; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Bobby Earl Turner, her daughter, Linda Jane Turner and her daughter-in-law, Nelda Turner.

The family suggests memorials be made to Willow Hills Assisted Living, 510 E. Broadway, Andrews 79714.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Ron Simonek

Ron Simonek, 53, of Big Spring, died Thursday, May 7, 2009, at his residence. Private family graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.



He was born May 17, 1955, in Big Spring and married Christene Hendricks Oct. 15, 2008, in Big Spring.

He graduated from Stanton High School in 1973 and received his associates degree from Howard College. He had worked in the oil field most of his life.

Survivors include his wife, Christene Simonek of Big Spring; two daughters, Emily Simonek of Austin and Elizabeth De Los Reyes of Apple Valley, Calif.; one son, Cameron Allen of Big Spring; his mother, Mary Lou Simonek of Haltom City; two brothers, Kenneth Simonek of Dallas and Dennis Simonek of Lewisville; and one sister, Gloria Whitaker of Haltom City.

He was preceded in death by his father, Louis Simonek; and his twin brother, Don Simonek.

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

Robert Pope

Robert Pope, 84, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

- CLIFFORD LEON ANGLIN, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, speeding and violation of a promise to appear.

- TONY RAY BINGHAM, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation.

- JESSE FIERO, 39, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- MATTHEW DEWAYNE GRISHAM, 41, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- JUAN MADRID, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- FELIX MARION, 36, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less in a drug free zone.

- KIMBERLIE PINEDA, 27, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less in a drug free zone.

- LESLIE MARIE SMITHWICK, 24, was arrested Tuesday on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana – more than two ounces, less than four ounces.

Your Local Weather

Thu 5/14	Fri 5/15	Sat 5/16
85/64 Partly cloudy skies. High around 85F. Winds NE at 15 to 25 mph.	88/64 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	80/59 Slight chance of a thunderstorm.

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Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

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

- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.

- 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 Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.

- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340.

- Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 5200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported near the 181 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Austin. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of Muir. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

The winning numbers from Tuesday night's Mega Millions drawing were: 4, 8, 10, 14 and 51. The Mega Ball number was 31.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1 - 6 - 10 - 31 - 34.
Number matching five of five: 0. Prize: \$0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7 - 5 - 0 - 4. Sum It Up: 16.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1 - 6 - 4. Sum It Up: 11.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Low Blow

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ Q 9
♥ K Q 8 5
♦ K Q J 10
♣ J 6 3

WEST
♠ J 10 5
♥ A 6
♦ 7 4
♣ A K Q 10 8 2

EAST
♠ 8 3
♥ 10 9 7 4 2
♦ 8 5 3 2
♣ 7 4

SOUTH
♠ A K 7 6 4 2
♥ J 3
♦ A 9 6
♣ 9 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ 2♣ 2♦ Pass
2♠ Pass 4♠ Pass
Opening lead — king of clubs.

Anyone can take tricks with aces and kings; the real challenge in bridge lies in taking tricks with the lower-ranking soldiers of the game. Consider this deal where declarer reached four spades on the bidding shown. West started with the K-Q-A of clubs, South ruffing the third club as East discarded a heart. Declarer drew trumps, lost a heart to the ace and made 10 tricks without even breathing hard.

The outcome seems normal, but the fact is that declarer should have gone down one. Better defense would have stopped the contract.

West can deduce, after seeing dummy at trick one, that South has the A-K of spades and the ace of diamonds for his opening bid. He also can deduce, after the queen of clubs wins at trick two, that the only chance for the defense lies in developing a trump trick for his side that does not exist naturally.

With this in view, West should lead a low club at trick three, instead of continuing with the ace. As it happens, East is able to ruff dummy's jack of clubs with the eight of spades, after which South must go down one, whatever he does. Declarer's best play is to overruff, hoping the remaining trumps are divided 2-2, but when West turns up with the J-10-x, a trump trick must be lost.

Note that West does not lead the K-A and a low club, as East might make the mistake of ruffing low, thinking South has the queen of clubs. Instead, West leads the K-Q of clubs to show that he has the ace, then continues with a low club in order to emphasize the importance to East of ruffing with his highest trump.

Tomorrow: The making of a miracle.

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Nuggets still upset by Mavs' fans

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Nuggets returned from Dallas with a bad taste in their mouths and it had nothing to do with Chris "Birdman" Andersen's nasty case of food poisoning.

Andersen said between bites of mashed potatoes Tuesday that he's recovered from his sour stomach that kept him out of the Nuggets' 119-117 loss to the Mavericks the previous night.

"I feel really good now," Andersen said after getting additional IVs and shooting some baskets Tuesday.

He said he can't wait for Game 5 Wednesday

night at the Pepsi Center when the Nuggets try to clinch their first trip to the Western Conference Finals in 24 years.

His teammates are equally eager to take out their frustrations on the basketball court.

They're upset with the way their families and friends were treated Monday night at American Airlines Center, where fans hurled insults at Kenyon Martin's girlfriend, rap star Trina, and where Carmelo Anthony's girlfriend, LaLa

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HAWKS

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on three hits and two walks, while striking out 12 batters in seven innings.

All three runs surrendered by Collazo occurred in the first inning. He calmed down after the opening frame, though, and was lights out over the final six, allowing just three more Leopards to reach base. Temple's final hit of the game came in the second inning.

"I came out with too much adrenaline. I was pushing too much," said Collazo. "Coach (Jack) Giese came out and told me to just calm down and pitch. That's what I did. I was able to pitch a great game because of it."

"Anthony stepped up big time tonight," added Smith. "He hasn't always been great in the first inning of games this season. He's got the ability to do some special things, though. We can tell when it turns on for him and we saw him get to that in the second inning."

"We've got a huge advantage since we've only used three pitchers through the first three games," he continued. "We're in great shape and have a lot of good arms available. I've said it before that we are built for the postseason because of our pitching and this is why. We've got a ton of depth that will come into play in the finals of this tournament."

The Hawks cut into Temple's early 3-0 lead in the second, pushing two runs across. Monk Kreder scored after Andrew Collazo drew a walk with the bases loaded. With the bags still juiced, Runey Davis hit a fly ball to left that brought in Caleb Nine.

Temple pitcher Tyler Grygar held the Hawks at

bay in the third and fourth innings, but Howard finally caught up to him in the fifth.

Davis was the catalyst, leading off the frame with a double. He scored on a single by Joe Leftridge, tying the game at 3. Grygar got the next two outs, but the Hawks managed two more runs to take a 5-3 lead in the fourth when Nine and Calhoun each hit RBI singles.

Howard batted around in the fifth and duplicated the feat again in the sixth.

After Davis flew out to center to lead off the sixth, Howard's next seven batters reached base. Nine had the biggest hit, doubling in two runs that gave Howard an 11-3 advantage.

The inning ended when Nine attempted to steal home, but couldn't slide under the tag. He finished the game 2-for-2 with two walks, three RBI and a run scored. Nine had struggled in the first two games, going 1-for-8.

The Hawks are now a win away from advancing to the JUCO World Series, which begins May 23 in Grand Junction, Colo.

"That's what we're playing for," said Collazo. "We don't care how many wins in a row we get right now. The record is something fans and media talk about. This team is focused on winning it all. It's all about getting to Colorado for us and we've got a chance to do that in the finals now."

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Tyler Grygar, Garrett Sladek (5), Stevie Kirks (6), Chad McLin (6), Jake Bidelman (7) and Doug Oney. Anthony Collazo and Miles Hamblin. W - Ant. Collazo (10-0). L - Grygar. 2B: HC - Caleb Nine, Runey Davis. RBI: HC - Nine 3, Joe Leftridge, Hamblin, Monk Kreder, Nick Popescu, Will Calhoun, Andrew Collazo, Davis. SB: HC - Bryan Johns. LOB: HC 7, TC 3.

LADY STEERS

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loaded the bases in the first inning but Canyon Randall starter Cecely Rodriguez struck out Macy Briggs looking to end the threat. The Lady Raiders scored four in their half of the first to take a 4-0 lead. Hahman had her second homer of the night, this one a 2-run shot, in the inning.

The Lady Steers would bounce back in the top of the second to tie it up at 4-4, scoring all their runs with two outs.

Jaelyn Porras led off with a single. After Fox and Hunt were retired, Yarbar walked and Valle followed with a double to center, driving in both runners.

Torres then drew a walk to put runners on first and second. A wild pitch moved the runners up a base and an errant pickoff thrown scored Valle to make it 4-3.

Ritchey beat out an infield hit that drove in Torres to make it 4-4.

In the bottom of the third, Canyon Randall put together a two-out rally of their own and when it was over the Lady Steers trailed, 11-4.

Palacios and Del Toro were retired on easy fly balls to start the inning but the next seven batters

scored.

Breanna O'Leary singled and scored on a double by Jessica Moore. After Loni Johnson drew a walk, Vanessa Devore doubled to right to score Moore. Rodriguez then helped her own cause, belting the first pitch she saw over the fence in left for a 3-run homer to make it 9-4. Allen and Hahman would follow with solo shots to make it 11-4 before Palacios was retired for the final out.

Kenzie Hunt would double in two runs for the Lady Steers in the top of the fifth, but it was too little, too late as Randall prevailed, 12-6.

Canyon Randall will advance to face Canutillo in the next round of the playoffs.

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Moser and Allen. Kenzie Hunt and Baylea Fox. WP - Moser (16-4) LP - Hunt (10-16). 2B: R - Del Toro 3. HR: R - Hahman. RBI: BS - Ross, Ritchey, Fox. R - Allen, Hahman 3, Del Toro, Moser 2.

Game 2
Big Spring 040 020 0-6 6 4
Randall 407 010 x-12 13 1

Rodriguez and Ashlie Odle. Hunt and Fox. WP - Rodriguez (8-1). LP - Hunt (10-17). 2B: R - Devore, Rodriguez, Moore. BS - Yarbar, Valle, Hunt. 3B: R - Devore. HR: R - Rodriguez, Hahman 2, Allen. RBI: R - Devore, Allen, Hahman 3, Moore, Rodriguez 4; BS - Hunt 2, Valle 2.

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POOL

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Because there is no grandfathering with this act, once you touch any portion of the plumbing, all the things that were grandfathered in are no longer grandfathered. So we had to come back and look at our recirculation lines, skimmer lines, and have to meet the code of the law related to those items as well.

"To comply with the Virginia Graeme Baker Act, and to comply with the other plumbing systems we have in and around the pool, would cost between \$500,000 and \$600,000. That's just to fix the plumbing and get the drainage system and other fixtures up to code, and it comes from a contractor that has worked with a lot of pools like ours."

Named after the granddaughter of former Secretary of State James Baker, the Pool and Spa Safety Act requires public swimming pools to have measures in place to prevent drain entrapment, a situation where a swimmer becomes trapped by the suction force of a pool drain.

Virginia Graeme Baker died in an entrapment accident in 2002. The Consumer Product Safety Commission recorded 74 entrapment incidents between 1997 and 2007, most of the victims being children.

Darden said he asked the consultant to look at

a second, more radical scenario, and the results were also astounding.

"The second scenario I asked him to look at was if we decided to build a new pool inside the existing pool," said Darden. "Redoing all of the plumbing and getting us into compliance. To do that, the cost was about \$700,000 to \$800,000, to have a complete, new pool. And, as you know, we're still trying to address our ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) issues, which include the poolhouse. And he (the consultant) gave me some numbers from recent projects done in our area.

"The first was in Brownfield... It cost approximately \$1.2 million. The second was in Muleshoe... It cost approximately \$1.8 million. There is also a third project they are completing in Snyder, but I haven't been able to get the cost on that one."

And while funding for such a project could possibly be within the city's reach, any hopes of having the facility ready in time for this year's swimming season are nil.

"The question is, when can that work get done?" said Darden. "I told the consultant our plans were to open the pool June 1, and I asked him if I had a half-million dollars for him to come in and get us into compliance, could he accomplish that by June 1.

His response was, 'Certainly not.'

"Right now we have a contract with the local YMCA that is in limbo, and they have a lifeguard situation. We also do not have a contractor that can commit to getting us a date that would allow us to open this summer. It's the staff's recommendation that we close the pool for this summer."

Mayor Russ McEwen asked the council and staff to plan for a work session sometime next month to render a decision on the issue, which could land Big Spring a new pool or see the city getting out of the "pool business."

"I think that's the whole key," said McEwen. "We need to decide what we're going to do. There's no reason to put hundreds of thousands of dollars into an old pool that leaks and has all the problems ours has. By having a work session we can look at this and decide what route we want to take. And I think it goes all the way from getting out of the pool business to building a new pool.

"I've looked at some of the pools they have built in Brownfield and Muleshoe, and they aren't your grandfather's pool. They have slides and lazy rivers, those kinds of things. So it's something we need to look at as a council and make the decision and go from there."

Likely closure of the pool comes on the heels



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins
Former Big Spring City Councilmember Greg Biddison, right, accepts a plaque commemorating his more than 12 years of service to the municipality from Mayor Russ McEwen during a ceremony Tuesday night.



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins
Newly elected District 6 Big Spring City Councilman Terry Hansen takes his oath of office from Assistant City Secretary Tami Davis during Tuesday's meeting of the governing body.

of the recent closing of Municipal Auditorium, which failed to meet ADA specifications and is part of a law suit that has been brought against the city. City of-

officials had already given the go-ahead several months ago to open the pool without use of the pool house, in hopes of serving local citizens without breaking fed-

eral laws.

ROBBERY

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Liquor Store on N. Big Spring Street. Garcia was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of robbery, burglary of a building, theft and aggravated robbery.

According to Midland police records, the robbery was reported at approximately 5 p.m. after two men entered the business and demanded the clerk open the register. When the clerk was unable to open it, witnesses said the pair fled the scene in a red sports

utility vehicle.

The robbery at the Chicken Express was reported just hours later at 9:45 p.m. when a suspect matching Garcia's description entered through the restaurant's rear entrance and demanded money from the employees.

A weapon was not displayed during the course of the robbery, according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, which kept the charge from being elevated to aggravated robbery.

Midland law enforcement officials said the second suspect in the Pinkie's robbery has not yet been identified.

BSISD

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what we need to pay our people in order to attract or retain them."

Some of the school districts cited in the study include Andrews, Abilene, Ector County, Kermit, Lamesa, Lub-

bock and Forsan, Stevens said.

Learning that local salaries lag behind area averages is one thing, but Stevens admits that increasing them will mean some tough choices on the part of school officials.

"The problem is that if you change salaries,

that costs money and we're waiting to see what the (Texas) Legislature does in that area," he said. "Our goal is to get to the area average over the course of two or three years.

"It also has to do with how we allocate our resources," Stevens added. "We're looking

at how we allocate the money we have. The question is, are we overspending in some areas and underspending in others?"

No action will be taken on salaries at Thursday's meeting, he said.

Other actions on the agenda include consideration of:

- Oath of office for newly elected trustees and election of new board officers.
- Construction updates.
- Personnel matters.

Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com

WRECK

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10:15 a.m. when his 1995 Ford Thunderbird suddenly veered to

the right.

"He hit a concrete electric pole," said Chavez. "At that time, the vehicle caught fire. The cause of the accident is undetermined at this time, and it is unknown

whether he was wearing a safety belt."

Perez was pronounced dead at approximately 11:15 a.m. According to DPS records, he was a truck driver.

RIDERS

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10:30 a.m. They will again come into town from the west on Business 20 and FM 700. And they'll spend about an hour at the memorial before going on to Colorado City where they'll stop for a lunch break.

"The public is certainly invited to come and join us," Groves added, "but spectators need to be aware of the number of vehicles that are going to be involved in the procession. We ask

that people be careful and not get into intersections and disrupt the riders and their support group."

Groves also noted that any local residents wanting to join the Run for the Wall in Big Spring and accompany the group to Washington must register ahead of time.

Then, on May 25, while Run for the Wall participants are taking part in Rolling Thunder, the Permian Basin Ride to Remember will see 500 bikers or more take part in the ride from the Permian Basin Vietnam

Memorial at Terminal to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial.

That ride traditionally begins about 10 a.m. on Memorial Day and the group should arrive in Big Spring around 11 a.m.

However, Ride to Remember participants have not announced whether they will enter Big Spring along their traditional route — U.S. Highway 87, parading south on Gregg Street and turn west on FM 700 en route to the memorial — or adopt an entry into the city like Run for the Wall participants.

Groves said a brief ceremony will be conducted when the procession arrives at the memorial.

"We definitely encourage the public to come out and join us for the ceremony," he said. "But we definitely want people to remember what Memorial Day is for — to honor the men and women who've made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation."

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Hamilton homers in return to lineup, Rangers win 7-1

ARLINGTON (AP)— Josh Hamilton looked like a player trying to shake the rust off in his first three plate appearances Tuesday night.

With one big swing in the seventh, the Rangers center fielder looked more like the All-Star who took the league by storm last season.

Hamilton returned from the disabled list by hitting the go-ahead homer in a six-run seventh inning and the Texas Rangers won for the eighth time in 10 games, beating the Seattle Mariners 7-1.

"The at-bats before that weren't great," said Hamilton, who led the American League last year with 130 RBIs. "But that one at-bat, it felt good. Anytime you can make plays or do something with the bat like hit a home run, it helps the confidence out."

Hamilton, activated after missing 13 games with a strained ribcage muscle, struggled in his first three at-bats before his two-run shot off Mariners reliever Mark Lowe (0-1) gave the Rangers a 3-1 lead.

Before he put the Rangers up for good, Hamilton bounced into a double play in the first, flew out in the third and struck out looking in the fifth. He had not played since April 26.

"Josh had some opportunities early and didn't come through," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "It took a load off his shoulders. That gave us the lead and we kept chipping and put more runs on the board."

Rookie Derek Holland (1-1) pitched 1 2-3 scoreless innings to earn his first career victory.

Chris Davis homered for the fourth time in eight games for Texas, and Michael Young had three hits and was on base five times after missing two games with back stiffness.

Scott Feldman took a shutout into the seventh and gave up one run and four hits in 6 1-3 innings for the first-place Rangers, who have given two runs or less in six of nine games.

"We had opportunities that we didn't cash in," Washington said. "The pitching kept us there and we put something together in the sev-

enth."

Mariners starter Jason Vargas, who is in the rotation for an injured Carlos Silva, allowed one run and five hits in five innings.

Seattle, which had only four hits, has lost seven of eight.

Mariners manager Don Wakamatsu was displeased with his team's lack of offense. The Mariners came into the game 12th in the American League in runs scored.

"We have to make adjustments or maybe we have to look into making some changes," Wakamatsu said.

Young singled with one out in the seventh, bringing Hamilton up to the plate. After swinging and missing on an off-speed pitch, Hamilton drove a fastball from Lowe over the 14-foot wall in left.

"I breathed a sigh of relief when I came in (to the dugout)," Hamilton said. "I gave everybody hugs and everybody was hugging me."

Nelson Cruz hit a sacrifice fly, Marlon Byrd scored on an error, Jarrod Saltalamacchia had an RBI

double and Elvis Andrus added a run-scoring single to make it 7-1.

Texas sent up 12 batters in the seventh, and Lowe gave up six runs and five hits in two-thirds of an inning.

"I didn't think it was the right pitch," Lowe said of his approach against Hamilton. "I was trying to throw the fastball off the plate and he hit it."

Vargas made his first start since July 3, 2007, after missing the 2008 season because of hip surgery.

Davis homered off Vargas on the first pitch in the bottom of the fifth. His shot hit the top of the wall in right and bounced into the Rangers bullpen.

In the top of the seventh, Franklin Gutierrez singled and stole second. Kenji Johjima doubled down the line in right to tie the score at 1 and chase Feldman from the game.

Holland recorded the last two outs of the seventh to preserve the tie.

Rangers closer Frank Francisco was unavailable to pitch because of biceps tendinitis.

MAVS

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Vazquez of MTV fame, was removed from her seat by security guards for her safety.

Fans also got into shouting matches with Martin's mother, who had extra protection around her after Mavericks owner Mark Cuban called her son a thug following the frenetic finish in Game 3.

"I think all of us are kind of angry about ... the treatment we got in Dallas," Nuggets coach George Karl said Tuesday. "And we want our home crowd to be with us and ... we want to show them that we owe them a game."

On Tuesday, Cuban apologized for yelling at Martin's mother, Lydia Moore, and suggested things had gotten out of hand. But his apology was brushed aside by the Nuggets because it contained an offer that they could all sit in his suite with his own family "when the series comes back to

Dallas."

"We don't plan on going back to Dallas," retorted Chauncey Billups.

Cuban also offered to take Martin and his mother out for dinner this summer.

Dinner in Dallas is a sore subject with the Nuggets right now.

Andersen said he ate something bad at the team hotel Monday that left him doubled over in the locker room during the game with severe abdominal cramps and vomiting.

The Nuggets sorely missed their energetic center as Dallas star Dirk

Nowitzki scored a series-high 44 points and pulled down 13 rebounds to help the Mavericks stave off elimination.

Without the "Birdman" swatting away passes and making things tough on Nowitzki in the paint, Dallas out-rebounded the Nuggets 50-34 and Denver managed just seven second-chance points.

With all the talk of hostile treatment in Dallas, Andersen isn't alleging sabotage.

"Nope. I'm actually going to have some fresh legs," he said.

ROCKETS

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"It just kind of fed their energy level. The second and third quarters are about as bad as we've played in a long time."

Pau Gasol had 16 points and 13 rebounds, Andrew Bynum 14 points, Trevor Ariza 13 and Jordan Farmar 12. Lamar Odom and Josh Powell had 10 apiece. Brooks was held to 14 points after scoring a career-high 34 on Sunday. Ron Artest had a horrible night shooting, 4-of-15 for nine points. The Rockets shot only 32 percent.

"There are seven games. That is the great thing about the playoffs," Artest said. "It is not like football where there is one game, so you can only stay positive."

Houston had an early lead, but Chuck Hayes, who replaced Yao, picked up his second foul by midway through the first quarter.

The Lakers gained control by outscoring Houston 23-6 during the final six minutes of the first quarter. Bryant had eight points, making three straight shots at one point. Odom sank a 3-pointer and Farmar another 3 at the buzzer for a 35-24 lead.

"We just made our adjustments, really," Bryant said. "The last game they played a different style, a little bit more uptempo, spread the floor out a little bit. They got off to a great start and we never recovered."

"Tonight we did a good job covering for our defensive assignments. We didn't blow too many of those; made plays."

The Rockets had nine turnovers in the first half.

"We had a good first couple of minutes and then we started to turn the ball over," Artest said. "But we are going to adjust. That is the thing with the Houston Rockets."

With Bryant sitting out at the start of the second quarter, the Lakers didn't lose any of their intensity, going on an 8-0 run to push the lead to 43-24.

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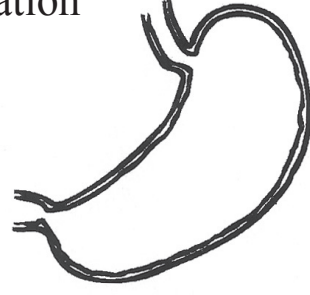
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OUR VIEW

Pops in the Park organizers seek photos of military

The Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation is hard at work making plans for this year's Pops in the Park concert and fireworks display at Comanche Trail Park.

And while a great deal of that work is the process of raising the approximate \$40,000 needed to put on the show, that is far from everything involved in making Pops in the Park what it is.

One of the features each year has been a video of military personnel from Howard County that are currently in the service.

To that end, committee members Cindy Smith and Lane Bond are beginning work on the production of that video.

"I'd like the community to know that they can send in photos of their loved ones who are in the service to be included in the video," Smith said.

"I've thought about it and would like to give them an opportunity to send in new candid photos if they have them. We'd love to get some new photos of soldiers and sailors if anyone has them. Candid photos won't be identified by name. We want people to know that we'll take whatever they send in and will do our best to make them work in the video."

Photos should be sent by e-mail if possible. They should be in a jpeg format, if possible, and sent to csmith@howardcollege.edu

As we've noted before, it's not too early to be thinking about July the Fourth, because such programs aren't put together in a couple of weeks. Especially not when they depend on donations and sponsorships provided by local businesses and individuals.

Now heading into its 12th year, Pops in the Park has become a tradition — one the entire community looks forward to, as do many living in other cities.

To make donations, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

"It is the entire community's celebration. That's something that is on every committee member's mind," noted Jan Hansen, who is again serving as the foundation's co-chairman for Pops. "It's a time to get together with friends and family at the park, join our neighbors and celebrate the birth of our nation."

The Big Spring Herald is again among the presenters for the show. Those committed as presenters to date are the Big Spring Symphony, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the Visitors and Convention Bureau, the city of Big Spring and KBST, which broadcasts the concert for those who are unable to get into the amphitheater.

We have noted before that we here at the Herald are proud to be a part of such a spectacular event and we continue to encourage others in the community to do the same.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are unique and special, Lord, when we walk with You.

Amen

A special sort of torture

When your back doesn't hurt, you don't give a second thought to the hundreds and thousands of things you use it for every day. Reaching for a cup of coffee. Sitting at your computer. Even something as simple as giving your daughter a hug becomes a potentially painful chore.

As most of you out there in reader-land already know, I ruptured a disc in my lower neck back in February. It's the disc between the C6 and C7 vertebrae, and after seeing the MRIs and CT scans, I have to admit I did one fine, dandy job on that little sucker. Oh no, we're not talking about a tiny little bubble on that bad boy. It looks more like someone stepped on a fruit pie wearing combat boots and heel taps.

As if that weren't bad enough, the popped disc is pressing rather firmly against the median nerve, which I have learned first-hand is very, very important because it runs down my right arm and provides some very important services — like feeling — to my right hand.

Now, I'm not going to jaw on about how it would have been better if the pain and numbness were in my left hand — I'm right-handed, much to my loving father's chagrin — because I've learned just how important it is to have two fully functional arms. The simplest tasks become near impossible, like hammering a nail into the wall, putting together a bookcase or even

brushing my teeth.

I nearly put my eye out with my toothbrush about a half-dozen times in the first week.

I have to admit, however, that in some strange sort of way, I may very well have deserved what happened to me.

Was it karma? I seriously doubt it. Nope, if I had to put a word to it, I'd say it was just plain carelessness. Looking back on my life — especially when I was younger — it would be a gross understatement to say I was sloppy with the care of my physical faculties. All children are, right? Maybe?

Numerous motocross crashes, back flips into shallow water, jumping from moving vehicles, water skiing crashes, kneeboards pulled through the snow by ATVs at break-neck speed (excuse the pun), surfing... Honestly, the list is entirely too long to fit in this space. Suffice it to say, if it was fast enough to do something stupid on it, I was there, ready to entertain myself and others.

Now, unfortunately, I understand the cost of those things.

I can vaguely remember my mother and father warning me throughout my life this day would come. My dad would look at me crossways when I'd lift something heavy — you know, the he-man thing us big guys sometimes do to impress others — instead of waiting for him to help. I can still hear my mother yelling at me, "Lift with your legs, not your back!"

Ah, but now the he-man days are long gone, and lifting even light items can sometimes have me wincing in pain for hours at a time. Reaching for my coffee cup this morning I felt my back tense up, eliciting a rather long

line of mental curses I'm really glad I didn't say aloud. They would have made both my parents — and maybe a few sailors — blush.

You may remember, from previous columns, that I had decided to have surgery to correct this problem. Unfortunately, after a series of tests and scans that were nothing short of torture in their own rights, the surgery my neurosurgeon wants me to have — which would utilize bone from my hip to fuse the two vertebrae together — just isn't an option. The loss of mobility, along with the lifelong pain, just aren't all that appealing to me.

So now the plan is to get physical therapy and see how things are after a couple of months. Granted, the pain has managed to subside some — either that, or I've become so used to it I'm simply blocking it out — but the numbness hasn't gotten any better, and according to my doctor, might never get better, regardless of how the problem is treated.

I suppose the point I'm trying to make is a simple one. I had little respect for my body 20 years ago, and now I'm paying the price.

It was a day pretty much everyone said would come, but in my young mind it was all abstract. It was a possibility. Now, however, I realize it was really an eventuality.

Take care of your body. Don't let your ego start writing checks the rest of your body will have to cash many years later, when, honestly, you need it the most.

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Southern hostility, not hospitality

Remember the days when people, especially in the South, felt they had a perfect right to discriminate? Remember the time when skin color determined whether you would be treated like a human being?

Well, that litmus test has changed! Now humane treatment is determined by immigration status. If you have no right to be here, you can be treated as if you were an inferior form of humanity.

And if you are Hispanic, you are guilty by association, often erroneously assumed to be here illegally and just as subject to discrimination.

"We found a population under siege and living in fear — fear of the police, fear of the government and fear of criminals who prey on immigrants because of their vulnerability," reported the Southern Poverty Law Center last month, after conducting a survey of 500 low-income Latinos — including legal residents, undocumented immigrants and U.S. citizens in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and Louisiana.

While that region is now home to the fastest-growing population of Latinos in the country, the SPLC's report noted that "many in Dixie aren't treating their new neighbors with any semblance of Southern hospitality."

It concluded that Latinos are "encountering widespread hostility, discrimination and exploitation. They are routinely cheated out of their earnings and denied basic health and safety protections. They are regularly subjected to racial profiling and harassment by law enforcement. They are victimized by criminals who know they are reluctant to report attacks. And they are frequently forced to prove themselves innocent of immigration violations, regardless of their legal status."

The report, "Under Siege:

Life for Low-Income Latinos in the South," noted that while illegal immigrants are victimized especially by unscrupulous employers, who take advantage of their status, "Even legal residents and U.S. citizens of Latino descent say that racial profiling, bigotry and myriad other forms of discrimination and injustice are staples of their daily lives."

It cited vivid examples of the hardships endured by Latino immigrants — legal and illegal. It cited the case of a young Tennessee mother, who said she was arrested for asking to be paid for her work at a cheese factory, an Alabama bean picker, who had his life savings confiscated by police during a traffic stop, and an alleged Georgia rapist, who went unpunished because his 13-year-old victim was an undocumented immigrant.

The survey came up with some figures that show that these cases are not unique.

Of those Latinos surveyed, 68 percent said they suffer racism in their daily lives; 41 percent reported not being paid for work performed; 47 percent said they know someone who has been treated unfairly by police; and 77 percent of Latinas reported that sexual harassment is a major problem on the job.

"This report documents the human toll of failed policies that relegate millions of people to an underground economy, where they are beyond the protection of the law," said Mary Bauer, who wrote the report and directs the Immigrant Justice Project at the Montgomery, Ala., law center. "Workplace abuses and racial profiling are rampant in the South."

She concluded that legislators need to strengthen labor laws, crack down on racial profiling, and pass comprehensive immigration reform, including a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.

It's "the only realistic, fair and humane solution," she noted.

The report said that the same Latino workers who "provided cheap labor to fuel the South's economy — building skyscrap-

ers in Charlotte, harvesting onions in Georgia, slaughtering poultry in Alabama and rebuilding New Orleans after Katrina" — are often victims of systemic discrimination, which "constitutes a civil rights crisis that must be addressed."

"We're talking about a matter of basic human rights here," said SPLC's president, Richard Cohen. "By allowing this cycle of abuse and discrimination to continue, we're creating an underclass of people who are invisible to justice and undermining our country's fundamental ideals."

Instead of acting to protect Latino victims of discrimination and exploitation, the report noted that some of the region's state and local governments have worsened the situation by enacting "ordinances designed to limit services to undocumented immigrants and make their lives as difficult as possible, with the ultimate goal of driving them away."

It also noted that local law enforcement agencies "are enforcing immigration law in a way that has led to accusations of systematic racial profiling and has made Latino crime victims and witnesses more reluctant to cooperate with police."

"Such policies," the report went on, "have the effect of creating a subclass of people who exist in a shadow economy, beyond the protection of the law... This treatment — which many Latinos liken to the oppressive climate of racial subordination that blacks endured during the Jim Crow era — is encouraged by politicians and media figures who scapegoat immigrants and spread false propaganda. And as a result of relentless vilification in the media, Latinos are targeted for harassment by racist extremist groups, some of which are directly descended from the old guardians of white supremacy."

Perhaps the time has come to march through Dixie again, in a new civil rights movement.

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I have always been a dog lover. I really enjoy learning about their behaviors so in preparation for our dog show I visited with some show



DARRELL RYAN

dog owners to get some new perspectives.

One participant told me that he finds it interesting discussing dog intelligence and their bonding with humans!

Now remember, domestic dogs can't do a lot of things for themselves so they depend on their human friends to assist them in having a quality life. Here is a list he shared with me called the Ten Commandments for a Dog.

1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. Any separation from you is painful. I want and choose to be with you as much as I can.

2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.

3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.

4. Don't be angry with me for long and please don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.

5. Talk to me, even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when you are speaking to me.

6. Be aware that however you treat me I will never forget it.

7. Before you hit or strike me, remember that I could bite you, and yet I choose not to hurt you.

8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food or I have been in the sun too long. Perhaps my heart might be getting old or weak. Take time to think of my welfare.

9. Please take care of me when I grow old. Remember, you too will grow old.

10. When it comes time for me to take that ultimate, difficult journey, please go with me. Don't say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there because I love you so much.

Yes, these are human emotions being placed as animal thoughts but they do make sense. I guess what I am thinking is that we should be thankful for our pets. We should enjoy and take care of them knowing that life would be so different without them. We don't have to wait for Heaven to have love, joy and hope. There is a little bit of Heaven right here on earth and it has four legs and is always happy to see us.

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Smithsonian gears up for movie-inspired visitors

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WASHINGTON (AP)

— What happens after dark in the halls of a museum? A few lucky kids will get to find out in the months ahead, thanks to some big promotions and travel deals drawing on the buzz of Hollywood's new museum flick, "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian."

The world's largest museum complex, the Smithsonian Institution, is in the spotlight and hoping the movie — starring Ben Stiller, Robin Williams and Amy Adams — will draw millions of young new visitors to see the real airplanes and artifacts housed in Washington that are featured in the movie. Kid-friendly product promotions already are offering chances to win free trips for a sleepover at the real Smithsonian.

Much of the movie is set at the National Air and Space Museum, though it also features artworks and treasures from other sites on the National Mall. It's set for release in theaters May 22.

"Hopefully they can make history come to life," said aeronautics curator Robert van der Linden, who reviewed the script and made sure film crews didn't break anything while they shot scenes at the museum last year.

The show is "a complete fantasy," he said, noting the Wright brothers come alive with their famous flyer zooming out of the museum (the real plane barely got off the ground). Adams portrays the famed pilot Amelia Earhart with her bright red Lockheed Vega airplane. "It reminds people of what's here," the curator said.



AP photo

Larry Daley, played by Ben Stiller, left, has a heart-to-heart with Napoleon, played by Alain Chabat, about the latter's plans for world domination

In the sequel to the 2006 film "Night at the Museum," which was set at New York's American Museum of Natural History, Stiller's character, security guard Larry Daley, comes to Washington to find his museum friends who are stone-cold exhibits by day but spring to life when the sun goes down. They had been shipped from New York to a mythical vault under the National Mall.

The film trailer gives a few more hints about the characters he'll encounter in D.C. There are roles for Darth Vader, Oscar the Grouch and even Abraham Lincoln, who rises from his seat at the Lincoln Memorial.

It's even more magical than the first movie, said Claire Brown, a spokeswoman for the Air and Space museum, who has

seen the new film. "Paintings come to life. Photographs come to life. Statues come to life," she said. "Nothing's off limits."

The Smithsonian is capitalizing on this moment — its first time to be so prominently featured in theaters across the country.

Beyond an agreement with 20th Century Fox for the movie's creation, officials from the museum and the city's tourism bureau teamed up with the movie studio to strike deals with McDonald's, Kraft, Hershey's and Post cereals. They want to make it hard for anyone to miss this movie and offer the chance to visit the real museums. Sweepstakes offers on millions of boxes of macaroni and cheese, candies and cereals will give away free trips for kids to

attendance at the New York museum. And the last big movie that focused on Washington's cultural scene, "National Treasure," helped drive up attendance at the National Archives by 200,000 visitors in 2004 — drawing special interest among boys.

The Smithsonian already draws 10 million visitors over the summer months but would like to see even more.

"It's reaching a demographic that is so important to our future," Brown said. "We want kids to know they can have fun in museums."

The Smithsonian also stands to gain more than \$1 million if the film does well and tens of thousands of dollars in additional revenue from special events. Spokeswoman Linda St. Thomas said they could not reveal specific figures from the movie deal with Fox.

Washington tourism officials are planning special "Night at the Museum" packages with city hotels and will advertise for the first time in movie theaters in cities such as New York, Philadelphia and Raleigh, N.C.

The nation's capital already is drawing attention from kids, they said, because there are two young girls living

in the White House. (No word yet on whether the Obama daughters have been invited to the movie's world premiere at the Smithsonian's IMAX theaters May 14).

"Often times we hear that parents have a civic duty to bring their families to D.C. for a vacation," said Victoria Isley of the tourism bureau Destination DC. "But we believe 'Night at the Museum' will really help kids inspire visits themselves."

Other Washington-area museums also are getting in on the action with plans to have their exhibits "come alive" at night, regardless of whether they're featured in the movie.

During the last two weekends in May, George Washington's Mount Vernon estate is opening its grounds for lantern-lit evening tours with plans for historical characters to pop out of their exhibits. The site offered similar themed tours tied to the "National Treasure" movie that have been popular even after the show closed in theaters.

"It just proves that marrying pop culture with museums or cultural attractions really works," said spokeswoman Emily Coleman Dibella. "It gets people excited again about going to

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HOWARD COUNTY HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS THROUGH THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA) FOR THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM. Howard County has been chosen to receive **\$7,088** to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. These funds have been made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army; American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; and United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local Board, made up of the County, City, United Way and other local charitable organizations will determine how the funds awarded to Howard County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds made available through the ARRA.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local organizations chosen to receive funds **must:** 1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board, and 6) never been debarred or suspended from receiving Federal funds. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Howard County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with The Salvation Army, Isaiah 58, Northside Community Center and St. Vincent DePaul Society participating. These agencies were responsible for providing over 8,000 meals, 8,000 pounds of food and over 300 nights of lodging.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for ARRA Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact **Nancy Foster at the United Way of Big Spring at (432) 267-5201** or come by **215 W. 3rd Street** for an application. The deadline for the submission of applications is **May 18, 2009.**

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In hot car, 'just a minute' can be deadly for dogs

LINDA LOMBARDI

For The Associated Press

If you've ever left your dog in the car for "just five minutes" on a summer day, the Humane Society wants you to hear some cautionary tales.

"They all say the same thing: I never thought that this would happen," says Mitchell Battle, deputy director of humane law enforcement at the Washington Humane Society. "I was only going to be gone for two minutes."

But just running inside for a quick errand can be deadly to your pet — even if the weather isn't all that hot.

In one fatal incident Battle responded to, the temperature was only in the 70s. A woman stopped at home, parked in the shade and came out after what she said was 15 minutes. By the time officers got there, the shade had moved, turning the car into what officer Eve Russell calls "a solar powered Easy-Bake oven."

Everyone's opened a car door and been amazed by how much hotter it is than outside — but you may not realize exactly how hot a car can get. Check out the numbers at the Web site mydogiscool.com, a program of United Animal Nations. When it's 72 degrees, a car in direct sun can reach an internal temperature of 116. Even in the shade, a car can be 10 to 20 degrees hotter than out-

doors, and cracking the window has almost no effect.

Veterinarian Cate Rinaldo, a volunteer with United Animal Nations, points out that dogs don't have sweat glands all over their bodies like humans do, so the main way they can cool off is by panting, which isn't very efficient.

Once a dog's body temperature gets over about 106 — normal temperature is around 101 — the result is "everything from nerve damage, heart problems, liver damage, systemic organ failure, and it happens fast, within a matter of minutes," she says.

Summer is also vacation season, and the officers are often called to cases where people traveling with their dogs tried to use the car to extend their stay by a few hours.

"They check out of their hotel at noon and they still want to go to the zoo or a museum, and they leave Fluffy in the car," says officer Ann Russell.

Remember that one more museum isn't worth the risk to your pet's life — and that cars are not the only place where dogs can get overheated. Rinaldo says that before she was a vet and knew of the dangers, one of her dogs collapsed from heat exhaustion after playing off-leash on a 75 degree day.

That dog survived, but not all are so lucky. One



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This poster illustration released by the United Animal Nations shows a dog in an oven as a reminder to dog owners not to leave their pets in the car during the summer.

90 degree day in the San Bernadino mountains, Andy Hoodward of Orange, Calif., was flagged down by a couple carrying their dog in a backpack.

"The woman explained that they had set out hiking in the morning but a couple of miles in, the dog had become lethargic, unresponsive and would neither walk nor drink," says Hoodward.

The couple were also in bad shape, and Hoodward drove them to a ranger's station, but it was too late for the dog, which died on the trip.

And officers say anyone can be the victim of inattention or miscalculation. Officer Ann Russell tells of one woman who worked with autistic children and was a volunteer guide dog puppy raiser

— "the most responsible person you can imagine," she says. In an emergency with one of the children, the woman accidentally left a puppy in a car and it died.

Even indoors, it can get too hot for some animals. Battle tells of an elderly, overweight beagle that died of heat exhaustion in his own home; sadly, the house did have central air conditioning but the owners hadn't left it on since there were no people home.

Be especially careful if you confine your dog

to a crate or one area of the house and he's not free to seek a cooler spot.

If you leave your dogs outside, even on a patio or deck, make sure they have shade all day and remember that the sun moves. Use a tarp or awning to shade the spot, and perhaps reconsider whether your dogs might be happier indoors.

"Go out there barefoot and step on the concrete where your dogs are," says Battle. "It's not as comfortable as you think it is."

Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a 15-year-old boy and an only child. I get good grades and my social life is somewhat fair. I have no drama except for one thing — my mom.

Mom is 40 years old and has a full-time job. But she can't speak to me in a soft tone. Every time she talks to me, she yells. No one can tell her that she needs help — she gets angry. She cooks, but rarely cleans. I do most of the chores in the house. She is stingy when it comes to money and won't even give her spare change to charity. She rarely listens to me unless I say something about my dad. My parents had some trouble not long ago and contemplated divorce, but they are now back together. But she still is mad at him for cheating on her.

I've suggested we go to counseling, but she refuses. Every day I try to put up with her, and I know my dad does, too. Is it too much to ask that she be more polite and friendly? It hurts me to know I can't make her happy. I can't take it anymore. I want her to understand and listen to me more often. — Misunderstood Boy in Guam

Dear Misunderstood: It sounds as if your mother has been going through some rough times and she is angry and frustrated. You are right that counseling would be good, but you can't force her to go. You, however, should talk to someone who can help you deal with this situation better. Does your school have a counselor? If not, do you have a favorite teacher or relative who might be able to offer useful advice and a shoulder to lean on? You seem like a terrific and caring son.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Please try to give your mother a hug once in a while and tell her you love her. She needs to hear it.

Dear Annie: May I use your column to defend our beautiful state of West Virginia? For the umpteenth time, I've heard someone comment that people here have no teeth and marry their siblings. While most of us take this with a smile and a shrug, I want to tell people that if you think our governor wears bib overalls and smokes a corn cob pipe, then you are showing YOUR ignorance.

West Virginians are wonderful, smart, decent, hardworking people with a great sense of humor. We invite everyone to come see our beautiful sea-

sons, and our mountains, parks, forests, rivers and streams — but most of all, to experience our small-town hospitality. Thanks for letting me vent. — Grammie in Fairmont, W.Va.

Dear Grammie: Feeling better? We're happy to give tourism a boost. As anyone who has visited knows, West Virginia is a beautiful state with lovely scenery and a gracious population. All stereotypes show the speaker's ignorance, but they are hard to eradicate, so it's a good thing you also have such a great sense of humor.

Dear Annie: I'm a member of a family that has dealt with mental illness for years. I would like to pass on some good information for "Total Loss," whose son may be suffering from mental illness.

Getting an adult son to a doctor may be impossible (if he doesn't think he is ill), but she can call 911 and ask the police to take him to the local psychiatric emergency room for an evaluation. She also can check with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (nami.org) at 1-800-950-NAMI (1-800-950-6264) for a family support group near her.

Mom should also know that she is not responsible for his medical expenses since he is over 18. That is what Social Security is for. The hospital will help them with this. My heart goes out to her, as my family has seen this happen too many times. — California

Dear California: Thank you for the expert advice from one who has been there and gone through that. Mental illness is a devastating blow to a family, but there is help and support available.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury is retrograde, but don't take that the wrong way. If you lock the doors, pull the shutters closed and retreat from the possibility of things going wrong, you'll miss out on the glorious hijinks and entertaining



HOLIDAY MATHIS

communications that will certainly unfold. The Capricorn moon acts as a mature supervisor so the action won't get too out of hand.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Start thinking about that vacation you want to go on at the end of August. Now is the time to make some more concrete plans. Your forethought will increase the likelihood of a magical journey.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be doing the same thing you've been doing for months now, and suddenly people seem to notice. You'll be

Legals

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loving the attention you get, even though you're not sure why it's all happening now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Because you're so busy, you might be overlooking some obvious bit of healthy living — like drinking enough water or getting in a walk. It takes only a small effort to get back on track.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your friends have leads for you — interesting opportunities and special connections. A few social calls will start the flow of activity and you'll be following up for the rest of the week.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Even when you're not consciously aware of it, you'll be receiving messages about what's coming up next in your personal life. This is going to be an exciting chapter and you're already getting prepared for it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll find guidance where you weren't expecting it — from the goodness of a competitor or even an enemy. You might see from this experience that you are on a parallel journey to the one this person is on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It feels like it's time to have an important talk with your loved one, but first have that talk with yourself. Working out your innermost feelings in a diary will help you relate to others clearly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have something to offer the people around you — more than a smile and a friendly word. You have concrete help to give, introductions, referrals and problem-solving skills. You're really a giver.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Whatever you envision for your future, do not let that image encroach upon your

current happiness. Be patient. This is your moment, right now! Don't waste it pining away for something else.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Long lost projects resurface. Old news takes a new angle and is suddenly relevant again. These bits of history show you who you used to be and who you are now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A loved one has business to attend to. You might be apart for a few days, which may seem like an eternity. You fully realize the depth of your love when you reunite.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Place your affections well. The people you give your attention to have a lot to do with your mood now. Seek relationships with those who can respond to you kindly. Don't feed your love into the personality equivalent of a black hole.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Hot heartthrob of the moment Robert Pattinson has literally caused a stampede of adoring fans while making a personal appearance in a San Francisco mall. How does this Taurus take it when his love life gets splashed across magazine covers? Though he stays strong and secure, his Cancer moon indicates a deeply sensitive soul who just doesn't want to hurt those close to him.

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BSHS Class of 1979

The Big Spring High School class of 1979 is seeking classmates to attend our 30-year reunion Sept. 18-19. Please contact Debbye Salazar ValVerde at debbyeval@bigspringchamber.com or Cheryl Carter Joy at joycheryl79@hotmail.com with any contact information, be it an e-mail address or physical address.

BSHS Class of 1959

Coordinators for the Big Spring High School Class of 1959 50th year reunion scheduled for Sept. 18 and 19 are seeking information on the following BSHS grads. Anyone with information should contact Pat Rogers Anderson at 267-6143 or by e-mail at pja01@suddenlink.net
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BSHS Class of 1999

We are currently seeking Class of 1999 classmates from Big

Spring High School. Our 10-year reunion will be Sept. 18-19. Please send your mailing information to bshs1999@gmail.com to receive information on the reunion or contact Jennifer Davidson at (432) 213-0257.

BSHS Class of 1989

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.

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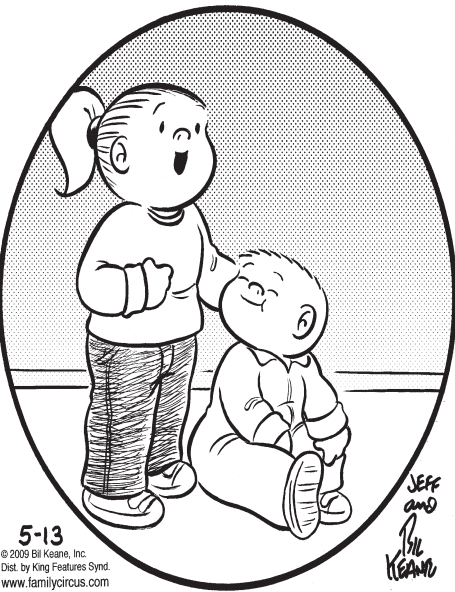
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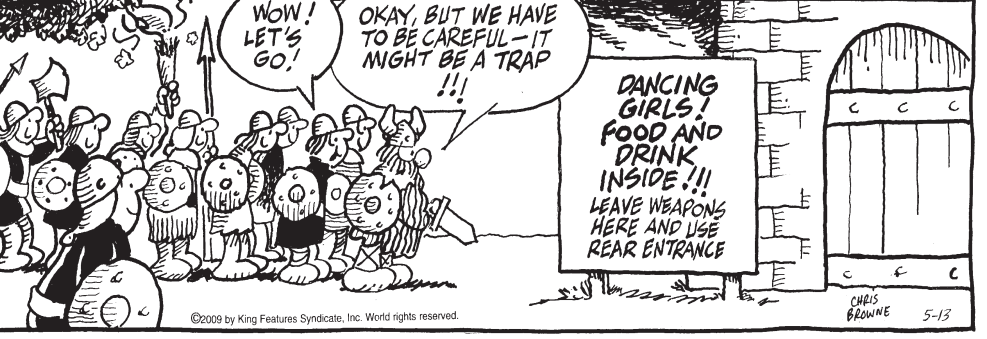
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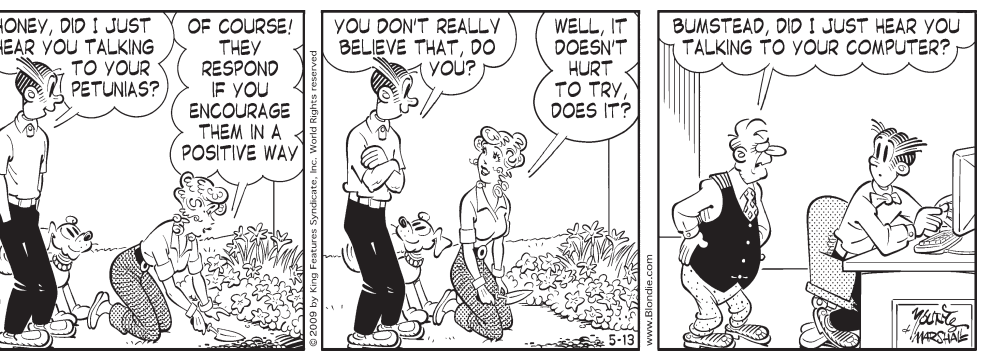


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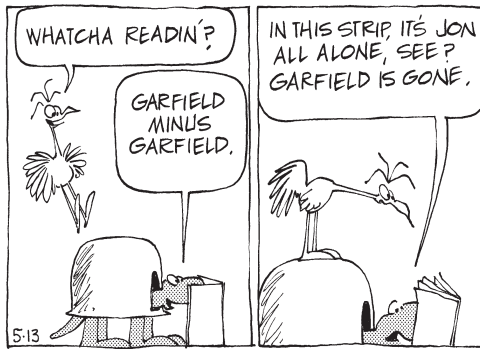
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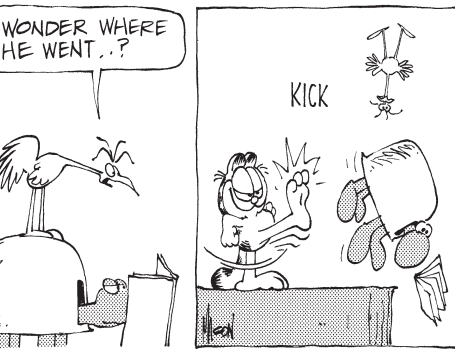
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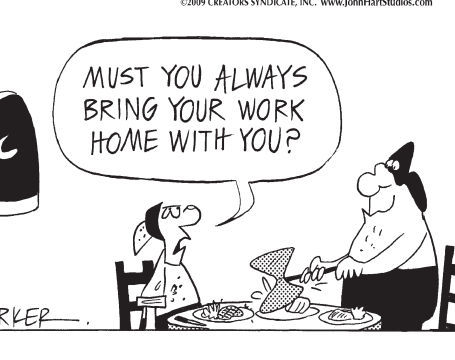
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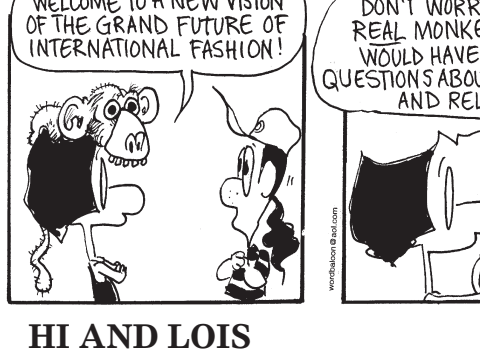
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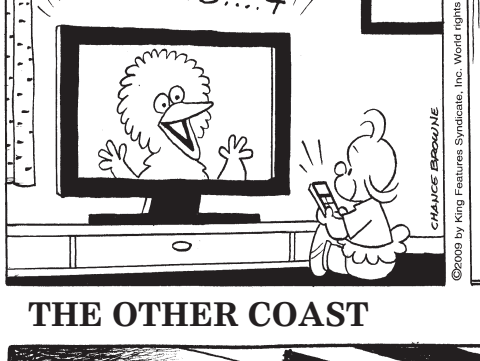
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 13, the 133rd day of 2009. There are 232 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 13, 1918, the first U.S. airmail stamps, featuring a picture of a Curtiss JN-4 biplane, were issued to the public with a face value of 24 cents. In 1607, English colonists arrived by ship at the site of what became the Jamestown settlement in Virginia (the colonists went ashore the next day). In 1846, the United States declared that a state of war already existed with Mexico. In 1917, three shepherd children near Fatima, Portugal, reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary. In 1940, in his first speech as

prime minister of Britain, Winston Churchill told the House of Commons, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat." In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Act. The musical play "The Pajama Game" opened on Broadway. In 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon and his wife, Pat, were spat upon and their limousine battered by rocks thrown by anti-U.S. demonstrators in Caracas, Venezuela. In 1968, a one-day general strike took place in France in support of student protesters. In 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca. In 1985, a confrontation between Philadelphia authorities and the radical group MOVE ended as police dropped an explosive onto the group's headquarters; 11 people died in the resulting fire. In 1994, President Bill Clinton nominated federal appeals Judge Stephen G. Breyer to the U.S. Supreme Court to replace retiring Justice Harry A. Blackmun.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Buck Taylor is 71. Actor Harvey Keitel is 70. Author Charles Baxter is 62. Actor Franklyn Ajaye is 60. Actress Zoe Wanamaker is 60. Singer Stevie Wonder is 59. Former NBA player Dennis Rodman is 48. Actor-comedian Stephen Colbert is 45. Actor Tom Verica is 45. Country singer Lari White is 44. Singer Darius Rucker (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 43. Actress Susan Floyd is 41. Contemporary Christian musician Andy Williams (Casting Crowns) is 37. Actress Samantha Morton is 32. Rock musician Mickey Madden (Maroon 5) is 30. Actor Hunter Parrish is 22.

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
 - 1 Biblical king
 - 6 Rock group
 - 10 Splotch
 - 14 Get away from
 - 15 Nobelist
 - 16 Square-shaped
 - 17 Citrus fruit
 - 18 Interruptions
 - 19 Clever remark
 - 20 The Graduate role
 - 23 Altar words
 - 24 Decimal-system base
 - 25 Deep-sixes
 - 27 Skiff, for one
 - 31 Contemptuous sound
 - 33 Very much
 - 34 Plumb
 - 36 Make fun of
 - 40 Puccini opera
 - 43 Aristotle's teacher
 - 44 Miscellany
 - 45 Small Great Lake
 - 46 '50s Ford
 - 48 Lowers oneself
 - 50 Unexpected
 - 53 NHL surface
 - 54 Troop-support grp.
 - 55 Etiquette columnist
 - 62 Labyrinth
 - 64 Bodybuilder's bane
 - 65 Dug-up turf
 - 66 Very long time
 - 67 Imitation
 - 68 Buoy up
- DOWN
 - 1 Skipper's place
 - 2 At all
 - 3 Lambs' dads
 - 4 Bakery lure
 - 5 Signify
 - 6 Get to work
 - 7 Oscar winner
 - 8 Small bites
 - 9 Mississippi explorer
 - 10 Backyard meal, for short
 - 11 Designer
 - 12 Zinc ointment
 - 13 Editor's catches
 - 21 Girl at the ball
 - 22 North, in Mexico
 - 26 Record player
 - 27 Improvise, in jazz
 - 28 Israeli airline
 - 29 Baking (pantry staple)
 - 30 Expressed
 - 31 Racing boat
 - 32 "Don't blame me!"
 - 35 A woodwind
 - 37 '60's hairdo
 - 38 Minor mistake
 - 39 Checks out
 - 41 Computer dial-up device
 - 42 Puccini opera
 - 47 Tries to smell
 - 49 Affectionate
 - 50 "Poison" shrub
 - 51 Function
 - 52 Pencils per package, perhaps
 - 53 Plant deeply
 - 56 Strike
 - 57 "For Pete's ___!"
 - 58 Cairo's waterway
 - 59 Senator Bayh
 - 60 Learning method
 - 61 Long-cooking dish
 - 63 Phila. clock setting

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News in brief

Father says Army's stress center 'broke' soldier

SHERMAN (AP) — The father of a U.S. soldier accused of killing five fellow troops in Iraq said his son "forfeited his life" but the military bears some responsibility for the rampage.

Wilburn Russell said Tuesday that 44-year-old Army Sgt. John M. Russell wasn't typically a violent person, but counselors "broke" him before gunfire erupted in a military stress center Monday in Baghdad.

"John has forfeited his life. Apparently, he said (to his wife), 'My life is over. To hell with it. I'm going to get even with 'em,'" said the elder

Russell, 73.

His father said the younger Russell, an electronics technician, was at the stress center to transfer out of active duty. He said his son was undergoing stressful mental tests that he didn't understand were merely tests, "so they broke him."

April foreclosures rise 32 percent, with more bank repossessions likely

MIAMI (AP) — The number of U.S. households faced with losing their homes to foreclosure jumped 32 percent in April compared with the same month last year, with Nevada, Florida and California showing

the highest rates, according to data released Wednesday.

More than 342,000 households received at least one foreclosure-related notice in April, RealtyTrac Inc. said. That means one in every 374 U.S. housing units received a foreclosure filing last month, the highest monthly rate since the Irvine, Calif.-based foreclosure listing firm began its report in January 2005.

April was the second straight month with more than 300,000 households receiving a foreclosure filing, as the number of borrowers with mortgage troubles failed to abate.

The April number, however, was less than one percent above that posted in March, when more than 340,000 properties were affected. The March data was up 17 percent from February and 46 percent from a year earlier.

"We've never seen two consecutive months like this," said Rick Sharga, RealtyTrac's senior vice president for marketing. "It's the volume that's surprising."

Police say bomb outside US base in Afghanistan kills 7 people, wounds 21

KABUL (AP) — A suicide bomb attack killed seven people and wounded 21 Wednesday outside a U.S. military base in the same part of eastern Afghanistan where militants stormed government buildings a day earlier, police said.

The militant attacks in Khost, a city

within sight of the tumultuous border with Pakistan, comes as the U.S. makes leadership changes in Afghanistan that demonstrate a clear break from Bush-era appointees.

A vehicle drove up to the first gate outside Camp Salerno, on the edge of Khost city, early Wednesday morning and exploded, said Wazir Pacha, a police spokesman for Khost province. Seven people were killed and 21 others were wounded, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

U.S. forces confirmed the attack, saying four Afghan security guards were killed in the blast and 12 wounded.

There were no casualties among international troops, said Lt. Cmdr. Christine Sidenstricker, a U.S. military spokeswoman.

Official says hospital in northern Sri Lanka hit by 2 shells, killing at least 15

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — A doctor at a hospital in Sri Lanka's war zone says the facility has been hit by two shells in an attack that killed at least 15 people.

The attack Wednesday marked the second day in a row the hospital was hit.

Dr. V. Shanmugarajah said shells hit the hospital about 1 p.m. Wednesday. About 40 people were wounded.

The military denies shelling the war zone.

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Clemens denies using steroids — again

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Clemens tried the silent treatment for more than a year and saw where that got him.

With many fans believing allegations that the seven-time Cy Young Award winner used performance-enhancing drugs, he's now attempting a different strategy. Clemens hired a firm that guides high-profile figures through public relations crises, and Tuesday he broke his silence with a radio appearance.

Clemens again denied that former personal trainer Brian McNamee injected him with performance-enhancing drugs in a phone interview on ESPN's "Mike & Mike in the Morning."

"He's never injected me with HGH or steroids," Clemens said of McNamee's assertions to baseball investigator George Mitchell.

About three weeks ago, Clemens met in Houston with representatives from Washington-based Levick Strategic Communications. Levick senior vice president Gene Grabowski said Clemens was referred by his lawyers and agents.

"Because of the litigation, he felt obligated on advice of counsel not to speak," Grabowski said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "What he learned in that year was that by not speaking no one was



AP file photo

In this 2008 file photo, former New York Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens, left, listens to the testimony of his former personal trainer Brian McNamee, right, on Capitol Hill in Washington during the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee hearing on drug use in baseball. Clemens broke his silence Tuesday, again denying that former personal trainer Brian McNamee injected him with performance-enhancing drugs.

going to tell his story." Recalled Clemens, "They came in and said, 'You need to get your story out about all this garbage that is being said.'"

Clemens said he chose to speak out Tuesday because it was the release date of a book about his alleged drug use.

"It's important for me to do that," he said. "I've seen excerpts of the book and they're completely false. ... You know, guys, it's piling on. It's hurtful at times. But I'm moving on."

Clemens appeared on CBS' "60 Minutes" in January 2008, then held a news conference the next day. But he had stayed quiet since testifying before Congress the following month.

While "American Icon: The Fall of Roger Clemens and the Rise of Steroids in America's Pastime" was officially released Tuesday, its revelations were not new to the public. The book, by four New York Daily News reporters, recaps previous reports in the newspaper. It had been available to reviewers

and had excerpts published before Tuesday.

Clemens is under investigation by a federal grand jury in Washington that is trying to determine whether he lied when he told a congressional committee that he had not used illegal performance-enhancing drugs. Clemens said he had not been summoned to testify before the grand jury.

He also has sued McNamee for defamation. While not mentioning McNamee by name, Clemens said

Tuesday that "you've got somebody that's out there that is really just crawling up your back to make a buck."

"This, in my view, is going to backfire, because he's publicly now poking a stick in Congress' eye," McNamee's lead lawyer, Richard Emery, told the AP in a phone interview. "And, to me, all that's going to do is vitalize the prosecutors going forward. Nobody, for a minute, thinks he's not a liar just because he's talking."

Clemens said he had

given a DNA sample to federal investigators but that syringes provided by McNamee would not link him to performance-enhancing drug use.

"It's impossible because he's never given me any," Clemens said.

Clemens' radio appearance returns him to the spotlight as other stars had replaced him as the most visible reminders of baseball's drug scandal. Alex Rodriguez admitted before the season that he had used steroids, and Manny Ramirez was suspended last week for violating MLB's drug policy.

Clemens said he had not followed either situation closely. The Ramirez case proved "the testing program we have set up in Major League Baseball is great," he said.

Clemens said he was sad to hear about Rodriguez.

"I wish him the best, tell him to move forward, continue to do what he's doing," he said.

Los Angeles Dodgers manager Joe Torre said he hoped for the best with Clemens.

"He was like a son to me for a period of time. I feel for him. I don't know an answer, but I feel for him," Torre said before Tuesday night's game in Philadelphia.

Clemens played for Torre with the New York Yankees.

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