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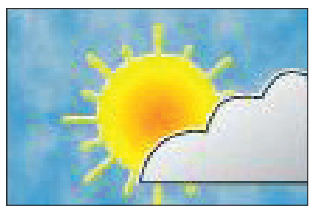
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Economic development program OK'd

County program to work hand in hand with Big Spring EDC, officials say

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Howard County commissioners voted Monday to become active participants in economic development. Commissioners voted unanimously at their Monday meeting to create an economic development program at the county level.

The program, which recently became an option to county officials in Texas, will allow commissioners to work hand-in-hand with the Big Spring Economic Development Board to attract or grow businesses in this area.

“By no means is this taking the place of the local economic development agency,” Howard County Judge Mark Barr said. “What this does is give us another tool in our toolbox to help promote economic development in Howard County.”

Under the program, the county can provide grants, loans or in-kind services to businesses. “Say, for example, a business in the county needs a new road to their building,”

said Terry Wegman, executive director of the Big Spring economic development agency. “Under this agreement, the county can use road crews to build a road to the business.”
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Polls open until 7 p.m. today in runoff election

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 With polls open today until 7 p.m., the runoff election between incumbent Howard County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore and fellow Republican challenger Donnie Baker may come close to election officials' 1,000-ballot goal despite a slow start during early voting.

Cast your ballot
Residents in Precincts 207, 407, 408 or 409 will vote at the Coahoma Community Center. All other eligible voters will cast their ballot at the Big Spring Mall.

Howard County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom said her office took in 472 votes during early voting last week, with 417 cast in person and 55 received by way of mail-in ballot, very close to her original projections. “When early voting started last week, we were looking for 1,000 total ballots to be cast in this runoff election for Precinct 2 on the commissioners court,” said Bloom. “That would be 500 during early voting, and then another 500 on election day. Early voting started out pretty slow, which had us a bit worried about even coming close to that 1,000 ballot total. However, things picked up enough toward the end of the week that we came very close to making that 500 ballot projection.”

The winner of the runoff election will take the Republican nomination into the November contest. Baker came out ahead in the March Republican primary, pulling in 617 ballots for 43.45 percent of the vote. Kilgore came in second with

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Big Spring Airport Manager Jim Little talks with Cathy Ontiveros, left, and Nancy Crenshaw during a reception in his honor at the airport terminal building Monday. Little was named 2010 General Aviation Airport Manager of the Year during this past weekend's Texas Aviation Conference in the Woodlands.

A Little recognition for airpark manager

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Jim Little received a surprise of the nice variety this weekend. Little, manager of the Big Spring Airport, was named 2010 General Aviation Airport Manager of the Year by the

Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division during the Texas Aviation Conference this past weekend in the Woodlands. The award is presented annually to the airport manager who excels in finding ways to improve, sustain, develop

and enhance his airport's operations. Little, who was named manager of the local airport in November 2002, was lauded for several accomplishments and improvements to the facility.
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WHAT'S GOING ON?

- SATURDAY**
 Howard County Conservatives Tea Party, 10 a.m. to noon, Heart of the City Park. Call 270-8513.
- SATURDAY-SUNDAY**
 Big Spring PowWow. Dancing, drums, vendors, raffles and more. Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Call 263-3255.
- SUNDAY**
 Home Hospice Butterfly Release and Family Celebration. Dora Roberts Community Center, 2-4 p.m. Call 264-7599.

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HC hosting open house

Public invited to view CTE facilities, programs

Special to the Herald
 The Howard College Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs are hosting a Round-Up Open House from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. today for the general public. The open house is intended to provide additional information regarding the newly expanding CTE facilities and programs. Sophomore and junior students at Howard County schools will be on campus earlier in the day to get a complete tour of all CTE programs and facilities and how CTE dual credit can be an

option for them in the next school year. “We have put together a comprehensive presentation for our students that morning,” said Dr. Amy Burchett, vice president for academic affairs. “And we are inviting

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Obituaries

Zelda Gamel Day

Zelda Gamel Day, 90, passed away Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Chaplain Cherise Felty officiating.

She was born Dec. 11, 1919, in Milam County and was the sixth of 11 children born to Thomas W. and Leathy Evans Gamel. She married Boyd D. Day in 1936 and they moved to the Knott Community in Howard County in 1937, where they engaged in farming for many years. Zelda and Boyd moved to Big Spring in 1967. Zelda was a long time member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

After the passing of her husband, Boyd, in 1982, Zelda resided in Big Spring until 2007, when her ill health prompted a move back to Knott, into the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Alice and Woodie Long, who saw to her every need until her passing.

She was a kind, generous and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be dearly missed by her family, who will always remember her for her sweet spirit, kind heart and her ability to always see the positive side of life.

Zelda is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Alice and Woodie Long of Knott; grandchildren, David Long and wife Jannelle of Shallowater, Jana Long of Big Spring, Ronnie Long and wife Robin of Midland; and four great-grandchildren, Heather Long Moxley and husband Dale Moxley of Bryan, Zachary Long of Shallowater, and Rachel Long and Olivia Long of Midland. She is also survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Sue Day of Gardendale, along with their three children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, seven brothers and three sisters.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

- JOSHUA MOISES BASURTO, 17, of 2501 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less in a drug free zone.
- ABEL MARTINEZ, 35, of 1312 E. Sixth St., was arrested Monday on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- DOUGLAS EDWARD BAILEY, 42, of 1508 Bluebird, was arrested Monday on warrants for accumulated items, weeds or rubbish (two counts) and failure to appear (two counts).
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2100 block of Wasson Drive.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
In the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
In the 1900 block of FM 700.
In the 800 block of Owens.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1400 block of W. Fourth Street.
- HARASSMENT was reported in the 1800 block of Laurie.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton.

Fern Adams

Fern Adams, 74, of Stanton died Sunday, April 11, 2010, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.



The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at the funeral home.

She was born April 18, 1935, in Clyde, marrying L.D. "Buster" Adams on July 7, 1950, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Aug. 30, 2003.

Buster and Fern came to Stanton in 1958 from Big Spring. Fern was a mother and homemaker. After raising her children, she attended Howard College and obtained her LVN license and worked for Martin County Hospital for more than 20 years.

She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Leatrice Adams of Stanton, and Larry and Carolyn Adams of Midland; two daughters and one son-in-law, Linda and Larry Young of Albuquerque, N.M., and Glenda Flowers of Daingerfield; three sisters, Janet Porterfield of Tahoka, Barbara Rushing of Phoenix, and Gloria Gee of Seattle; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Glen Blacklock; and a son-in-law, Gene Flowers.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1168, Stanton 79782, or to a favorite charity.

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

Linda Buchanan

Linda Buchanan, 57, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 13, 2010, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Mary Prudie Brown

Mary Prudie Brown, 86, of Stanton died Monday, April 12, 2010, in a Lubbock hospital. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Sheriff

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

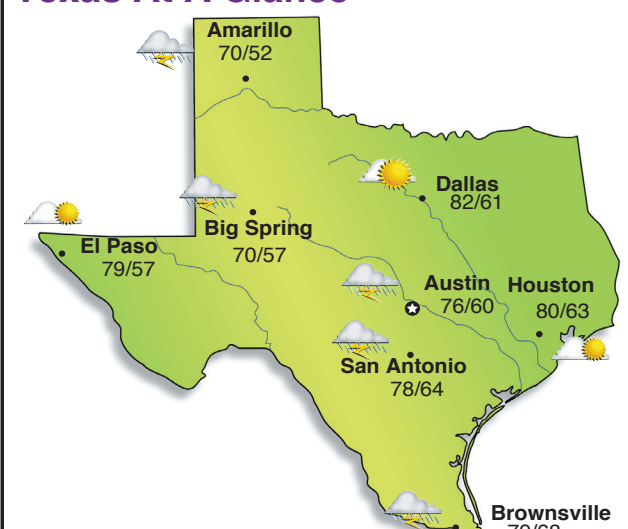
- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 53 inmates at the time of this report.
- KRISTIAN L. ALVAREZ, 37, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution.
- JOSHUA LYNN THOMPSON, 22, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- OSCAR PADILLA, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for criminal mischief.
- DOUGLAS EDWARD BAILEY JR., 42, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for weedy lot (two counts) and failure to appear (two counts).

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 4/14	Thu 4/15	Fri 4/16	Sat 4/17	Sun 4/18
70/57 Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High around 70F.	70/57 A few thunderstorms possible.	73/56 A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	73/54 Scattered thunderstorms possible.	80/55 A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 8:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM

Texas At A Glance



Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 700 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Father Delaney. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 173 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of W. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of N. Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 5000 block of Sterling. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Young. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3700 block of Calvin. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Dallas. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Avion. One person was transported to SMMC.

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The Big Spring High School choir, under the direction of Anna Castaneda O'Brien, recently competed in the University Interscholastic League Concert/Sight-reading contest in Andrews. The women's choir received a Division I rating in sight-reading and a Division II rating in concert, while the mixed choir received a Division I rating in concert and a Division II rating in sight-reading. These were the first Division I ratings received by the BSHS choir in more than five years, O'Brien said.

Take Note

- The Department of Health Services is sponsoring a series of classes called "Good Beginnings" for women having their first pregnancy. Topics include keeping healthy during pregnancy, prenatal care, the no's of pregnancy, nutrition, stress, the big day and caring for your new baby. Call the DSHS at 263-9785 for more information or to register for the class. The three-week, six-session classes will be April 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. on the first floor classroom at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- Forsan Independent School District is holding registration for 2010-2011 kindergarten and pre-kindergarten classes through Friday at Elbow Elementary. Students who will be 4 or 5 years old by Sept. 1 may enroll. For more information, call 398-5444.

- If you were laid off between December 2008 and March 2010 and are interested in training, contact the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin office in Big Spring at 263-8373 or 1-800-749-8373. Training dollars are available to assist those affected by the lay-offs and ultimate plant closure.

- So many veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's much to know and many changes from year to year. That's why the DAV offers help. The DAV Mobile Service Office will be at the Big Spring VA Medical Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 26, to provide the best counseling and claim filing assistance available.

- The Big Spring High School Class of 2012 will hold a play day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at Blankenship Stadium to raise money for the prom. There will be Air Extreme sports games and a dunking booth. Cost is \$10. For tickets, call Valerie at 213-8315 or Shannon at 264-3641, ext. 1416.

- The Big Spring High School Class of 1975 will have its 35-year reunion June 25-26. We will also have members from the classes of 1973, 1974 and 1976 joining in the fun. If you, or someone you know, is a member of any of these classes and would like to attend and join in on the fun, contact Roxie McDaniel Blair at 432-553-8551 or by e-mail at roxieblair@matthewblair.com for more details.

- The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications for scholarships from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the following autumn. Students must be Howard County residents who will be enrolling for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is May 1. For more information, visit the club's Web site at <http://clubs.agienetwork.com/howardcountyamc/webhome.htm>

- Tyler Keeton/Hightower has been diagnosed with osteosarcoma (bone cancer). He is undergoing chemotherapy at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. He has a surgery scheduled April 20 to remove a tumor and replace part of his femur and knee. An account has been established at Citizens Federal Credit Union under the name Tyler Keeton for those who would like to help with medical expenses.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. A class is forming in Howard County and we need 27 volunteers to fill this need. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

COUNTY

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Wegman does not believe the county's effort will conflict with the local effort.

"I believe that most of efforts will still flow through my office," he said. "But if we need

some services from the county, we can approach them, which we couldn't do in the past.

"We just feel this is something nice to have at our disposal if we need it," Wegman said.

Any funds channeled to businesses by the commissioners will come from the county's

general revenues.

"I don't think this will have much effect on the budget at all," Barr said. "It will be more or less like us granting a tax abatement ... It's not going to be expensive."

Also Monday, commissioners approved:

- A bid for \$98,000 for road surfacing mate-

rial.

- The hiring of a mechanic in the roads and bridges department.

- The quarterly investment report.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

RUNOFF

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532 ballots, or 37.46 percent of the vote. However, because neither of the two top candidates managed to garner 50 percent or more of the vote in the Republican Primary, state law requires a runoff election be held between them to determine who will represent the party in November.

Election day in the contest — which also includes a runoff for the

Place 3 seat on the Texas Supreme Court between Rick Green of Dripping Springs and Debra Lehmann of Colleyville — is today.

"The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. There will only be two polling places in the runoff on election day," Bloom said. "Voters in Precincts 207, 407, 408 or 409 will cast their ballots at the Coahoma Community Center. Everyone else will vote at the Big Spring Mall."

Bloom said voters who cast their ballots in the

Democratic primary in March are not eligible to participate in today's election.

"Once you vote in one party's primary, you're locked in with that party," said Bloom. "However, if you didn't vote in the March primary at all, you are still eligible to take part in the runoff election. I realize it can get a bit confusing, but if you didn't vote in the Democratic primary you're eligible to vote today."

The winner of the runoff election between

Baker and Kilgore will go on to face Democratic nominee Jim Sinclair — who won his party's nomination unopposed in March — in the November election.

For information on the runoff election, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

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

LITTLE

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most notably the resurfacing of the airport's main runway, during the past year.

Little, who was nominated for the award by Big Spring city officials, said almost everyone knew he was going to win the award — except himself.

"I was surprised and shocked," he said. "I was not even aware I had been nominated for the award. I was down there at the conference and didn't have a clue until the banquet, when they started talking about the winner, who was a retired Air Force

colonel who had overseen several improvements to his airport, including a resurfaced runway. That's when I started putting two and two together."

It has been an eventful past 12 months for the airport. Aside from the major resurfacing project on runway 17, the smaller crosswind runway has been crack-sealed and the airport helped with several major events, including the biennial Webb Air Force Base reunion, the Young Eagles youth aviation program, the annual hang-gliding championships and other events.

And Little has even more designs for improvement in the fu-

ture, including adding to the load strength of the taxiways — which would allow larger commercial aircraft to land locally — and improving the airport's refueling capabilities, which would also attract more customers.

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CTE

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everyone back to campus that evening to explore deeper into areas that may be of specific interest."

The HC Mobile Go Center will be set up on the southwest corner of the stadium parking lot on

the campus of Howard College and will serve as an initial contact point. Staff will be on hand to offer tours of the buildings and programs and to answer questions for the public.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

Remember to mail back your Census forms

All right, there's not much time left. There are just a handful of days left for us to mail back the 2010 Census. Friday is the cut-off day for returning those 2010 Census forms most of us received in the mail.

So, if the form is still sitting on your kitchen counter, your desk or maybe a coffee table, open it up and mail it back before Friday.

To date, the Census Bureau says the national "mail participation rate" is now at 66 percent.

Census officials say anyone missing their form or have lost it can pick up a questionnaire at the local community office, or you can also call one of the Census Bureau's toll-free assistance lines to provide your answers over the phone, but there is no guarantee that either of these methods can be processed in time to prevent a visit from a census worker in May. People that normally pick up their mail from a post office box are already slated for follow-up by census workers in May.

"Our first priority is to have as many people as possible meet our Friday deadline to mail back the form they received in the mail," said Census Bureau Director Robert Groves. "Please look around your home to see if you still have the form, then fill it out and mail it back — that is the cheapest, fastest way to respond."

Why it's so important that you fill in the form and mail it back?

It's simple. Census information affects the number of seats Texas has in the U.S. House of Representatives. That's plenty of reason, but there are other important reasons.

People of all sorts use census data for lots of things from, like how much of the more than \$400 billion in federal funding goes to things like our local hospitals, schools, job training centers, senior centers, emergency services and all sorts of public works projects.

And remember, participation in the 2010 Census isn't just important, it's mandatory. Federal law requires it.

More than that, though, it's the right thing to do.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we take any opportunity, Lord, to talk with You.

Amen

Shuttle key to space exploration

This recent launch of the NASA Space Shuttle Discovery is a bittersweet moment that highlights the success of America's manned space program, but at the same time moves our nation one step closer to the plans of the Obama Administration to voluntarily surrender our country's half-century of leadership in space exploration.

It is ironic that this mission will considerably expand the scientific capability of the International Space Station (ISS) and bring it closer to final assembly while we move toward embracing complete dependence on Russia for future access to the space station.

Six months from now if the remaining flights are completed as scheduled, U.S. crew members along with European, Japanese and Canadian crew members, for whom the U.S. is also obligated to provide transportation to the ISS, will only be able to fly there aboard Russian Soyuz spacecraft at a cost to American taxpayers of \$51 million per seat. That's a combined total of at least \$300 million per year, assuming the Russians don't raise the price once they are the only available provider of launch services.

This will be the case until an as-yet unknown commercial provider can design, build and test an as-yet unidentified vehicle on an as-yet undefined schedule, which most experts expect to be from five to seven years away.



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Just as disturbing, according to a recent report of the General Accountability Office, is the absence of the space shuttle will mean the space station will be vulnerable to the potential failure of major components or systems whose replacement or return to earth for repair and redelivery were provided by the space shuttle, threatening years of research and billions in investment.

In fact, the ability of the space station to be used for the science and research it was designed and built to conduct could be compromised by the inability to ensure the delivery of research materials and equipment to the station, and especially to return samples home for analysis of the in-orbit research.

This also will have a direct impact on Texas. The Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston is the premiere NASA center for the International Space Station (ISS) and human space flight, scientific and medical research efforts.

The JSC employs more than 3,400 civil servants and more than 13,000 contract employees. In total, the JSC supports the Houston area by generating an economic impact of more than \$4 billion and 35,000 jobs. The potential loss of this workforce's skills during the transition has long-term implications for our state and its continued support of space flight programs.

I have legislation which would keep space shuttles flying until it can be clearly determined that the space station is fully equipped to do research and has sufficient spares and replacement parts to keep functioning in the absence of the shuttle's

capability.

It would also accelerate the development of a shuttle-derived replacement, which could be available in time to narrow or close the gap after the shuttle is retired, whenever that is determined to be. My plan would be budget neutral.

Our nation must not be forced to choose between maintaining our independence in reaching space and investment in the next generation of space vehicle. We can and must do both.

By maintaining our independence from other nations in reaching space, the U.S. can fully realize the research potential of the space station as a national lab and protect our nation's security and economic interests.

Discovery's important two week mission, which began April 5, will bring needed supplies and repairs to the International Space Station in order to keep the facilities operational long after NASA retires the space shuttle.

This could be an empty and hollow mission unless Congress and the Obama Administration act to ensure America's continued access to space.

Until we fully understand the impact of the shuttle's absence to the viability of the space station, and until we have a clear path toward replacing the shuttle's crew and cargo delivery capabilities, it is irresponsible to continue down the path toward the virtual extinction of U.S. human spaceflight capability.

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Sick and fired due to lack of leave

Congress has debated health-care reform for generations. Our much-debated and historic legislation is finally ready to go to work, hopefully delivering expanded coverage, making health care more affordable and holding insurance companies accountable. But we still need to keep an eye on some of the best ideas in this arena, which are often born at the state level.

Indeed, states serve as working laboratories when it comes to pursuing measures that advance quality health care. A good example is Massachusetts, where nearly 98 percent of its population has health insurance (interestingly, that law passed with the support of Scott Brown, a Republican who was a state senator at that time and is now occupying the Senate seat previously held by the late Ted Kennedy.)

How about Maine? In the past year alone, Maine legislators passed one bill that requires insurance companies to pay for health-care services provided by "telepractice," an increasingly important trend that marries states with large rural areas with doctors who can "see" patients and prescribe treatment via broadband. And another bill passed by Maine legislators allows pharmacologists to administer vaccinations — a minor measure, perhaps, but one that was quite sensible in the face of the H1N1 pandemic.

More broadly, Maine gradually but significantly has moved

toward the idea that everyone should have access to health care. Seven years ago, Maine ranked 19th in terms of the number of people with health insurance. Today, it ranks fifth.

An initiative debated earlier this year in Maine would have required employers to provide sick leave for their workers. The public policy arguments for such a law are obvious. For starters, do you want the person flipping your burger or preparing your salad to have H1N1? And how many of us share office space with "the hero" who insists on dragging himself and his germs to work despite suffering from a raging head cold? Everyone knows that sick employees infect their coworkers.

Although they were ultimately unsuccessful, for this year at least, a broad coalition led by groups such as the Maine Women's Lobby and Maine People's Alliance led the push for reform. Their campaign pointed out that 214,000 workers in Maine — 36 percent of the state's workforce — have no sick leave. Their proposal would have guaranteed workers at larger businesses up to about six paid sick days per year, while workers at smaller businesses could have earned approximately three paid sick days per year.

Under their plan, the earned paid sick time could be used for routine illness, to care for a family member during a public health emergency, to receive preventive care, or used in relation to domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

The proposal ultimately died in committee. But one interesting thing about it is that it would have saved employers money. On the one hand, employers would have had to pay an ad-

ditional \$56 million a year for wages, payroll taxes and payroll-based employment benefits and administrative expenses. On the other hand, employers would have saved \$93 million annually, primarily from reduced costs of turnover. That's an overall savings of \$37 million — meaning the earned sick leave measure wasn't just good for employees but good for business as well.

Maine is hardly alone in pushing for this reform. Three cities — Milwaukee, San Francisco and Washington, D.C., — already have passed limited forms of mandatory sick leave, and although no state as of today has approved sick leave, 14 states besides Maine have active campaigns at the grassroots. Those states, from the west to the east, are Alaska, California, Washington, Montana, Colorado, Minnesota Wisconsin, Illinois, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and almost all of the New England states — Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Many advocates who have worked on health care reform at the national level are rightfully proud that Congress is now on record as saying that all Americans deserve access to quality, affordable health care.

But we remain ever mindful that some of the best ideas in this arena — perhaps most of them — begin in the local and state "laboratories" and advance to Congress.

Hopefully, the notion that every worker should have access to earned sick leave when they need it is one such idea.

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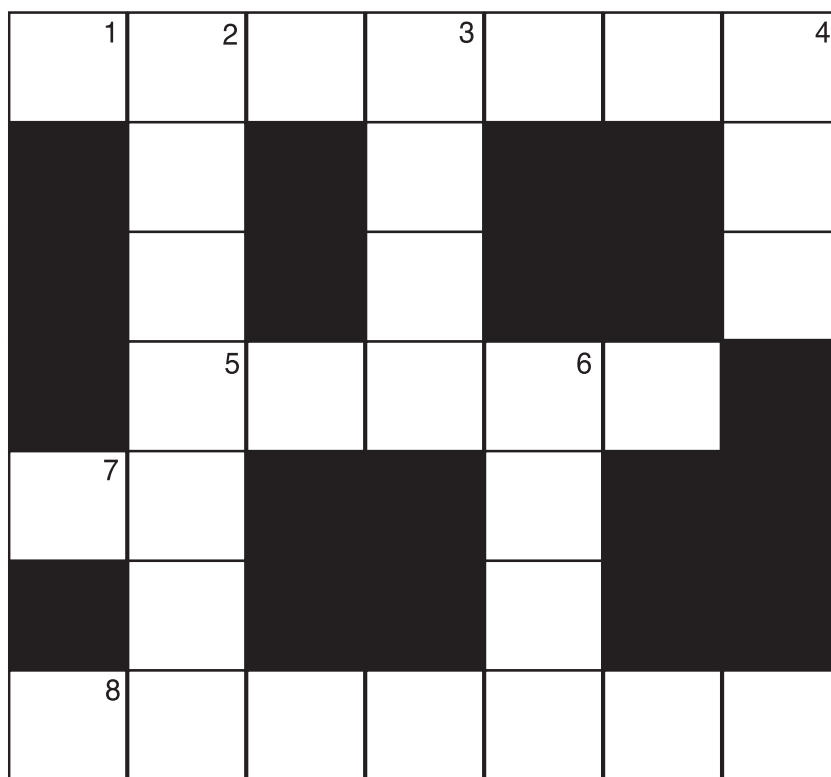
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ACROSS

1. One who teaches
5. Group of students
7. Language arts, abbreviation
8. Gained knowledge

DOWN

2. To teach
3. Spanish for "house"
4. Primary color
6. Gesture or action

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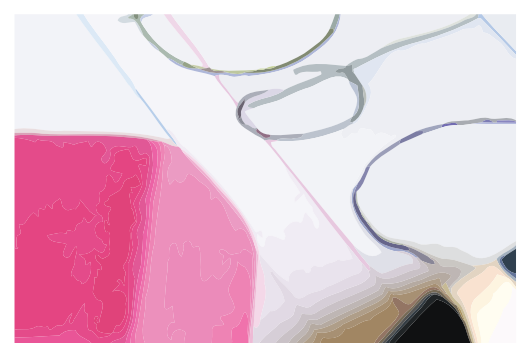
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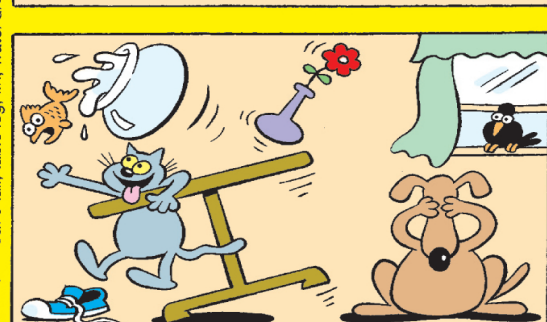
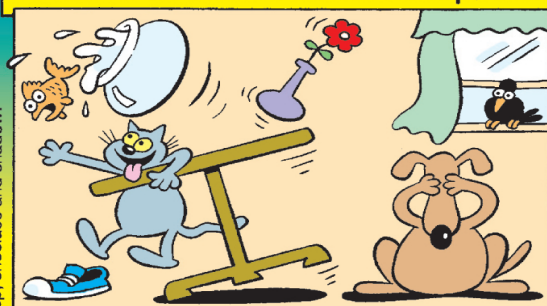
SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Slylock Fox is visiting Miss Fox's classroom on Career Day. The supersleuth asked the students to solve the following problem: A goat and a turtle stepped into an elevator at the same time. One pushed the button for three, and the other pushed the button for five. Why did the elevator go to the fifth floor first?
Solution -- They started on the sixth floor.

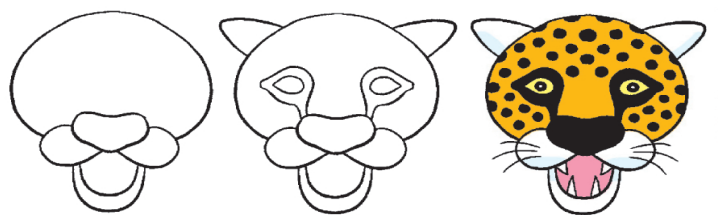


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Bird Poop:

Earthbound pintails wind up with man-made home

Slowly paddling in the shallow water, the pair fed on the treasures hidden below the surface. With their bottoms up and heads down, they maintained a delicate balance.

Blessed with long necks, they easily reached tender shoots and seeds of the lake's plant life. Their probing just under the surface also provided occasional minnows, worms, insects and their larvae. Clustered among others of their specie, the twosome welcomed this ice free, winter layover.

Continuing to feed, they, and the rest of the ducks, were suddenly startled by a strange sound from the shoreline. Instantly, with the flapping of numerous wings, the community sprang upward in terror.

As their narrow wings flapped furiously, the pair extended their necks for an anticipated escape from what ever had frightened them. Following a loud, booming noise from behind, they each felt a searing jolt to the wing closest to their mate.

Losing altitude, the pair managed to slow their descent before hitting the water. A thick growth of cattails near an old boat dock offered the only place to hide.

For years, the man and woman had enjoyed their place at the lake. While her husband fished, she enjoyed seasonal changes in wildlife. Her offerings of waste grains had brought birds and mammals to their lawn leading down to the water.

Since the weather forecast hinted at much colder weather, they decided to make sure everything was winterized. Another trip to the lake was planned.

While her husband wrapped outdoor faucets, the woman, while



Courtesy photo

A male and his missus, the graceful, northern pintails paddle effortlessly across a lake. Their slender, almost swan-like appearance lends to their stately countenance.

looking out the back window, noticed two ducks near the dilapidated boat dock. Flipping through her bird book, she was determined to identify them. Obvious was the difference in their plumage.

Not wanting to disturb the pair, she remained inside. Thinking the grains had probably attracted them convinced her to continue providing food for any wintering wildlife.

With the passing weeks, the woman continued to see the ducks. Slowly introducing herself to the pair, she noticed they no longer rushed into the water as she opened the back door.

When her husband asked about them, she shared her observations. "They never fly off. It's as if they can't fly."

After deciding to trap the birds, her husband sought help from the owner of a local feed store. Having raised

numerous fowl, the man suggested a way to lure the ducks into a large enclosure. Advising it might take days or weeks for the birds to feel comfortable with something new in their environment, he offered to help.

Slowly gaining their trust, the feeding regime finally enticed the twosome into the improvised trap. Eager to dine on corn and maize, the pair soon discovered this area would become their home for a while.

By observing the ducks, the woman soon realized each bird was missing the outer part of one wing. Entering the enclosure, she and her husband netted and examined each duck.

Stopping abruptly at the wrist, the severed ends of the wings had healed without infection.

The care of the birds meant more visits to the lake house. After several months, the couple agreed the ducks needed more than they could pro-

vide.

"Pintails," said the game warden in describing the birds when he arrived. Telling how the species seems to bunch together as they rise straight up and away from the water, the officer said that type of departure makes it easy for any hunter to hit a few. Knowing of the couple's efforts in helping the ducks, he asked about their future.

"Hopefully, placement at an educational facility or zoo," I answered. Telling him we would take the ducks to the Midland sanctuary, we hoped there could be a solution for the non-releasable birds.

With a bluish-black bill and dark brown head, the drake was made more noticeable by the widening white streak that led from the back of its head down the sides of its neck. As it led into the bird's breast, chest, belly and flanks, the white could be described as snowy. The back of its neck, back and sides were a soft gray.

Completing his attire was a long, tapered black plume that projected upward over his tail. With wings extended for flight could be seen his bronze green patches edged in white.

Less colorful and smaller, the female was mottled with brown and buff. Her back and the crown of her head were somewhat darker. Although her tail was pointed, she lacked the defining plume.

An appropriate site seemed long in coming for the northern pintails. After numerous inquiries a facility in Texas chose to expand their population of waterfowl. Having previously chanced yearly migrations by stopping on lakes and ponds, the earthbound "puddle ducks" could now enjoy the company of other birds in a permanent man-made home.

Bebe McCasland is author of The Scoop from Bird Poop. She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Parent's Corner:

A lesson we can all learn from a clock

When daylight savings time came around again, I thought I would write a column about "time"

and was delighted when I came across an illustration of a clock face.

I don't know who created it, but it certainly brings out a good point.

In our current society, we seem to have lost the value that every person adds, be they the young, the middle aged or the older members.

We have placed an enormous emphasis on the young and the middle aged and often ignore the wisdom and leadership of the older generation.

Allow me to share this insight.

A pastor was talking about how all of the members in the congregation are important.

He noted the vitality and energy of the young and the determination and

strength of the middle aged but then he commented that we have a tendency to overlook the part the older members play in keeping the congregation strong even when they aren't able do as much as they once could.

He pointed out that on a clock face there may be three hands — the second hand, the minute hand and the hour hand.

He likened the second hand to the younger ones in the congregation.

They have lots of energy and race around doing things, just as the second hand goes all the way around the clock face in just 60 seconds.

The minute hand is like those in the congregation who are a little older, even middle-aged.

They don't have the energy of the young ones but still have strength and leadership and still accomplish much, just as the minute hand moves slower than the second hand but still gets around the clock face once every hour.

The older ones in the congregation are like the hour hand, which moves

a lot slower than the second hand or the minute hand but still gets around the clock face every 12 hours.

They aren't able to do as much — quantity-wise — as they once did when they were young. But they keep moving along at their own pace.

The pastor questioned, "Each hand on the clock has its function, but if you had no second hand on the clock, could you tell what time it is?"

In answering his own question he said, "Yes! But if you removed the minute hand, too, and just had the hour hand, could you still tell the time?"

Again he answered, "Yes, but not as precisely. However you could make a pretty close guess.

"But if the clock had only the second hand, could you tell the time? No.

"How about if you had only the minute hand? No.

"Even if the clock had both the second hand and the minute hand, could you tell what time it is? No, you need the hour hand.

"So, even though the older ones of the congregation may not be able to keep up the pace of the younger ones, they are very important to the spiritual health and stability of the congregation," he added.

"They should be encouraged to keep doing what they can, at the pace they are able to maintain, for the benefit of all in the congregation," he added before concluding with, "For the congregation to be at its strongest, all our members are needed."

So it is in our society; the energy of the young; the strength of the middle aged; and the wisdom of the older all go together to enable us to be strong and vital.

May we each support, encourage and learn from one another as we go from day to day and as we watch the hands of our clocks tick the hours away may we recognize the importance of every member of our society.

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Astronauts mark anniversary of Apollo 13 drama

CHICAGO (AP) — Surviving Apollo 13 astronauts and several flight directors reunited on Monday to remember a failed moon mission 40 years ago this week that they managed to turn into one of the greatest

triumphs in the history of space exploration.

Those who gathered included Apollo 13 commander James Lovell, fellow crew member Fred Haise and NASA's legendary flight director, Gene Kranz — all three of whom were immortalized in the 1995 movie "Apollo 13," which starred Tom Hanks as Lovell.

"There's truly a

unique bond. There is a brotherhood," Kranz said about how the crisis forged a lifelong bond between everyone involved.

The Adler Planetarium, where the reunion took place, is holding a series of events this month commemorating the Apollo 13 flight.

One exhibit includes a lunar helmet and

gloves that Lovell was supposed to wear on the moon had the mission gone as planned.

On April 13, 1970, an oxygen tank exploded as the spaceship was four-fifths of the way to the moon.

The crew, which included Jack Swigert, who died in 1982, was forced to scrap the moon mission and focus solely on getting back to Earth alive.

Lovell's calm in unsettling words to Mission Control following the explosion that, "Houston, we've had a problem" — now widely recited as, "Houston, we have a problem" — belied his quick internal calculation that their chances of survival were slim.

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Mavericks inch closer to No. 2 seed with win

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Jason Kidd's expert pass off the backboard went directly into the rising hands of Shawn Marion, who threw down a dunk punctuated by a scream, a quick hang on the rim and a half-twist on the landing.

Yep, the Dallas Mavericks are in perfect sync as they prepare to take on post-season opponents a whole lot tougher than the Los Angeles Clippers.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 25 points in 22 minutes, Marion added 21 points in his return from an injury and the Mavericks kept a firm grip on the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference playoffs with a 117-94 win over the Clippers on Monday night.

Although Dallas (54-27) has won four straight and seven of nine, they're still trying to hold off Denver (53-28) and Phoenix (52-28) and behind the Lakers. The pressure of the playoff chase is

bringing out a higher level of play in the Mavs, who haven't let up at all against inferior opponents over the past week.

"I don't like being comfortable," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "I like the results. We have done positive things. Wednesday is going to be a key to where we are, though."

The Mavericks end the regular season at home against San Antonio on Wednesday, while the Nuggets conclude

Tuesday night against the Suns, who finish Wednesday against Utah.

Kidd had 12 points and 12 assists for the Mavericks, who blew out the lifeless Clippers with a 37-point first quarter on the way to a 64-43 halftime lead. The Mavericks have won six straight over the Clippers, including a three-game sweep this season, and 15 of 18.

After Nowitzki scored 40 points at Portland and 39 more at Sacramento in the Mavs'

last two games, he settled for 9-of-13 shooting — including three 3-pointers without a miss — and eight rebounds while playing only the first three quarters against the Clippers. He even extended his streak of consecutive free throws to 72, stretching his own team record.

Nowitzki senses a growing character in his team, praising the Mavs' businesslike run through Sacramento and

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Astros drop 6th straight

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols got to bed about 3 a.m. after the St. Louis Cardinals' six-game opening trip, and reported to Busch Stadium about seven hours later. Fatigue? Trumped by the adrenaline of playing the home opener.

Pujols emerged and drove in four runs his first two at-bats against longtime nemesis Wandy Rodriguez and Adam Wainwright worked eight scoreless innings Monday in a 5-0 victory over Houston, dropping the Astros to 0-7.

Cardinals players were pumped after the traditional pomp of a motorcade circuit of the warning track, the chance to shake hands with 89-year-old Hall of Famer Stan Musial and a crowd of 46,918 — largest for a regular-season game at the 55-year-old ballpark.

"You know, our opening days are pretty special," Pujols said. "I wish we could get more time to stretch and get loose before the game, but obviously it's always exciting and we're looking forward to it."

"Don't look at how late we got in, but concentrate on trying to get a win," he said.

New batting coach Mark McGwire drew one of the biggest cheers during the pregame introductions before his first home game since retiring after the 2001 season. The Cardinals have scored five or more runs in all but one of their first seven games.

"I think the jury's out as a coach, but it's not out for those of us who are on this team," manager Tony La Russa said. "He's doing a really good job as a coach and teammate."

Pujols hit an RBI single and a three-run homer and Ryan Ludwick went 4 for 4. Wainwright (2-0) pitched eight scoreless innings and added his first career pickoff.

The Astros are off to their worst since opening 0-9 in 1983. They've been shut out three times while facing a string of aces — Tim Lincecum, Matt Cain, Roy Halladay and Wainwright already — and have scored a major league-low 13 runs.

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SWEET SWINGING



HERALD FILE PHOTO/Tony Claxton

Haley Dimidjian smacks a base hit in a March 26 game against Lake View. The Lady Steers host Abilene Cooper today in hopes of getting back into the district picture with a win. First pitch is at 6 p.m. tonight.

Lady Steers to host Cooper

Herald Staff Report

As far as must-win games go, this is it for the Lady Steers.

Big Spring (17-10, 3-3) hosts Abilene Cooper (12-14-1, 3-2) at 6 p.m. today in a game that could go a long way to determining playoff seeds for district 4-4A.

The Lady Steers are currently tied for third in the district standings with Plainview, 1/2

game behind Cooper.

The Lady Steers beat the Lady Coogs 4-0 in Abilene on April 1.

Plainview plays at district leader Frenship today. Should the Lady Steers win, they would move into second place in the standings with just one district game to go.

Wins have been hard to come by in the last week, though, as Big Spring fell at Plainview

last Tuesday and at Frenship on Friday in a tough road slate.

Pitcher Kenzie Hunt will toe the rubber against Cooper today. She shut out the Lady Coogs on a blustery day at Cooper High School in their last meeting.

Haley Dimidjian hit two doubles off Cooper pitcher Selena Cardona in the teams' last meeting and will be a key part of Big Spring's offense.

Cruz homers, Rangers win

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Almost undetected, Nelson Cruz is making major noise with his bat.

Often overshadowed in Texas' powerful lineup, Cruz hit his fifth home run in seven games this season, connecting in the 10th inning for a two-run shot to send the Rangers to a 4-2 win over Cleveland that spoiled the Indians' sold-out opener Monday and manager Manny Acta's home debut.

Cruz's homer off former teammate Jamey Wright (0-1) gave him the AL lead in homers and RBIs (11) and gave Texas its sixth straight win over Cleveland.

Hitting behind Josh Hamilton and Vladimir Guerrero, Cruz doesn't get the publicity of his free-swinging All-Star teammates.

Maybe he should. "That guy's got as much sock in his bat as anybody," said Wright, who played with the Rangers in 2007-08. "I've seen him do it plenty of times."

Cruz's line shot onto the pedestrian home run porch at Progressive Field wrecked another pleasant opening day for Cleveland fans, who are concerned about the club's shaky bullpen.

Through seven games, Cruz, who also tripled in the fourth, is batting .458 with eight of his 11 hits going for extra bases.

"I just feel really comfortable right now," said Cruz, who hit 33 homers last season. "I was looking for a sinker there and he threw it. In that situation, to put us ahead, it was very exciting. I got off to a pretty good start last year, too. It's a long season and very early. I want to keep doing well for the team. We've got a lot of guys who can carry us."

Frank Francisco (2-2), who lost his job as Texas' closer on Sunday, pitched a perfect ninth. Neftali Feliz, Francisco's temporary replacement, earned his third career save, throwing two fastballs that hit 101 mph and getting Michael Brantley for the final out on one that clocked 100.

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Charges dropped against Roethlisberger; NFL may crack down

Associated Press

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. — Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger may have avoided criminal charges after a college student accused him of sexually assaulting her in Georgia, but he must meet with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and could face punishment from the league.

And Roethlisberger said he knows

he'll have to work to regain the trust of teammates and fans.

Ocmulgee Circuit District Attorney Fred Bright said Monday that after exhaustive interviews and inconclusive medical exams, the 20-year-old student's accusations could not be proven beyond a reasonable doubt. Bright also revealed the accuser no longer wanted him to prosecute.

Bright said he continued to investigate the case, but ultimately decid-

ed against moving forward partly because he was never able to find out what happened behind the bathroom door at the Capital City club in Milledgeville.

"Here the overall circumstances do not lead to a viable prosecution. If they did, I would be pursuing it vigorously," Bright said. "We do not prosecute morals. We prosecute crimes."

In his first public remarks since

the accusations, Roethlisberger read a 74-second statement Monday at a podium in the Steelers locker room.

"The prosecutor's decision not to bring charges, I know without a doubt, is the right conclusion," said Roethlisberger, who was wearing a red sports shirt and light-colored slacks. "I don't intend to discuss any details related to the events of

See **BIG BEN**, Page 12

Sports in brief

Seven former Bulldogettes up for UIL All-Century team

The UIL is forming a softball all-century team on its Web site.

On the softball ballot are former Coahoma players Tara Sterling, pitcher; Shana Earnest, first base; Tori Elmore, third base; Brandi Hart and Cassie Tindol, outfield; and Kortney Kemper and Ruby Garcia, designated hitters. Vote until April 27.

The ballot is at: <http://uil100.org/vote-softball.php>

Howard College Rodeo scheduled for Thursday

The Howard College Rodeo team will host its own competition this weekend at the Rodeo Bowl in Big Spring.

Jason Schaffer is currently second in the all-around standings for the Hawks and Josh Siggins is first in team roping.

It's one of two rodeos left in the season. The competition gets under way at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Tuesday sports

Big Spring baseball travels to Plainview at 7 p.m.; Lady Steers host Cooper at 6 p.m. Coahoma hosts Ballinger at 6:30 p.m. Forsan softball hosts Menard at 5 p.m., baseball plays at Winters.

Correction

In Monday's Howard Hawks baseball story, Blake Barnes was credited with winning game one. He is out with an injury. Burch Smith earned the win for the Hawks.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Don’t let piddling details distract you from the main deal — you pursuing your goal relentlessly. Protect your time. Veering off the path even a little will be costly now. Take precautions to keep the interruptions at bay.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You’ll be in the mood to take social risks, and they definitely pay off. The potential for new friendships is there. Singles could spark up a romance with an appealing stranger.

Tomorrow’s Horoscope

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If there weren’t already enough reasons to look on the bright side, today your job may depend on it. An optimist will save the day — this could be you. “When you face the sun, the shadows always fall behind you.” — Helen Keller

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Self-sufficiency, especially on an emotional level, is an extremely attractive quality. You want the love of another person, but you don’t need it. And that’s why a certain someone is drawn in closer to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As the sign of the scales, you feel inequities and recognize injustices as they are occurring. It often takes those around you a few beats to catch up — but sometimes by then it’s too late. Call things as you see them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To err is human. But the kinds of errors that will get your attention today are of the nonhuman variety. Computer glitches and technical snafus will help you appreciate the value of good old-fashioned human mistakes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This morning the world starts off in a neutral place, as far as you are concerned. To win them or lose them will take work. Decide what effect you want to have, and make a conscious effort.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know better than anyone that super-luck doesn’t come to mild-mannered wishful thinkers. You have to work like a dog for it. With your eye on the prize, you’ll gladly put in the extra hours today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You’ll try very hard to be perfect, though part of you wants to continue in an imperfect manner. If resisting temptation isn’t helping you to get over it, consider yielding to temptation instead. You’ll quickly move through it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are in control of your life. Bad things have happened in the past, and you have endured and eventually triumphed. A good thing happens today, and its effects will be lasting.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (April 13). Your spirits will soar as this year brings a fresh burst of energy to every part of your life. By the end of April, it’s obvious you’ve broken the chains of the past and set out on a new cycle. May is your chance to make a mark professionally. New friends brighten your summer. September brings family additions. Virgo and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 5, 22, 30 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: “I’m a Gemini and talk to myself often. Is that normal? I work alone, so it feels very natural to verbalize out loud without feeling self-conscious. But when I go alone to the grocery store, bookstore or whatever, I find that I’m still expressing myself out loud and getting a few surprised looks from people. My sister told me that I’m talking out loud because I need attention. I recently saw a person on the street who appeared to be mentally handicapped, and she was yammering away.

Then it came to me: Is this a sign of mental trouble, or is it just a character quirk?”

I say talk to yourself out loud as freely and often as you want, regardless of who is listening. Born under the sign of the twins, you are two people in one. You have no problem giving voice to different sides of your persona — choosing consciously to be the bad girl or the angelic do-gooder, the boisterous broad or the shrinking violet. Your natural intelligence allows you to see many options in the world and to express yourself in a variety of ways. So what if you do need a little extra attention sometimes? Doesn’t everyone?

CELEBRITY PROFILES: While most of his teenage friends were busy trying to fit in and find their way, Seth Rogen was focused on blazing his own path — alone on stage waiting for laughter. And by the age of 16, Rogen was a successful teen comic. This actor, screenwriter and film producer embodies the warrior spirit and courage of his Aries sun. His moon in Capricorn points to a highly developed business mind.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Serendipity Factor

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠K 9 3
♥A 4 2
♦AK 5
♣A 8 7 6

WEST
♠6
♥10 8 6 5
♦Q J 10 7
♣Q J 5 2

EAST
♠A 7 4
♥K J 9 3
♦9 4 2
♣K 9 3

SOUTH
♠Q J 10 8 5 2
♥Q 7
♦8 6 3
♣10 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass 3♠ Pass
4♠

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

the king of hearts. Accordingly, declarer should win the diamond lead and immediately return the deuce of hearts from dummy. Luckily, it turns out that East has the king. When he plays it, South follows low, but he then has two heart tricks instead of only the one he started with. East’s diamond return is taken with the ace, and a heart is led to the queen. Declarer then drives out the ace of trumps and eventually disposes of his club loser on the ace of hearts to make four spades. The defense cannot stop him from scoring 10 tricks on this line of play.

While it is true that there is only a 50-50 chance that East was dealt the king of hearts, from a practical standpoint no other line of play can succeed. If West has the king of hearts, the contract is destined to fail from the word “go.”

In most hands, declarer usually has some means by which he can marginally or greatly increase his chances of making the contract. But in some hands — such as this one — he has no choice but to rely on the favorable location of a particular card.

When you run into such a situation, the best you can do is to hope you’ll get lucky.

There are many hands where declarer has no real choice as to how to proceed. If a certain card is well-placed, he makes the contract; if it’s badly placed, he goes down. So it is in the present case, where West leads a diamond and South sees a loser in each suit. It should not take him long to realize that his only realistic chance of making four spades lies in the hope that East was dealt

Tomorrow: The right medicine.
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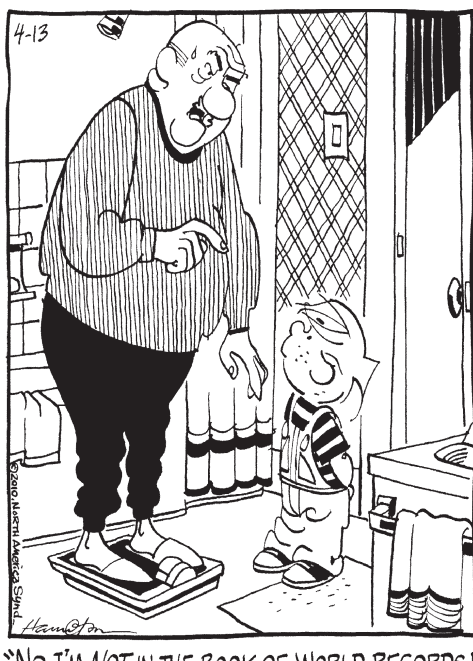
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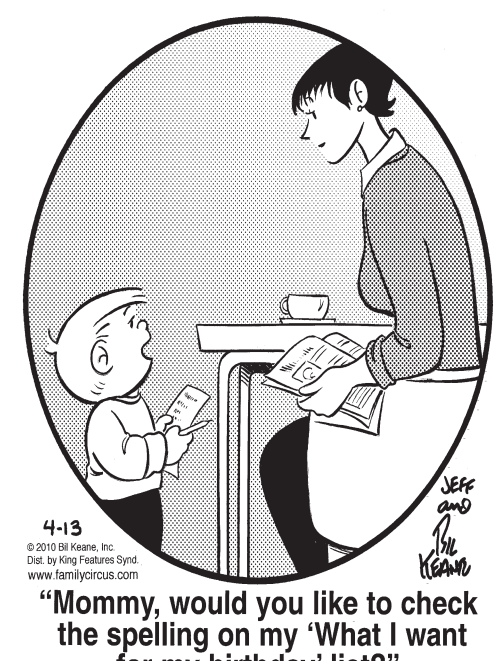
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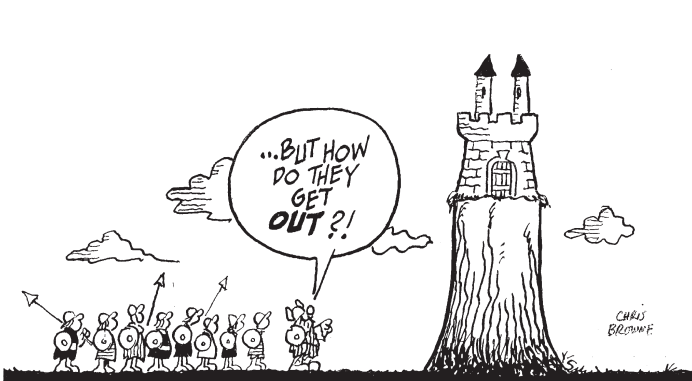
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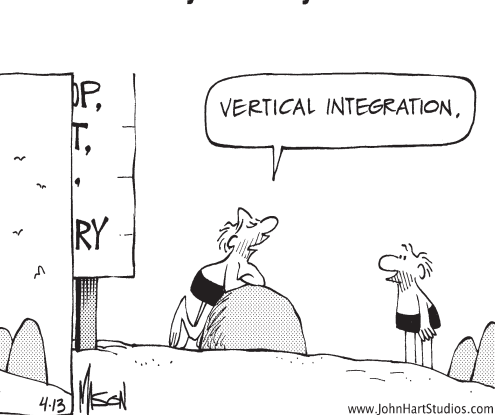
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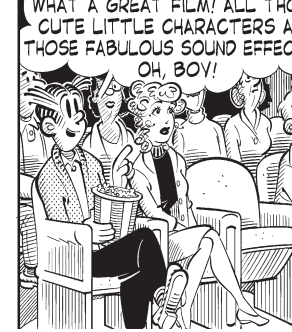
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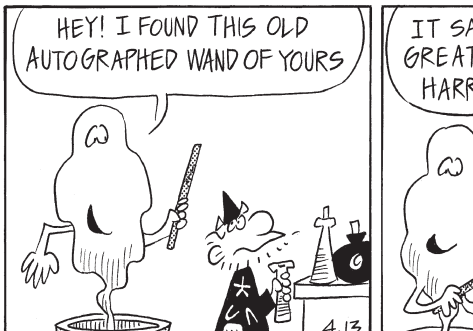
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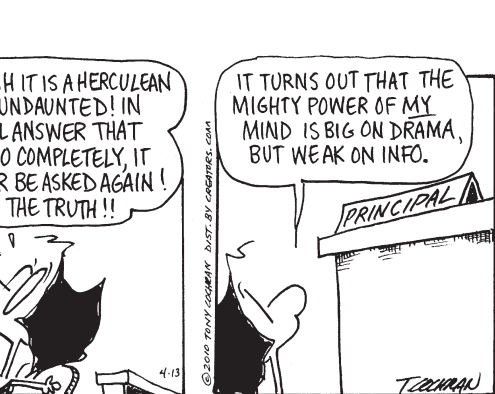
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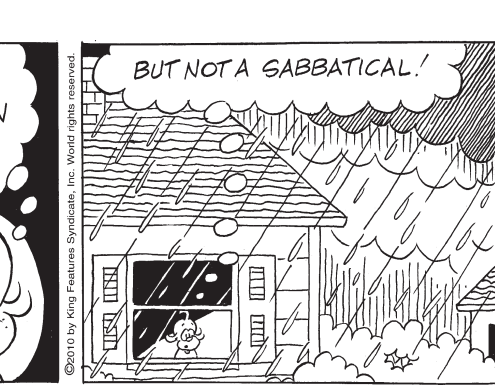
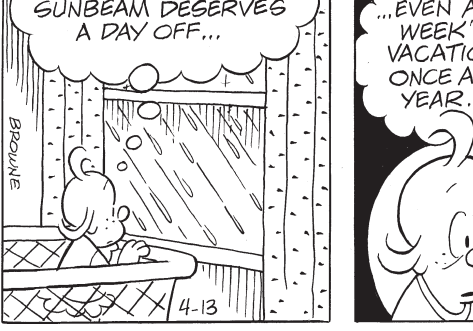
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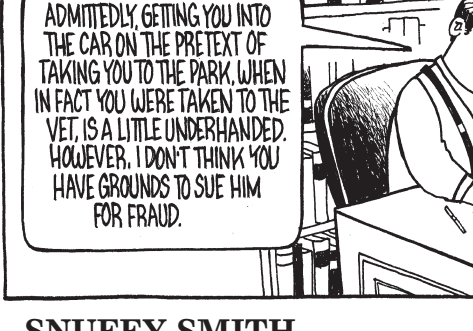
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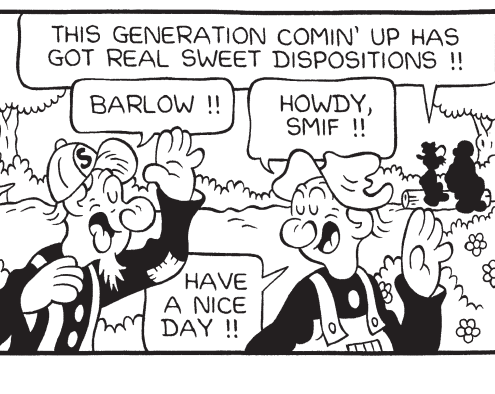
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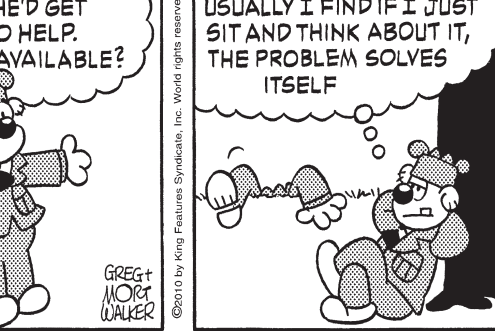
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 13, the 103rd day of 2010. There are 262 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 13, 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born in Shadwell, Va.

On this date:

In 1598, King Henry IV of France endorsed the Edict of Nantes, which granted rights to the Protestant Huguenots. The edict was abrogated in 1685 by King Louis XIV, who declared France entirely Catholic again.

In 1742, Handel's "Messiah" was first performed publicly, in Dublin, Ireland.

In 1860, the Pony Express completed its inaugural run from St. Joseph, Mo., to Sacramento, Calif., in 10 days.

In 1870, the Metropolitan Museum of Art was incorporated in New York. The original museum opened in 1872.

In 1943, President Franklin

D. Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial.

In 1958, American Van Cliburn, 23, won the first International Tchaikovsky Competition for piano in Moscow; Russian Valery Klimov won the violin competition.

In 1960, the U.S. Navy's Transit 1B navigational satellite was successfully launched into orbit.

In 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. The astronauts managed to return safely.

In 1986, Pope John Paul II visited the Great Synagogue of Rome in the first recorded papal visit to a Jewish house of worship.

In 1992, the Great Chicago Flood took place as the city's century-old tunnel system and adjacent basements filled with water from the Chicago River.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Stanley Donen is 86. Former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., is 77. Actor Lyle Waggoner is 75. Actor Edward Fox is 73. Playwright Lanford Wilson is 73. Actor Paul Sorvino is 71. Poet Seamus

Heaney is 71. Movie-TV composer Bill Conti is 68. Rock musician Jack Casady is 66. Actor Tony Dow is 65. Singer Al Green is 64. Author-journalist Christopher Hitchens is 61. Actor Ron Perlman is 60. Actor William Sadler is 60. Singer Peabo Bryson is 59. Bandleader/rock musician Max Weinberg is 59. Bluegrass singer-musician Sam Bush is 58. Rock musician Jimmy Destri is 56. Singer-musician Louis Johnson (The Brothers Johnson) is 55. Comedian Gary Kroeger is 53. Actress Sandra Santiago is 53. Sen. Bob Casey Jr., D-Pa., is 50. Rock musician Joey Mazzola (Sponge) is 49. Chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov is 47.

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Answer to previous puzzle

ATOM	PESTO	EDIT
SAME	ALIEN	SASE
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CANARY	MINERAL	
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SADLY	SPEARMINT	
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IOWA	PURSE	ROCK
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Number of quarts in a gallon
 - 5 The one close by
 - 9 Frighten
 - 14 Make simpler
 - 15 Money in Spain
 - 16 Detested
 - 17 Backyard building
 - 18 "Hurry up!"
 - 19 Wear away
 - 20 It's bound to happen
 - 22 Yellow citrus fruit
 - 23 Settled a bill
 - 24 Ancient
 - 25 Golf putt, for example
 - 28 Writing tablets
 - 30 IRS-form expert
 - 33 Get up
 - 34 By oneself
 - 35 Jump from a plane, with "out"
 - 36 Technical term for "the"
 - 39 Went away
 - 40 Lambs' dads
 - 41 Old anesthetic
 - 42 Football-game distances: Abbr.
 - 43 Looks good on
 - 44 Most appropriate
 - 45 Oxygen or hydrogen
 - 46 Cleveland's lake
 - 47 Carryall bags
 - 50 Like some mortgages
 - 55 Marsh bird
 - 56 Similar
 - 57 Ireland's nickname

- 6 Muggy
- 7 Barbell metal
- 8 "Jingle Bells," for one
- 9 Oyster throwaways
- 10 Gave a darn
- 11 Unit of matter
- 12 Fix up, as a room
- 13 Biblical paradise
- 21 Captured
- 24 Aroma
- 25 "Sorry to say..."
- 26 Caught in a corner
- 27 Jazz phrases
- 28 Couplets and quatrains
- 29 "Sorry to say..."

- 30 Hidden supply
- 31 Stacks
- 32 Eagle-eyed
- 34 Numerical datum
- 35 Most sour-tasting
- 37 Part of the eye
- 38 Lukewarm
- 43 "Hurry up!"
- 44 Stadiums
- 45 Honking birds
- 46 Be
- 47 Sports squad
- 48 Mean one
- 49 Jogger's pace
- 50 Renown
- 51 Sweden-based furniture chain
- 52 Vicinity
- 53 Wedding-cake section
- 54 Finishes

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ASTROS

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"We haven't had many games where we can just tee off on the dude," Astros center fielder Michael Bourn said. "They're great pitchers and you want to show you can compete with them."

Pujols got more than even with Rodriguez (0-2), one of the few pitchers who had given him fits. The three-time NL MVP got hits in his first-two at-bats against the Houston left-hander, and walked in the fifth to load the bases.

"This guy is a good hitter," Rodriguez said. "I can make a mistake and he wins, that's what happened."

Pujols entered just 5 for 31 with no homers and only one RBI against Rodriguez, his most anemic numbers against a left-hander

with a minimum of 20 at-bats.

"Yes, I was 5 for 31 but I look at the quality of at-bats I got against him," Pujols said. "If I'm striking out against the guy, rolling over or popping up, I'd be more concerned."

"But I didn't do anything different than I'd done in the past, I was just getting good pitches to hit and I made sure I didn't miss."

Pujols is .438 (12 for 32) with three homers and 14 RBIs in 10 home openers. He has five homers the first seven games, the best start of his career, after going without a long ball the final 89 at-bats last season.

Pujols underwent elbow surgery shortly after the end of the season.

"Albert's amazing, he's just amazing," La Russa said. "Clutch hits, and here's a guy

who's been rougher on him than anybody."

Ludwick added an RBI triple in the seventh when the ball dislodged from Bourn's glove when he slammed into the center field wall. That was plenty for Wainwright, who gave up six hits and struck out seven.

Rodriguez allowed four runs in 4 1-3 innings, falling to 3-10 with a 4.17 ERA for his career against St. Louis. According to Cardinals statistics, none of the 21 batters he faced swung and missed.

The Cardinals opened the first with three straight singles, the last by Pujols stroked to left for the lead. The top of the order clicked again in the third with one-out singles by Skip Schumaker and Ludwick preceding Pujols' drive into the visitors' bullpen in left.

MAVS

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Los Angeles after a tough win at Portland last week.

"Sometimes after an emotional win, you seem to let down, but we didn't," Nowitzki said. "We really came out firing in the first quarter, and we really need to come out firing on Wednesday. We were starting slow before, but now I think everybody is ready for a great playoff run. We've just got to go for it. We've got enough weapons to go deep."

While Caron Butler sat out with a strained right hip, a move Carlisle described as "precautionary," Marion returned from a three-game absence due to a strained oblique muscle. He sparked the Southwest Division champions'

offense with 9-of-12 shooting, including that breathtaking, two-handed dunk on Kidd's backboard alley-oop to close the first half.

"It isn't 100 percent, but it's getting better," Marion said. "The last games of the season are some of the hardest games to play. We want to focus on that home-court advantage and going into the playoffs strong."

Chris Kaman had 17 points and seven rebounds as the Clippers played without starting guards Baron Davis and Eric Gordon. Craig Smith and Steve Novak scored 15 points apiece for the Clippers, who have lost eight of nine and 18 of 21 at the close of their 17th losing season in 18 years.

"Shawn Marion runs like a deer, and we were running like plow

horses," Clippers interim coach Kim Hughes said. "We couldn't keep up with him the entire first half. He looked like a sprinter and we looked like a miler out there."

While Dallas looks forward, Los Angeles mercifully finishes its season with a "home" game against the Lakers, who pack Staples Center with thousands of their own fans for the twice-yearly games.

Dallas finished with the NBA's best road record at 27-14, a mark Cleveland and Boston can match with wins in their season finales. Hughes was impressed by the Mavs.

"I truly think any team making the playoffs in the West can win it," Hughes said. "I think the Lakers have lost their karma a little bit, and they've lost their chemistry."

RANGERS

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"Feliz didn't look nervous," manager Ron Washington said. "He got the three outs we needed. I was happy he got Brantley because I didn't want to see (Shin-Soo) Choo up there."

Choo homered in the first and had three hits for the Indians, who have lost four in a row with a bullpen in disarray.

One day after blowing a two-run lead in the ninth in a loss at Detroit, Cleveland's fill-in closer Chris Perez loaded the bases in the ninth without getting

an out.

He threw three straight balls before giving up a double to Joaquin Arias. Taylor Teagarden followed with a bunt that Perez fielded cleanly, but the right-hander's throw to third was high and not in time to get Arias. Perez then walked Elvis Andrus and was pulled by Acta.

Afterward, Perez refused to place blame on anyone but himself.

"I let all three guys get on, that's unacceptable," he said. "I've got to go back to the drawing board and figure some things out. It might just be one of those ruts. We all can't

be Mariano Rivera."

After Perez was pulled, Tony Sipp got pinch-hitter Ryan Garko to pop out before Acta, being forced to mix and match with closer Kerry Wood on the disabled list with a sore back, brought in Wright to face Michael Young. On the first pitch, Young bounced into a double play, ending the threat.

Wright wasn't so fortunate in the 10th as Cruz helped the Rangers improve to 2-9 in road openers since 2000.

Despite Perez's struggles, Acta said he's staying with the right-hander — for now.

"We're not going to

run him out of town," he said. "We're not the only team struggling in the back of the bullpen."

Texas is 9-1 against Cleveland the past two seasons.

Rich Harden, who signed a one-year, \$7.5 million free-agent contract with the Rangers in December, allowed two runs and five hits in six innings.

Cleveland's Fausto Carmona had his second straight respectable start, allowing two runs and five hits in eight innings.

The Indians didn't have center fielder Grady Sizemore, who missed his second

straight game with tightness in his back. Sizemore's injury is not believed to be serious, but his absence from the lineup is noteworthy because the three-time All-Star once played in 382 straight games.

It was actually the Indians' third opener in eight days. They opened in Chicago last week and played in Detroit's first home game on Friday.

"We lead the league in home openers," Acta joked before the game.

They went 0-3 in them.

Texas took a 2-1 lead in the fifth on Young's two-out RBI single and

Carmona's wild pitch.

Cleveland tied it in the sixth off Harden on Travis Hafner's sacrifice fly. The Rangers kept it tied when center fielder Julio Borbon threw out Hafner trying to score from second on Matt LaPorta's single. Hafner barreled into Teagarden, but the catcher held onto the ball.

"That's a big guy coming and I thought, 'I'm going to get killed here. If Julio makes a good throw, I'm going to get run over,'" Teagarden said. "I did. I'm not sore, but maybe I will be tomorrow. He put me on my head."

BIG BEN

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Georgia. I'm happy to put this behind me and move forward."

Roethlisberger also did not discuss his upcoming meeting with Goodell or any possible punishment that might come from the league

or the team for violating the players' conduct code.

"I am excited to get back to work with my teammates, and I'm more determined than ever to have a great season," he said.

The encounter took place after a night of bar-hopping in Milledgeville, a quaint

central Georgia college town about 30 miles from where the two-time Super Bowl winner owns a lake home. Bright detailed the night during a lengthy news conference Monday.

Roethlisberger, who was out drinking with friends to celebrate his 28th birthday, bumped into the student and her sorority sisters throughout the night. They linked up at Capital City, where he invited them to a VIP section and bought them a round of shots.

As the night wore on, the student walked down a dingy hallway to a small bathroom, and Roethlisberger soon followed. What happened next remained unclear.

The student told police she had been sexually assaulted, but medical results were less clear. A doctor who examined her at a nearby emergency room found a cut, bruises and vaginal bleeding but could not

say if she was raped. And while some DNA was found, there was not enough to determine whom it belonged to, Bright said.

Roethlisberger is being sued by a different woman who says he raped her in 2008 at a Lake Tahoe hotel and casino, which he denies. Roethlisberger was not criminally charged in that case and has claimed counter-damages in the lawsuit.

In Milledgeville, state and local police canvassed the town and began interviewing witnesses. Roethlisberger hired Ed Garland, who has represented a long list of high-profile defendants. The accuser's family also hired lawyers, who eventually sent a letter to Bright saying the woman did not want a trial because it would be "a very intrusive personal experience."

Georgia laws set a relatively high bar for

proving sexual assault, requiring proof that force was used and that the victim did not consent, said J. Tom Morgan, a former DeKalb County district attorney. That can be particularly difficult if both parties were drinking alcohol, he said.

As Pittsburgh's first-round draft pick out of Miami of Ohio in 2004, Roethlisberger led the Steelers to Super Bowl victories in 2006 and 2009. He frequently has donated time and money to charities.

But off-field problems have come along with his championships and \$102 million contract. In 2006, he defied his coach's orders and rode his motorcycle without a helmet — and wound up with a concussion, broken jaw and other injuries after a wreck.

And while Roethlisberger has a reputation for patiently signing autographs

and posing for pictures out in public, he also is known for occasionally inelegant behavior in Pittsburgh. Early in his career, he was photographed — obviously after drinking — wearing a T-shirt reading "Drink Like a Champion."

"I'm truly sorry for the disappointment and negative attention I brought to my family, my teammates, coaches, the Rooneys and the NFL," Roethlisberger said. "I understand that the opportunities I have been blessed with are a privilege, and much is expected of me as the quarterback of the Pittsburgh Steelers. I absolutely want to be the leader this team deserves, valued in the community and a role model to kids. I have much work to do to earn this trust."

Team president Art Rooney II, known to be frustrated and exasperated with Roethlisberger's lack of maturity and judgment, agreed that the quarterback must win back the respect and trust of his teammates and his city.

"During the past few weeks, I have met with Ben on a number of occasions, not only to discuss this incident, but also to discuss his commitment to making sure this never happens again," Rooney said in a statement.



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