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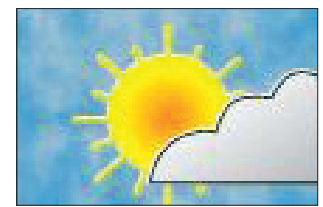


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50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 SUNDAY

\$25,000 in stolen property recovered

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
Approximately \$25,000 in stolen property was recovered Sunday after an alleged burglar was taken into custody, according to local law enforcement officials.
Chris Ruiz, 40, of Big Spring was arrested at 8:52 a.m. Sunday and charged with two counts of burglary of a building, offenses that allegedly occurred only moments before



Ruiz
HCSO and the Big Spring Police Department into a recent string of thefts.
"Investigators with the

Howard County Sheriff's Office and the Big Spring Police Department have been conducting a joint investigation relating to numerous burglaries and thefts in both the city and county during the past several weeks," said Parker. "During the subsequent investigation following the arrest of Ruiz, approximately \$25,000 worth of stolen property was recovered.
"Investigators have been

able to match a large amount of the stolen property back to the rightful owners," said Parker. "However, the owners of some of the recovered property is not known.
"We are asking for area residents who have had property stolen recently and may not have reported it to call the Howard County Sheriff's Office and give a description of the property you have lost and your phone number. If

we have your property we will make arrangements to return it."
Parker said Ruiz is being held at the county jail, awaiting arraignment.
To report stolen property or for more information, contact the HCSO at (432) 264-2231.
Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@big-springherald.com



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins
Workers with Price
Construction tear up a stretch of newly resurfaced Scurry Street in the 800 block Monday. According to city officials, the construction company is having to replace the surface because of cracking and moisture problems. The roadway was recently resurfaced as part of the city's bond-funded street renovations project aimed at downtown Big Spring, with this most recent replacement coming at no charge to the city.

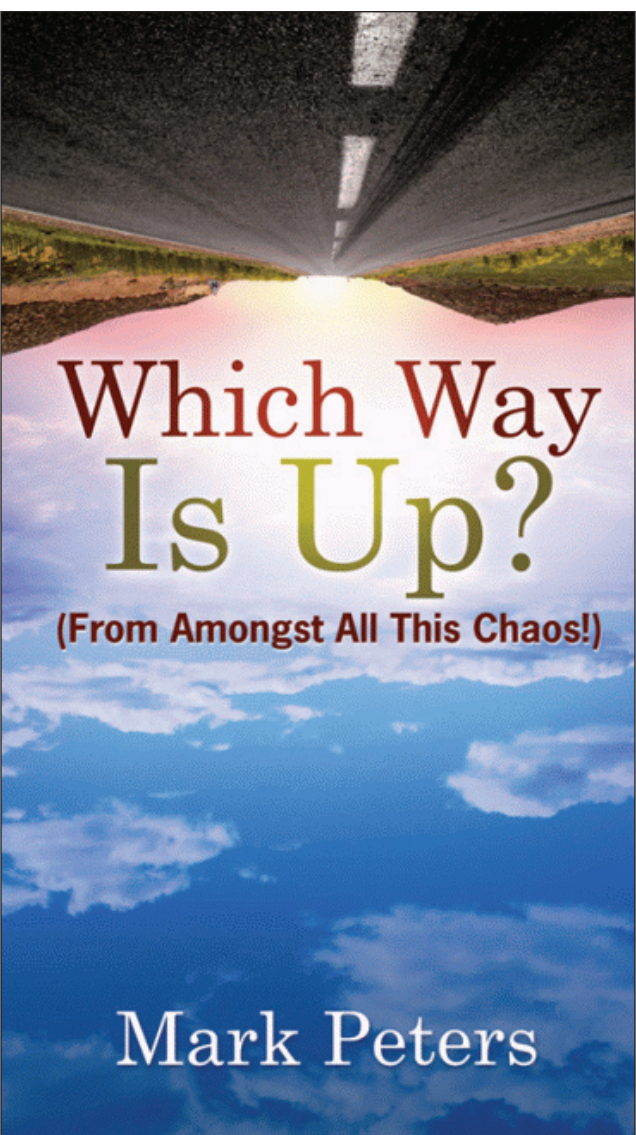
Former local challenges others to look at their faith

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
A 1972 graduate of Big Spring High School and successful Conroe dentist recently published "Which Way Is Up? (From Amongst All This Chaos!)," a book that challenges readers to look at their relationship with Christ.
Mark Peters, a former Big Spring resident and Conroe dentist for the past 27 years, independently published his book through Intermedia Publishing in December, selling more than 1,000 copies in the first 10 days, leaving many in the publishing business scratching their heads and simply asking, why?
"For an independent book, it's really



Peters

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Film Society plans coming into focus

'Raiders' showing likely to be biggest event yet

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
Last week's meeting of the Big Spring Film Society has the group's members looking toward the July 9 screening of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" at Comanche Trail Amphitheater and well beyond, according to society spokesman and leader Brandon Johnson.
Johnson said the meeting brought some new faces to the film society, as the group looks to kick off its 2010 series of screenings and continue

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Rainy rodeo successful for Howard cowboys

Special to the Herald

It was soggy and sloppy, but, like Howard coach Greg Kernick said, the show went off without a hitch.

Howard College teamed with South Plains College to host the annual National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association event this weekend at the Rodeo Bowl.

Bareback rider AJ St.Goddard started off the short round action for the Hawks by posting a 68 point ride for sixth in that go. St.Goddard marked a 70 on his first horse for third and split third in the average race.

Kyle Andrews rode his first

bull for 68 points and sixth place in the long round. Andrews was short of the whistle in the short round but did finish sixth for the weekend.

Jason Schaffer was 11.4 seconds on his first run in the tie down roping for eighth. Schaffer broke the barrier in the short round of competition on the way to posting a 9.3 second run, which took Schaffer out of the running for any round or average placing.

Sheridan Hodge made her way into the short round of the break-away roping after clocking in at 3.4 seconds in the long round to split sixth. Hodge broke the barrier in the short round, ending

up with a 13-second time, fifth in the round and sixth in the average. Maegan Hillhouse made blazing run of 2.6 seconds for first in the long round for second place. Hillhouse failed to connect in the short round.

Jason Schaffer and Chase Sullivan paired up in the team roping to stop the clock in eight seconds in the long round, but the pair went out with no score in the short round.

JW Townsend continued to collect points in the team roping. Townsend, who ropes with Clay Norrel of Tarleton State

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HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton

Kyle Andrews rides a bull in the short round Saturday at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.



HERALD PHOTO/Joe Zigtema

Heather Newton winds up for a pitch Tuesday during Coahoma's game at Colorado City. Newton and the Bulldogettes beat the Lady Wolves 14-3 in 7-2A district action for their 23rd win of the season.

Bulldogettes pound C-City on road

BY JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

COLORADO CITY — There was a familiar face in the circle for the Coahoma Bulldogettes on Monday.

Heather Newton, pitching for the first time in three weeks, struck out 10 Lady Wolves and gave up three runs on six hits to pick up her 13th win of the season 14-3 in district 7-2A action.

The Coahoma (23-7, 7-1) bats gave Newton an early lead to pitch with, putting a five-spot on the board in the opening frame. Most of the damage in the inning was done by Lauren Ruiz, who turned the first of

her two hits into a bases-loaded triple that scored three runs.

The Bulldogettes notched 13 hits in the five-inning game, including three from Newton, cleanup hitter Kylie Gee and senior Kalea Neff.

Neff scored twice and knocked in three runs on two triples and an inside-the-park home run, and Gee knocked in two on a double and two singles.

Jordan Martin went 2-for-4 with two RBI as well.

"If we hit the ball like that every night, we'll go a long, long way," Bulldogettes coach Tracy Tadlock said.

Newton had to shrug off some rust in the first inning as she

loaded the bases and allowed two runs, one of which came on a wild pitch. Colorado City's (3-5 district) third run in the fourth inning came via an errant pitch as well.

But she would settle down from there, striking out six straight batters in the first and a perfect second.

"It was pretty good for not pitching in three weeks at all; not even touching a ball," she said. "I felt more confident hitting than pitching."

Emily Hicks, who limited Coahoma to just one run in the teams' first meeting, took the

See **COAHOMA**, Page 2B

LeBron scores 40 as Cavs beat Bulls

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Joakim Noah had to go back for one more look.

Walking slowly across the confetti-littered court, Noah stopped at the spot just outside the arc where LeBron James had pulled up in his face and made a 3-pointer.

"That's a long way," Noah said, shaking his head in disbelief as he looked at the distant rim. "You've got to be kidding me."

The Chicago Bulls kept daring James to shoot jumpers.

He obliged. "They were telling me I can't make jump shots," James said. "They asked me to shoot a jumper so I did that. Over and over and over and over and over and over again."

James scored 40 points — 15 in a tour-de-force fourth quarter — as the Cavaliers, fueled by a rabid home crowd that booed every move by Noah, maintained home-court advantage by beating the Bulls 112-102 on Monday night to take a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

James added eight rebounds and eight assists for the Cavs, who led 96-93 with 4:30 left before the league's

soon-to-be-two-time MVP took over. He hit his 3 with the 6-foot-11 Noah coming at him and followed with a quick dance move and wink directed at Chicago's talkative bench.

James then made two free throws, a layup and two jumpers, scoring 11 straight points as Cleveland opened a 107-98 lead with 1:36 left.

When James came off the bench in the fourth, teammate J.J. Hickson touched his fingers to his forearm the same way a baseball manager would to summon a closer from the bullpen.

In came basketball's version of Mariano Rivera.

"They call me the closer every time I come in, in the fourth quarter," James said. "It's my time to put the game away or do what I do best and that's try to close the game the right way."

Noah, who drew the ire of Cleveland fans by criticizing the city's lack of downtown activity, had 25 points and 13 rebounds.

Afterward, the most brazen of the Bulls, said he had no regrets about his comments.

"Not at all," Noah said. "You like it? You think Cleveland's cool?"

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Study contradicts athlete graduation rate comparisons to students

Associated Press

A new study suggests that a statistical flaw relied upon by the NCAA means that graduation rates for major college football and men's basketball players lag behind those of other students — not the other way around.

The NCAA's most recent report on Division I graduation, known as

the Graduation Success Rate, shows that athletes who entered college in 2002 graduated at a record rate of 79 percent. Even using the federal graduation rate, which does not account for transfer students, athletes posted a 64 percent graduation rate, a mark two points higher than in the general student body.

But a new report by

the University of North Carolina's College Sport Research Institute calls those numbers misleading. The NCAA data for non-athletes includes students who begin their academic careers as full-time students but later become part-timers. As a group, those students take longer to graduate.

By definition, NCAA athletes cannot be part-

time students.

"Athletes are required to be full-time students to maintain their eligibility," said study author Woody Eckard, a University of Colorado Denver economist. "They should be compared to other students who are also full-time."

Using adjusted statistics, the Chapel Hill-based institute says that 54.8 percent of Football

Bowl Subdivision athletes at 117 schools graduated within six years, compared to 73.7 percent of other full-time students.

The gap in Division I basketball was even larger, with 44.6 percent of athletes earning degrees at 116 schools, compared to 75.7 percent of the general student body.

The analysis assumes

that about 12 percent of students initially classified as full-time in the federal Department of Education reports later take reduced class loads.

NCAA officials called the study a "very limited statistical analysis" that fails to account for other variables, such as students' academic

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Sports in brief

Tuesday's scoreboard

All are district games

Steers at Cooper, 4:30 p.m.
Lady Steers at Lake View, 6:30 p.m.
Forsan softball at Hermleigh, 5 p.m.
Forsan baseball at Miles, 3:30 p.m.
Coahoma baseball vs. Wall, 6:30 p.m.
Coahoma softball vs. Wall, 6:30 p.m.

Pick up Wednesday's *Herald* for results.

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>

Forsan softball ranked No. 8

The Forsan Lady Buffs are ranked the No. 8 team in 1A, according to the latest Texas Girls Coaches Association poll.

The defending state champions are 15-3 and unscathed in district 7-A play, beating each opponent by run-rule decision.

The Lady Buffs have the district title in hand as they play at Hermleigh at 5 p.m. tonight.

Obituaries

Manuel Pineda

Manuel Pineda, 65, of Big Spring died Monday, April 19, 2010, at the Stanton Care and Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ted O. Groebl Jr.

Ted O. Groebl Jr., 68, of Midland died Monday, April 19, 2010, in an Odessa hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Crestline. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of S. Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Ent. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 3100 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

- Aggie Muster will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Lake Room at Dora Roberts Community Center. Cost is \$20. RSVP djgaskins@hotmail or 268-3493.
- Coahoma Choir Kids' spring concert will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria. Admission is free.
- Ackerly Lunch Bunch will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at Crispy's Cafe in Big Spring. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. from the menu. The restaurant, 1904 Birdwell, is wheelchair accessible. Everyone is invited. RSVP Bett Pitts at (432) 267-1449.
- A Relay For Life benefit will be held Saturday at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third. Hamburger plates will be available for \$5 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A dance featuring New Company will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
- 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 per person. For tickets, call Valerie at 213-8315 or Shannon at 264-3641, ext. 1416.

Police blotter

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

- FIDEL M. MARTINEZ, 53, of 705 N.W. Eighth St., was arrested Monday on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, resisting arrest, search or transportation, driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction and running a stop sign.
- DONTAE RENELL CARR, 28, of 2504 Gunter, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- PRISCILLA NICOLE AVALOS, 20, of 1805 Winston, was arrested Monday on a charge of theft – more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000.
- JAVIER JESUS PINEDA, 33, of 1007 W. Sixth St., was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- CATHY ANN RAMIREZ, 34, of 1216 Ridgeroad, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of Kent.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 1300 block of Princeton. In the 1900 block of Nolan.
- THEFT was reported: In the 1000 block of Gregg Street. In the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 1800 block of S. Scurry.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.
- FIDEL M. MARTINEZ, 53, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution.
- PRISCILLA NICOLE AVALOS, 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft – more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000.
- DONTAE RENELL CARR, 28, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- CLAYTON DOW BIRMELIN, 23, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of failure to appear (two counts) and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- DAVID RIVERA JR., 24, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (two counts) and no driver's license.
- BRENT LEE DOUGLAS, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of hindering officers' official duties.
- JOHNNY TREVINO JR., 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- CATHY RAMIREZ, 34, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JAVIER JESUS PINEDA, 33, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of hindering secured creditors – more than \$500, less than \$1,500.
- LISA ANN CHAVARRIA, 43, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated and theft of property – more than \$20, less than \$500.

Support Groups

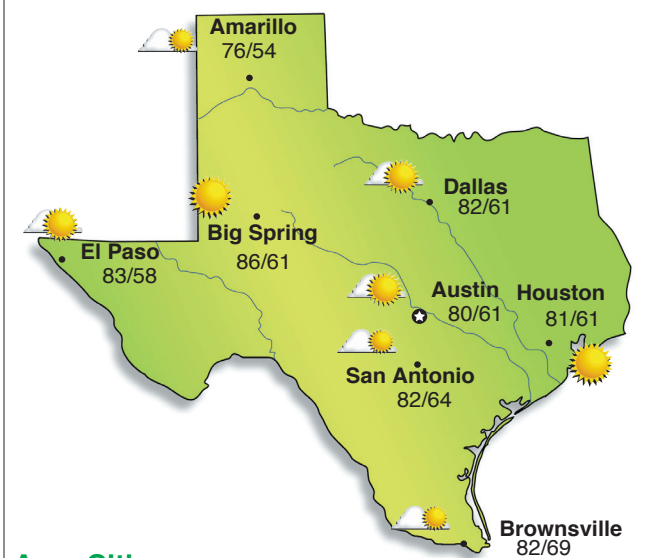
- TUESDAY
- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 4/21	Thu 4/22	Fri 4/23	Sat 4/24	Sun 4/25
86/61 Mainly sunny. Warm. High 86F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	82/54 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	75/52 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	77/53 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.	80/52 Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 8:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 8:23 PM

Texas At A Glance



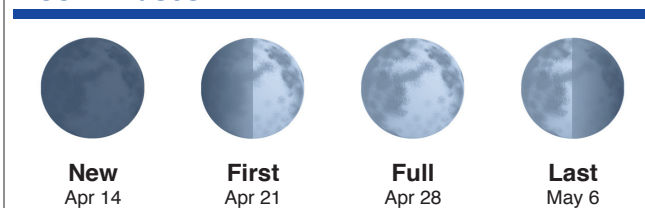
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	83	61	sunny	Kingsville	83	67	pt sunny
Amarillo	76	54	pt sunny	Livingston	83	56	sunny
Austin	80	61	mst sunny	Longview	82	58	mst sunny
Beaumont	81	59	sunny	Lubbock	84	57	mst sunny
Brownsville	82	69	pt sunny	Lufkin	85	58	sunny
Brownwood	84	60	sunny	Midland	87	62	sunny
Corpus Christi	80	68	sunny	Raymondville	84	67	pt sunny
Corsicana	81	59	mst sunny	Rosenberg	81	61	sunny
Dallas	82	61	mst sunny	San Antonio	82	64	pt sunny
Del Rio	86	66	mst sunny	San Marcos	81	61	mst sunny
El Paso	83	58	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	82	61	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	87	60	mst sunny	Sweetwater	84	60	mst sunny
Gainesville	81	59	t-storm	Tyler	82	58	mst sunny
Greenville	81	58	pt sunny	Weatherford	80	58	mst sunny
Houston	81	61	sunny	Wichita Falls	82	60	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	74	49	sunny	Minneapolis	67	41	mst sunny
Boston	71	48	mst sunny	New York	69	53	cloudy
Chicago	58	35	mst sunny	Phoenix	62	46	t-storm
Dallas	82	61	mst sunny	San Francisco	57	45	rain
Denver	64	48	t-storm	Seattle	55	43	rain
Houston	81	61	sunny	St. Louis	73	52	rain
Los Angeles	62	49	rain	Washington, DC	62	50	rain
Miami	81	66	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 4/21	Thu 4/22	Fri 4/23	Sat 4/24	Sun 4/25
10	10	10	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale. 0 is lowest and 11 is highest. A higher UV Index shows the need for greater skin protection.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 10-25-30-35. Bonus Ball: 24.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-15-18-32-34.
Number matching five of five: 4. Prize: \$6,028.
Winning ticket purchased in: Carrollton (2), Everman, Liberty City.

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

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-4-1. Sum It Up: 12.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Boxer commits suicide in jail

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Former boxing champion Edwin Valero, who had a spectacular career with 27 straight knockouts and flouted a tattoo of President Hugo Chavez on his chest, hanged himself in his jail cell after being arrested for stabbing his wife to death, police said.

The 28-year-old former lightweight champion used the sweat pants he was wearing to hang himself from a bar in the cell, said his lawyer, Milda Mora.

Valero's 24-year-old wife, Jennifer Carolina Viera, was found dead in a hotel room on Sunday, and police said

the fighter emerged telling hotel security he had killed her.

Luge officials deem Georgian's crash accident

UNDATED — Gravitational force overpowered out-of-control Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili and left him unable to avoid the crash that claimed his life hours before the opening ceremony at the Vancouver Olympics, the International Luge Federation concluded in a report.

Still, the FIL insisted Kumaritashvili was "absolutely qualified" to be at the games.

The FIL reaffirmed that the crash was an "unforeseeable fatal

accident" caused by a number of factors. It added that Kumaritashvili's sled reacted in ways that computer simulations could not foresee or mimic, the high-speed impact throwing him surprisingly skyward.

Steelers warned about misconduct

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger practiced with the Pittsburgh Steelers, with several players saying they were warned that misconduct will not be tolerated. One added they were told to "get in line" or "get kicked out of line."

Roethlisberger was on the field a week after

learning he will not be charged by Georgia prosecutors for sexual assault. The quarterback did not speak to reporters after practice.

The NFL said there is no timetable for a decision on possible punishment, although the Steelers expect the league to act next week.

USC TE positive for marijuana

NEW YORK (AP) — Southern California tight end Anthony McCoy tested positive for marijuana at the scouting combine, a person familiar with the result told The Associated Press.

The person adds that every NFL team is aware of the result of

the February test. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the NFL does not release results of individual drug tests.

McCoy is considered a likely second- or third-round pick in this week's draft.

FoxSports.com first reported that McCoy tested positive, citing unidentified sources.

Singler to return to Blue Devils

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Duke's Kyle Singler, the Most Outstanding Player at the Final Four, will return to school for his senior season.

Singler announced in a statement that he didn't want to miss out on all the great things

to come in his senior season.

Singler averaged 17.7 points and 7.0 rebounds while leading Duke to a 35-5 record and the school's fourth national championship. The first-team All-ACC selection became one of 18 players in Duke history to score over 700 points in a season, finishing with 707 in 2009-10.

Nadal skipping home event

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Rafael Nadal is skipping the Barcelona Open this week to rest, which means he won't defend his title at a tournament he has won the past five years.

MLB SCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
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W—Niemann 1-0. L—Lackey 1-1. HRs—Tampa Bay, B.Upton (4). Boston, Hermida (2).

Blue Jays 8, Royals 1
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Bannister, Mendoza (6), Tejada (7), Farnsworth (8) and B.Pena; Morrow, Camp (8), Janssen (9) and J.Molina. W—Morrow 1-1. L—Bannister 0-1. HRs—Toronto, Snider (2), Bautista (2) (3).

Angels 2, Tigers 0
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Willis, Bonine (7) and Avila; Pineiro, Jepsen (8), Rodney (9) and J.Mathis. W—Pineiro 2-1. L—Willis 0-1. Sv—Rodney (4).

Mariners 8, Orioles 2
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Bergesen, Berken (3), Mickolio (7) and Wieters; Fister, League (8), Kelley (9) and Ro.Johnson. W—Fister 2-1. L—Bergesen 0-2.

HRs—Baltimore, Wigginton (5). Seattle, Kotchman (3).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Nationals 5, Rockies 2
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Cook, Corpas (4), R.Flores (6), Daley (7), Beimel (8) and Olivo; Stammen, Capps (9) and I.Rodriguez. W—Stammen 1-0. L—Cook 0-2. Sv—Capps (6). HRs—Washington, W.Harris (2).

Mets 6, Cubs 1
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R.Wells, J.Russell (7), Samardzija (7), Marshall (7), Berg (8) and Soto; Niese, Nieve (6), Mejia (8) and Barajas. W—Nieve 1-1. L—J.Russell 0-1. HRs—New York, Pagan (1).

Cardinals 4, D'Backs 2
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Penny, Motte (8), T.Miller (8), Franklin (9) and Y.Molina;

R.Lopez, Boyer (8), Qualls (9) and Snyder. W—Penny 2-0. L—Boyer 1-2. Sv—Franklin (5). HRs—St. Louis, Holliday (4).

Padres 3, Giants 2
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Cain, Runzler (7), Mota (8), Affeldt (9) and B.Molina; Richard, Gregerson (7), Bell (9), Stauffer (10) and Torrealba, Hundley. W—Stauffer 2-0. L—Affeldt 2-2. HRs—San Francisco, Uribe (2). San Diego, Eckstein (1).

CAVS

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I never heard anybody say I'm going to Cleveland on vacation. What's so good about Cleveland?"

Derrick Rose added 23 points and Luol Deng had 20 for the Bulls, who will head home for Game 3 on Thursday night.

Noah didn't make much of the incessant booing. He's heard it before.

"My whole life I've been booed," Noah said. "College I was booed a lot. Boston they don't like me over there. They don't like me here, either. It's OK. I have my friends."

Antawn Jamison scored 14 points and

Jamario Moon made four 3-pointers for Cleveland, which looked much more out of sync than in Game 1. Shaquille O'Neal, a force at both ends in the opener, scored eight points and played only 15 minutes — zero in the fourth quarter.

James spent the first 3:26 of the fourth on the bench getting rest. When he returned to the court, the Cavs were clinging to an 85-82 lead over the Bulls, who were giving top-seeded Cleveland all it could handle and were intent on evening the best-of-seven series.

With the Cavs up three, James pulled up on Noah, who had criticized Cleveland's superstar for dancing on the court in a game ear-

lier this season. James, though, gave a little shoulder shake after his basket and then ended his personal scoring outburst with a jumper over Kirk Hinrich just before the 24-second clock expired.

"LeBron's hitting unbelievable shots," Noah said. "Yes, it's tough. But we've got to play them again, so I don't want to be up here and give LeBron all this credit. Yeah, he played an unbelievable game. It's tough right now. I hate to lose, so I'm a little frustrated by that. But we'll be ready to go come Thursday."

The Bulls, who pushed Boston to seven games in the opening round last season, did a much better job rebounding and were more physi-

cal than in Game 1.

But Chicago had no answer for James. No one does.

He delivered one of those did-he-really-do-that dunks in the first quarter, a soaring slam over Chicago's James Johnson that could be one of the best — and most ferocious — of his career.

Staring from the left side, James drove to his right past Johnson down the foul line, reached back like a baseball pitcher looking for more velocity on his fastball and powered his jam over a stunned Johnson as Cleveland's sellout crowd gasped and then erupted.

"It definitely ranks up there," James said. "It's one of the best

ones."

The dunk shook the backboard, not the Bulls.

They trailed by 10 points early in the second quarter, but worked their way back with extra effort, especially on the offensive glass.

Noah grabbed four of Chicago's eight offensive rebounds in the first half, resulting in 13 second-chance points. Anthony Parker's 3-pointer put the Cavs up 50-44, but with O'Neal on the bench after picking up his third personal, Noah scored six straight points as the Bulls pulled within 52-50 at halftime.

NOTES: The Cavs made 22 of 24 free throws. ... The Bulls are an NBA-best 107-35

in home playoff games.

... The Cavs gave all fans a box of macaroni and cheese as part of a promotion. That sounded tasty to Bulls coach Vinny Del Negro. "I'm Italian, I like macaroni," Del Negro said. "I'm hoping I can get a few boxes after the game. I love pasta." ... Someone's minutes for Cleveland were going to get pinched in the playoffs and so far it's Hickson, who averaged more than 20 per game in the regular season but has played just 50 seconds in the series. He's the odd-man out, but Hickson won't complain. "I understand we have goals we need to accomplish," he said. "I want whatever the team wants."

NCAA

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preparation, that influence graduation rates.

"There are many academic challenges out there for general students and student-athletes in college," NCAA spokesman Erik Christianson said. "We welcome efforts to try and better understand those issues and that will lead to policy decisions that will help more student-athletes to succeed academically."

"This study does not add to any real understanding of the issues and does not provide an unbiased viewpoint from which to look at these issues anew."

Co-author Richard Southall, the sports

research institute's director, said he and Eckard weren't trying to "challenge, refute or replace" the NCAA and federal graduation rate data.

Instead, they suggest that a more accurate way to measure athletes' graduation rates would account for what is essentially a part-time job and compare those students to others who are not able to concentrate solely on academics while in school. That approach would generate lower but more "realistic" graduate rates on both sides, Southall said.

"They should be compared to other students working their way through college," he said. "It's easy to be seen as bashing the ath-

lete. That's not the case at all."

The researchers did not study graduation rates at individual schools because the numbers, particularly in basketball, would be too low to be statistically significant. They did break down the results by conference.

In football, the Mid-American Conference had the narrowest gap, with athletic graduation rates just 10.7 percent lower than those in the overall student body. The Pac-10 had the largest gap at 30.1 percent.

In basketball, Conference USA had the smallest gap between athletes and other students, with a difference of 21.1 percent. Six of the 10 con-

ferences studied — the SEC, Mountain West, Atlantic 10, Big Ten, Pac-10 and ACC — had what the researchers call an "adjusted graduation gap" of at least 30 percent.

In the ACC, the gap for men's basketball was more than twice as large, with a 41.3 percent graduation rate for athletes compared to 82.8 percent for other students.

Conferences with lower graduation gaps in general also had lower overall graduation rates. For instance, while the Mid-American had the smallest gap in football, its overall graduation rate of 66.6 percent trailed those in the ACC (82.8 percent) and Pac-10 (82.6 percent).

RODEO

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University, stopped the clock at 6.6 for third in the long round, 14.3 in the short for fourth, and fourth in the average at 20.9.

"The Hawks performed very well considering it is very difficult to be the cast and crew under optimum conditions," Howard coach Greg Kernick said. "We have several folks with a chance to advance to the CNFR, and it will come down to this weekend." The team will compete in Stephenville this weekend. Go to www.collegerodeo.com for complete standings.

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COAHOMA

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loss for the Lady Wolves.

The Bulldogettes, ranked No. 8 in the latest TGCA poll, face a key game tonight at home against No. 15 Wall, which handed Coahoma its only district loss April 2. Newton will be in the circle again for the first pitch at 6:30 p.m.

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Perry: NASA plan shows Obama has 'target' on Texas

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FORT WORTH — President Barack Obama "has put a target on Texas' back" and illustrated it by not mentioning NASA's sprawling Johnson Space Center in Houston while announcing new space agency initiatives in Florida, Gov. Rick Perry said Saturday.

Appearing at Texas Motor Speedway to promote his 2010 gubernatorial campaign's sponsorship of a car in Sunday's NASCAR Sprint Cup race, Perry said it was "very disconcerting" that Obama talked about adding jobs at

the Kennedy Space Center without addressing Texas, where missions are directed after liftoff.

"The message there was, 'You're from Texas. We don't care about you,'" Perry said. "I tell people this president has put a target on Texas' back. Whether it's programs that he's talked about from the standpoint of making Texas an example, if you will. And I don't appreciate it."

His comments were his latest criticism of Obama amid growing speculation that the longest-serving governor in Texas history might consider a run for president in 2012.

Perry, who is set to appear on the cover of an upcoming issue of Newsweek, has steadfastly said he's not interested in running for president. Experts have said his frequent criticisms leveled at Washington suggest otherwise.

He struck a similar theme Saturday during an appearance with Bobby Labonte, a Texas-raised driver whose No. 71 will carry Perry's campaign Web site on each side and have the governor's last name in large block letters on the hood.

"If Washington wants to get it right, come down to Texas and we'll show you," Perry

said. "It's pretty simple, actually. Don't spend all the money."

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Former astronauts and others have criticized Obama for temporarily abandoning manned space flight without a clear timeline for a return. Bill White, the Democratic former Houston mayor who will oppose Perry in November, is among those urging Obama to reconsider, telling the president in a letter last month such a plan was "a step in the wrong direction."

White subsequently praised

the administration's plan to rescue the Orion crew capsule, a small part of a moon program that was otherwise nixed by Obama after being promoted in the final years of President George W. Bush's term.

Rather than go to the moon, the Orion capsule would serve as an emergency escape pod for the International Space Station.

"High-paying, quality jobs should and will stay in Texas because of the revised plans for the Orion capsule and the International Space Station," White said earlier in the week.

Poll: 4 out of 5 Americans don't trust Washington

WASHINGTON — America's "Great Compromiser" Henry Clay called government "the great trust," but most Americans today have little faith in Washington's ability to deal with the nation's problems.

Public confidence in government is at one of the lowest points in a half century, according to a survey from the Pew Research Center. Nearly 8 in 10 Americans say they don't trust the federal government and have little faith it can solve America's ills, the survey found.

The survey illustrates the ominous situation President Barack Obama and the Democratic Party face as they struggle to maintain their comfort-

able congressional majorities in this fall's elections. Midterm prospects are typically tough for the party in power. Add a toxic environment like this and lots of incumbent Democrats could be out of work.

The survey found that just 22 percent of those questioned say they can trust Washington almost always or most of the time and just 19 percent say they are basically content with it. Nearly half say the government negatively affects their daily lives, a sentiment that's grown over the past dozen years.

"The government's been lying to people for years. Politicians make promises to get elected, and when

they get elected, they don't follow through," says Cindy Wanto, 57, a registered Democrat from Nemacolin, Pa., who joined several thousand for a rally in Washington on April 15 — the tax filing deadline.

Majorities in the survey call Washington too big and too powerful, and say it's interfering too much in state and local matters. The public is split over whether the government should be responsible for dealing with critical problems or scaled back to reduce its power, presumably in favor of personal responsibility.

About half say they want a smaller government with fewer services, compared with roughly 40 percent who

want a bigger government providing more. The public was evenly divided on those questions long before Obama was elected.

The survey found that Obama's policies were partly to blame for a rise in distrustful, anti-government views. In his first year in office, the president orchestrated a government takeover of Detroit automakers, secured a \$787 billion stimulus package and pushed to overhaul the health care system.

But the poll also identified a combination of factors: the recession that Obama inherited from President George W. Bush; a dispirited public; and anger with Congress and politicians of all political leanings.

PETERS

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doing really well," said Larry Davis, president of Intermedia, shortly after the book was released. "We've scratched our heads to ask ourselves what's made this book so well received and we can't find any scientific answer."

According to Peters, the idea for the book came during an airplane flight.

"I really feel like the Lord compelled me to write the book," said Peters. "It actually occurred to me to write the book when I was on

a plane to Chicago a year and a half ago, and I blew it off. However, I wrote down the title for the book during the flight, and about a month later I began working on the outline for it."

It would be several months after developing the outline that Peters would sit down and begin work on the book in earnest, an effort that took approximately eight weeks to complete.

"I kept saying, 'I'm a dentist. I'm not an author.' But I still felt the need to write this," said Peters. "I feel like there are a lot of people in church today who don't have a relation-

ship with Christ because they don't know the Bible well enough to know where to look in it to find the answers to their questions. My book is solely about the gospel of Christ and the truth of his word.

"It helps hold a mirror up to people's faces so they can have a sincere and truthful examination of what they are really doing with their walk of faith in Christ. The book also helps them with scripture references in the Bible and helps them answer many of the questions we all have."

As something of a first, Peters advises readers not to pick up his book

if they aren't ready to take a closer look at their Christian faith.

"Do not read this book if you do not want to take a serious look at your walk of faith," said Peters. "It will convict you to your core and challenge you to step back, look at your relationship with Christ and make serious adjustments in how you relate to Him. This will then enable you to better 'walk the walk' and not just 'talk the talk' of your faith."

Peters has been involved in daily Bible study for 26 years in addition to teaching various Sunday school classes.

Peters grew up primarily in West Texas, graduating from Big Spring High School in 1972. He earned a golf scholarship to Western Texas College in Snyder for three semesters before transferring to Angelo State University in San Angelo. He received his B.A. degree in biology from Angelo State in 1976. He then attended the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston, graduating in 1980. After practicing two years in the Houston Medical Center, he and his wife, Keyea, moved to Conroe where he started his current practice.

Peters and his wife

have two children, Kaley and Joseph.

"Which Way Is Up? (From Amongst All This Chaos!)" is available for \$13.95 from www.amazon.com or www.imprbooks.com.

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FILM

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its ongoing Steven Spielberg retrospective.

And while the screening of the famed classic that introduced the world to Indiana Jones is pretty well in the bag, Johnson said there are still plenty of other aspects of the event he and the film society are looking for help with.

"We would like to have several different groups in charge of different things going on at the event, such as a concessions group, a trash and crowd control group and a set design group," said Johnson. "This event is likely to be our biggest yet, and in order for it to be one of our best, organization is going to be key. The next meeting isn't until June, but via phone and e-mail I will be trying to put together groups to take care of different things at that event."

"The 'Jurassic Park' screening that will wrap up our Spielberg Ret-

spective — at least to an extent, as a lot of the movies Spielberg either wrote or produced are scheduled for screenings over the next few years — will be Aug. 28, and we'll be back atop beautiful Scenic Mountain. At that event we will also need help with crowd control, trash, donations and other aspects."

The film society also nailed down the rules for its Indiana Jones short film contest it will be holding in conjunction with the screening of "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

"The deadline for the Indy contest is June 25," said Johnson. "Films can't be longer than five minutes, need to have something to do with or be in the same vein as 'Raiders,' and they must be something that can be screened at a family event. All films must be turned in on a DVD. The top three films will be chosen by a panel of judges and screened prior to 'Raiders of the Lost Ark' on July 9. When we meet in August or

September, we plan to screen all of the Indy entries."

Johnson said the group also discussed several other possible projects for the future, ranging from a film festival in downtown Big Spring to a weekend filmmaking workshop.

"First and foremost we talked about our biggest goal, which is to put together a film and music festival in Big Spring," said Johnson. "Our target is to begin making preparations for this event as renovations in downtown Big Spring continue. What a great way to showcase our newly renovated downtown at completion by filling the streets with live music and film goes. We are already looking at integrating live music into our outdoor film series with the band Vocal Trash possibly playing before our 'Raiders' event July 9.

"One of the goals we discussed was the possibility of having a 'make a film in a weekend' workshop at some point. Basically, we would bring together 4-5 teams, give them a genre and three different objects and send them out to shoot a short film that has to be turned in by Sunday afternoon. At the closing ceremony Sunday night, we would screen all of the movies and give out awards.

"Another project we're looking at is the possibility of bringing a independent filmmaker to Big Spring to screen some of their work and discuss the battle that takes place when making a movie. These are all good ideas, as the film society continues to progress hopefully we will see them come to fruition."

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OUR VIEW

Remember to drive carefully in work zones

For a great many of us, the first word that comes to mind when encountering a highway construction work zone is delay. That's particularly true for Big Spring residents who've spent a great deal of time frustrated by street projects along Gregg, Scurry, Main and Lancaster streets. However, the word that should come to mind is caution.

That's why each April, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) joins with the Federal Highway Administration, national transportation associations and numerous other state departments of transportation for National Work Zone Awareness Week to remember victims and to raise awareness of safety precautions for workers and motorists in work zones.

Work zones can be hazardous for motorists, as well as highway crews, working to improve Texas' highways. TxDOT maintains approximately 80,000 miles of highway with more than 1,000 construction or maintenance projects under way at any given time. With that much construction, chances are you'll encounter a work zone or two.

According to TxDOT figures, 175 people were killed in highway construction and maintenance zones in Texas in 2008.

More than four out of every five work zone fatalities are motorists traveling through the work zone.

Thirty-four percent of all work zone fatalities for 2008 were drug and alcohol-related.

And one in three work zone crashes is a rear-end collision.

"Speed and inattention are the leading causes of work zone crashes," said Texas Transportation Commissioner Fred Underwood. "Each of us has the power to protect and save lives. We just need to put our cell phones down, stop messing with the radio and focus on driving. As a result, we can reduce the number of fatalities that occur in work zones."

Indeed. Each of us should take responsibility for work zone safety — from engineers and planners to drivers and pedestrians.

The engineers and planners are professionals. They get paid to think in terms of safety. So, that puts the ball in our court, doesn't it?

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Doubt leaves, Lord, when You enter our life.
Amen

Community banks not the problem

As our nation fights through an economic downturn, the worst since the Great Depression, we continue to see the effects this crisis has wrought on Americans. National unemployment continues to hover near 10 percent, its highest level in 26 years. Foreclosure rates are not abating.

And while there are some signs of relief in the credit markets, small businesses and consumers are still struggling to obtain credit.

The crisis also remains at the forefront of consciousness because of the immense government intervention this Administration and the Democratic Congressional leadership have pushed through. Companies that were once titans of finance and business failed. As a result trillions of dollars in bailouts and spending packages have been poured into our financial markets and the economy as a whole to prop up these institutions, all in the name of market stabilization.

It continues to this day, as evidenced by another \$18 billion spending package enacted last month. This unprecedented amount of spending is sending our national debt spiraling out of control.

At the heart of this intervention is the notion that institutions can be "too big to fail," our government's policy to provide assistance to prevent the failure of large financial firms deemed systemically significant to our economy.

This perverts free market capitalism and suggests that entities can "privatize" their profits, yet "socialize" their risks.

This absolutely must end. The

American taxpayers should not be forced to pay the gambling debts of failed risky bets made by large financial institutions.

In the coming weeks we will begin debate on financial regulatory reform legislation that would put into law this "too big to fail" mentality.

It is absolutely wrong to tie the fate of the national and global economy to the fortunes of a relatively small number of giant financial firms.

Of particular concern is the effect that proposed financial regulatory reform legislation will have on our nation's community banks. Community banks in Texas and across the country serve as the backbone of our economy. Community banks were making home and business loans to local customers, while the giant financial institutions were playing the derivative and subprime market.

Local community banks provide the lending and deposit services for our nation's small businesses so that they may continue to operate, invest, create jobs and drive our economy.

Credit from a community bank allows the West Texas exploration company to drill new wells to deliver the oil and gas that fuels our state and nation. Credit from a community bank in Texas allows the Austin area tech start up to create a new product line that could soon revolutionize the way the world communicates.

It is this business lending that will help create jobs and grow our economy.

Tom Hoenig, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, said recently that our nation's largest banks would be well-served to take lessons from our community banks.

Why? Because community banks have been committed to providing the vital credit and services needed for small businesses to create the jobs that will

lead our nation into recovery.

It is precisely this ability to foster bottom-up growth through small businesses that sets community banks apart from other financial institutions.

Unlike the big financial institutions we see in the headlines for bailouts and bonuses, community banks do not pose systemic risk to our financial system, nor are they identified as primary contributors to our latest crisis.

However, our community banks would soon be subjected to a considerable amount of new costs and regulatory burdens as a result of this legislation, a burden that would hamper their ability to effectively provide depository and lending services to our American consumers and small businesses.

Community banks should not be punished as a result of this legislation. We should preserve and enhance our dual-banking system, rather than impose additional federal regulations that stifle their ability to serve their communities.

This legislation would gear the Federal Reserve's monetary policy to the large banks mainly in New York without any regard for the 6,800 regional and community banks located across our country.

And that means the Fed will lack a fundamental understanding of what small businesses, families and workers across Texas and throughout our nation are facing on a daily basis.

We should stop "too big to fail," protect taxpayers from bailouts and only regulate what needs to be regulated.

It's when government tries to fix what isn't broken that trouble begins.

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Obama inauguration didn't end racism

Since Obama's election, a destructive new thread in conservative commentary has emerged: "Blacks have finally arrived. We don't need to concern ourselves with 'them' anymore. If we can elect an African-American president, then prejudice must be dead." The unspoken corollary is, "OK, they got what they wanted. Now we can go back to discriminating again."

As if to emphasize this point, Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell issued a provocative proclamation praising the brave Confederate boys who fell in The War Between the States.

Recent Democratic governors didn't produce such statements, and even recent Republican ones had included wording to make plain that they weren't supporting slavery.

McDonnell didn't even add that kind of fig leaf—until the ensuing uproar essentially forced him to do it.

Such is the perceived sentiment these days that one can support discrimination pretty openly. And just in case you might think Virginia's Confederate History Month stunt could be an aberration, note that Texas, Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama have all declared their own version of it in recent years.

It's not that American racism ever went away. If things seemed to pick up for minorities during the artificial boom years,

it had little to do with public intention.

If African Americans had an easier time buying a house, it was more because the market was overbuilt than because of any greater tolerance. If mortgages were easily available, it was more due to the need for new swindle victims than to bankers experiencing a sudden vision of racial harmony.

Schools, too, are still a mixed bag. Obama's inauguration spawned no new flood of integration.

If anything, America's slow drift toward re-segregation has continued unabated. Now that No Child Left Behind has proved largely ineffective, the latest fad is to fire all the staff at a failing school and hire new teachers and administrators.

Not much talk, though, of more money or services to bring individual low performers up to speed. Less talk yet about wide-ranging district mergers to force more integration.

Jobs haven't provided any relief either.

Black unemployment remains far above the rate for whites at all education levels, worsened now by the recession. Cases are even cited of blacks scrubbing their resumes to bleach out tell-tale signs of race. Sure, they'll get discovered at the interview, but in the nuanced world of bias, they may be over the hump by then.

Having an African-American president doesn't seem to have much altered police behavior either. Random stops on city sidewalks and highways continue to follow historic patterns.

Connecticut passed a law in

1999 requiring police departments to submit periodic reports on the racial makeup of such suspects to the African-American Affairs Commission.

Nice try. Only a handful of departments bother filing the reports at all, and the commission has no budget to analyze them. There's no enforcement.

New York City and other big places are constantly under the gun for such profiling. In the Big Apple last year, blacks were seven times more likely to get busted for plain old pot possession than whites, even though studies show their usage to be about equal.

Housing policy is more of the same. Westchester County, a large New York suburb, signed a federal agreement to build hundreds of affordable homes and market a slew of them to blacks. Nice thought. Six months later, only pretense had been accomplished and no one has been put in charge of anything.

Nor are they ever likely to be. Some jurisdictions around the nation with particularly strong leadership for a few years have successfully integrated a bit of housing and some schools. Mostly though, leaders of that stripe soon get unelected and the community returns to its regular segregated course.

None of this has changed with Barack Obama's presidency. Citizens just treat him as an intriguing interlude while going on about their often discriminatory lives.

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The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Office of the City Attorney, City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan St., Big Spring, TX 79720 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Big Spring certifies to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) that Russ McEwen in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relations to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. TDRA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the city of Big Spring to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDRA will consider objections to the release of funds received by May 14, 2010 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City approved by TDRA; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by TDRA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to David B. Brown, Environmental Regulatory Officer, Texas Department of Rural Affairs, P.O. Box 12877, Austin, TX 78971. Potential objectors should contact TDRA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Russ McEwen, Mayor, City of Big Spring

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NOTICE OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOWARD
BAA MEETING
April 21, 2010

- 1- Roscoe Hartfield, 1102 N. Main St., Big Spring, TX 79720, SC 42 BK 32 IN TR 1, of William B. Currie Addition, also known as 1102 N. Main St.
2- Kay Littlejohn, PO Box 202461, Arlington, TX 76006-8461, 6.5 AC SW/4 of SC 42 BK 32 IN TR 22, of William B. Currie Addition, also known as 218 N. Johnson St.
3- Palemon Diaz, 215 NE 8th St., Big Spring, TX 79720-1410, SE/4 of SC 42 BK 32 IN TR 22, of William B. Currie Addition, also known as 215 NE 8th St.
4- James Jackson, 310 NW 10th St., Big Spring, TX 79720-1218, LT 9 BK 40, of Bauer Addition, also known as 310 NW 10th St.
5- Lester Crawford, (deceased), PT LTS 7-8 & PT LT 9 BK 11, of Brown Addition, also known as 300 Jones St.
6- Leslie H. McMullen, 405 E. 10th St., Big Spring, TX 79720, LT 9 BK 78, of Birdwell Heights Addition according to replat of Block 78, Original Town of Big Spring, also known as 405 E. 10th St.
7- James Spangler, 377 White St., Loveland, OH 45140-8867, LT BK 20, of Cole & Strayhorn Addition, also known as 810 E. 15th St.
8- Joe A. Torres, PO Box 2955, Big Spring, TX 79721-2955, LT BK 18, of Cole & Strayhorn Addition, also known as 603 E. 16th St.
9- Riley Rivera, 702 Bell St., Big Spring, TX 79720, LT BK 20, of Earles Addition, also known as 702 Bell St.
10- Sunshine Upton, 1651 County Road 25, Big Spring, TX 79720-0704, of Jones Valley Addition, also known as 909 W. 6th St.

shall be taken down and removed or made safe, as the building official deems necessary and as provided for in this section. A vacant structure that is not secured against entry shall be deemed unsafe.

"You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held before the MEP + Board of Adjustment and appeals of the City of Big Spring, Texas, at 307 E. 4th on the 21st day of April, 2010 at 5:30pm. The purpose of the hearing is to make a final determination as to whether the structure described is in violation of the Structural Standards Code of the City of Big Spring, Texas. You may be present at the hearing and may be, but need not be, represented by legal counsel. You may present any relevant evidence and will be given full opportunity to examine all witnesses testifying against you. You may request the issuance of subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, documents or other things by any party in an affidavit thereof with the MEP Board of Adjustment and Appeals. At the time of the hearing, (whether you be the owner, lessee, tenant, or mortgagee) will be required to submit at the hearing proof of the scope of any work that may be required to comply with the Code and the time it will take to reasonably perform the work. In the event you seek to obtain more than thirty (30) days to complete the project, you will be required to reasonably establish that the work cannot be completed within thirty (30) days. In the event you seek to obtain more than ninety (90) days to complete the work, you will be required to submit a detailed plan and time schedule for the work at the hearing and establish that the work cannot be completed within ninety (90) days.

Following the hearing the Board of Adjustment and Appeals may issue an order requiring the vacation, relocation of occupants, securing, repair (with or without vacation), removal, or demolition of the structure if the MEP Board of Adjustment and Appeals finds that any of the following conditions exist:

- (1) The structure in question is dilapidated, substandard, or unfit for human habitation; and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare;
(2) The structure is unoccupied by its owners, or other invitees and is unsecured from unauthorized entry to the extent that it could be entered or used by vagrants or other uninvited persons as a place of harborage or could be entered or used by children;
(3) If boarded up, fenced or otherwise secured in any manner, the building constitutes a danger even though secured from entry; or the means used to secure the building are inadequate to prevent unauthorized entry or use of building in the manner described in (B) above;
(4) Following entry of the order, any person affected by the order may appeal, the order to the State District Court for relief within thirty (30) days, and upon failure to do so within such period of time, the order shall become final.
Kenny H. Davis
Building Official
#6510 April 20, 2010

The moon is in Cancer, her home. And with the sun shining in the realm of the first earth sign of the zodiac and Earth Day fast approaching, our attention turns toward environmental issues that face our own home planet. A Native American proverb states, "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Going into "overwhelm" mode seems like the usual thing you do lately. Slow down! Spend more time in the organizing and planning stages, and you'll have a better idea about what is actually practical and doable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A lot of people have offbeat ideas lately. But it takes an especially bold and determined person to follow through. That's you. And you'll enjoy the amazement of those who witness you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone will come through for you. But wait — doesn't this person come through for you almost every day? Take nothing for granted. Your appreciation will go a long way toward cementing this bond.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will be highly susceptible to the vibrations that different environments give off. Luckily, no one is making you go where you don't want to go. Place yourself where the

Tomorrow's Horoscope

inspiration is flowing. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). One who seems emotionally open and vulnerable may just be loose with personal details. Perhaps it's a way of gaining attention. Avoid this sloppy social dynamic, and don't be a perpetrator of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be drawing new boundaries of decorum in a situation that has gotten slightly too wild for your taste. Reining it back in will renew your sense of control over your relationships.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sometimes knowing that you have to take action inhibits you from dreaming as big as you could. So don't demand action of yourself. Let yourself think and dream freely. Defy the mental limits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Working alone will get stale, especially if your daily tasks are already pretty mundane. You'll do better when surrounded by competitors. And if that's not possible, then at least imagine that you're up against a worthy opponent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone wants to add additional tasks (in other words, stressors) to your list. The nerve! But the funny thing is, you can take it. And you'll actually do better when you have more to do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your emotions have an influence over your decisions. But they shouldn't have the last say, especially if you're feeling slightly out of whack. Take your time in considering things.

Everything looks different tomorrow. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be asking more questions. It's second nature for you to be curious about others. Just be sure to respond to social cues. When the answer is "no comment," don't press on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are places you know you shouldn't go. And if you do so anyway, you will put yourself in bad company. If you make a bad choice, back out quickly. Don't try to justify your choice by trying to make it work. Just walk away.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 20). You'll earn a stellar reputation for your outstanding work. May brings renewal. Positive changes to the way you take care of yourself will infuse you with energy and a zest for life. A romantic turn of events will inspire you to create something of beauty in July. New friends come along in September. Leo and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 2, 13, 39 and 41.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Will my boyfriend marry me or not? He's a Virgo, and I'm a Cancer. One day, he's talking about us as a couple and the things we'll do when we are married, and the next day, he says he needs his space. I'm 40 years old and don't want children, but I'd like to know what my future is going to be like."

Cancer women like you thrive when your concept of home is nailed down. You want to know where you're going to live, what it's going to look and feel like, and who is going to

be living there with you. Virgo men have their own ideas about home life and can be meticulous in their demands of their personal space. It is easier than you know to accidentally violate your man's personal space rules without realizing it. Your best bet is to give him a wide berth. That may require you to take the marriage issue off the table. Build your own home, space and life as though you couldn't care less whether or not he is in it. It may seem cold to you, but in fact, there will be nothing warmer and more attractive to him than a woman who is comfortable in her own groove.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Model, dancer, singer, author and fitness guru Carmen Electra is a sensual Taurus who loves to tan in the limelight. Her creative Leo moon assures that she'll continue to find many ways to shine there. Gemini influences in her chart indicate a sharp intellect and a talent for communicating her mind. Jupiter in Capricorn indicates long-term financial luck and a careful approach to business.

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Invitation for Bids Garrett & Associates General Contractors, Ltd. is accepting bid proposals for concrete flatwork, rock excavation, solar electrical, and masonry subcontracts for work located at Big Spring State Park. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., on April 29, 2010 - via fax at 903-839-9265 or delivered to 21405 CR 2182, Whitehouse, TX

75791. Prospective bidders may obtain additional information and bid instructions by calling 903-839-7909. GAGC reserves the right to recommend to the Owner the bid proposal that provides the best value for the Project. #6502 April 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26 and 27, 2010

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Bird Poop:

Remembering events
from 'Year of the owl'

One from the cotton fields was last year's stubble. In its place were endless miles of freshly plowed furrows mostly rusty brown in color. Only a few migrating hawks worked their way northward as ravens claimed the spring skies.

Interspersed in the tapestry of agriculture was occasional ranch land. As cattle wandered among emerging grasses, yellow wildflowers heralded the coming of Easter.

As we drove, I thought about the early morning call that had prompted this trip. Having told us they were about 10 miles south of Lamesa, a man had apologized for removing some nestlings from his job site. With firm directions as to



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on-going maintenance, his boss had insisted that work be finished on time.

Telling us the business was on the east side of U.S. 87, the man added, "You can't miss it." A call to the wildlife center in Lubbock followed our hastily making a suitable nesting area that could sustain the infants for the rest of the trip.

In the distance, the stark configuration of heights, angles and colors grew larger on the horizon. White roofs, tan sides and the charcoal accents of shadows made the various structures look like a paint-by-number scene. Most noticeable and sheltering a huge gray mound of last year's cottonseeds was an imposing A-frame structure.

Driving out to meet us from the Lamesa Gin was our contact. When he removed the top from a cardboard

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Courtesy photo

From fuzzy white down, the three oldest baby barn owls developed a buff-colored, woolly appearance. In the foreground is the last one to hatch. Soon all will start "feathering out" on wings, tail and back. Even as their chests and bellies show evidence of feathering, their heads will be the last to exchange down for feathers.

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Parent's Corner:

Now's the time
to decide on
90/10 Principle

Author Stephen Covey has written several things that can influence our way of thinking. One of his writings is called the 90/10 Principle. It goes like this: 10 percent of life is made up of what happens to us, and 90 percent of life is decided by how we react.

We really have no control over 10 percent of what happens to us. However, we determine the other 90 percent by our reaction. We cannot control a red light, but we can control our reaction.

Let's look at Covey's example. You are eating breakfast with your family. Your daughter knocks over a cup of coffee onto your business shirt. You have no control over what just what happened. What happens next will be determined by how you react.

You harshly scold your daughter for knocking the cup over. She breaks down in tears. After scolding her, you turn to your spouse and criticize her for placing the cup too close to the edge of the table. A short verbal battle follows.

You storm upstairs and change your shirt.

Back downstairs, you find your daughter has been too busy crying to finish breakfast and get ready for school. She misses the bus.

Your spouse must leave immediately for work. You rush to the car and drive your daughter to school.

Because you are late, you drive 40 mph in a 30 mph zone. After a 15-minute delay and a \$60 traffic fine, you arrive at school. Your daughter runs into the building without saying goodbye.

After arriving at the office 20 minutes late, you find you forgot your briefcase. Your day has started terrible. As it continues, it seems to get worse.

You look forward to coming home. When you arrive home, you find small wedge in your relationship with your spouse and daughter. Why? Because of the way you reacted.

You had no control over what happened with the coffee. How you reacted in those five seconds is what caused your bad day.

Here is what could have and should have happened. Coffee splashes over you. Your daughter is about to cry. You gently say, "It's OK honey, you just need to be more careful next time." Grabbing a

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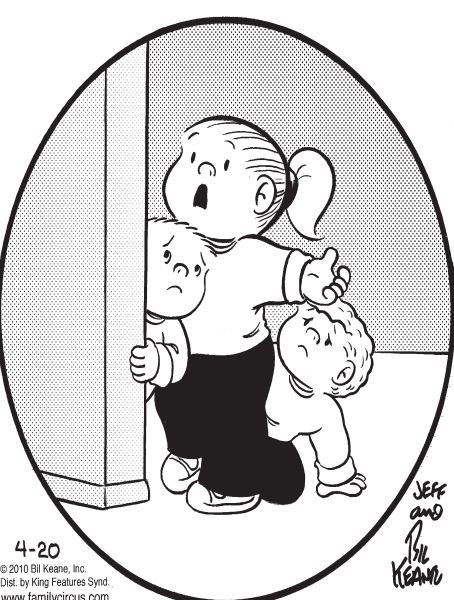
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10:PM	News Nightline	News Nightline	Impacto Noticiero	Raymond	News Letterman	Noticias Decisiones	News Jay Leno	Lopez Tonight	Mark Cortes	Charlie Rose	Deadliest Catch	Movie: CSI: Crime Scn	Deadliest Warrior	NBA Basketball: First-Round Playoff: Teams TBA.	Movie: CSI: Crime Scn	Wizards of Waverly Hills	Football Coll. Football All-Star Chall;	SportsCenter
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

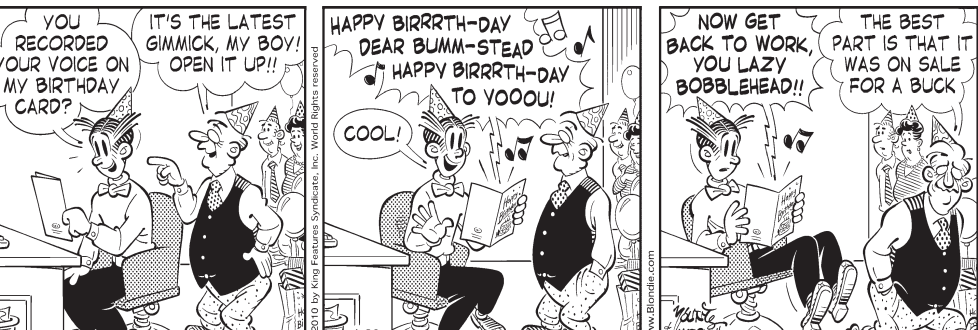


"Mommy, can we borrow the dustpan, broom and maybe some glue?"

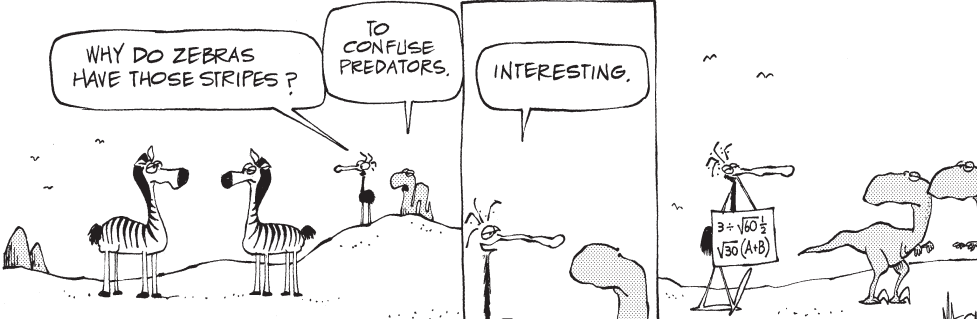
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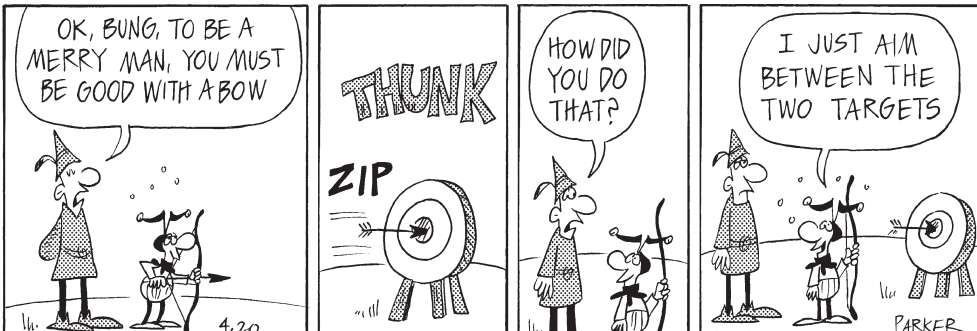
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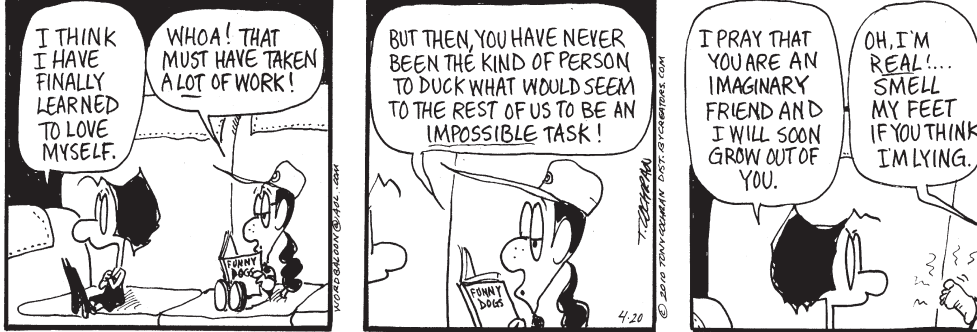
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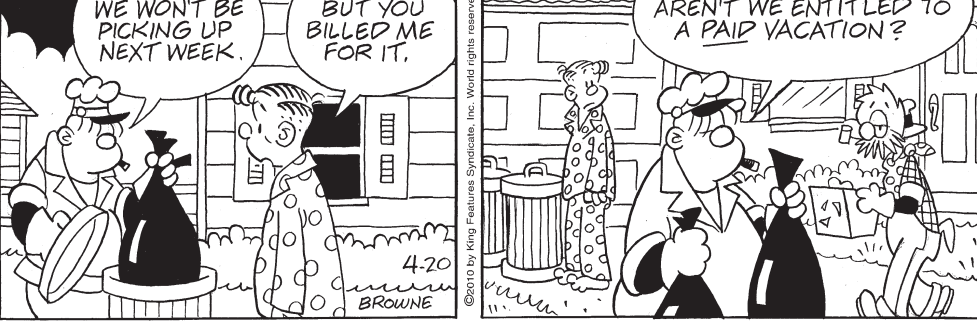
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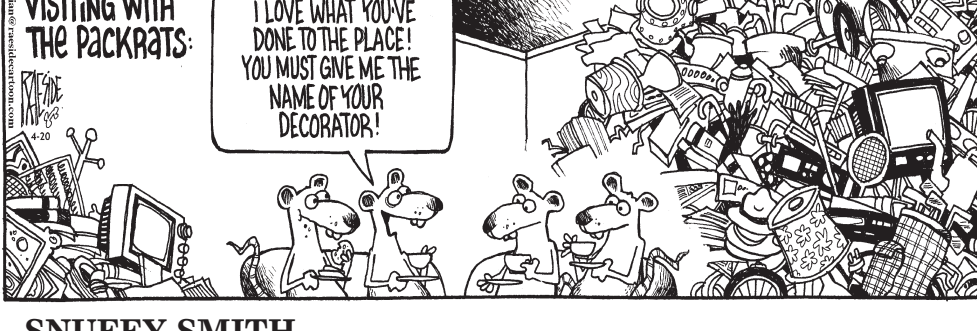
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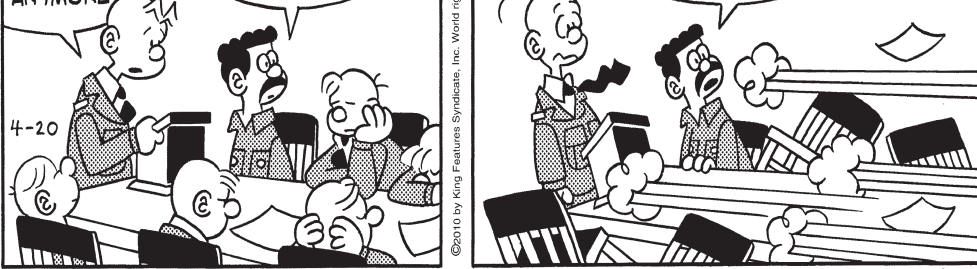
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 20, the 110th day of 2010. There are 255 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 20, 1980, Cuban President Fidel Castro invited any of his countrymen who wanted to leave their country to do so, sparking the massive Mariel Boatlift from Cuba to the United States.

On this date:

In 1812, the fourth vice president of the United States, George Clinton, died in Washington at age 72, becoming the first vice president to die while in office.

In 1836, Congress voted to establish the Wisconsin Territory.

In 1889, Adolf Hitler was born in Braunau am Inn, Austria.

In 1940, RCA publicly demonstrated its new and powerful electron microscope.

In 1945, during World War II, allied forces took control of the German cities of Nuremberg

and Stuttgart.

In 1968, Pierre Elliott Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister of Canada.

In 1971, the Supreme Court, in Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, unanimously upheld the use of busing to achieve racial desegregation in schools.

In 1972, the manned lunar module from Apollo 16 landed on the moon.

In 1978, a Korean Air Lines Boeing 707 crash-landed in northwestern Russia after being fired on by a Soviet interceptor after entering Soviet airspace. Two passengers were killed.

In 1999, the Columbine High School massacre took place in Colorado as two students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, shot and killed 12 classmates and one teacher before taking their own lives.

Today's Birthdays: Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens is 90. Actor Leslie Phillips is 86. Sen. Pat Roberts (R-Kansas) is 74. Actor George Takei is 73. Singer Johnny Tillotson is 71. Actor Ryan O'Neal is 69. Bluegrass singer-musician Doyle Lawson

(Quicksilver) is 66. Rock musician Craig Frost (Grand Funk; Bob Seger's Silver Bullet Band) is 62. Actor Gregory Itzin (iht-zihn) is 62. Actress Jessica Lange is 61. Actor Clint Howard is 51. Actor Crispin Glover is 46. Actor Andy Serkis is 46. Country singer Wade Hayes is 41. Actress Carmen Electra is 38. Reggae singer Stephen Marley is 38. Rock musician Marty Crandall (The Shins) is 35. Actor Joey Lawrence is 34. Country musician Clay Cook (Zac Brown Band) is 32.

Thought for Today: "Taste. You cannot buy such a rare and wonderful thing. You can't send away for it in a catalogue. And I'm afraid it's becoming obsolete." — Rosalind Russell, American actress (1911-1976).

Newsday Crossword

IN DISGUISE by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
- 1 Taco topping
- 6 Female voice
- 10 College club
- 14 Woodwind instruments
- 15 Soccer score
- 16 Green citrus fruit
- 17 Notorious English pirate
- 19 Creative thought
- 20 Capitol Hill VIP
- 21 Hourglass filler
- 22 Windshield cleaners
- 24 Sag, as flowers
- 25 Art (retro style)
- 26 Fur on a royal robe
- 29 Military storage site
- 32 Vegetable-soup ingredient
- 33 Divide in two
- 35 Earth-friendly sci.
- 37 Jeans color
- 38 Football official
- 39 Living-room seating
- 40 Perform with a choir
- 41 Separates into stacks
- 43 Prepare, as a gift
- 44 Most lofty
- 46 Uses watercolors
- 48 Suffix for million
- 49 Ping-
- 50 It parted for Moses

- 53 Role to play
- 54 City roads: Abbr.
- 57 Listening organs
- 58 Ask for donations
- 61 "Now it's clear!"
- 62 Sunrise direction
- 63 Eat away at
- 64 Six o'clock TV broadcast
- 65 Appease fully
- 66 Lady's title
- DOWN
- 1 Weeps audibly
- 2 Competent
- 3 Mortgage, for instance
- 4 Part of a minute: Abbr.
- 5 Invites to enter
- 6 Insurance broker
- 7 Batch of laundry
- 8 Paving material
- 9 Cowboy movie setting
- 10 Get very angry
- 11 Carnival attraction
- 12 Part of USA
- 13 Oolong and pekoe
- 18 Hay units
- 23 Frozen cubes
- 24 Dinner goblets
- 25 Wander aimlessly
- 26 Recedes
- 27 Ignited again
- 28 Lo (Hawaiian volcano)
- 29 Watchful
- 30 Squirrel snack
- 31 Diet-food label
- 34 Nonpoetic writing
- 36 Runner's circuits
- 41 Mexican shawls
- 42 Tennis, for one
- 45 Be untruthful
- 47 National song
- 49 Glue relative
- 50 Harness strap
- 51 Make simpler
- 52 Created a sketch
- 53 Soft "Hey you!"
- 54 Wearing footwear
- 55 Cry of accomplishment
- 56 Flower part
- 59 Motorists' org.
- 60 Historic time

Answer to previous puzzle

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National, world news in brief

Passengers cheer with relief as limited flights resume over Europe; volcanic ash still a worry

PARIS (AP) — Applause, cheers and whoops of joy rang out from New York to Asia to Paris on Tuesday as airplanes gradually took to the skies after five days of being grounded by the drifting volcanic ash that has crippled European air travel.

But only limited flights were allowed to resume and British officials said London airports — a major hub for thousands of daily flights worldwide — are likely to remain closed for another day.

The Eurocontrol air traffic agency in Brussels said it expects some 55 to 60 percent of flights over Europe to go ahead on Tuesday, a marked improvement over the last few days. By midmorning, 10,000 of Europe's 27,500 daily flights were scheduled to go.

"The situation today is much improved," said Brian Flynn, deputy head of operations at the Brussels-based agency. "The outlook is that bit by bit, normal flights will be resumed in coming days."

Still, an international pilots group warned that ash remains a danger and meteorologists say Iceland's still-erupting volcano isn't ready to rest yet, promising more choked airspace and flight delays to come.

Police investigating why man opened fire outside Tenn. hospital, killing woman, himself

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Police on Tuesday were investigating why a man opened fire outside a Knoxville hospital, killing a woman and himself, after he had taken a taxi there and given the cab driver \$20 to wait five minutes.

Two other women were injured in the rampage outside the discharge area at Parkwest Medical Center, Knoxville Police Chief Sterling Owen IV said.

Cab driver Freddys Sakhleh told The Associated Press he picked up the gunman Monday outside an apartment building and they made several stops on the way to the hospital, including to an ATM where the gunman got \$20. The man said little about himself, only that he was from Atlanta.

"He looked like, you know, angry, depressed. He was kind of itchy," Sakleh said.

Retired officers: Unhealthy school lunches threaten national security by making kids fat

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of retired military officers says high-calorie school lunches are threatening national security.

A study by the group Mission: Readiness finds that school lunches are making American kids so fat that fewer of them can meet the military's physical fitness standards. That, in turn, is putting recruitment in jeopardy.

A report from the group, being released Tuesday, says that 27 percent of Americans ages 17 to 24 are too overweight to join the military.

One of the officers, retired Navy Rear Admiral James Barnett Jr., says many young Americans are simply too fat to fight.

As Republican fortunes rise, former officeholders look to become political comeback kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans once saddled with the burden of President George W. Bush's unpopularity are now experiencing a boon from another struggling president: Barack Obama.

The GOP senses rising fortunes from coast to coast, as one-time lawmakers such as Richard Pombo in California and Charlie Bass in New Hampshire look to capitalize on voter frustration that booted some of them from office in 2006. Others, long retired, see the Democrats' luster fading and with it a chance for them to return to Washington.

The time seems ripe for Republicans, who largely remain unified against Obama's domestic agenda, including health care overhaul. Both the president and his signature legislative achievement remain unpopular at this point in a midterm election year, according to a recent AP-GfK poll. Voters' opinions also have turned against Democrats and their stewardship of the economy; Obama's approval rating is at a new low.

That bodes well for — and feels familiar to —

some Republicans.

Thai protesters fortify encampments in heart of Bangkok

BANGKOK (AP) — Thai protesters said Tuesday that they would fortify their sprawling encampment in Bangkok's upscale hotel-and-shopping district before venturing out to "wage a big war" to topple the government they decry as illegitimate.

Soldiers in full combat gear guarded other nearby sections of the capital in an increasingly tense standoff that has shuttered 5-star hotels and glitzy shopping malls and threatens to damage Thailand's sunny image as a tourist paradise.

Key protest leader Nattawut Saikua canceled a rally that had been planned for Tuesday. He said that thousands of protesters were instead shoring up their defenses while guards dressed in black, some with bulletproof vests, set up new checkpoints in the areas they now occupy.

Red Shirts were seen sharpening hundreds of long bamboo rods and piling them into tall stacks, part of an arsenal of crude weaponry that also included broken up pavement stones.

Space shuttle Discovery aims for Florida landing

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery and its astronauts looked to end their 15-day, 6 million-mile journey Tuesday with an unusual early morning re-entry over the Midwest, following a one-day weather delay.

"It should just be an awesome trip in," Mission Control radioed in advance of the scheduled touchdown at 7:34 a.m., a little after sunrise.

Shuttle commander Alan Poindexter was surprised to hear that the seven astronauts would be flying into Florida from such a northerly and easterly direction, over Minnesota and Lake Michigan and down through the Carolinas. The views from co-pilot James Dutton Jr.'s right windows should be spectacular, Mission Control promised.

"That is not what we expected, but it sounds really exciting," Poindexter said.

OWLS

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box, we noticed he had gathered numerous rags to provide a nest.

Slowly removing the remnants of a flannel shirt, we had our first glimpse of three baby barn owls huddled together. Stirring briefly, they uttered a barely audible whimper as they adjusted their bodies to a makeshift home.

At the slightest movement of the box, one or more attempted to raise a wobbly head.

With neck muscles strengthening in the coming days, each would soon be able to accomplish what was now impossible.

"Didn't you say there were four?" I asked.

"It's underneath," was his reply.

Carefully moving a baby aside, I realized the family had one more egg left to hatch. By placing the threesome atop the egg, he had hoped to keep it warm enough for the rest of the way.

While Art and the man contin-

ued discussing the owls, I carried the box to our vehicle.

Once inside, I carefully lifted the egg. Placing it next to my ear, I listened. Another family member had become active.

"That's a better nest than what they had," the man was saying as I returned.

Having climbed to the opening in a metal vent, he had noticed the absence of nesting materials.

Half-eaten rats, remnants of cottontail rabbits, regurgitated pellets crushed by their parent's feet and a few feathers had done little more than keep the eggs close together.

When asked how owls were discovered nesting inside the building, the man said several workers had noticed the birds flying toward the structure when coming to work.

"There's just not a lot of daylight at that hour of the morning," he added.

Learning that the parents share the duties of incubation, the man wondered what surrogate parents do at the wildlife center.

"Pretty much what they'd do

in the wild," I replied. "Feed their young, share body heat for warmth and generally teach them the ways of owls."

Promising to keep us up-to-date on the family, the center's manager, Debbie Tennyson, placed the baby owls and egg in separate incubators.

As we drove back to Big Spring, I thought of another year in which it had seemed to rain young owls. Then the following year, there were none.

Early the next morning, while still half-asleep but going over my special menu for our family celebration, the phone rang. Excited, Debbie giggled. "An Easter owl. We have an Easter owl."

To know that the fourth sibling had struggled to life was the perfect overture for our own observance.

Since that time, during our remembrance of the season each year, we still recall the hatching during "the year of the owl."

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

RYAN

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towel you rush upstairs.

After grabbing a new shirt and your briefcase, you come back down in time to look through the window and see your child getting on the bus. She turns and waves. You arrive five minutes early and cheerfully greet the staff. Your boss comments on how good the day you are having.

Notice the difference? Both of these scenarios started the same, but they ended differently

because of how you reacted.

You really do not have any control over 10 percent of what happens. The other 90 percent is determined by your reaction. The 90-10 principle is incredible.

Very few know and apply this principle, so the result is that millions of people are suffering from undeserved stress, trials, problems and heartache.

There never seems to be a success in life. Bad days follow bad days.

Terrible things seem to be constantly happening. There is constant stress, lack of joy and broken relationships.

Worry consumes time. Anger breaks friendships and life seems dreary and is not enjoyed to the fullest. Friends are lost.

You can be different! Understand and apply the 90/10 principle. It will change your life.

To live by this principle, when something happens you need

to take a second and actually decide how to react. Your reaction affects you and everyone around you.

It's nice to know you can control the situation.

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
A to Zia

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 East-West vulnerable.

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WEST
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 Pass Pass Pass 1♦
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 Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — three of hearts.

The player who has perhaps been mentioned most in this column during the past 25 years is the charismatic Pakistani internationalist Zia Mahmood. There are two good reasons for this: Zia's impressive record in world and national events during that period has kept him in the spotlight, and his flair for conjuring up bids and plays almost no one else would think of makes for good press.

Today's example occurred in the 1999 International Team Trials. When Zia and his partner, Michael Rosenberg, held the North-South cards, they bid aggressively to reach three notrump as shown. The pair were playing weak notrumps, which accounts for Rosenberg's one-diamond opening and subsequent raise to two notrump. In characteristically aggressive fashion, Zia then carried on to game.

West, Michael Becker (this writer's brother), led a low heart, dummy's jack losing to the queen. East, Mike Kamil, then returned a low spade, taken in dummy.

Zia's only real chance was to try to develop the club suit, but he no doubt felt that if he attacked that suit, it would leave the opponents no choice but to switch to diamonds. So Zia did the sort of thing that has become his hallmark — he led a diamond himself!

Becker won the jack with the king and, convinced that Zia had the diamond ace, concluded that the only hope for the defense was to score at least three club tricks. So he shifted to a club, and when Kamil took the ace and returned a club to Becker's king, Zia had enough tricks for his contract.

At the other table, North-South rested quietly in one notrump, just making after the defenders collected four diamonds and two clubs. The 310-point net gain gave Zia's team a 7-IMP pickup on the deal.

Tomorrow: A handy defensive device.

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News in brief

Off-duty Houston officer investigated over death

ARLINGTON (AP) — Arlington police say an off-duty officer from Houston is under investigation over the shooting death of a man during an argument.

Police say 18-year-old Clevontae Reynolds of Arlington was shot Monday night and pronounced dead at a hospital.

Sgt. Dace Clifton says two other people suffered non-life threatening injuries in the disturbance.

Police say the Houston officer, whose name was not released, was inside a home when a possible gang-related argument happened outside. Police say the officer went outside to see what was going on, then shots were fired.

Further details on the gunfire were not immediately released.

Arlington police say Houston police will also investigate the officer-involved shooting. The officer was not hurt.

Seismic data studied after Texas Stadium implosion

IRVING (AP) — Seismic data from the tumble-down destruction of Texas Stadium in Irving could help scientists and students learn more about the earth's makeup.

The former home of the Dallas Cowboys was imploded April 11.

The Dallas Morning News reported Tuesday that the blast brought down more than 4 million pounds of concrete.

David Boyd is a geography teacher at Conrad High School in Dallas. Boyd says the blast could help as scientists and students attempt to map the underside of the earth.

Jay Pulliam, who teaches geophysics at Baylor University, says knowing more about the crust and mantle below the Dallas-Fort Worth area can shed light about how the planet's continents were formed.

Boyd's job has been to monitor a seismograph that was hidden behind some trees on University of Dallas land near the stadium site.

Swept-away body of Hunt school trustee recovered

KERRVILLE (AP) — Funeral arrangements are pending after the body of a Hunt school board member was recovered after he was swept away at a low-water crossing.

Authorities say 73-year-old John Spikes had attended Thursday night's board meeting, but never made it home.

His wife, Virginia, says her husband used his cell phone to call her to say his truck stalled in fast-moving Guadalupe River water and he was trying to get out of the vehicle.

The Kerr County Sheriff's Department says a construction crew on Monday located the body along a pipe.

Hunt is a town of about 700, located about 75 miles northwest of San Antonio.

Divorce dilemma: Texas says gays can't get divorce

DALLAS (AP) — After the joy of a wedding and the adoption of a baby came arguments that couldn't be resolved, leading Angelique Naylor to file for divorce.

That left her fighting both the woman she married in Massachusetts and the state of Texas, which says a union granted in a state where same-

sex marriage is legal can't be dissolved with a divorce in a state where it's not.

A judge in Austin granted the divorce, but Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott is appealing the decision. He also is appealing a divorce granted to a gay couple in Dallas, saying protecting the "traditional definition of marriage" means doing the same for divorce.

A state appeals court is scheduled to hear arguments in the Dallas case on Wednesday.

The Dallas men, who declined to be interviewed for this story and are known only as J.B. and H.B. in court filings, had an amicable separation, with no disputes on separation of property and no children involved, said attorney Peter Schulte, who represents J.B. The couple, who married in 2006 in Massachusetts and separated two years later, simply want an official divorce, Schulte said.

The drawn-out process has been frustrating for Naylor, who says she didn't file for divorce as an equal rights statement — she just wants to get on with her life.

"We didn't ask for a marriage; we simply asked for the courtesy of divorce," said Naylor, 39, of Austin, who married Sabina Daly in Massachusetts in 2004.

That year, Massachusetts became the first state to let same-sex couples tie the knot. Now, Connecticut, Iowa, New Hampshire, Vermont and the District of Columbia also allow them.

Gay and lesbian couples who turn to the courts when they break up are getting mixed results across the nation. A Pennsylvania judge last month refused to divorce two women who married in Massachusetts, while New York grants such divorces even though the state doesn't allow same-sex marriage.

Longtime Texas death row inmate wins appeal

DALLAS (AP) — A federal appeals court Monday ordered a new sentencing trial for one of the longest-serving inmates on Texas death row.

The ruling by 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans leaves intact the capital murder conviction for 50-year-old Anthony Leroy Pierce but orders a new punishment trial. Pierce has been on Texas' death row for 32 years. Only three prisoners have been there longer.

Pierce has been tried three times for the Aug. 4, 1977, robbery and murder of Fred Johnson, a 40-year-old Houston fried chicken restaurant manager. Pierce's first two capital murder convictions were overturned on appeal.

The appeals court declined to consider Pierce's claims of ineffective trial counsel and mental retardation making him ineligible for execution. In a seven-page dissent, however, Circuit Judge James L. Dennis said he would have ordered an evidentiary hearing on Pierce's retardation claim.

In ordering a new sentencing trial, the three-judge federal panel said the Harris County jury in Pierce's third trial in 1986 was kept from considering mitigating evidence as required by law. Such evidence could have persuaded jurors he didn't deserve a death sentence.

A message left with a spokeswoman for the Harris County district attorney's office was not returned Monday night. Paul Mansur, one of Pierce's attorneys, said he had not finished reviewing the ruling the declined to comment Monday night.

An employee at the fast-food restaurant testified she recognized Pierce as the gunman. A 12-year-old boy walking by the restaurant testified Pierce was the gunman he saw inside the place and then running away. The robbery netted about \$80.

Prairie View disbands frat after pledge's death

HOUSTON (AP) — Prairie View A&M University has suspended a fraternity chapter until 2013 after determining its hazing of a 20-year-old pledge led to his death.

Junior Donnie Wade II of Dallas died Oct. 20 after members of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity subjected him to rigorous physical workouts, according to a university report cited by the Houston Chronicle.

An autopsy blamed Wade's death on a rare syndrome triggered by strenuous exercise, complicated by a sickle-cell trait.

The university investigation also found that fraternity members attempted to cover-up their involvement in the episode by demanding pledges deny any fraternity member was present when Wade collapsed during an early morning run off campus.

The fraternity may apply for a new chapter in 2013.

If approved, the new chapter would be subject to a year of probation, the Chronicle reported in its online edition Monday.

A message the Associated Press left Monday with Phi Beta Sigma's national officials wasn't immediately returned.

Wade's family is suing the university and the fraternity, alleging wrongful death.

Texas youth prison official on trial in sex case

ODESSA (AP) — A jury was selected Monday in the trial of a former state youth prison administrator accused of sexually assaulting young male inmates, more than three years after allegations of widespread abuse first surfaced.

Five men and seven women will begin hearing the case Tuesday morning.

Ray Brookins, a former assistant superintendent at the Texas Youth Commission's West Texas State School in Pyote, was indicted in 2007 on charges he had sexual contact with at least one male inmate. His lawyer, Bob Garcia Jr., has repeatedly declined to discuss the case.

Brookins faces two counts of improper sexual activity with a person in custody and two counts of improper relationship between an educator and a student.

Sex abuse allegations against Brookins and former principal John Paul Hernandez were first investigated by the Texas Rangers in 2005.

A lengthy and detailed report from Texas Rangers investigators, which wasn't acted upon for two years, said Brookins and Hernandez summoned young male inmates from their dorms late at night to ball fields, darkened conference rooms, offices and ball fields for sex for at least two years.

Investigators described late night encounters involving oral sex, masturbation and pornographic videos. Some of the teen inmates, investigators say, were also threatened with retaliation.

Senate committee subpoenas Fort Hood documents

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a rare public dispute between a Democratic-led Congress and the White House, a Senate committee on Monday subpoenaed the Obama administration for secret documents and access to witnesses in last year's mass shooting at the Fort Hood Army base in Texas.

Congress has been largely supportive of President Barack Obama's policies and the White House prides itself on increased government transparency. Nonetheless, the chairman and ranking Republican of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee have alleged that the administration is covering up critical details on the case, including whether the government had access to information that could have prevented the shooting.

"Unfortunately, it is impossible for us to avoid reaching the conclusion that the departments simply do not want to cooperate with our investigation," wrote Sens. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., and Susan Collins, R-Maine, in a letter accompanying the subpoena.



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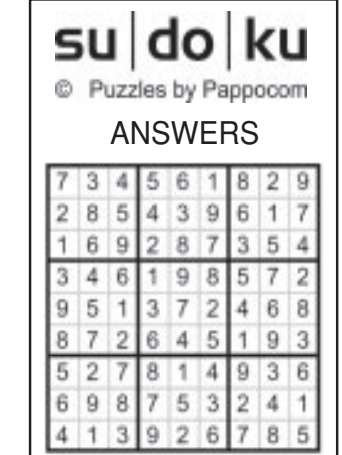
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