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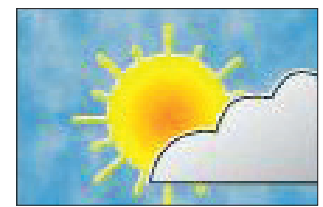


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## Water is safe, officials assure local residents

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The water currently being delivered to municipal customers is safe to drink, cook with and bathe in.

That's the message officials with the city of Big Spring, joined by representatives of the engineering firm Parkhill Smith & Cooper, delivered during a press conference held Wednesday morning in the Big Spring City Council Chambers.

According to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, a great deal of concern has been expressed during the past several months by local residents regarding the safety of the city water supply. Much of the concern has been generated by notices mailed out to residents regarding the water's failure to meet Texas Commission on Environmental Standards guidelines for quality.

Engineer and PS&C Vice President Butch Davis said

*"It meets all of the quality requirements, minus the turbidity. This is not an emergency. The water is safe to drink and you do not need to seek alternative water supplies or boil your water. It's very safe to drink or to use in cooking or bathing."*

—Butch Davis, Parkhill Smith & Cooper vice president

despite the confusing language contained in the notices, the water is safe to drink.

"Yes, it's safe to drink," said Davis. "It meets all of the quality requirements, minus the turbidity. This is not an emergency. The water is safe

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins  
**Butch Davis, engineer and vice president of Parkhill Smith & Cooper, the firm hired by the city of Big Spring to look into the quality of the city's water supply, says the water is safe to drink and use during a press conference Wednesday morning in the city council chambers.**

## Students ready for regionals

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

In what is becoming a routine, Big Spring High School will send a strong contingent of qualifiers to the University Interscholastic League Region I-4A academic meet this weekend in San Angelo.

Thirteen students in 11 events will represent BSHS at the regional meet, to be held Friday and Saturday on the campus of Angelo State University.

Big Spring's Jennifer Adams earned its strong showing thanks to a second-place finish at the recent District 4-4A academic meet. Frenship High School placed first with 413 points, followed by Big Spring with 389 and Abilene Cooper with 356.

"I was really proud of the students," BSHS speech coach Jennifer Adams said. "I think they prepared well, performed well and finished where we expected them to."

The top three finishers in each category at district qualified for a spot in the regional meet.

BSHS regional qualifiers are:

- Current issues — Shermila Kher and Jessica Rubio.
- Computer Science — Forrest McJunkin.
- Editorial Writing — Victoria Bustamante and Haley Carillo.
- Feature Writing — Ben Merworth and Haley Carillo.
- Informative Speaking — Danielle Freeman and Jessica Rubio.
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate — Shawn Adams and Seth Trevino.
- Number Sense — Andrew Fillingim.
- News Writing — Ben Merworth.
- Persuasive Speaking — Andrew Lewis.
- Ready Writing — Lacy McMurtrey.
- Biology — Connor Furqueron.

In addition, BSHS qualified for team competition in Current Issues, Cross-Examination Debate, Journalism, Speech and Spelling and Vocabulary.

The top two finishers at regionals qualify for the UIL state academics meet to be held later this spring in Austin.

In the speech events, Adams is expecting big things from Rubio and Freeman, who swept the top spots in Informative Speaking. Rubio, a junior, qualified for the state meet in the event last year.

## Air search resumes for 11 missing in oil rig blast

PORT FOURCHON, La. (AP) — A Coast Guard helicopter and rescue plane resumed the search Thursday morning for 11 workers missing after a massive explosion aboard an oil platform off the Louisiana coast.

The rig continued to burn as supply vessels shot water into it try to control the

flames enough to keep it from sinking.

Rescue crews have covered the 1,940-square-mile search area by air 12 times and by boat five times, Petty Officer Casey Baker said Thursday. The boats continued searching all night. Officials hoped the 11 missing workers might have been able to get to a cov-

ered lifeboat with enough supplies to survive for an extended period.

Transocean Ltd. spokesman Guy Cantwell said 111 workers who made it off the Deepwater Horizon safely after Tuesday night's blast were ashore Thursday, and four others were still on a boat that operates an un-

derwater robot. A robot will eventually be used to stop the flow of oil or gas to the rig, cutting off the fire. He said officials have not decided when that will happen.

Seventeen others hurt in the blast had been brought to shore Wednesday with

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## City to focus on trash in District 2

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring's District 2 will be a little more "clean and green" after Friday, or at least that's the hope of municipal officials who are promoting the city's annual large item pickup service.

Chad Averette, code enforcement supervisor for the city, said the program is available to more city residents than ever before in hopes of clearing up code violations.

"In the past, the program was simply aimed at resi-

dents that didn't have the means to get these large items off their property and to the landfill," said Averette. "This year, however, we're opening it up to everyone. This is part of an all-out effort to go through each district and get rid of code violations."

The list of items city employees can pick up during the effort is long, but Averette said there are a few things they cannot legally gather.

"Some of the more typical items we pick up are appliances that don't work anymore, couches and mattress-

es," said Averette. "Those are the kind of things that we can take to our landfill and we're allowed to pick up. However, we can't pick up any household hazardous waste. That means any kind of chemicals including lawn chemicals, car batteries and tires and things of that nature. We also won't be picking up any tree branches, shrubs or things like that."

"We're trying to target people who are elderly, handicapped or otherwise don't have the means to get these large items to our landfill."

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## Obituaries

## Ted O. Groebl Jr.

Ted O. Groebl Jr. (Dado) passed away suddenly in an Odessa hospital April 19, 2010. Ted was born Dec. 21, 1941, in Dallas to Ted O. Sr. and Ether Groebl. He spent his childhood in his hometown of Big Spring, graduating from Big Spring High School in 1959. Ted met Linda Livingston of Odessa and they married March 17, 1978. The couple settled in Midland in 1981. Ted was a record producer in the music industry and the highlight of his career was producing BJ Thomas' "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head." Ted also bred and raced horses in Ruidoso, N.M., winning The All American Consulation one year. Ted loved

watching sports on television and caring for his numerous animals. He was passionate about his animals and went to great lengths to care for them. Alley, his cat of 21 years, passed away only hours after he did. Ted had a big heart and a big personality. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He was affectionately called Pado by his grandchildren.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents, Ted O. Sr. and Ether Groebl; his sister, Mozelle Groebl Irons; son, Ted Groebl III, and his beloved cat, Sweetums.

Ted is survived by his wife of 32 years, Linda; daughter, Natalie and husband Earl Permenter of Big Spring; daughter-in-law, Tina Roux of Big Spring; daughter, Deborah Costilla and husband Chris of Midland; daughter Kristian Gilbert of Midland; son, Kevin and wife Tracy Gordon of Midland; grandchildren, Nathaniel Permenter, Kassady Groebl and Wanda Groebl, all of Big Spring, Reginald Gilbert, Brittany Gilbert and Shane Gilbert, all of Midland, and Kneely Gordon, Landry Gordon, Ainsley Gordon, Conoly Gordon, Gavin Gordon and Matney Gordon, all of Midland; two great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Jack Ed Irons of Dallas and wife Marilyn; nieces, a nephew and several grandnieces and nephews. Ted is also survived by his loving dog, Riley, and his duck, Howard.

Graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 22, 2010, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with a Memorial Service to follow at 11 a.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Dr. Randy Cotton of Trinity Baptist Church officiating. Pallbearers will be Jack Irons of Dallas, Earl Permenter of Big Spring, Nathan Permenter of Big Spring, Kevin Gordon of Midland, Conoly Gordon of Midland and John Riggs of Midland. Honorary pallbearers will be Russell Worley and Freelan Fields.

The family suggests memorials be made to Midland SPCA, P.O. Box 4370, Midland 79704.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Take Note

• Aggie Muster will be held at 6:30 p.m. today in the Lake Room at Dora Roberts Community Center. Cost is \$20. RSVP [djgaskins@hotmail.com](mailto:djgaskins@hotmail.com) 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.

## Rev. Carl Taylor

ATHENS — Services for the Rev. Carl Ray Taylor, 58, of Athens, are scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, April 23, 2010, at First Baptist Church in Athens, with the Rev. C.L. "Red" Taylor officiating. Speakers will include Greg Searcy, the Rev. Robert L. Stephens, the Rev. Wilbur Stanley, the Rev. Jack Manley, the Rev. Jimmy Uselton, the Rev. Dwayne Harper, the Rev. Steve Adams and the Rev. Gary Johnson. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Park in Athens.

Carl went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

He was born Dec. 1, 1951, in Carthage to Thomas J. and Mattie Mayhaw Taylor. He was raised in Carthage and Beckville and graduated from Beckville High School.

Carl gave his heart and life to the Lord 43 years ago and was called into the ministry at the early age of 15. He was a great man of God who pastored many churches across Texas and Oklahoma — including the Big Spring First Assembly of God beginning in 1986 — evangelized worldwide and served on numerous committees. Throughout his life and ministry, he enriched the lives of countless people and had a burning desire to reach lost souls and lead them to receive Christ.

Carl was a loving and compassionate husband, a wonderful father, "One Fine Papa" and a friend like no other. He lived life to the fullest and loved to travel, but most of all he cherished the time he was able to spend with his family. Carl influenced the lives of others through his worldwide radio ministry called "Life's Challenge," was a business partner of National Surplus Supply and pastor of Living Word Ministries. No words can begin to describe the impact he had on others throughout his lifetime.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents; brother, the Rev. Thomas J. "T.J." Taylor; and sisters, Lavern Hollis and Faye White.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Sharon Jean Taylor of Athens; daughters and sons-in-law, Shree' and Paxton Green of Midlothian, Amanda and Chad Morgan of Midlothian; three grandchildren, Briley James Green, Bryce Taylor Green and Ryland Chad Morgan; brother and sister-in-law, the Rev. C.L. and Mary Lee Taylor of Jacksonville; sister-in-law, Wanda Taylor of Tyler; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

The family will receive friends at the Hannigan Smith Funeral Home on Thursday, April 22, 2010, from 5-8 p.m.

Pallbearers will be Steven Manley, Scott Snyder, Ron Newsom, Don Newsom, Tallen Harris and Tavis Harris.

Honorary pallbearers are Briley James Green, Eugene Newsom, Weldon Taylor, Luther Dan Mayhaw, Danny White, Billy Ray (Pee Wee) Morris, Milton Kyser, Vernon Covey and Dan England.

*Paid obituary*

## Claude C. Roper Jr.

Claude C. Roper Jr., 70, of Stanton died Wednesday, April 21, 2010, in a Stanton nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, 2010, at the Westside Church of Christ in Midland with Don Mitchell officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, 2010, at the funeral home.

He was born July 1, 1939, in Lynn County and married Barbara Worley on Sept. 9, 1960, in Hart Camp. She preceded him in death March 31, 2010.

Claude worked for Farmer's Home Administration for a number of years. He came to Stanton in 1973 and had worked at First National Bank in Stanton for several years. He was a member of Westside Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Renee Nix of Stanton and Pam Suitt of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; one sister, Linda Stell of Lubbock; and an uncle and aunt, J.B. and Ruby Rackler of Post.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Virgie Rackler Roper; and one sister, Nelda Goodnight.

The family suggests memorials be made to Crossroads Hospice, 421 Main St., Big Spring 79720; or to Westside Church of Christ, 4410 W. Illinois Ave., Midland 79703.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Leslie 'Scooter' Henson

Funeral services for Leslie "Scooter" Henson, 53, of Lovington, N.M., will be held Friday, April 23, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Kirby-Smith-Rogers Chapel with Dr. Bob Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Lovington Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, April 22, 2010, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Kirby-Smith-Rogers Funeral Home.

Scooter was born Oct. 15, 1956, in Big Spring to James Leslie and Betty Jane (Bilbrey) Henson and passed away April 20, 2010, at his home.

Scooter attended Lovington schools then moved away for awhile. He married Betty Turner on Feb. 12, 1980, in Lovington and has resided here for 30-plus years. He has worked all over the world in the oil field as a drilling superintendent and consultant.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Betty Henson.

He is survived by two sons, Sean Robinson and wife Lisa of Lovington, N.M., and Ben Henson of Fallbrook, Calif.; one daughter, Amanda Gutierrez and husband Jeff of Lovington, N.M.; one brother, Terry Henson and wife Deanna of Hobbs, N.M.; and six grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society, District I, 1404 North Kentucky, Roswell, N.M. 88201 or the Humane Society, 1018 W. Alabama St. Hobbs, N.M. 88242.

Condolences may be sent to [www.kirbysmithrogers.com](http://www.kirbysmithrogers.com).

## Pauline Stinson

Pauline Stinson, 77, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 20, 2010, in a Midland hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 23, 2010, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. John McCullough, pastor of Elbow Baptist Church, and the Rev. Monte Kreis, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Stanton, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, 2010, at the funeral home.

She was born April 6, 1933, in Roarings Spring and married Richard Arlin Stinson. He preceded her in death May 16, 1981.

She was a member of Elbow Baptist Church.

Survivors include five sons, Carl Dean and wife Judy of Stanton, George Dean and wife Cindy of New Braunfels, Jimmy Dean and wife Julie of Fort Worth, Joe Dean of Fort Worth, and Susie and David Henson of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three sisters, Donna, Nell and Hazel; and two brothers, Troy and Billy Wayne.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice of Midland, 901 W. Missouri, Midland 79701.

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

## Edwin Cox

Edwin Cox, 90, of Abilene, formerly of Coahoma died Wednesday, April 21, 2010, in an Abilene hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, 2010, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Mark Winn, pastor of Sand Springs Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born Nov. 19, 1919, in Wilson, Okla., and married Avis Odell Woods on Jan. 25, 1948, in Santa Anna.

Edwin had worked as a drilling superintendent in the oil field before retiring. He was a member of the Sand Springs Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Avis Odell Cox of Abilene; three sons, Cary Driscoe Cox and wife Norma of Cookville, Edwin Harwood Cox Jr. and wife Marlene of Lakeland, Fla., and Wayne Allen Cox of Arlington; two daughters, Judith Fay Wright and husband Colton of Abilene and Sherri Ann Franklin and husband Billy of Arlington; three grandsons; three granddaughters; and one brother, Morris Dean Cox of California.

He was preceded in death by his father, Cary Babbit Cox; his mother, Elizabeth Cox; two sisters, Athalie Cox and Evelyn Hawkins; and a brother, Samuel Howard Cox.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to The Woods Family Scholarship Fund, 3170 Seabreeze Dr., May, TX 76857; or Sand Springs Baptist Church, 8517 N. Service Road, Big Spring 79720.

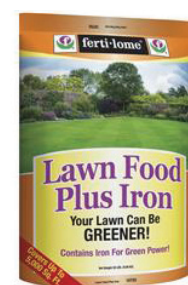
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## Support Groups

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• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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## Police blotter

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

- ABEL HERNENDEZ HINOJOS, 37, of 100 N.W. Third St., was arrested Wednesday on charges of public intoxication and driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- LUIS FERNANDO UBEDA JR., 26, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 45, was arrested Wednesday on charges of consumption of alcohol by a minor and failure to appear (three counts).
- RUBEN AGUIREE DOMINGUEZ, 41, of 408 W. Eighth St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- NICOLE F. TATTEN, 29, of 2401 E. FM 700 Apt. 107, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- KELLI ANN MCADAMS, 28, of 2401 E. FM 700 Apt. 107, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- HECTOR FERNANDEZ JR., 50, of Colorado, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft – more than \$50, less than \$500.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:  
In the 600 block of Circle Drive.  
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.  
In the 1400 block of Austin.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 3700 block of Adams.  
In the 2400 block of Allendale.  
In the 1100 block of S. Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 900 block of N.W. Second Street.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported:  
In the 400 block of W. Eighth Street.  
In the 900 block of E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 56 inmates at the time of this report.
- LUIS UBEDA, 26, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on warrants for minor in consumption of alcohol and failure to appear (three counts).
  - RUBEN AGUIREE DOMINGUEZ, 41, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
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## Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of S. Main Street. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 165 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of Stadium. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5100 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported near the 175 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20.

## SEARCH

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burns, broken legs and smoke inhalation. Four of those were critically injured.

A slow trek across the water brought most of the uninjured survivors to Port Fourchon, where they were checked by

doctors before being brought to a hotel in suburban New Orleans to reunite with their relatives early Thursday.

One worker said he was awakened by alarms and scrambled to get on a life boat.

"I've been working offshore 25 years and I've never seen anything like this before," said the man, who like oth-

## WATER

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to drink and you do not need to seek alternative water supplies or boil your water. It's very safe to drink or to use in cooking or bathing. It is a safe water supply that we have.

"The notices are required because the water failed to meet the turbidity measurements that are required by TCEQ. Turbidity measures the clarity, how well you can see through a particular sample of water. It is not unsafe to drink, it just has slightly more particles in it than they (TCEQ) would like to see. Texas State Health Services has determined there is no human health risk associated with golden algae that may be residing in the water."

Davis said the problems with the quality of the water are being caused by extremely low levels in Lake Spence, where the Colorado River Municipal Water District is currently pumping the city's water from.

"The recent water quality issues the city has come across have been caused primarily by high concentrations of golden algae in the water that's delivered to the city of Big Spring," said Davis. "That water comes from Lake

Spence, which is very low. Right now, it's 96 percent below capacity, meaning it is only 4 percent full. And, as you would recognize with any water supply that is very low, you have high concentrations of all the constituents that may be in the water. That goes for dissolved solids and chlorides, as well as the golden algae.

"So, these drought conditions and extremely low water levels we have in our reservoirs have all contributed to make the water the city receives from Lake Spence harder to treat and more costly to treat. The recent violations the citizens have received notices from are required by TCEQ, and they are what's called non-acute violations, which means they are non-critical, non-chronic violations. The wording in those notices sometimes gives people the feeling the water is unsafe to drink, but that is standard language that TCEQ requires for these particular notices, and they do not mean the water is unsafe to drink."

Davis said the amount of golden algae should begin to decrease as the weather — and lake water — warm up.

"There is algae in the raw water that comes to the (water treatment) plant. The treatment process kills the algae

and takes it out of the water we drink," said Davis. "There are some residual particles from the algae that make it through the filtration process, and that has caused the turbidity to exceed the requirements. Again, it's safe to drink, it just has more particles in there than TCEQ would like to see."

"Golden algae is one of those organisms that comes and goes. Golden algae thrives when the weather is cooler and the water is cold, and we had a lot of that during the winter, which has made it more prevalent in the water samples during the last several months. That count is going down, so the golden algae will hopefully cease to be an issue we'll have to deal with in a few months. We're also working with CRMWD to possibly change the sources of the water that comes into the city. We're looking at some water supplies, such as Lake Ivie and other places. Recent rains have helped bring up the level of Lake Thomas, but did little to affect the level of Lake Spence."

Davis said he expects to see an improvement in the water in the next 30 to 45 days.

"They (CRMWD) are in the process of making some changes in their valving and pump repairs. I believe they

said it would be approximately 30 days before they will be able to make some changes," said Davis. "It's a slow change in their process because they have to move water long distances and through different pipeline configurations. However, in the next 30 to 45 days we'll begin seeing a mixture of different water sources for the city."

The removal of sediment in the water treatment plant's basins and other components should also help improve the water quality, according to Davis.

"The city is concerned with the water quality, and is actively trying to improve it. They are currently working on a project to clean out the sedimentation basins in order to give them a better opportunity to provide water that meets the turbidity requirements," said Davis. "That process has gone well with one of the basins and they will finish up the second basin in just a few days, then move on to the other pair and the other components in the water treatment plant. It's on track and it should all be finished in the next 30 days."

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## TRASH

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This is a service the city is going to provide as a courtesy to those people and give them the opportunity to get things off of their property they might not be able to otherwise."

Averette said customers need to be aware of gas, water and electricity meters and lines when they put their large items out to be picked up.

"A lot of time we have to bring in equipment to pick those large items up," he said. "If you cover the meters up, it's hard for us to know where they are. Using the equipment makes the pick up go quicker and we want to make sure our employees are safe while they are pick-

ing these things up."

All items must be by the curb in the city's right-of-way no sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled pick up. Items need to be separated as much as possible for its trip to the municipal landfill, added Averette.

"To be placed on the pick up list, all residents have to do is call 264-2504 or 264-2501, and we'll get them set up," he said. "If they don't call and get on the list, we can't pick up their items."

City crews assisting with the large item pickup program won't be the only ones focusing on District 2, as Averette and his code officers have also been covering much of the area, looking for code violations. Residents that have received a warning or citation and think they

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Stanley Murray of Monterey, La., was reunited with his son, Chad, an electrician aboard the rig who had

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**AN ENCOURAGING WORD**  
By Eddy Pitchford

Many folks consider the church to be a man-made organization filled with "holier-than-thou" hypocrites. Granted, some Christians "point out splinters in others while suffering from their own logs," but it must be admitted that many non-Christians suffer the same malady - which goes to show how much we all need Christ to remit our sins.

When we believe that Jesus died to remit sins of unrighteousness and self-righteousness, we obey Him and encourage others to do likewise. We trust and obey Him so we are added to the church He built (Matthew 16:18) and bought (Acts 20:28).

Although members of Christ's church are imperfect in attitude and habit, we belong to God and are joint-heirs with Christ. As we grow in our faith, we humbly exalt Jesus and take action when His word reveals "logs in our eyes." As we mature in spirituality, we show our divine nature by loving and serving those who are "holy" as well as those who are "unholy."

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## OUR VIEW

### Large Item Pickup good opportunity for District 2 folks

This time it's Big Spring's District 2 turn. Tomorrow will be that part of the city's turn for the city's annual Large Item Pickup that city officials hope make the community a little more "clean and green."

In hopes of clearing up code violations, the program is being made available to more Big Spring residents than ever before, according to Chad Averette, the city's code enforcement supervisor.

"In the past, the program was simply aimed at residents that didn't have the means to get these large items off their property and to the landfill," Averette explained. "This year, we're opening it up to everyone. This is part of an all-out effort to go through each district and get rid of code violations."

The list of items city employees can pick up during the effort is quite long, but there are a few things they can not legally gather, things like any kind of hazardous waste — chemicals, including lawn chemicals, car batteries and tires, etc.

"Some of the more typical items we pick up are appliances that don't work anymore, couches and mattresses," said Averette. "Those are the kind of things that we can take to our landfill and we're allowed to pick up."

Primarily, the city employees are trying to make sure they help people who are elderly, handicapped or otherwise don't have the means to get large items to the landfill. "This is a service the city is going to provide as a courtesy to those people and give them the opportunity to get things off of their property they might not be able to otherwise," Averette said.

It's important that residents take heed of things like of gas, water and electricity meters and lines when they put their large items out to be picked up. "A lot of time we have to bring in equipment to pick those large items up," Averette noted. "If you cover the meters up, it's hard for us to know where they are. Using the equipment makes the pick up go quicker and we want to make sure our employees are safe while they are picking these things up."

Residents in District 2 should note that all items must be by the curb in the city's right-of-way no sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled pick up. Items need to be separated as much as possible for the trip to the municipal landfill.

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That ought to be enough warning, especially when the city is willing to cart off problem materials for free.

## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Early is the best time, Lord, to come to You.

Amen

# Say adios to Sen. Harry Reid

Put Sen. Harry Reid in a baseball uniform, and picture him caught in a rundown between bases, shuffling back and forth between Nevada and Washington, seconds away from being tagged out.

That's the image that came to mind as the Senate majority leader was caught speaking out of both sides of his mouth about immigration reform last week.

In Nevada, the state where his re-election could depend on Hispanic voters, Reid said that Congress needs to deal with this issue immediately and that he would work on it upon returning to Washington. "We're going to come back; we're going to have comprehensive immigration reform now," he said at an April 10 pro-immigrant rally in Las Vegas. "We need to do this this year. We cannot wait."

But in Washington, only three days later, Reid said exactly the opposite. Afflicted by either short-term dementia or blatant hypocrisy, he said immigration was getting shelved again!

After meeting with other Democratic senators for lunch (and apparently being admonished for promising too much at the rally), Reid told reporters that the Senate will not be getting to immigration "during this work period" — meaning the next seven weeks, until Congress shuts down for the Memorial Day recess — leaving very little time for such a complex issue this summer.

Mind you, at the rally, Reid had been very specific about the head count in the Senate. He claimed there are 56 Democratic senators who are ready to vote for immigration reform. "I've got 59 Democratic senators; all but three would support this," he said. "I want a handful of Republicans, a few Republicans. Let them step forward. ... There is no excuse."

Yet what's Reid's excuse, after meeting only with Democratic senators, for his about-face?

It appears that his head

count was totally off. There are certainly more than three Democratic senators, especially vulnerable incumbents in conservative states, who are reluctant to deal with such a controversial issue before the midterm elections.

Reid may need the Hispanic vote in Nevada, but in states where the xenophobes outnumber Latinos, Democratic incumbents wish this issue simply would disappear.

Even Reid agrees with that. "This is not an issue that's going to go away," Reid said Thursday after meeting with a group of Latino lawmakers. "I know there are people who simply want it to go away."

Reid's pledge to pass immigration reform this year apparently caught many Democrats in Congress and Obama administration officials by surprise, especially because the retirement of Justice John Paul Stevens has given the Senate and the administration the additional huge task of confirming a new Supreme Court nominee this summer.

After the fight over health care reform, some Democrats are obviously fearful of debating yet another issue that could excite and mobilize conservative Republicans and independents.

Nevertheless, Reid needs to find a way to excite and mobilize Hispanic voters in Nevada. And those are the circumstances that have left him stranded, like a baseball player caught between the bases. As majority leader, he needs to fight even for anti-immigrant Democrats to stay in office. But as a senator from Nevada, where 20 percent of the population and 12 percent of the registered voters are Latinos, he needs to do more than just talk about immigration; he needs to deliver!

A huge Latino voter turnout is what gave Barack Obama the margin of victory in Nevada in 2008. But the huge Latino disappointment, with both Obama and Reid, over broken immigration promises could end up costing Reid his job and sending Obama a very clear message: "Yes, we can" remove the politicians who betray us!

Don't expect Latinos to vote for Draconian anti-immigrant

Republicans. But if the Democrats fail to pursue immigration reform before the elections, you surely can expect many Latinos to stay home on Election Day, and for Reid, that means adios!

Yet instead of "we cannot wait" for immigration reform, a Reid spokeswoman now is telling reporters that the senator "remains committed to considering a comprehensive immigration reform bill on the Senate floor as soon as possible."

Still, some crucial questions remain: Is that before or after the midterm elections? Does Reid now expect another vote of confidence from Latino voters without first delivering the immigration reform he and other Democrats, including President Obama, have been promising?

When immigrant rights advocates finally realize that they have no greater enemies than some of the Democrats pretending to be their friends, when they accept the fact that immigration reform is not going to happen this year, when they stop marching in vain and start organizing campaigns to punish all anti-immigrant politicians in the midterm elections — that's when they'll begin to get some respect. When Latino and other immigrant leaders have the guts to tell voters to stay home on Election Day rather than vote for phony friends, that's when the political establishment will really pay attention.

For example, in Nevada, where voters have the option to select "none of these candidates," if enough Latinos were to cause the demise of the majority leader, perhaps President Obama would take them much more seriously before he seeks re-election in 2012.

Otherwise, Obama also could be caught speaking out of both sides of his mouth and stranded between the bases.

I know! If I only knew how to draw, I could be a great cartoonist! I could paint an Immigration Ballpark, with Latino voters on one team and politicians on the other. Reid would be caught between the bases, and Obama would be the hitter waiting on deck.

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# What's wrong with Arizona?

Over the weekend, Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony joined in on the attack against the new law passed by the Arizona legislature to expand police powers to arrest and deport illegal immigrants.

The law basically makes it a crime to be an undocumented alien. If that doesn't sound like an inherently controversial proposition, believe me, it will by the time it gets to court.

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, a Republican, is still deciding whether to sign the bill. If it becomes law, it is certain to keep lawyers and judges busy, if no one else.

The obvious danger is that it will be an invitation to racial profiling, to stops based solely on appearance and to punishment for the status of being undocumented rather than for the act of entering the country illegally. Unbridled discretion to stop, detain and punish people for their status is almost the definition of that which due process condemns.

Even so, it seems to me that Mahony's strident criticism is unfair to the angry, frightened and frustrated citizens who live in fear of the violence that illegal

immigration is bringing to the border. It only contributes to the very kind of polarization he condemns. Calling the bill "the country's most retrogressive, mean-spirited and useless anti-immigrant law," Mahony wrote on Sunday that the "tragedy of the law is its totally flawed reasoning: that immigrants come to our country to rob, plunder and consume public resources. That is not only false, the premise is nonsense."

Most immigrants come to this country for the same reasons my grandparents did: in the hopes of finding opportunity and freedom, because they want a better life for themselves and their children and are brave enough and desperate enough to face huge obstacles and great dangers in their quest for that.

They do not come to rob, plunder and consume public resources; they come to work and to contribute.

The same, however, is not true of the smugglers, the coyotes who prey upon the desperate and use violence as their way of doing business — that business being trafficking in people, drugs and weapons, leaving citizens in border towns rightly frightened and desperate.

Bad times produce bad laws. The problem is not the premise of the law, but the desperation that has state officials and decent citizens searching for

equally desperate solutions.

Talk to decent people in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, as well as California, where I live, and you don't hear them railing against people consuming public resources. When California Republican gubernatorial candidate Steve Poizner recently proposed that undocumented children be kicked out of school, the move was seen by almost everyone — including his opponent Meg Whitman, who is way ahead of him — as an act of desperation, proof that his candidacy is floundering. What was once seen as a winning strategy in political terms is now rightly recognized as a loser in both the courts of law and public opinion.

The federal government is supposed to secure the border. Its failure to do so effectively not only invites measures like Arizona's, but complicates — if not dooms — the prospect of immigration reform at the national level.

In the final analysis, the greatest threat to the rule of law is the lawlessness that leaves both desperate immigrants and desperate citizens vulnerable and afraid. Rather than condemning each other, we need to find ways to secure the border that are consistent with the values and security we all came to this country hoping to find.

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# Howard College recognizes outstanding students

By CINDY SMITH

Special to the Herald  
Howard College spent the evening recognizing excellence in student performance during the annual award convocation held Tuesday night at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"This is an exciting time of year for us at Howard College," said President Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks. "We have so many successful students and it is a great privilege to be able to recognize them for their hard work and determination."

Along with an induction ceremony for the local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the annual event recognizes students who excel in class performance, academic standards and departmental activities.

The Presidential Award for Outstanding Student of the Year is the most prestigious award given to a student of Howard College.

The first award was given in 1978. The recipient must be a sophomore and selection is based on academic excellence, participation in student life, leadership qualities and overall college spirit. Nominations are received from all Howard College employees.

This year's recipient of the President's Award is Marshall Van Pelt. Marshall is the son of Scott and Debbie Van Pelt of Big Spring.

Van Pelt is majoring in drama, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and has also been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges.

During Tuesday night's ceremonies, VanPelt was also recognized for the 4.0 President's List, Outstanding History Student, Outstanding Band Student and Outstanding Theater Student.

After graduation from Howard College, Marshall plans to pursue his bachelor's degree at Angelo State University followed by obtaining a master's degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in Willmore, Ky.

Each year the Workforce Education Division gives a special award to one outstanding student. This tradition began in 1963 to pay tribute to future business leaders. Each recipient's name is placed on a plaque in the Workforce Education Division office in the Horace Garrett Building. The Outstanding Workforce Education student for 2009-2010 is Maria Padilla.

She earned an A.A.S. degree in business, a Level I certificate in nail technology, completed her Level I certificate in cosmetology in December, and is now completing her courses for a Level II certificate to become a cosmetology instructor.



Courtesy photo

**Student Government Association President Anthony Colantuano presents Educator of the Year Amber Buske with her award.**

Maria has maintained a 3.58 GPA while balancing family, school, and work — in addition to serving on the BSISD school board.

The American Legion Citizenship Awards are presented to male and one female student who exhibit the most outstanding leadership, character and citizenship qualities.

The recipients can be freshmen or sophomores and selection is based on popular vote by the faculty, staff and administration.

The first recipient is Alejandra (Ale) Garcia. Alejandra is from Big Spring and is the daughter of Martha and Eduardo Garcia. She is a member of the Student Government Association Mentor Program and is a Howard College cheerleader.

Alejandra plans on attending the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, where she plans to complete a master's degree.

The second recipient of the American Legion award is Jonathan Smith. Jonathan is from Big Spring. He is the son of Manuela Bernal. Jonathan is a member of the Student Government Association and is also a Howard College Diplomat and member of the Howard College band and choir. Jonathan also serves on various committees of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Jonathan plans to attend the University of Texas, Permian Basin to complete a master's degree in business.

The All-USA Academic Team program annually recognizes outstanding two-year college students. Selection is based on nominations by faculty and submitted by community college presidents. Phi Theta Kappa, USA Today and the American Association of Community Colleges sponsor the All-USA Academic Team program annually.

To be eligible, a student must post a minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA and be eligible to

graduate with an associate's degree.

This year, Howard College nominated one individual, Sherree Crumrine. Sherree was named to the All Texas Academic Team and was recognized at a ceremony in Austin on March 31. She will receive a \$250 scholarship to be used at the institution of her choice as well as certificates for the All Texas Academic Team and the All USA Academic Team.

Sherree is a sophomore from Odessa. She is the Outstanding Art Club Student as well as the Outstanding Art Department Student and is pursuing a career as an interpreter of the deaf.

While pursuing her degree in Interpreting, Sherree has been named to the Dean's List and in 2008 she was named Who's Who Among Students in Community Colleges and received from SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf the "Most Improved Student in American Sign Language" and "Most Improved Student in the Interpreter's Training Program Award."

In addition to recognizing successful students during the ceremony, Howard College students get the chance to recognize the best of the best by choosing the Outstanding Educator of the Year on the Big Spring campus.

This year's award went to Amber Buske, instructor of preparatory studies.

Buske has been with Howard College for 20 years and has played an important role in the lives of many students.

She holds a bachelor of arts degree from California State University at Long Beach with additional graduate study from California State University at Dominguez Hills.

Recognition for departmental, academic and performance standards were awarded as follows:

Maurice Africh: President's List, Theater Award — special recognition.

Kodi Aguilar: Dean's List.

Mistie Aguilar: Dean's List, Outstanding Dance Student.

Isabel Aguirre: Certificate of Achievement.

Joe Alexander: Certificate of Achievement.

Jasmine Allan: Dean's List.

Jon Coutermarsh: Certificate of Achievement.

Amber Cox: Dean's List.

Kathy Cox: Outstanding Theater Student, Theater Award — special recognition.

Rachel Cox: Theater Award — special recognition.

Colleen Craver: President's List, Who's Who, Outstanding RN.

Keira Creswell: President's List.

Sherree Crumrine: Outstanding Art Club Student.

Dave Daniels: Dean's List, Who's Who.

Emily Davis: Certificate of Achievement.

Tiffany Dawson: Dean's List.

Michella Deleon: Certificate of Achievement.

Amanda Denton: Outstanding English — World Literature Student, President's List, Theater Award — special recognition.

Joe Diaz: PTK Inductee.

Justin Ditto: Dean's List.

Maranda Dodgson: Certificate of Achievement.

Kelby Doughty: Dean's List.

Schrhonda Drone: Outstanding Criminal Justice Student.

Melissa Dupree: President's List.

Jerome Dupuis: Outstanding Humanities Student.

Joshua Durette: Dean's List.

Chase Durham: President's List.

Carly Dusek: President's List.

Eva Dyck: Dean's List.

Rachel Eckert: Certificate of Achievement.

Brittni Blagrove: Dean's List.

Tori Bohanon: Certificate of Achievement.

Steven Boren: Theater Award — special recognition.

Shawn Bose: Certificate of Achievement.

Kurt Boubek: Dean's List, PTK Inductee.

Christopher Bravo: Dean's List.

Joshua Brewer: Dean's List, Who's Who.

Donna Brock: Dean's List, Outstanding LVN.

Christina Broughton: PTK Inductee.

Lisa Brown: Certificate of Achievement.

Christy Brownfield: Certificate of Achievement.

Alicia Brunson: Dean's List.

Brady Buchanan: Outstanding Communication Student, President's List.

Brandi Buchanan: Dean's List.

Mia Burrell: Certificate of Achievement.

Darlene Bursch: Dean's List.

Darrell Butt: PTK Inductee.

Daee Cantu: Certificate of Achievement.

Corinna Capps: Outstanding Art Student.

Charlene Carrillo: Outstanding Office Administration Student.

Charlotte Carrillo: Dean's List, Outstanding Accounting Student.

John Casbeer: Certificate of Achievement.

Maureen Castaneda: Dean's List.

Valerie Ceasar: Certificate of Achievement.

Joanne Cervantes: Certificate of Achievement.

Irma Cevallos: President's List, PTK Inductee.

Na Chen: Dean's List, Outstanding Art Student, Who's Who.

Harrison Chevalier: Dean's List.

Kelci Choate: Dean's List.

Shuyu Chung: Certificate of Achievement, Outstanding Art Student, Outstanding History Student.

Amy Cisneros: Certificate of Achievement.

Andrea Claxton: Dean's List.

Kirby Coats: President's List.

Anthony Colantuono: Outstanding SGA Student.

Charis Cole: Dean's List, PTK Inductee.

Amanda Cole-Calvio: President's List.

Rebecca Connell: President's List, Who's Who, Outstanding RN.

Elissa Cooke: Dean's List, PTK Inductee.

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Rachel Jo Eckert: Outstanding BSM.

Stephanie Edington: Dean's List.

Roseanna Edmondson: Certificate of Achievement.

Jimmy Edwards: Certificate of Achievement.

Jake Elliott: Outstanding Correctional Studies Student.

Carlos Escalante: Certificate of Achievement.

Shane Esco: Dean's List, Who's Who.

Treycee Fairman: Certificate of Achievement.

Kyle Fambro: Dean's List.

Harriet Feld: Certificate of Achievement.

Michael Fernandez: Certificate of Achievement, PTK Inductee.

Michael (Miguel) Fernandez: Outstanding English Student.

Tina Fisher: Outstanding PTK Student, President's List.

Johanna Fleckenstein: Outstanding Computer Informational Management Student, President's List.

Shaunita Fleming: Certificate of Achievement, Who's Who.

Katrin Florence: Dean's List.

Stacey Freshour: Certificate of Achievement.

Ira Friddle: Outstanding Psychology Student, Who's Who.

Vicki Friesen: President's List.

Cheridan Fulgham: Certificate of Achievement.

Forrest Fuller: Dean's List.

Jodi Furlow: Certificate of Achievement, Outstanding Education Student.

Alisha Gang: Certificate of Achievement.

Alejandra Garcia: Outstanding Education Student, President's List, Who's Who.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**You Don't Need a Slide Rule**

West dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 7 2  
♥ K 6 5  
♦ 9 8  
♣ J 10 7 6 3

**WEST**  
♠ K Q J 10 4  
♥ 10 4  
♦ 10 5 3  
♣ A Q 8

**EAST**  
♠ 9 8 6 3  
♥ Q 8 7 2  
♦ 7 4  
♣ K 9 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ 5  
♥ A J 9 3  
♦ A K Q J 6 2  
♣ A 2

The bidding:  
1♠ North 2♠ East  
3♠ 4♣ Pass 4♦  
Pass 5♦

Opening lead — king of spades.

Planning the play is declarer's most important task, but he does not meet that responsibility fully unless he formulates his plans down to the last detail.

Take this case where West leads a spade against five diamonds. It seems normal to win the spade with the ace, draw trumps, lead the three of hearts to the king and then finesse the jack of hearts. The finesse succeeds, but the contract fails when the hearts prove to be divided 4-2. Declarer goes down one, losing two clubs and a heart.

The flaw in this method of play is that it does not allow for the possibility that West might have been dealt the singleton or doubleton ten of hearts. This possibility is certainly far from remote and therefore should not be ignored.

Planning to take a heart finesse is surely correct, but precisely when to take it should be a matter of equal concern. The proper time is at trick two — that is, immediately after winning the spade lead with dummy's ace.

Observe the effect of leading a low heart to the jack at trick two. The jack wins, and, after drawing trumps, South leads the heart three to the king, on which West plays the ten. Another heart through East's Q-8 allows declarer to score the A-9, and the contract is home.

It requires a certain amount of foresight to recognize the importance of taking the initial heart finesse at trick two. But declarer should realize from the outset that his only real chance for the contract lies in winning four heart tricks, so he should plan his play to give himself the maximum chance to achieve that goal.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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# Different routes, same destination

## Young Lady Steers, experienced Steers prep for regionals



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From left, Big Spring High School freshmen Lu Gonzales, Carson Reibe, Jaycee Williams, Andi DeLeon, Paige Knowlton and Kenniesha Nieto have represented the Lady Steers in the 1,600 meter relay this season. The group qualified for the regional meet by placing third at the district level.

## Six freshmen comprise girls' 1,600 relay squad

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

When Big Spring High School girls' track coach Nick Roberson says his season is young, he isn't just blowing smoke.

The Lady Steers, who finished third in the recent District 4-4A track meet, feature only one senior and rely heavily on a load of up-and-coming underclassmen for production in key events.

Typical of Big Spring's youth movement is the 1,600 meter relay squad, comprised exclusively of freshmen.

Lu Gonzales, Carson Reibe, Jaycee Williams, Andi DeLeon, Paige Knowlton and Kenniesha Nieto have alternated time at the four spots on the relay, which qualified for the regional track meet by finishing third

at the district level.

Handing the keys to such a signature track event to first-year high school students wasn't in Roberson's initial plans when the season started, but the girls' collective talent carried the day.

"I left most of my freshmen on the junior varsity team — that team won district — but I pulled up these six girls, and they've done exceptionally well," Roberson said. "I wanted to keep all of my freshmen on the junior varsity ... but these six performed so well, I just couldn't keep them down."

The relay's best time of 4:18 puts them in the lower half of regional meet qualifiers, meaning the girls would have to dramatically improve their times to earn a spot in the state meet, but Roberson is thinking long-

term when he talks about the group's potential.

"They've all scored lots of points for us this'ven season, plus they lettered," he said. "That tells you a lot about the future of this program."

The BSHS girls' track program was a perennial regional power under Jay Kennedy in the 1990s, but a revolving door of coaches and decreased participation landed the program on hard times recently. That is a trend that Roberson, in his third season at the helm of the team, is determined to reverse.

"Jay Kennedy did a really good job with the program ... but a series of coaching changes really hurt, and when I took over, there were only about six girls going out for track,"

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## BSHS boys taking veteran group to region

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School boys' track team will rely on quality over quantity when it competes in the upcoming Region I-4A track meet.

The Steers will take nine participants and three alternates to the meet, scheduled for May 3 and 4 in San Angelo.

And while BSHS will not have a large contingent at the meet, Head Coach Mitch Woodard said he believes the Steers will be more than competitive there.

"These guys prepare well and they've done everything I've asked them to do," Woodard said. "Each week, they've gotten better and we should be in the mix at regional."

Woodard has relied on a veteran core group of athletes who have been with the program from junior high on through the high school years. Out of the 13 regional qualifiers, all but three are juniors or seniors.

Indicative of that experience is the team's 1,600 meter relay team, which features two seniors — Daniel Segundo and Bobby Bayes — and three juniors — Robert Barraza, Dennis Merworth and alternate DeVonte Lloyd.

The group qualified for regionals by placing third at the recent district meet. Their time of 3:28 puts them in the "middle of the pack" of best times among regional participants, Woodard said.

"They're probably going to have to take off eight seconds from their district time to qualify for state and that's a lot to ask," Woodard said. "But that's not unrealistic — it sounds that way, but it's not. But it will be hard to do. It's been done before, but it will take hard work."

And, as the coach says, hard work is one of this group's characteristics.

"Going into the season, I had a feeling they would have some success, because they're a hard-working bunch of kid," Woodard said. "I think they run for each other. They run well and

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## Coahoma no-hits Wolves

HERALD staff report

COLORADO CITY — Chad Park had a stellar effort on the mound and at the plate to lead the Coahoma Bulldog to an easy 12-0 victory over Colorado City in District 5-2A baseball action Wednesday.

For starters, he pitched a no-hit gem, striking out 10 and walking four over the five-inning contest, which was shortened because of the run rule.

"He just got ahead of the hitters all day," Coahoma Coach Shane Fuller said. "They weren't even able to get the ball out of the outfield."

Park also helped his cause offensively, driving in three runs on a home run and single. He was helped at the plate by Casey Roberts, who had an inside-the-park home run, Jared DoPorto, who was three-for-four with a triple and Kirk Hahn, who was three-for-three with a double.

Every Coahoma starter had at least one hit in the game, Fuller said.

The dominating performance by his team had Fuller smiling.

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## 'Dogs' have their day for San Antonio

DALLAS (AP) — Tony Parker saw the crowd gathered around Richard Jefferson and couldn't resist teasing him.

"Man, one big game," Parker said, smiling. "Look at all this."

Jefferson took it in stride. After all, he was probably glad Parker didn't woof or bark.

Knowing he was among the guys Spurs coach Gregg Popovich thought "played like dogs" in the opener, Jefferson bounced back by scoring 17 of his 19 points in the first half to help San Antonio beat the Dallas Mavericks 102-88 in Game 2 on Wednesday night. The win ties their first-round series at a game apiece, with the next two games in the Alamo City.

"You could see it in his eyes that he was motivated," Parker said. "Nobody likes to play bad and he knew he didn't have a good first game. Knowing his mentality, we knew he was going to come back."

Jefferson matched the measly four points he had in Game 1 points before some fans were even settled into their seats. He was 7 of 9 by halftime, and was at his best during a 12-1 run late in the second quarter that broke the game open for good. He got it started with a fadeaway jumper and a finger roll, then added a reverse layup after the Mavericks somehow lost track of him.

"My teammates were looking for me, coming off the pick-and-roll and throwing it back to me," Jefferson said. "That's pretty much my game. After I struggled the last game, I think there was a concerted effort to get me

**"We just played sharper than we did the other night, by that I mean not fouling and taking care of the ball. We were focused."**

Gregg Popovich, San Antonio coach

involved."

Tim Duncan was San Antonio's second-half star, scoring 17 of his 25 points then, often just in time to douse Dallas rallies. He also had 17 rebounds.

"We went to Tim just about every other time down the stretch," Popovich said. "He came through by scoring and rebounding at the other end."

Mavs star Dirk Nowitzki went from hardly missing in Game 1 to hardly making. The Spurs didn't even smother him; merely knowing they were creping his way through Nowitzki out of whack. He missed six of his first seven shots, and even missed a free throw after having made 88 in a row.

"If they give me those same looks on Friday, I'll take them," said Nowitzki, who finished with 24 points, down from 36 in the opener.

The Mavericks played their best only after they seemed to have buried themselves — down 16-5 early, they got within one by the end of the quarter; down 80-60 late in the third quarter they scored 12 straight points;

back down 13 early in the fourth, they clawed within five. However, they never led and have now given away home-court advantage.

Game 3 is in San Antonio on Friday night, and the folks down there are probably especially looking forward to seeing Mavs owner Mark Cuban, who fanned the flames of the rivalry in recent days by repeatedly saying, "I hate the Spurs."

"We've lost at home to them many times, so we've just got to stay humble, keep working hard, knowing full well that it's going to be a long series," Manu Ginobili said.

San Antonio built its leads by playing smart.

The Spurs held onto the ball (only nine turnovers, down from 17 in Game 1), forced their way to the rim, then took advantage of the space that opened up for longer-range jumpers. In the game-breaking second quarter, their inside-out attack produced 34 points on 68 percent shooting.

"They were a hot-shooting team and we were unable to keep them from being a hot-shooting team," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "When the ball's in the air, it's anybody's ball. They came up with all those plays. They got the loose balls and they were more opportunistic."

Ginobili had 23 points, including a 3-pointer with 1:48 left that he punctuated with a celebratory punch as fans began rushing toward the exits.

Parker, still coming off the bench, had 16 points and eight assists.

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Legals

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Colorado River Municipal Water District (Buyer) will receive Proposals from Membrane System Suppliers (Seller) for the supply of the membrane equipment for the following project:

Big Spring Water Reclamation Project  
FNI Project No. CMD08163  
Texas Water Development Board Project No. 21663  
Sealed Proposals must be addressed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager, Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) and will be received at the District's offices located at 400 East 24th Street, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721 until 10:00 a.m. local time, Thursday, May 6, 2010. Proposals received after this time will be returned unopened.

Contract documents may be examined or purchased at the offices of Freese and Nichols consulting engineers at the following address:  
Freese and Nichols, Inc.  
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Attention: Ignacio Cadena  
The cost for additional copies of the contract documents is:

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The cost of contract documents is not refunded. Submit cashier check or money order for payment.  
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QUESTIONS REGARDING PROPOSAL PROCESS OR CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Direct questions related to the equipment procurement, evaluation process and design of the project may be addressed to Mr. Ignacio Cadena, P.E. Written questions may be submitted via electronic mail to [ica@freese.com](mailto:ica@freese.com) or faxed to Mr. Cadena at (817)735-7492.

This proposal must include the price of the membrane system and guaranteed performance parameters to allow calculation of long term operating costs, as described in Section 00400 PROPOSAL FORM.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Each Proposal must be accompanied by either a certified or bank cashier's check on a responsible bank in the State of Texas, drawn to the order of Colorado River Municipal Water District, equal to at least five (5%) percent of the total proposed contract amount or an acceptable Bid Bond in an amount of not less than five (5%) percent of the total proposed contract amount issued by a surety legally authorized to do business in the State of Texas. This sum is a guarantee that, if the Proposal is accepted, a contract will be entered into and its performance properly secured.

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The Buyer reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous interpretation of the proposals submitted in the case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, to reject any or all proposals, and/or waive formalities. COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
John Grant  
General Manager  
BID DATE- May 6, 2010  
#6483 April 8, 15 & 22, 2010

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the CITY & SCHOOL Election held on MAY 8, 2010 will be tested on 4-30-10, at 4:00 P.M. at COUNTY COURTHOUSE to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Sandra Bloom  
Signature of Officer  
AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion DE LA CIUDAD; ESCUELA que se llevara a cabo el 8 DE MAYO, 2010, se probara el 30 DE ABRIL, 2010 a las 4:00 P.M. en DE JUSTICIA DE CONDADO DE HOWARD para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

Saundra Bloom  
Firma del/dela Oficial  
#6512 April 22, 2010

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The City of Forsan invites all citizens to a public hearing at 5:15 p.m. on April 27 2010, at the City Hall, City of Forsan, Tx, to review performance and obtain comments regarding its 2009 Texas CDBG Program Contract 729251. Disabled persons or those who require auxiliary aids or services who wish to attend this meeting should contact the City Secretary at City of at least two days before the meeting to make arrangements.  
#6508 April 22, 2010

Legals

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

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Happy Earth Day! Under the playful Leo moon, schoolchildren will not be the only ones doing projects to celebrate our planet. Creativity is aight. Dare yourself to go beyond planting a tree or visiting the recycling bin. Reflect on your personal favorite things about earthly living, and create a private ritual of gratitude.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Whatever you're doing, you'll be aware that others have done it before you. You could let this fact intimidate you, or you could take heart in the truth: You are unique, and your work will be original.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Once you put your mind to it, your dogged determination always wins out. That's why it's crucial that you choose goals that, when reached, will be good for everyone involved.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're usually an effortlessly cool socialite, and yet today you might be feeling reserved. Relax. You won't offend anyone, and you will be able to contribute something important to the conversation.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It will be easy to get off track — to dillydally, lollygag and loiter around until you can't remember what your original purpose was. The important part is that you enjoy the company of those you're with.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). In the morning, you'll be playing at the game of life with more verve, making bold moves and leaping ahead. In the afternoon, more thoughtful planning will be required to set yourself up for a successful tomorrow.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll get an overview of the scene you once could only see from a limited, personal point of view. This vantage will bring about a new awareness of your role and how to use your position to the best advantage.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can always tell who your loyal and true friends are. One of them follows your whimsy this evening, trusting you completely. This trust is a treasure, not to be taken lightly.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). First-time meetings should be memorable events. This probably won't happen naturally today. You'll have to do something to make the interaction stand out so that later you'll have a story.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone will act out around you. Parenting skills will be necessary. This is true even if you are not a parent. You'll be put through a test, and you'll pass it by being positive, supportive and compassionate.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Others have failed at this juncture. Knowing that, you feel compelled to be very careful. You'll manage to avert the trouble by maintaining a positive attitude and using your common sense.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Make a list of your friends. It will remind you of those you haven't talked to in a while. Touching base with your people will have many wonderful repercussions — emotional, physical and financial.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Kindness comes so naturally to you that you don't even think you're doing anything out of the ordinary. However, those around you recognize your efforts as extraordinary, indeed.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 22). Your success keys are intelligence and compassion. You realize that your work is about people, and you communicate from the heart. New friends in June introduce you to new interests. A romantic getaway is featured in July. You'll get closure on an issue in August. A relationship blossoms in September. Pisces and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 3, 20 and 18.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "How can I help my son get through his bouts of anxiety? He's a 13-year-old Pisces and a good kid. He does well in school, is smart and has a few friends who seem to really like him. Lately he's been getting himself so worked up emotionally that he gives himself stomach cramps. He doesn't want to go to school. At first I thought he was sick with the flu, but I've since learned that he is going through intense bouts of anxiety. Should I let him stay home sometimes so that he can work through his emotions?"

You need the advice of

a health care professional who specializes in behavioral techniques to work through anxiety. And because your son is born under the sign of spirit, being open to alternative forms of therapy that work with the spiritual aspects of anxiety will be extremely effective, as well. Pisces people are highly sensitive and artistic souls. It's wonderful that you are committed to helping your son attain the tools to help him manage his emotions at such a young age. From what I understand, it is better to work through the anxiety than to let the anxiety win by retreating from normal life. Get professional help.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Taurus is a sensual sign that rules the appetite and also the realm of finance. Leave it to a clever Taurus like Valerie Bertinelli to bring the two energies together in her role as the spokesmodel for the Jenny Craig diet system. This talented Taurus has invigorated her career by getting in shape while inspiring many others to do the same. She's even starring in the new sitcom pilot "Hot in Cleveland."

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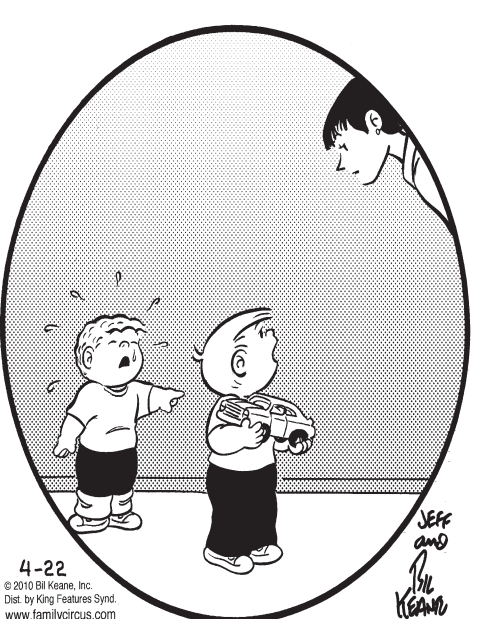
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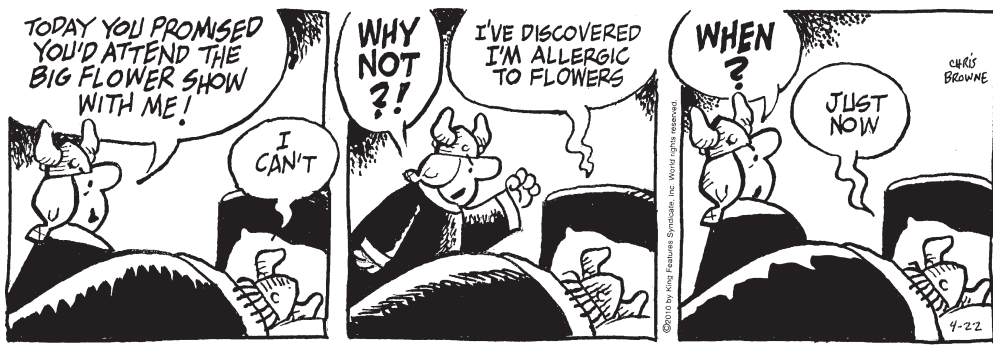
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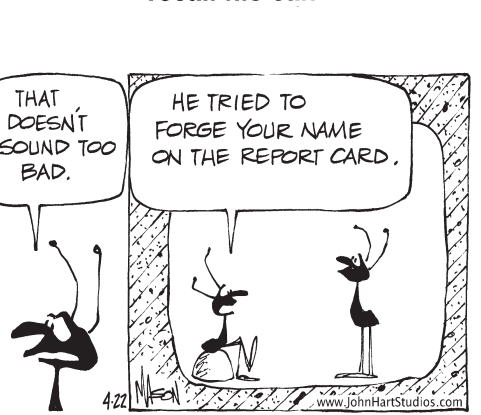
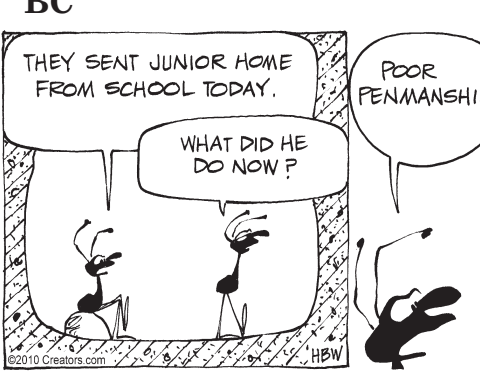


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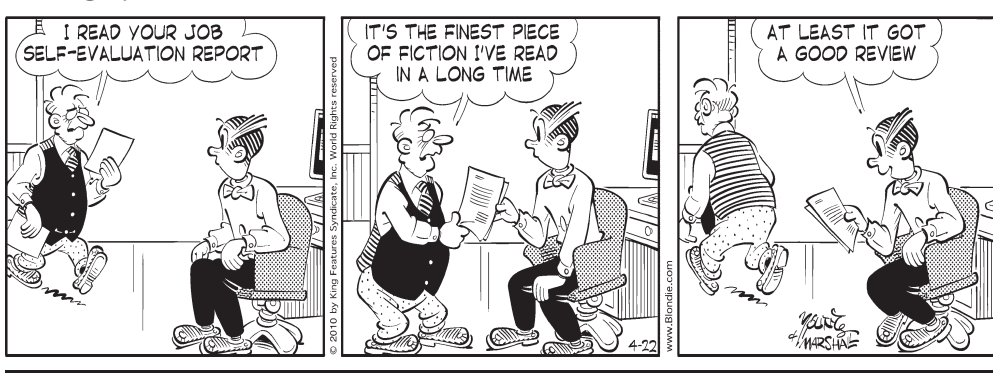
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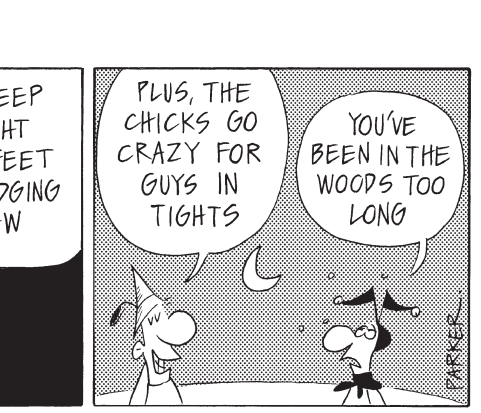
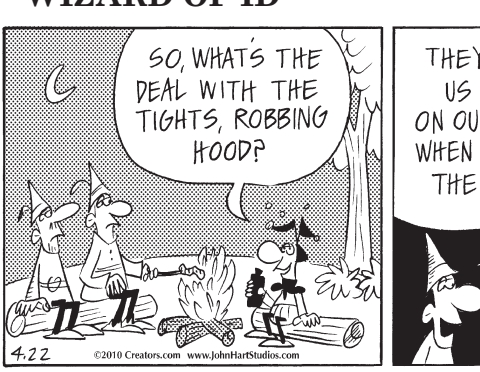
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 22, the 112th day of 2010. There are 253 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 22, 1970, millions of Americans concerned about the environment observed the first "Earth Day."

On this date:

In 1864, Congress authorized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

In 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.

In 1898, with the United States and Spain on the verge of formally declaring war, the U.S. Navy began blockading Cuban ports. Congress authorized creation of the 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry, also known as the "Rough Riders."

In 1930, the United States, Britain and Japan signed the London Naval Treaty, which regulated submarine warfare and limited shipbuilding.

In 1938, 45 workers were killed in a coal mine explosion at Keen Mountain in Buchanan County, Va.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began invading Japanese-held New Guinea with amphibious landings at Hollandia and Aitape.

In 1954, the publicly televised sessions of the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings began.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson opened the New York World's Fair.

In 1990, pro-Iranian kidnappers in Lebanon freed American hostage Robert Polhill after nearly 39 months of captivity.

In 1994, Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, died at a New York hospital four days after suffering a stroke; he was 81.

Today's Birthdays: Actor George Cole is 85. Actress Charlotte Rae is 84. Actress Estelle Harris is 78. Singer Glen Campbell is 74. Actor Jack Nicholson is 73. Singer Mel Carter is 67. Author Janet Evanovich is 67. Country singer Cleve Francis is 65. Movie director John Waters is 64. Singer Peter Frampton is 60. Rock singer-musician Paul Carrack (Mike and the

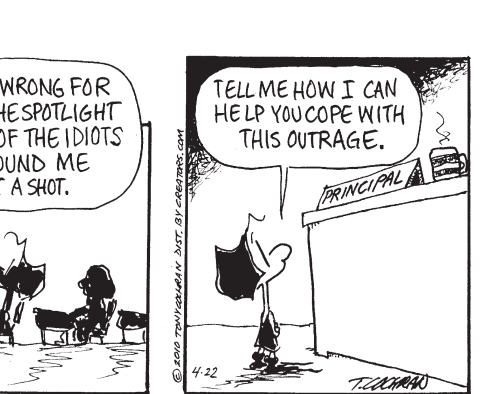
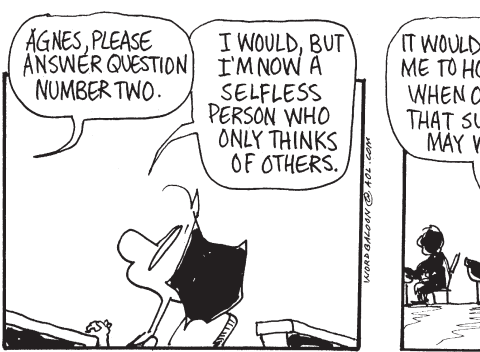
Mechanics; Squeeze) is 59. Baseball manager Terry Francona is 51. Comedian Byron Allen is 49. Actor Chris Makepeace is 46. Rock musician Fletcher Dragge (DRAH'guh) is 44. Actress Sheryl Lee is 43. Actress-talk show host Sherri Shepherd is 43. Country singer-musician Heath Wright (Ricochet) is 43. Country singer Kellie Coffey is 39. Actor Eric Mabius is 39. Actor Ingo Rademacher (RAH'deh-mah-ker) is 39. Rock musician Shavo Odadjian (System of a Down) is 36. Rock singer-musician Daniel Johns (Silverchair) is 31. Actress Michelle Ryan is 26. Actress Amber Heard is 24.

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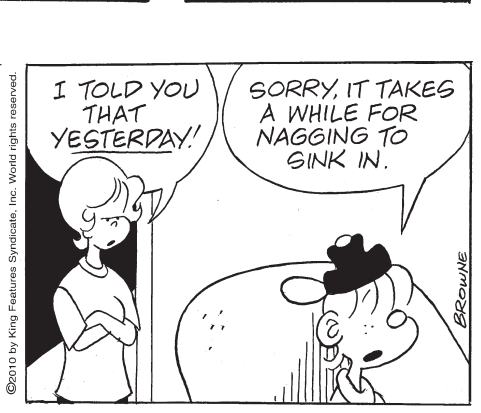
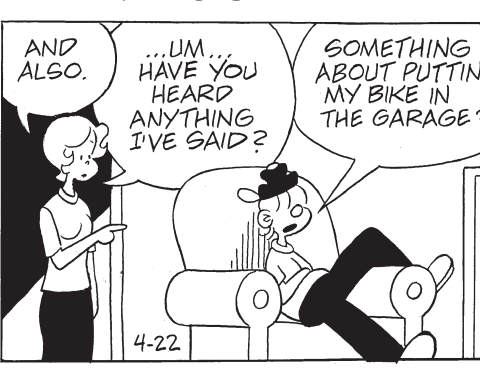


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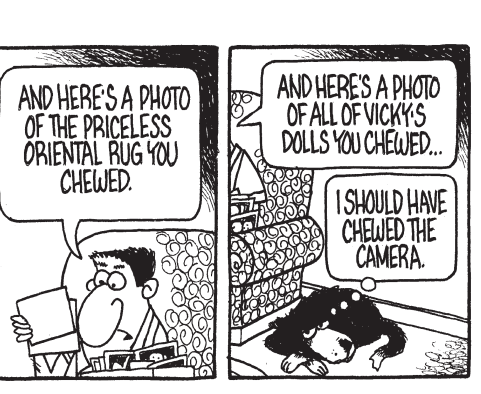
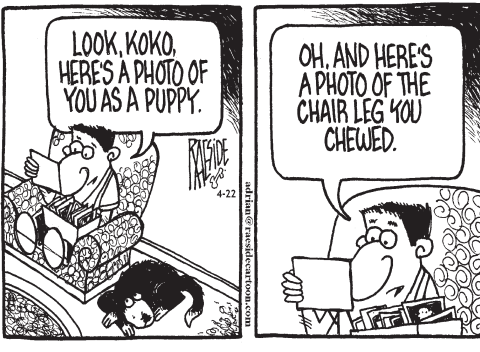
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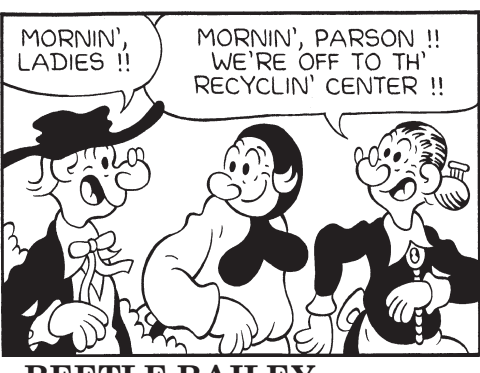
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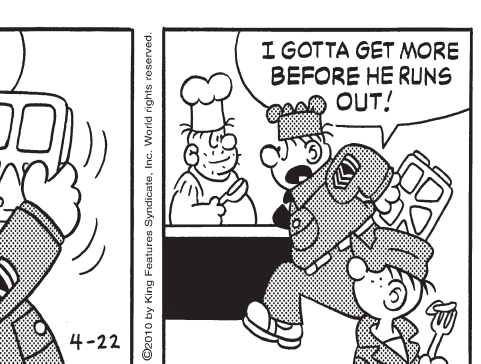
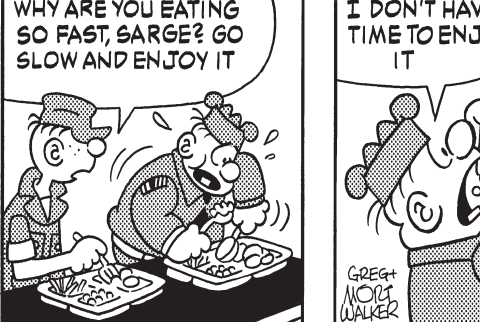
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# Sox sink Rangers in 12th inning

BOSTON (AP) — Kevin Youkilis didn't mind taking some fun-filled jabs from his teammates. It was much better than the alternative. Youkilis hit an RBI double off the base of the left-center field wall with two outs in the 12th inning and the Boston Red Sox beat Texas 8-7 on Wednesday night, sending the Rangers to their sixth straight loss. It was Boston's second straight last at-bat win after losing its previous five games. When Youkilis reached second, he knew what was coming as his teammates poured onto the field. "I'd rather get beat up than beat myself up in the dugout," said Youkilis, known for firing his helmet at times after tough outs. "I've been in a little bit of a rut lately." Youkilis, the cleanup hitter, entered the night hitting just .240 with only six RBIs. Neither team did much in the extra innings until Marco Scutaro singled with one out in the 12th and alertly tagged up on a medium deep flyout to center, sliding in barely under second baseman Joaquin Arias' tag.

After Dustin Pedroia was intentionally walked, Youkilis delivered against Dustin Nippert (0-2). Pedroia was dropped from second to the third hole one night earlier. "That's the idea of having good hitters hit back to back," Boston manager Terry Francona said. Rangers manager Ron Washington wanted to avoid facing Pedroia. "We felt like we could do better with the hard stuff with Youkilis and soften him up. He ended up hooking a breaking ball," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "I've seen (Pedroia) hit too much stuff on The Monster late (in games)." J.D. Drew hit a grand slam and Darnell McDonald homered in his second straight game for Boston. Mike Lowell also connected. Josh Hamilton hit a three-run homer in the Texas seventh that made it 7-all. Texas was successful on all three steal attempts after swiping a team-record nine on Tuesday night. The Rangers are 30 for 30 over the past two seasons against the Red Sox. Boston's catchers have thrown out

just one of 34 runners overall who have tried to steal this year. Hideki Okajima (2-1) pitched one hitless inning for the win. A big cheer went up from the Fenway Park crowd that was left in the middle of Michael Young's at-bat when the Boston Bruins won their NHL playoff game in double overtime. The Red Sox wrapped up their extra-inning win about eight minutes later. McDonald was selected from Triple-A Pawtucket on Tuesday and became an instant hit that night. He tied the game with a pinch-hit, two-run homer in the eighth and won it in the ninth with a bases-loaded single off the left-field wall. Down 7-4 in the seventh against Boston ace Josh Beckett, Hamilton homered deep into the center-field bleachers. Beckett struggled with his control and was tagged for seven runs on six hits in seven innings. He walked five and stuck out four. "At least we won the game," he said. "It makes me feel a lot better. These guys deserve all the credit."

## NBA

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None of the other "dogs" made a big dent in the stat sheet, but they didn't have to. Jefferson filled the scoring void and everyone else filled their roles. "We just played sharper than we did the other night, by that I mean not fouling and taking care of the ball," Popovich said. "We were focused." Jason Terry was a non-factor most of Game 1 for Dallas, but he hit his first two shots and kept looking for his shot all night. He finished with 27 points. Caron Butler scored 17. The Mavs got only five points from their center tandem of Erick Dampier and Brendan Haywood, all from Haywood. Jason Kidd was 1 of 7 for five points and Shawn Marion had just six. "When we're cold on the offensive end we've got to dig in defensively a little bit better," Haywood said. "We've got to lock up a little better and we didn't do that tonight. They had way too many offensive rebound opportunities and they scored almost every time they got an offensive rebound." Sure enough, San Antonio scored 23 second-chance points, Dallas just nine. That 14-point difference matched the final margin. NOTES: The Spurs got to the line more, but wasted the chances. They missed eight of 22 free throws.

# Astros win fourth straight game

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros' bench players have been the big stars lately, even with Lance Berkman finally in the lineup. Geoff Blum's first career pinch-hit triple drove in two runs in the seventh inning to propel the Astros to a 5-4 win over the Florida Marlins on Wednesday night. Blum's hit off Burke Badenhop (0-2) that Cameron Maybin had to chase almost to the wall in center field, gave the Astros their fourth straight win and fifth in the last six games after an 0-8 start. It was the second night in a row that a player came off the bench to help win the game after Jason Michaels hit a homer in the eighth inning of Houston's 7-5 win Tuesday in Berkman's first game of the season. "I think they did a good job of keeping a good nucleus on the bench

with myself, Michaels and (Jeff) Keppinger," Blum said. "I think it's going to be a pretty good mix for us in the long run." Still, the Astros believe the return of Berkman has given the them a boost of confidence. "We got Lance back and just his presence, he's going to deliver and you know he's going to hit, you know he's going to make plays in the field and just give us some more depth in the lineup," Michael Bourn said. Humberto Quintero had two hits, including a homer, for the Astros to send the Marlins to their first series defeat of the season. Wilton Lopez (1-0) allowed one hit and no runs in two innings for the win and Matt Lindstrom pitched a scoreless ninth for his fourth save. Houston had consecutive singles by Pedro Feliz and Kaz Matsui in

the seventh inning before Blum's two-RBI triple with one out gave Houston a 5-4 lead. The hit completed a comeback for the Astros who trailed 4-1 after Florida's four-run fifth inning. Badenhop allowed three hits and two runs with two strikeouts in the seventh before Christopher Leroux pitched a scoreless eighth. Bourn doubled in the sixth inning before a walk by Keppinger. Berkman reached on a fielder's choice and Keppinger was out at second, leaving Bourn stuck between second and third. Hanley Ramirez got an error after crashing into Bourn after the fourth throw of the run down, allowing him to reach third. "I was just really concentrating on getting the ball out of my glove on that play," Ramirez said. "I was standing on the line, and I could not get out of the way."

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"That was probably our best all-around game of the year," Fuller said. "Whenever you get strong hitting, strong defense and strong pitching, you're going to be hard to beat. We've just got to continue doing this into the post-season. Coahoma concludes its regular season at 4 p.m. Friday at Grape Creek. If the Bulldogs win, they will likely earn the district's No. 2 seed in the upcoming state playoffs. If Grape Creek wins, however, it and Coahoma would have to play an extra game to determine seeding for the playoffs, Fuller said.

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they compete well. The camaraderie is there." Segundo is a three-time regional qualifier and is heading to this year's meet in three events — the 400 and 800 meter runs and the

relay. "Plus, he's just a good kid; kind and respectful," Woodard said. "You can't say that about just anybody." Bayes qualified for two events at the regional meet — the 800 meter run and the relay. "His greatest trait is that he shows up ready

to work every day," Woodard said. Barraza qualified in the 400 meter run in addition to the relay. "I would characterize him as a surprise," Woodard said. "He came over from the swim team; this is his first year in track. But he's good — he comes to

work." Merworth will run in all three BSHS relays at the regional meet — the 400, 800 and 1,600 meter events. "I'll take as many Dennis Merworths as I can," Woodard said, "because he's going to get after it. He's going to give you all he's got, whether he's in

first place or last." The member of the relay with the most potential, however, may be its alternate. "Out of everybody on the team, DeVonte may be the most talented runner," Woodard said. The Steers and Lady Steers will get a good idea about their region-

al chances when they participate in the High School Regional Qualifiers Meet today at the Fuller Tack and Field Stadium on the Texas Tech campus in Lubbock. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234.

## GIRLS

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Roberson said. "We have worked very hard to put the team back to being competitive the way it was when Jay coached." And the 1,600 relay is indicative of that renaissance, he said. "This is the first group I've been able to work with from the seventh

grade on up to the high school level," he said. "They've worked and ran hard for us for three years ... and they're more than ready to compete at the varsity level." Each girl brings a different quality to the table, he said. "Kenniesha is probably the quickest of the group," Roberson said. "You can tell she's a freshman ... but she's

got a lot of potential. She can run just about any race you want her to, and there's no scare in her. You tell her to run a race and she'll just smile at you and go." Potential is also a key word Roberson uses when talking about DeLeon. "Andi is only going to get better with time," he said. "She's a long-legged girl who really hasn't learned the prop-

er technique yet, but she's not scared of you. She won't back down." Knowlton has been a pleasant surprise this season, Roberson noted. "She's really over-achieved this year," he said. "I didn't expect to get what I did out of her, but she's another one of those competitors who's not scared of anybody." Gonzales has been on the mend after suffering a leg injury earlier this

season. "She's still kind of gimpy ... but she's another strong competitor and I expect her to be ready to go by the time of the regional meet," Roberson said. The least experienced member of the relay is Williams. "She came to us straight out of (physical education) classes. This is her first year to run track," Roberson

said. "But she's fast — at a meet this year, she was leading in the 800 (meter run) with about 80 meters left before she ran out of gas. In the future, she's going to be great." Making the biggest impact, however, has been Reibe. "She's been a standout," Roberson said. "She's run the hurdles for us ... and she broke the school record in the 800 meters. I put her on the relay at the district meet, not really knowing what to expect out of her, and she ran the best quarter time of the group — and that was the first time she'd run in the relay."

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