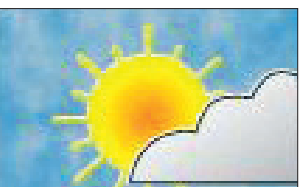


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Never forget

Howard County remembers its many veterans

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer


People from all over the Crossroads area gathered at the Vietnam Memorial Monday morning to offer their thanks and gratitude to the fighting men and women of America who gave their lives in the name of freedom.

Don Boling, a veteran of the Vietnam War and member of the Vietnam Memorial Committee, addressed those in attendance, acting as master of ceremonies for the memorial service.

Boling encouraged those gathered to give thanks to the men and women — many of them from Howard County — who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom.

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his brothers," said Boling. "Today we remember and honor those who gave up all of their tomorrows for our todays. They gave their lives for our freedom and the

"It is fitting that we remember them and honor them, for poor is the nation that has no heroes, yet poorer still is the nation that has them and forgets. Let us never forget our heroes."



—Don Boling, addressing Memorial Day audience

cause of freedom throughout the world. It is fitting that we remember them and honor them, for poor is the nation that has no heroes, yet poorer still is the nation that has them and forgets. Let us never forget our heroes."

Members of the VMC then played an audio piece

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins
Ginger Metcalf, representing area Gold Star Mothers, and Vietnam Memorial Committee member Gene Wilson place a wreath Monday.



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins
Don Boling, Vietnam War veteran and member of the Vietnam Memorial Committee, places a wreath during the Memorial Day ceremony Monday morning.



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins
The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Color Guard presents the colors during Memorial Day ceremonies at Trinity Memorial Park.

BSISD officials start shuffling budget figures

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials are crafting a new budget that will be similar, yet different, to the current fiscal package.

It's similar to the extent that operating expenditures will be largely unchanged from

the recent past. However, things will be vastly different on the debt service side of the ledger book, thanks to the pending sale of \$60 million in construction bonds.

Sandra Waggoner, chief financial officer for the school district, said operating revenues for the new budget are shaping up to be around \$31

million, about \$500,000 more than current figures. Most of that extra money will come from the state, thanks to an increase in students and a tweak in the financing formula that will result in extra funds for BSISD.

As things stand, the extra money will be earmarked for pay raises and vehicle pur-

chases. Other areas of the budget will remain basically unchanged, Waggoner said.

However, big changes are coming in the debt service portion of the budget.

Because of the construction bond sale — authorized by voters in the May 8 election — district property owners will see a notable hike in their tax

bills in the near future.

Right now, Waggoner is estimating the district's overall tax rate, now slightly less than \$1.12 per \$100 property valuation, will increase by 35 cents in order to finance the bonds. She added, however, that the estimate is pre-

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Short films due this month

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Time is running out for area film enthusiasts planning to compete in the Big Spring Film Society's Indiana Jones short film contest.

"The deadline for the Indy contest is June 25," said Brandon Johnson, film society

spokesperson.

"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

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Obituaries

Bob 'Clifton' Rumpff

Bob "Clifton" Rumpff, 67, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 29, 2010, at Hospice House in Odessa. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Honors by the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

He was born Jan. 26, 1943, in Big Spring to Mildred and Clifford Rumpff. He married Diane Taggart on Oct. 30, 1965, in Snyder. He lived most of his life in Snyder, moving to Big Spring in 1989. He was a member of East Side Baptist Church. He was an announcer for many years at KSNY in Snyder, and then KBYG in Big Spring. He also worked a number of years at the Big Spring Herald. He was chaplain for the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Rumpff of Big Spring; one son, Terry Rumpff of Forsan; two daughters, Cheri Bedwell and husband Jason of Midland, and Chris Welch and husband Eric of Big Spring; one brother, Terry C. Rumpff and wife Ellen of Abilene; one sister, Joann Dunn and husband Jim of Tulsa, Okla.; three grandchildren, Shelby Stevenson of Midland, and Katelyn and Abbey Igneczi, both of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials to "All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue," P.O. Box 871, Coahoma 79511.

The family wishes to thank Home Hospice, Becky and Betty for their compassionate care of Bob during his illness.

Pallbearers will be members of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Paid obituary

Alice E. Huckabee

Alice E. "Bobba" Huckabee, 93, of Big Spring died Monday, May 31, 2010, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at the funeral home.

She was born June 27, 1916, in Mills County and married John M. Huckabee Sr. on Nov. 26, 1934, in Hamilton. He preceded her in death Sept. 13, 1984.

Mrs. Huckabee moved to Big Spring in 1962 from Hobbs, N.M., and had worked as a cook and waitress at several restaurants and had also worked as a seamstress for many years. She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, John M. "Huck" Huckabee Jr. and wife Peggy of Big Spring, Jack Huckabee and wife Martha of Hobbs, N.M., and Jimmy Don Huckabee and wife Mary Iwana of Chandler; four daughters, Wanda Jean Watson and husband Charles of Chandler, Betty Garner and husband Jack of Hobbs, N.M., Vickie J. Watson and husband Wayne, and Jo Etta Hart and husband Clifford, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Pauline Thompson of Valley Mills and Lila Lee Kneschk of Bureson; one brother, Perry Shipman Sr. of Santee, Calif.; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; one sister; and a son, Jerry D. Huckabee.

The family suggests memorials be made to The Gideon Memorial Bible Program, P.O. Box 133, Big Spring 79721; the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-32, Midland 79705; or a favorite charity.

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

Charles Gaitan Gomez

Charles Gaitan Gomez, 80, died Friday, May 29, 2010, from respiratory failure in Long Beach, Calif. He was born May 26, 1930.

A Big Spring High School alum, he received dual graduate degrees in architecture and urban planning and Spanish from UCLA. Charles was an accomplished scholar and a strong patron of the arts.

Mr. Gomez worked as an international planning consultant after retiring from city manager and planning director positions in Los Angeles. His wit and humor will be missed.

He is survived by his wife, Karin V.L. Gomez; two daughters, Katie (Phil) and Irene; three sons, Charlie (Lizzie), Kris (Toni) and Rush (Pam); and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fabian S. Sr. and Julia Gomez; and two brothers, Dr. Fabian S. Gomez Jr. and David G. Gomez.

There will be no funeral services as requested by the deceased. His remains will be cast out to sea off the Catalina Island coast, a place that he often visited with family.

Ella (Lorene) Wilson

Ella (Lorene) Wilson, 85, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 30, 2010, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 3, 2010, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

She was born Nov. 2, 1924, in Cleburne. Ella graduated from high school in Joshua and married Roy Eugene (Gene) Wilson on Oct. 4, 1942, in Joshua. He preceded her in death May 15, 1998. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Wilson was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Janice Blount and husband Gary of Big Spring, and Barbara Penland of Hurst; two brothers, David Claybrook of South Carolina and Russell Claybrook of New York; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wilson was also preceded in death by one brother, Paul Claybrook.

The family suggests memorials be made to Alzheimer's Association - Greater West Texas Chapter, 400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-32, Midland 79705.

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

Take Note

• Dr. Howard Hornsby of Back in Motion Chiropractic Center, has been diagnosed with cancer. The Dr. Howard Hornsby Cancer Fund has been established at the State National Bank, 901 Main St. The account number is 4051807. Please donate to help defray his treatment costs.

• A memorial fund has been established to help defray medical expenses for Charles W. "Chuck" Smith Jr. Please send donations in care of Susie Combs, 1514 Vines, Big Spring 79720.

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Police blotter

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

- ERICK WADE CURTIS, 19, of 605 E. 15th St., was arrested Monday on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and driving while license invalid.
- LAZMINDA LOPEZ VILLAREAL, 34, of 1602 Sycamore, was arrested Monday on warrants for driving while license suspended/invalid – no insurance, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 80.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of E. 13th Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of Tingle.

by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- ROBERT MICHAEL-EDWIN KEMP, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of no seat belt and violation of a promise to appear.
- SUSIE LEDESMA, 24, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of violation of a promise to appear and driving while license invalid.
- JOSEPH KYLE TOUDOUZE, 23, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a building and a charge of burglary of a vehicle.
- JACE MINCE, 20, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a municipal warrant for minor in consumption of tobacco.
- JOHN MICHAEL NAU, 45, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALBERT AGUILAR, 66, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JUAN JOSE ACUNA JR., 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of assault causing bodily injury and criminal mischief.
- TYSON BARKER, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention, hindering a peace officer

and minor in consumption of alcohol.

- JONATHAN BUSTAMANTE, 20, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a vehicle.
- DALTON WILLIAM YOUNG, 44, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- JOHNNY LEE RIOS, 25, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear.
- GILBERTO RAY HINOJOS, 17, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- DON LLOYD BROOKS, 43, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DANIEL RIOS, 24, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- CHRISTOPHER LEE RODRIGUEZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of lewd conduct, public intoxication and urinating in public.
- DANIEL ESQUIVEL GOVEA, 25, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear and violation of bond/protective order.

Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.
- DAVID ARNULFO GARZA, 46, was transferred to the county jail Friday

BSISD

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liminary and the final figure won't be locked in until the bonds are sold later this summer.

"In July, we'll sell the bonds and that's when we'll determine the debt service portion of the tax rate," Waggoner said. "But right now, we basi-

cally don't know any more than when we made our presentation to the voters."

If the district's estimates hold, tax bills for owners of a median-priced home in the district (\$1,000) will see an increase of slightly more than \$70 in their tax bills, while owners of a \$100,000 property will see an annual increase of around \$240.

Waggoner added that the district must wait until the county appraisal

district releases its certified tax rolls in July before BSISD can finalize its budget estimates.

School officials received some good news from the state, learning that a recent 5 percent reduction in state agencies' budgets will not effect the amount of state aid BSISD receives in the coming fiscal year.

"The Texas Education Agency made those reductions out of their own funds," Waggoner said. "The main

thing TEA's reductions effects is some discretionary grants the agency gives out and we don't receive any of those."

BSISD trustees will hold at least one budget workshop this summer. The budget for 2010-2011 must be finalized by Aug. 31, Waggoner said.

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FILMS

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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.

"The whole purpose of the contest is to see how many people we have in our community who are interested in making films, as well as viewing them. Spread the word. I would like to have several entries, even though we are only screening the top 3 before the film. However, all of them will be viewed at our meeting towards the end of July."

The contest is part of the film society's July 9 screening of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" at Comanche Trail Amphitheater, part of an 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 be one of our best, organization is going to be key.

"The 'Jurassic Park' screening that will wrap up our Spielberg Retrospective – 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 recently got a shot of support from the Big Spring Conventions and Visitors Bureau, according to Johnson.

"The BSFS received a grant from the CVB to help cover costs for our two outdoor screenings coming up this summer," Johnson said. "I want to thank Debbie Wegman and Troy Tompkins for helping me apply for this grant. Without them, none of this would have been possible. The grant will allow us to focus more on making these events a great experience for all who attend."

"There is a committee being formed for the set design we are trying to put together at the amphitheater for our 'Raiders of the Lost Ark' screening. Anyone who is interested can e-mail courtkae00@hotmail.com to get involved. The goal is to turn the Raiders event into a full

blown Indiana Jones experience. We want people to walk into the amphitheater and feel like they are on the set of an Indy film."

Johnson said the group also discussed several 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 four to five 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."

And while the idea of holding a film festival in Big Spring is just a dream for now, Johnson recently had the advantage to see a similar dream in action, as he and a friend attended and volunteered at the Marfa Film Festival.

"I met lots of new interesting people, saw some cool films, and learned a lot," said an energized Johnson. "Marfa is probably one of the coolest places on the planet. The people, the town, everything about the place was inspiring. Next year I am hoping to show up with an army of volunteers and maybe a few films of our own to have playing in the festival. There is something very special going on down there, and I believe the Big Spring Film Society should give them all the

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OTHER VIEWS

Permanent custody needed for children

Abused and neglected children live with intense turmoil long before they are placed in foster care in private homes or facilities. Yet foster care can bring even more pain, especially if they are moved across the state and separated from their brothers or sisters.

That's why a new law taking effect in Texas is a badly needed break for children for whom stability has been an elusive dream.

Advocacy organizations are gearing up for a change that will help relatives take permanent custody of children whose parents have been deemed unfit and whose homes are unsafe.

For the first time, relatives who secure legal guardianship will receive a monthly payment from the state under the new law, which will save taxpayers money in the long run. Credit Dallas state Sen. Royce West for championing the provision in the Legislature last year.

Until now, foster-care benefits to a relative would be cut off if that person went to court and won the rights of guardianship in place of unfit parents. That discourages many low-income relatives from taking permanent charge of an abused child's care.

Take the example of a grandmother who is now caring for a child who was taken from his or her parents. That grandmother is collecting the same monthly support that would be paid to a foster home, but the state remains the ultimate authority over the child's life. That grandparent now has to answer to a court and caseworkers.

When the new law takes effect this summer, the grandparent can become permanent custodian in place of the state and, with court approval, call the shots in the child's life. Monthly support from the state will continue — but at a lower level.

Here's how else the new provision will make sense for the taxpayer: It eliminates the need for as many caseworkers to monitor care from non-custodian relatives. At the county level, taxpayers save on the cost of courts and attorneys who are appointed to represent children on behalf of the state.

The state estimates that the new law will succeed in placing thousands of children permanently with relatives in the first few years. Those children will have a better chance of staying with their siblings and avoid bouncing between foster homes and schools.

More than 15,000 Texas children are in foster care today.

With tens of thousands of new abuse cases statewide every year — more than 68,000 in 2009 — failures in the child protection system are disturbingly common. The system is aching for sensible new efforts to add stability to young lives.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

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Let's treat the planet better

Who would believe that modern-day pirates are some of nature's best friends?

It seems that those troublesome Somali buccaneers have scared off the cursed international factory trawlers from a long stretch of African coastline, thus allowing fish stocks to revive. This is a bonanza for local populations.

Unfortunately, the learned United Nations Convention of International Trade and Endangered Species isn't quite as helpful. It just turned down a ban on hunting bluefin tuna so that Japan may continue enjoying top quality sushi, at least briefly, until the fish are all gone.

In an unusual spasm of environmental virtue, the United States had led the failed tuna crusade. Strict limits on shark capture met a similar fate, so that the Chinese may temporarily continue to savor shark fin soup. Coral took it on the chin too, with international trade allowed to continue. Elephants were a rare winner as the ivory trade ban was extended.

Of course, we Americans have costly environmental tastes of our own. At a restaurant the other night the menu contained both swordfish and Chilean sea

bass, two acknowledged struggling species.

But at least those bureaucratic battles over nature in the United Nations are decided by public bodies, even if their votes are by secret ballot. Other travesties are conducted more privately.

Take Okinawa. Geezers may recall that in World War II the Japanese battled to the last man to protect the island from the Americans.

As it turns out, 65 years later, they may have known what they were doing.

Today the U.S. is dickering behind closed doors with the Japanese government to vastly expand its already huge military bases there at great cost to nature's creatures, including humans.

This is scarcely a new phenomenon. Armies and navies of every nation are the world's most dreaded polluters. The United States itself is dotted with military wastelands. The largest is the Hanford nuclear toxic waste center in Washington State, whose escaped poisons are gradually seeping into the Columbia River. Best to stay upstream.

Abroad it's worse. Deformity and death have overtaken millions of Vietnamese due to America's liberal application of Agent Orange to their fields and forests during the war. And since the dioxin it contains is persistent, the suffering will continue for generations.



WILLIAM A. COLLINS



BP must be held accountable

If my wife and I invite four people over for a dinner party, we discuss a backup plan in case I burn the roast. That makes me believe that if we were to somehow become the owners of a pipe that pumps thousands of gallons of oil from the ocean floor, we probably would have an idea what to do should something go wrong.

British Petroleum, however, has no such conversation and when its giant oil-filled pipe broke, they had no contingency plan in place. Not only was BP unprepared, the company seemed incapable of responding in any fashion.

After the pipe broke and the oil started flooding into the Gulf of Mexico, BP seemed befuddled and employed a veritable Wile E. Coyote-inspired range of solutions. I'm pretty sure they tried the ShamWow, a really big straw and using Dawn to "take grease out of the way."

These idiots actually celebrated when one "solution," which involved parking a boat over the spill and pumping away some of the oil, managed to siphon

40 percent of the spill away. Of course, the boat was siphoning out 5,000 barrels a day — the amount which BP had originally claimed was the total amount being spilled each day.

So, to review, using BP math 5,000 barrels is 100 percent of the spill but only 40 percent of the spill. And, of course, the numbers are even worse because BP now admits that the boat was not removing as much oil as the company initially claimed.

This entire affair would be amusing were it not for the hundreds of miles of ruined coast line not to mention all the dead animals. Add in the untold future problems this ecological disaster may cause and it leaves you wonder exactly how this giant international multibillion dollar oil company could have been this unprepared for disaster.

Since the pipe first broke, BP has proven its incompetence over and over and one would think that the company should no longer be in charge of the situation. In general when you both cause a problem and repeatedly fail to fix it while untold damage gets done you lose your leadership role.

BP's failures have cast into doubt the entire prospect of drilling for oil off the coast of the United States. Think how

More recently, we've donated millions of pounds of depleted uranium dust to the Iraq and Afghanistan landscapes with parallel results. Cancer, this time.

Other widespread toxins trace to nearly every nation, but heaviest to the West. Our magical flood of electronic devices, from television sets to cell phones, harbors long-lasting poisons.

Savvy cities have banned them from landfills and incinerators and try to recycle them instead. This means they are gathered up into shipping containers and trundled off to Asia, where each item is crudely dismantled. The marketable parts are then sold off, while the toxins are retained by each site's land and water, and within the bodies of the children and other paupers who perform the work.

Yes, the press does sometimes pick up on a few of the better-known public battles. We often do hear about blowing the tops off mountains, catastrophic oil spills and the collapse of coal-sludge dams.

But while we heroically combat many of these ills, our own taste for military domination, fine food, comfort, speed, gadgets, convenience and profit gradually erodes the welfare of the planet. It's not pretty.

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DANIEL KLINE

monumental a failure this entire operation must be if it has cast an entire industry into doubt.

That would be like if McDonald's manufactured a Mad Cow burger, killing hundreds, then recalled it, announced that all was fine and released it again killing even more people.

That could never happen, of course, because McDonalds — a company that sells burgers and fries — has plans for every contingency.

Even a parent leaving his child with a babysitter takes a few minutes to make a backup plan for the sitter — perhaps by dashing a few phone numbers down and posting them on the fridge. I think it's reasonable to expect that BP should at least be as responsible as a couple leaving their child with a high school kid while they head out to Applebees.

BP should fix this situation and the company must be held responsible for its actions. That means paying — and paying dearly — for the mess it has caused now and long into the future as we have yet to see the long-term effects that endlessly pumping oil into the ocean may cause.

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- Barbecue _____
- Burritos _____
- Chicken _____
- Chinese _____
- Coldest Beer _____
- Donuts _____
- Fish _____
- French Fries _____
- Hamburgers _____
- Margaritas _____
- Mexican Food _____
- Pizza _____
- Sandwiches _____
- Steaks _____

Grocery Stores

- Deli _____
- Meats _____
- Produce _____

Businesses

- Abstract/Title Co. _____
- Animal Hospital _____
- Apartments _____
- Appliances _____
- Auto Garage _____
- Auto Glass _____
- Auto Parts _____
- Auto Dealer _____
- Bail Bond _____
- Bakery _____
- Bank ATM _____
- Bank Drive Thru _____
- Bank Hours _____
- Bar _____
- Barber Shop _____
- Beauty Salon _____
- Boutique _____
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- R.V. Dealership _____
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- Tattoo Parlor _____
- Television Dealer _____
- Thrift Store _____
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Businesses

- Travel Agency _____
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- Attorney _____
- Auctioneer _____
- Teller _____
at _____
- Chiropractor _____
- City Employee _____
- Customer Service _____
- CNA _____
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- Dentist _____
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- RN _____
at _____

THANKS FOR VOTING!

Bird Poop:

Publicity shy bunting
makes rare appearance

With the usual greeting, the receptionists at Texas Parks & Wildlife led us through the door leading to the numerous rooms beyond. They and the captain were excited over the small bird found at the flea market.

Never having seen one in the wild, we had anticipated this moment on the drive from Big Spring. The color blue had been emphasized over and over during their call that also included a badly injured hawk.

Kneeling on the floor so as to glance inside their carrier, I noticed the small finch certainly met their descriptions. from its head to the tip of its tail were vibrant shades of blue.

Almost purplish, its head was the darkest shade. Gracefully, the hues lightened in intensity over the rest of its body. Infused so delicately on this creature, the coloration was breathtaking.

While the bird hopped about the

bottom of the carrier, it did not indulge in any short flights. At times, after moving from side to side, it stopped. With its searching gaze unmet by another bird or familiar foliage, the male indigo bunting appeared addled.

With Art holding a towel around the carrier's gate so the bird could not escape, I slowly inched my hand forward. Perched on some cloth bundled toward the back of the enclosure, the bunting seemed oblivious to this human intrusion.

As I quickly enclosed my hand around it, the bird was startled by its sudden lack of freedom. By the overhead lights of the conference room, everyone could see the absolute beauty of its breeding plumage.

Also obvious was its sparrow-like bill. While black above, the lower mandible could be described as pearl gray or silver.

For the indigo to be found this far west was puzzling. Known to frequent the eastern part of Texas and the United States, this migrant could have been blown our way by the storms of early spring.

With no breaks or obvious damage to its wings, the bird was placed in



Courtesy photo

Also known as the "blue canary," the indigo bunting searches for food in trees, shrubs and on the ground. Sometimes confused with the larger blue grosbeck, the indigo is smaller than a house sparrow.

our carrier. Sensing that it might have flown into a window or other object, I planned to keep it for a few days and watch its progress.

The Swainson's hawk had not fared as well. The odor of gangrene permeated its carrier. After its wings were extended, a compound fracture and missing bone fragments were evident. In our opinion, it had been

shot. Euthanasia would eliminate any further suffering.

Installing lower and upper perches in a container to challenge the indigo bunting, we supplied its hopefully temporary quarters with water, grass and weed seeds and mealworms.

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Parent's Corner:

Looking for the real joy that comes to our lives

Recently I was on my way to Austin when the words of an old John Denver song came into my mind. Now I have always been a big fan of John Denver's songs, especially the ones he wrote. His insight totally amazes me.

He didn't emphasize the dark side of life of depression and turning to substances such as alcohol or drugs or the wild life of crazy living. He produced lyrics that told of the good life; the country roads that lead home; the feeling of being back home again; the exuberance of being in the mountains or just the

love of life.

However, the line that struck me was from his song, "Matthew."

"Joy was just a thing he was raised on; love was just a way to live and die!"

The meaning behind this line is tremendous. It made me wonder, how many of us can say we were raised on joy and love is a way of life?

How many of our homes today are filled with joy, love, security, warmth and unity?

Can we, as parents, say our children are being raised on joy and love or are the stresses of life distracting these elements from our homes?

We see and read so much about substance abuse, abusive relationships and suicide in our current society that I often wonder where is the joy of life for many of our citizens.

I would like to believe that joy is a choice but that's not totally true; it is partially a choice but it's also something within us that makes us who we are; it is not the things around us or "things" that bring us pleasure.

Joy is not the result of being happy or anything we do. It is an inner nature that brings happiness. It is inward, not outward, and so it does not depend on what we have but who we are.

Could we say then that joy is a sense of gratitude and by building an inner feeling of gratitude we can build an inner joy?

Oliver Wendell Holmes is quoted as saying that "Love is the master key that opens the gates of happiness," but I believe that joy is that master key.

Happiness is a part of joy. Joy

doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have.

Now we can choose to develop joy in our lives and reject the things that do not bring joy. We can control our thoughts and direct our emotions which will in turn develop joy.

There is a poem that emphasizes this:

"Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions. Watch your actions, for they become habits. Watch your habits, for they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny."

As we look for the joy in our lives we should be happy that we don't

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I have been married for 35 years to a man who, at any moment, will bring up things from our past that are very hurtful to me. And he knows exactly what he is doing.

Two weeks ago, he threw something in my face that goes back to before we were married. He had loaned me a small amount of money -- less than \$100. At the time, I was a single mom working a full-time job without the benefit of child support from my ex-husband. I guess I never paid him back. I had totally forgotten about it and couldn't believe he remembered -- and apparently is still upset about it.

We are now the parents of three grown children. On the outside, we appear to be the perfect couple, but his continual badgering has left me feeling like a knife is being stuck in my heart. He knows how I feel about this. The only time he stops is if I start to cry. Why does he do this? -- **Hurt in the Midwest**



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Hurt: Has your husband always been like this, or is it a fairly recent development? The fact that he hangs on to these grudges and uses them to make you cry is a form of bullying and an effort to exert control. If this reflects a change in his personality within the past few years, he may have a neurological problem that requires medical attention. Unfortunately, if it goes back 35 years, it will be difficult to modify his behavior, especially if he isn't will-

ing. It is not, however, impossible. Get some counseling -- on your own if he won't go with you -- and learn how to respond in a more productive way.

Dear Annie: Why do people feel the need to offer advice that is unsolicited and unwanted? Isn't that completely out of line?

A friend of mine sends me e-mails telling me that nearly everything I do is wrong. I have not asked this person for their opinion. I am not hurting or offending anyone, and I do not welcome the criticism or want her input. Ultimately, it is insulting. Why does she know better than I do?

If someone asks for advice or an opinion, it is OK to give it. Otherwise, please tell people to tread lightly. You never know when a foot will be inserted in the mouth or feelings will be hurt. -- **Ft. Wayne, Ind.**

Dear Indiana: Being in the advice business, we know

how useless it is to direct our suggestions to someone who hasn't asked for our help. Unsolicited advice is often resented. There is no reason you cannot delete this person's e-mails unread or, at the very least, not respond to the parts that are insulting. (On the other hand, when it's your mother-in-law, sometimes it's best to simply turn a deaf ear.)

Dear Annie: You were way off base in your response to "Devastated and Frustrated," whose son and daughter-in-law didn't invite her to her grandchild's birthday party because the ex-husband and his fifth wife were there. She's also not allowed to stop by and visit without calling. Now she's been cut off entirely because she told her daughter-in-law's aunt on Facebook to MYOB.

That woman has a right to see her blood-related offspring. That daughter-in-law needs to learn her place, and that is to respect her son's

grandmother. That fifth wife has no business being at a birthday party. Someone needs to come down on that son and daughter-in-law with a lead balloon. You should have told her how to access her grandparents' rights. -- **Angry in Connecticut**

Dear Angry: Grandparents' rights are not recognized in every state, and there are often restrictions. The fact that "Devastated" ought to be able to see her grandchildren doesn't mean she will. We'll say it again: The best way to resolve the problem is for Mom to find a way to get along with her daughter-in-law.

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Dairy Word Find

Just in time for June Dairy Month, see how many related words you can find and circle in the puzzle.

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CALCIUM	ENJOY	ICE CREAM
CHEESE	FARM	MILK
COW	FOOD	YOGURT

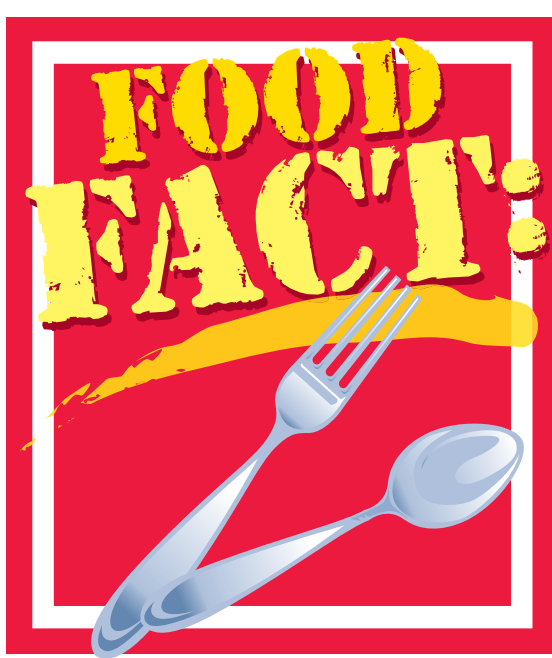
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THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1812: THE LOUISIANA TERRITORY IS RENAMED THE MISSOURI TERRITORY.
- 1942: WORLD WAR II'S BATTLE OF MIDWAY BEGINS.
- 1989: THE PROTESTS IN TIANANMEN SQUARE END IN BEIJING.



WHAT PRODUCT IS SOMETIMES CALLED "NATURE'S PERFECT FOOD"?

ANSWER: MILK

Dairy Scramble

Unscramble the words to complete the sentences.

- Mechanical milkers attach to cows' **U R D E S D**.
- A B T C R E A I** help to ferment yogurt.
- Ice milk contains less **T B U A T F R E T**.
- R D C S U** form when milk sours.

Answers: 1. udders 2. bacteria 3. butterfat 4. curds



dairy

food made from or containing milk

How they SAY that in...

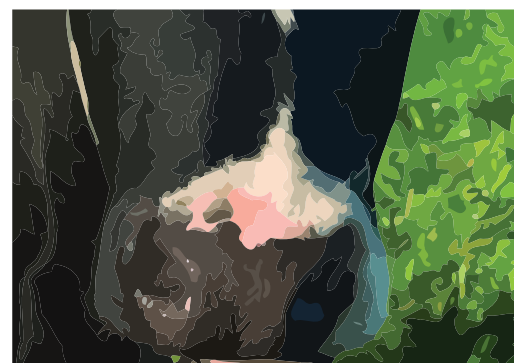
- ENGLISH:** Milk
- SPANISH:** Leche
- ITALIAN:** Latte
- FRENCH:** Lait
- GERMAN:** Milch

Did You Know?

IN 1864, FRENCH SCIENTIST LOUIS PASTEUR DISCOVERED THAT HEATING LIQUIDS TO HIGH TEMPERATURES KILLS BACTERIA. THIS IS CALLED PASTEURIZATION.



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: A COW

SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

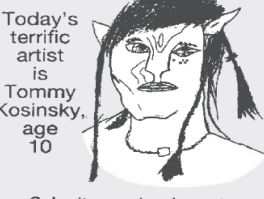
Slylock Fox and Max Mouse have followed bank robber Harry Ape into this cave. Max is certain he fled through the tunnel on the left because there is money strewn there. Slylock sees evidence that suggests Harry escaped through the other tunnel. What did Slylock see?



HOW TO DRAW a steer skull



YOUR DRAWING



The tarantula is the largest spider and may live more than ...
a) 2 years
b) 5 years
c) 15 years
d) 30 years
e) 100 years

Answer -- (d)

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National, world news in brief

Al-Qaida announces death of its No. 3 official, Mustafa al-Yazid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al-Qaida announced Monday that its No. 3 official, Mustafa al-Yazid, had been killed along with members of his family — perhaps one of the most severe blows to the terror movement since the U.S. campaign against al-Qaida began. A U.S. official said al-Yazid was believed to have died in a U.S. missile strike.

A statement posted on an al-Qaida Website said al-Yazid, which it described as the organization's top commander in Afghanistan, was killed along with his wife, three daughters, a grandchild and other men, women and children but did not say how or where.

The statement did not give an exact date for al-Yazid's death, but it was dated by the Islamic calendar month of "Jemadi al-Akhar," which falls in May.

A U.S. official in Washington said word was "spreading in extremist circles" of his death in Pakistan's tribal areas in the past two weeks.

His death would be a major blow to al-Qaida, which in December "lost both its internal and external operations chiefs," the official said on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

BP establishes floating hotels for workers in preparation for massive cleanup on Gulf Coast

PORT FOURCHON, La. (AP) — The 40-foot-long corrugated steel boxes, resembling oversized white shipping containers, are stacked two high and three wide atop a barge at Port Fourchon, the oil industry's hub on the Gulf of Mexico. The words "Martin Quarters" painted in black offer the only clue that they're not stuffed with cargo.

This barge is a floating hotel, or "flotel," set up by BP and several subcontractors to accommodate more than 500 workers hired to clean up the worst oil spill in U.S. history. Temporary housing is the only way to station workers at Port Fourchon, a

massive shipyard that serves offshore oil rigs and is surrounded by ecologically sensitive marshes and beaches.

"There are no permanent residents here on the port," said Dennis Link, a manager from a BP refinery who's handling logistics at the 1,300-acre site that's easily accessible by ship, but reachable on land only by a state road that snakes through the bayous.

With the ambitious "top kill" having failed over the weekend and a relief well at least two months away, BP was ramping up its efforts to clean up the Louisiana coast. Another temporary fix — an effort to saw through the pipe leaking the oil and cap it — could be tried as soon as Wednesday. In the meantime, more than 125 miles of the state's coastline already have been hit with oil, including the resort of Grand Isle near Port Fourchon.

The cleanup, relief wells and temporary fixes were being watched closely by President Barack Obama's administration. Obama planned to meet for the first time Tuesday with the co-chairmen of an independent commission investigating the spill, while Attorney General Eric Holder was headed to the Gulf Coast to meet with state attorneys general.

Security Council calls for impartial investigation of Israel's deadly raid on flotilla

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council called early Tuesday for an "impartial" investigation of Israel's deadly commando raid on ships taking humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip and condemned the "acts" that resulted in the loss of at least nine lives.

After an emergency meeting and marathon negotiations that lasted nearly 12 hours, the 15 council members finally agreed on a presidential statement. It was weaker than what was initially demanded by the Palestinians, Arabs and Turkey because of objections by the United States, Israel's closest ally.

The Islamic nations had called for condemnation of Monday's attack by Israeli forces on the flotilla "in the strongest terms" and "an independent international investigation."

But the presidential statement that was finally agreed to and read at a formal council meeting instead called for "a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation conforming to international standards." And it only condemned "those acts" that resulted in deaths, without naming Israel.

The long and difficult negotiations were conducted primarily by the United States with Turkey and Lebanon, which are both non-permanent council members.

Activists sending more boats to challenge Gaza blockade

JERUSALEM (AP) — Pro-Palestinian activists promised Tuesday to send two more boats to challenge Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip as international outrage mounted over a botched Israeli raid that left nine people dead.

Also Tuesday, the U.N. Security Council called for

an impartial investigation of Israel's deadly raid, condemning the "acts" that resulted in the loss of life. After an emergency meeting and lengthy negotiations, the council agreed on a presidential statement that was weaker than that initially demanded by the Palestinians, Arab nations and Turkey.

Israeli officials have not identified the nine dead or the estimated 34 who were wounded in the raid, but said they would release the names of the dead later Tuesday. They said 50 of the 679 activists aboard the flotilla have been taken to Israel's international airport for deportation. The others, they said, have refused to identify themselves and will remain in detention in a prison in southern Israel.

The renewed challenge to the three-year-old blockade of Gaza comes at a time of increasing criticism within Israel of the raid, which set off a firestorm of condemnation across the globe.

U.S. flies Afghan troops to recapture district from Taliban

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. helicopters flew Afghan troops into a remote district overrun by the Taliban and recaptured the main town Tuesday without firing a shot, military officials said.

The move comes ahead of a major conference in Kabul starting Wednesday where Afghan President Hamid Karzai will try to build consensus for peace overtures to the insurgents. The Taliban on Tuesday dismissed the conference as serving the interests of "foreign invaders."

A unit of about 200 elite Afghan troops landed in Barge-Matal district of Nuristan province before dawn in an assault backed by U.S. helicopters and a handful of American advisers, U.S. officers familiar with the operation told The Associated Press.

They recaptured the main town in the region without shooting and no one was harmed, NATO said in a statement, though the operation was still continuing and was expected to last a few days. Taliban fighters were believed to have left the town and may have taken positions elsewhere in the valley.

Government forces pulled out of the rugged, mountainous region last weekend after hundreds of Taliban fighters swept into the area from nearby Pakistan and fought for almost a week with Afghan troops and local residents.

Toss it or fix it? Americans may give health care law chance to work

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toss it or fix it? Anxious backers of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul law are starting to see a flicker of hope.

While polls show Americans remain sharply divided over the Democrats' landmark legislation, they aren't clamoring for its repeal.

Instead, the public seems willing to listen to candidates who would give the overhaul a chance and fix or improve it as needed. That's the signal from some surveys and a congressional race in a bellwether Pennsylvania district.

It's a pragmatic, somewhat counterintuitive outlook.

That could be a break for Democrats in the fall elections, since Republicans are campaigning hard for repeal of the health care law.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Safety First

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ K 9 8
♥ A 10 6
♦ J 9 5 2
♣ 7 6 3

WEST
♦ Q 10 7 2
♥ 8 4
♦ 10 6 3
♣ J 9 8 5

EAST
—
♥ 7 3 2
♦ A K Q 8 7 4
♣ Q 10 4 2

SOUTH
♦ A J 6 5 4 3
♥ K Q J 9 5
♦ —
♣ A K

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♠ 3♦

Opening lead — three of diamonds.
There are a great many deals where declarer can make an error in the play and still survive because of a favorable lie of the cards. This does not mean that declarer's error should be excused; all it means is that he was lucky.

Take this case where South is in six spades and West leads a diamond, ruffed by declarer. Many players would next lead a trump to the king and, in the great majority of deals, would survive what a technical purist would view as an egregious error. Indeed, the purist, in his own mind, would consider that South had actually gone down in a cold contract, whatever the actual outcome.

The purist would argue, quite rightly, that leading a spade to the king at trick two makes no provision for the possibility that West has all four missing trumps. While it is true that this play would not cost South the slam whenever East had the Q-10-x-x or the spades were divided 2-2 or 3-1 — all told, a 95 percent chance — the play would lose the slam the remaining 5 percent of the time.

Since there is a way to guard against West holding the Q-10-x-x, as in the actual deal, there is no reason to take even such a small risk — particularly when a vulnerable slam is at stake.

Before making a play at trick two, declarer should ask himself what could defeat him. It should not take him long to conclude that the only threat is a 4-0 trump split. He should then ask himself what can be done if either opponent has all four trumps.

Once on this track, declarer should see the advantage of playing the ace of spades at trick two. If both opponents follow suit, no more than one trump trick can be lost. If East shows out, as in the actual deal, declarer next leads a trump toward dummy's K-9, covering whatever West plays and thus limiting his trump losers to one. Finally, if West shows out on the ace, a spade to the king followed by a spade toward the jack holds East to one trump trick.

With proper play, all roads thus lead safely home.

Tomorrow: Alert defense.
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BUNTING

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Having previously noticed at the wildlife office how the bird's appearance had intensified when taken from the interior of the carrier to the brightly lit room, I was reminded of the same phenomenon with hummingbirds.

Removing our visitor from the carrier, I held it in sunlight. Vivid, the shades of blue were impressive. However, what my mind told me were blue feathers were not. There is no blue pigment.

What I was seeing was a result of light passing through the feathers.

While my human eyes made me think the bird was blue, because of light diffraction, it was not. Moving the same bird to a

heavily shaded area could make the bird appear to be black.

Before I had exposed the bird to bright light, I had noticed what I thought were dark gray wings.

With light, they had changed abruptly. To hold a bird that could exemplify this process was enlightening.

With each day, the indigo bunting improved. After gaining the lowest perch, it became more active in the container as it flew quickly from one end to the other. Soon it had claimed the highest roost.

Realizing not only could it have flown into something, we also felt it might have been exhausted by its lengthy migration. Now it was ready to continue its journey.

In a location filled with tempting insects, various seed producers, trees and dense brush, we allowed the bunting to leave on its own. Seconds after the gate

was opened, the indigo left in a bluish blur. That a creature could depart with such speed was a marvel in itself.

When its breeding season was completed, the colorful migrant would start to lose its remarkable outfit.

Nature would protect it during its travel south. No longer conspicuous, its mottled brown appearance, barely tinged with blue, would attract less attention during the dreary fall and winter months.

To know our little chameleon might participate in this year's courtship and sire another generation was gratifying.

Although his stay had been brief, the indigo bunting had brightened each day with his unique appearance.

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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already have everything we want for if we did there would be nothing to look forward to. We should be happy when we don't know something for that

gives us the opportunity to learn something new.

We should be happy for our difficult times for they give us the opportunity to grow. We should be happy for our mistakes for they teach us valuable lessons.

A life of joy comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks of life. Gratitude can turn

negatives into positives and being thankful for our troubles can become our blessings. Gratitude is something we can instill in our children which in turn can be the catalyst of developing a life of joy.

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Offense stands out for Buffs during playoff run

By ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor
It seems like Forsan baseball has done it all during its run to a Class 1A regional final.

What may be hard to ignore on the scoreboard, however, is the number of runs the Buffs are putting up.

Saturday's 13-3 win against Haskell marked yet another playoff game where Forsan put up at least 10 runs. In fact, the lowest number of runs for the Buffs this year in the playoffs has been 11 against Borden County in the round.

Forsan second baseman Zach Dykes said any one of his teammates are capable of getting runs across the plate, making it difficult for opposing pitchers to get a handle on the Buffs.

"I don't think we even have a weak spot in our lineup," he said. "Everyone, they can bet on their top four, but we

just have so many, it's just a great lineup."

Forsan coach Jason Phillips said some of the runs the Buffs have been putting up are a result of his players' aggressive base running. His players also are taking advantage of their opponents' mistakes. Haskell had nine errors in the first game of the Class 1A regional semifinal series and eight in the second game.

In Saturday's game against the Indians, every Forsan batter had either a hit or a run. Payton Parker, Saturday's starting pitcher, led the way, going 4-for-4 with four singles and two RBIs.

Maybe consistency has been key for the Buffs.

Phillips said he does not tinker with the lineup often and the only time it does change depends on who takes

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Forsan center fielder Evan Burton runs toward home plate during the Buffs' 13-3 win against Haskell on Saturday at Moffett Field in Snyder. The Buffs have put up at least 11 runs in each of their Class 1A playoff games this season.

HERALD Photo/ Adam Coleman

Schiavone upsets Wozniacki to reach French semis

PARIS (AP) — After Francesca Schiavone became the first Italian woman to reach the French Open semifinals since 1954, she collapsed face-down on center court and kissed the clay.

Schiavone upset No. 3-seeded Caroline Wozniacki in Tuesday's quarterfinals, 6-2, 6-3. Seeded 17th, Schiavone is the first Italian woman to reach the semifinals at any Grand Slam tournament in the Open era, which began in 1968.

"It's an honor for me to play here," she said. "I played really well. I'm enjoying it so much."

The 29-year-old Schiavone improved to 8-40 against players ranked

in the top five.

She had been 0-3 in major quarterfinals and hadn't reached the final eight at Roland Garros since 2001. This time she made the most of her chance.

Schiavone won with steady, sometimes looping groundstrokes, limiting errors while mixing the pace to keep Wozniacki off-balance. Rallies sometimes became moonball exchanges reminiscent of the wooden-racket era.

Schiavone played serve and volley to win the next-to-last point. After she slammed an overhead winner on her final shot, she leaped, raised her arms with a scream and lifted her racket over her head in

jubilation.

Then she kissed the clay. Her opponent Thursday will be the winner of Tuesday's all-Russian quarterfinal between No. 5-seeded Elena Dementieva and No. 19 Nadia Petrova.

Schiavone broke serve six times, won 13 of 16 points when she reached the net and enjoyed a 25-10 edge in winners.

Wozniacki, at 19, was the tournament's youngest quarterfinalist. She was playing in her second Grand Slam quarterfinal after reaching the U.S. Open final last year.

It took Jurgen Melzer 32 Slam tournaments over an 11-year span to reach a quarterfinal, and the ami-

able Austrian made it Monday. Following the advice of good friend Andy Roddick, Melzer beat qualifier Teimuraz Gabashvili in the fourth round of the French Open 7-6 (6), 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

At 29, Melzer's the oldest man in the final eight.

"To be the oldest player is not a special feeling," he said. "Reaching the quarterfinals for the first time, that's a special feeling. It took such a long time to get here, but it still feels great, no matter how old you are."

Melzer beat Gabashvili by moving forward, which is what Roddick counseled. Playing chip and charge, the left-hander won 31 of 38

points at the net.

Roddick was able to offer his pal an in-depth scouting report after losing to Gabashvili in the third round.

"He gave me advice. Yeah, that's true. We had a few text messages," Melzer said. "I attacked a little more than Andy. That's what he suggested — that I should attack."

"But I didn't need Andy to tell me that. I have a coach for that."

That would be former tour pro Joakim Nystrom. Melzer credits Nystrom with giving his game a boost since they joined forces in 2007.

Now Melzer's beyond the third round

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Area playoff schedule

Thursday

Forsan baseball vs. Stamford, 6 p.m., Moffett Field, Snyder.

Forsan softball vs. Cross Roads, 8:30 a.m., McCombs Field, Austin.

Friday

Forsan baseball vs. Stamford, 5:30 p.m., Moffett Field, Snyder (Second game is played 30 minutes later, if necessary).

Armstrong trying to catch up on Tour preparations amid distractions

PARIS (AP) — Lance Armstrong is headed to the Tour of Luxembourg, hoping to make up for the racing miles he lost after injuries and illness as he prepares for the Tour de France.

The seven-time Tour de France champion, looking for more race days ahead of cycling's main event in July, has added to his schedule the five-day Luxembourg event that he won 12 years ago after recovering from cancer.

The race starts Wednesday. Swiss organizers, meanwhile,

confirmed Tuesday that Armstrong will compete in the Tour of Suisse from June 12-20.

Armstrong is in the second year of his comeback after retiring in 2005.

The Luxembourg event is Armstrong's first race since his former U.S. Postal teammate Floyd Landis admitted to doping throughout his career and alleged that Armstrong and several other elite American riders were involved, too.

Armstrong denied any

wrongdoing and said Landis has "zero credibility."

Landis, who was stripped of his 2006 Tour de France title for doping, made the allegations May 20 — the same day that Armstrong crashed out of the Tour of California.

Armstrong hurt his elbow and needed stitches under his left eye.

The 38-year-old rider resumed training two days later. Last week, he built up to longer and harder rides near the southeastern French city of Nice, his European base.

In April, Armstrong rode only one stage at the Circuit de la Sarthe before pulling out with a stomach illness and temporarily suspending all his racing in Europe. In March, he withdrew from the Milan-San Remo classic, citing acute gastroenteritis.

This season, Armstrong has completed only four stage races: the Tour Down Under in January, the Vuelta a Murcia and the Criterium International in March, then the minor Tour of the Gila in the United States.

Armstrong's RadioShack team in Luxembourg will also include Sam Bewley, Daryl Impey, Andreas Kloeden, Tiago Machado, Gregory Rast, Ivan Rovny and Bjorn Selander.

The Texan's main rival is expected to be defending champion Frank Schleck from the Saxo Bank team. The Luxembourg native recently spent some days in the Pyrenees to scout out this year's Tour stages.

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Sports in brief

BSHS schedules sports camps

Big Spring High School will be the site of several sports camps this summer.

Those camps include:

- Camp of Champs — This weight-conditioning program, open to students in grades 3 through 7, will be held June 1-10 at the Athletic Training Center.

Coach Don Kelso will conduct the camp. Cost is \$25 per person.

- Summer Track Program — Open to all BSISD students, this camp will run from June 1 through July 15 at the ATC and Blankenship Field.

The camp is conducted by Nick Roberson.

- Baseball Skills Camp — BSHS Coach Bert Otto will conduct this camp, open to children in grades 1 through 8, from June 1-3 at Steer Park.

Cost is \$25 per person.

- Softball Skills Camp — Coach John Sparks will conduct this camp, open to children in grades 3

through 8, from June 1-3 at Lady Steers Field.

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- Boys Basketball Skills Camp — Students in grades 2-8 are eligible for this camp, which will be conducted from June 7-10 at the junior high gym. Coach Marcus Morris will conduct the camp.

Cost is \$25.

- Girls Basketball Skills Camp — Also open to students in grades 2-8, this camp will be held from June 21-24 in Steer Gym.

Coach Mike Warren will conduct the camp. Cost is \$25 per person.

- Football Skills Camp — Coach Nick Roberson will conduct this camp, open to students in grades 1 through 8, June 21-24 at the ATC. Cost is \$25 per person.

- Volleyball Skills Camp — This camp is open to students in grades 3 through 8 and will be conducted July 26-29 at the junior high gym. Cost is \$25 per person.

For more information on any of the camps, con-

tact the ATC at 264-3662.

Coahoma Ragball Tournament

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Parent-child golf tournament scheduled

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DRAFT PERMIT NO.: 091
APPLICATION AND DRAFT PERMIT. Power Resources, Ltd., P.O. Box 2700, Big Spring, Texas 79721, an Electric Services facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit and Acid Rain Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. 091, Application No. 14585, to authorize operation of the C.R. Wing Cogeneration Plant. The area addressed by the application is located at northwest corner of Alon Refinery, 2 miles east of Big Spring and 1/4 mile north of Interstate 20, in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. This application was received by the TCEQ on December 15, 2009.

received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time and location for the hearing.

Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html and received within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

INFORMATION. For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of Public Assistance, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Power Resources, Ltd., by calling Mr. Sammy Hunnicutt at (432)263-8468 extension 14.
Notice Issuance Date: April 27, 2010
#6550 May 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31 and June 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT/NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Perhaps Saturn's recent change of heart in Virgo has already lifted some kind of restriction in your life, bent a rigid rule or miraculously dissolved an obstruction from your path. Additionally, the Aquarian energy of philanthropy and humanitarianism is activated as the moon glides through this sociable realm of the sky. Things are looking up.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). A mild dispute over something trivial threatens one of your favorite friendships. Actually, no, it doesn't. You two are way bigger than this. Let it ride. Tomorrow it will be a dim memory.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have a reputation for reliability. People know they can count on you to lend a hand. A small crisis has enveloped your circle, and now several are coming to you at once. Don't succumb to the temptation to please all.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Growth pains are not merely the plight of the young. People grow — at least the good ones do — throughout their lifetime. Growth is often accompanied by pain. It will pass. It always does.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Someone has given you some sensitive information in complete confidence. You must not tell, no matter how badly you want to — mostly because it is not your information to share.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Stay on task. You will be

tempted to stray many times today. Take these intrusions as tests of your ability to stay focused and remember what is most important here: to finish what you started.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'd be a fool to stop now. You know that, but nagging doubts keep you from fully committing yourself. Accept those doubts without succumbing to them. You have a good idea, so see it through.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You always have set high goals for yourself. Sometimes you don't make them, but you know that goals can be reset and efforts can be redoubled. Evidence of the effectiveness of this strategy occurs from time to time, like today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People watching is an activity you could do for hours. Places like airports and train stations are particularly rewarding because of all the coming and going and parting. You find a particularly interesting situation today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Maybe you don't always have the right words for a delicate situation, but everyone knows you genuinely want what's best. People's faith in your good will is well-founded and will serve the whole group well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You just can't get that song out of your head. The chorus has anchored in your brain, and you might well be stuck with it all day. Try humming it out loud to see whether you can infect anyone else — for fun, of course.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you were a kid, it seemed like the

last 15 minutes of school passed the slowest. You'll have that feeling today, but only because you have something you've been looking forward to.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Moving through a crowd is something you do well. Say hi to this person; shake hands with that one; share an amusing anecdote, all the while moving toward your goal. This is a metaphor for your life, as well.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 1). You have the perfect combination of calm stability and exciting chaos in your life this year. This is partly due to the stellar relationships you cultivate. Others accompany you on various journeys, though you know that you are in charge of your own adventure. There's a move in November. You'll soar professionally in January. Aquarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 49, 30, 14 and 10.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Sagittarius in dire need of a stress-buster. What's the best way for me to handle stress?"

Dealing with stress is elementary! Fire signs like you, Aries and Leo can tap into their action-oriented nature to combat stress. Get thee to a gym and sweat! Exercise is your quickest route to endorphins and other stress-relieving hormones that lead to burnout. No fitness center membership, no problem. Try walking, biking or rollerblading around your neighborhood. Water signs — Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces — can conquer emotional overload just by taking a shower. Picture all your troubles washing right off

your body and spiraling down the drain. For added protection, when you're feeling like you're under psychic attack, sprinkle sea salt on the floor of your tub before showering. Air signs — Gemini, Libra and Aquarius — respond best to music and scent as mood boosters. Try listening to your favorite uplifting tunes while slowly peeling and eating an orange. The sound/smell combo, both transmitted through the air, will perk you right up. Earth signs — Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn — feel grounded when surrounded by nature. Seek solace in the great outdoors. Even just sitting in the sun for 10 minutes will replenish your vitamin D and lift your spirits.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: She famously says, "In fashion, you are either in or you are out." It seems that Heidi Klum is perpetually in the first category, as her supermodel image and impeccable taste keep her shining in the limelight. Klum's natal chart is largely ruled by bright Gemini, a sign noted for trendsetting. Her natal sun, moon, Mercury, Venus and Saturn are all in the spontaneous sign of the twins.

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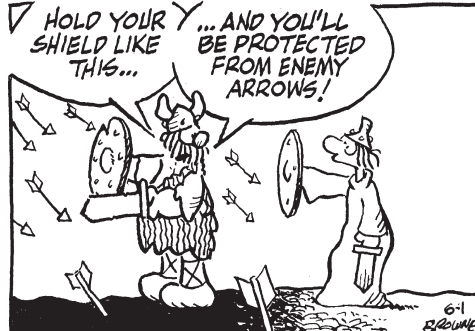
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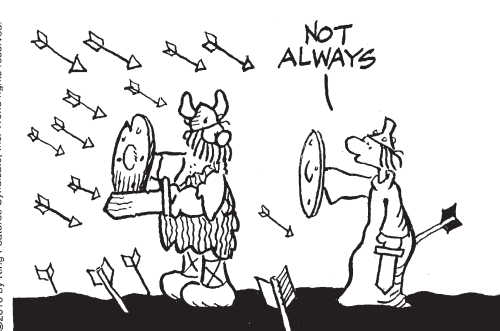


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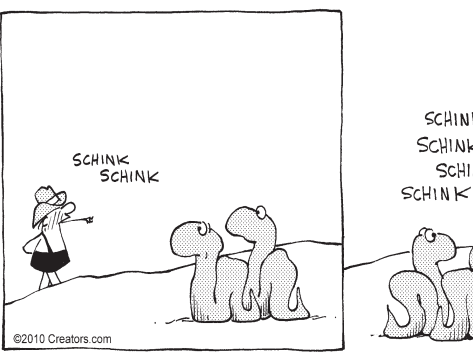
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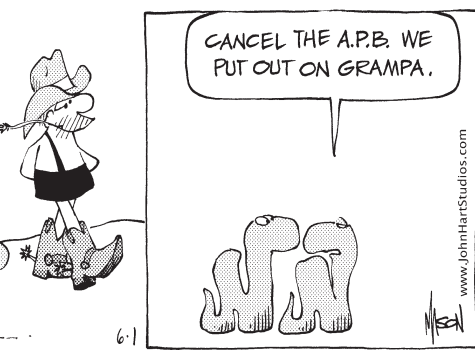
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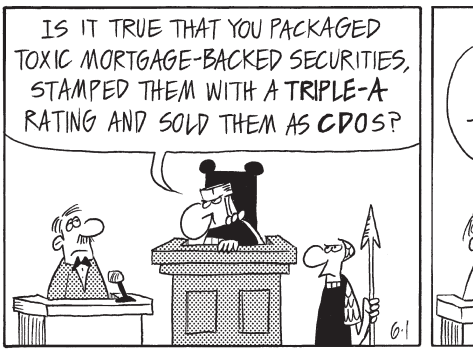
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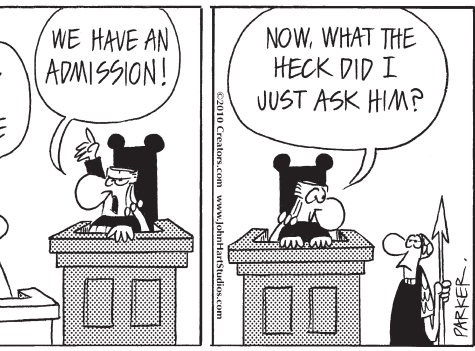
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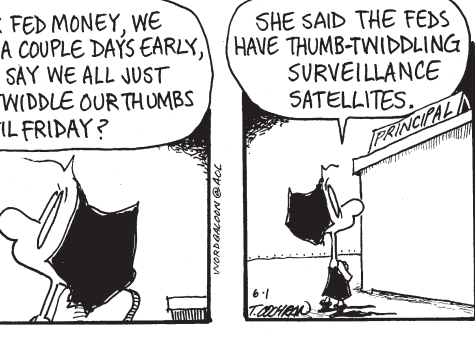
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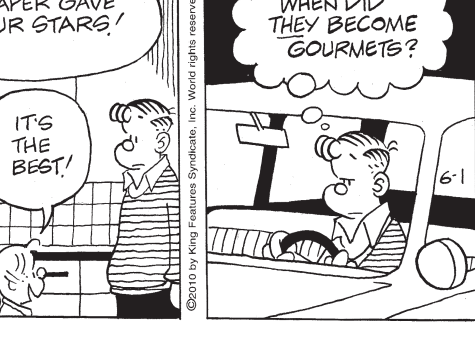
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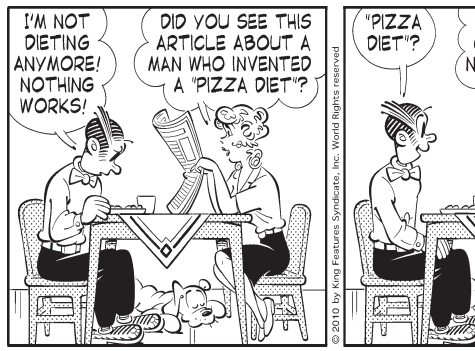
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Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date:

In 1533, Anne Boleyn, the second wife of King Henry VIII, was crowned as Queen Consort of England.

In 1792, Kentucky became the 15th state of the union.

In 1796, Tennessee became the 16th state.

In 1868, James Buchanan, the 15th president of the United States, died near Lancaster, Pa., at age 77.

In 1909, the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition opened in Seattle. (The fair closed in October the same year.)

AS LONG AS IT TAKES!!

Wood is 63. Actor Jonathan Pryce is 63. Actor Powers Boothe is 62. Actress Gemma Craven is 60. Blues-rock musician Tom Principato is 58. Country singer Ronnie Dunn (Brooks and Dunn) is 57. Actress Lisa Hartman Black is 54. Singer-musician Alan Wilder is 51. Rock musician Simon Gallup (The Cure) is 50. Country musician Richard Comeaux (River Road) is 49. Actor-comedian Mark Curry is 49. Actor-singer Jason Donovan is 42. Actress Teri Polo is 41. Basketball player-turned-coach Tony Bennett is 41. Model-actress Heidi Klum is 37. Singer Alanis Morissette is 36. TV personality Damien Fahey is 30.

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Niemi, Blackhawks beat Flyers 2-1, take 2-0 lead

CHICAGO (AP) — Antti Niemi's days of driving a Zamboni are long gone. Instead of cleaning the ice as he once did in his native Finland to make a few extra bucks, he's clearing away pucks and hoping to help the Chicago Blackhawks hoist the Stanley Cup.

Niemi made 14 of his 32 saves in the third period and Chicago beat the Philadelphia Flyers 2-1 Monday night to take a 2-0 series lead. Game 3 is Wednesday night and Game 4 is Friday, both in Philadelphia.

This was a different game from the opener when Niemi let in five goals in the Blackhawks' 6-5 win.

"I think our 'D' played maybe a little bit better in front of the net in

blocking shots and letting me see the puck," Niemi said. "But it's always a little bit about the luck, too, how you see the puck, and how it bounces."

Game 2 took on a different tone from the outset.

Defenses were tightened. Bodies were flying and tempers flaring. There was one striking similarity — Chicago's young stars Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane again failed to account for a point, but the Blackhawks still won.

It was Niemi's last-period performance that really brought the raucous crowd to its feet when the puck finally slid down the ice and the Flyers wouldn't score in the final 1:44 after pulling goalie Mi-

chael Leighton for an extra attacker.

They chanted Niemi's name and nearly drowned out an on-ice interview.

"It's unbelievable feeling how the people react," Niemi said. "Defense was the key."

Chicago broke the scoreless tie when Marian Hossa and Ben Eager scored 28 seconds apart late in the second period against Michael Leighton.

And after the Flyers got a power-play goal from Simon Gagne early in the third, Niemi withstood a furious late flurry from the Flyers to preserve Chicago's seventh straight win.

"I thought their goaltender played extremely well in the third period. We had more than

enough looks to tie up that game," Philadelphia coach Peter Laviolette said.

Niemi is 14-4 in the playoffs.

Monday night's win was one of his toughest, especially with the Flyers peppering him late. He has had the ability to follow a bad game during the playoffs with a good one.

"It's a great thing that it's been that way. I want to keep it that way later, too," he said.

"But maybe it comes out of how I feel after the bad game or game allowing five or four goals."

"I don't know how it happens."

His teammates have a nickname for the 6-foot-2 Niemi, who at age 26 is playing in his first NHL season.

"We call him the octopus because he's got arms and legs going everywhere," Chicago forward Adam Burish said. "He was special tonight. Niemi was unbelievable in that third period."

"Some of the pucks, I don't know how he saw them."

Patrick Sharp fired a shot from the left circle, and after Leighton stopped it and with Chicago's Troy Brouwer battling for the puck, Hossa poked it in from the left side with 2:51 left in the second.

Hossa, in his third straight Stanley Cup finals with a different team, got his third goal of the playoffs and first since May 5 against Vancouver in the conference semifinals.

"It bugged me definite-

ly," Hossa said of his goal drought. "I tried not to get frustrated but I was waiting for something."

"Like I said, a garbage goal."

Just 28 seconds later with the crowd still abuzz, Dustin Byfuglien made a steal and passed the puck to fourth-line forward Eager.

Eager skated to the right circle and unleashed a shot that beat Leighton high on the glove side to make it 2-0.

It was the first goal of the playoffs for Eager, a former Flyers forward, who did some yapping with defenseman Chris Pronger after the game.

"I don't speak that language, whatever he was speaking," Pronger said.

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at a major event for the first time. His opponent Wednesday will be No. 3-seeded Novak Djokovic, already a two-time semifinalist at Roland Garros.

Djokovic eliminated the last American in the men's draw, Robby Ginepri 6-4, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.

The other men's quarterfinal Wednesday will be between four-time champion Rafael Nadal and fellow Spaniard Nicolas Almagro, seeded

19th. Nadal improved to 35-1 at Roland Garros by beating No. 24-seeded Thomaz Bellucci in the fourth round 6-2, 7-5, 6-4, while Almagro defeated a third Spaniard, No. 7-seeded Fernando Verdasco 6-1, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Nadal, who lost in the fourth round in 2009, has yet to drop a set in this year's tournament.

"Do you want me to jump and shout?" Nadal said in Spanish. "I'll start jumping when I've won the tournament."

In the women's quarterfinals Wednesday, No. 1 Serena Williams

will play No. 7 Sam Stosur, fresh off an upset over four-time champion Justine Henin 2-6, 6-1, 6-4. That ended Henin's streak of 24 consecutive victories at Roland Garros since her most recent defeat in 2004.

Williams beat No. 18 Shahar Peer 6-2, 6-2.

No. 4 Jelena Jankovic will next face unseeded Yaroslava Shvedova. Jankovic defeated No. 23 Daniela Hantuchova 6-4, 6-2, and Shvedova became a Grand Slam quarterfinalist for the first time by beating wildcard Jarmila Groth.

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the mound.

"The thing about our lineup, we haven't changed it, maybe since February," he said. The end of February, we've had the same lineup and the only spot that changes is our 8-hole and all that depends on is who's on the mound. We kind of have to rework things. But one through nine, this team, they put the ball in play. They usually put it in play hard and that puts pressure on the defense."

After putting 11 runs up against Borden Coun-

ty, the Buffs followed that up with 18 against the Coyotes. Forsan then had 17 and 18 runs against Ira and 18 in the first game against Haskell.

Whether it's been the aggressive baserunning, consistent lineups or just talent, Forsan third baseman Ryan Flores said his teammates can depend on each other to come through in big games.

He said if one of his teammates is having a bad day at the plate, someone else usually picks up the slack.

"I have to say also, like with me (Saturday), if somebody is down, then somebody else comes up

and picks us up," said Flores, who went 0-4 with a walk, but had a run in Saturday's game.

"Then we just all pick each other up."

So far, the Buffs have not ran into many pitchers who can quiet their bats. Their next challenge will be Stamford, their opponent in the Class 1A regional final, which begins Thursday at Moffett Field in Snyder.

Stamford defeated Miles, Clarendon, Lockney and Memphis to get to the regional final.

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"There is one thing I know: in cycling, when you can win a race, you take it, and it's even more true regarding Lance Armstrong," Schleck said in the Luxembourg daily Le Quotidien.

"He is an unbelievable champion and a warrior. He will test his fitness here, without any pressure."

Armstrong's decision to compete in the Tour of Luxembourg means he will not enter the Dauphine Libere in France, from June 6-13, where his greatest rival and Tour de France favorite Alberto Contador will put the finishing touches on his preparations.

Armstrong put the Swiss event on his race schedule after crashing in the Tour of California. He last raced the Swiss tour in 2001, when he won the event before taking the third of his seven straight Tour de France victories.

The Swiss route offers a balanced mix of flat and mountain terrain, peaking at 7,595 feet.

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