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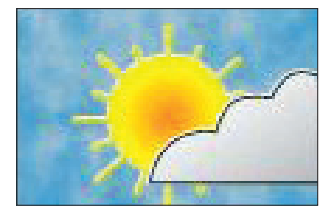
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Ken McIntosh, pastor of First Christian Church, visits with Heath Griffith while local artist Dennis Dingus shows off his art during the St. Mary's Episcopal Church Come Celebrate 2010 fund-raiser Saturday evening. Funds raised from the event will help to defer costs for the parish's upcoming, year-long celebration of serving the community for 125 years. The official kickoff to the celebration begins Nov. 1 with the annual St. Andrews Day Scottish music festival.

Convicted woman files appeal

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring woman convicted of burglary in 118th District Court in 2009 has submitted her case to the 11th District of Texas Court of Appeals.

Sabrina Gutierrez Perez, 45, formerly of 1002 N. Main St., was sentenced to nine years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and fined \$1,000 for her part in the October 2008 burglary of the Northcrest Apartments office.

Perez's conviction came on the heels of a December 2008 indictment for burglary of a building, a third-degree felony — enhanced. The Big Spring woman was accused of assisting Enrique Alvarez when they broke into the Northcrest office in the early morning hours of Oct. 23, 2008. Computer equipment and related items were taken in the incident, according to police reports.

Alvarez pleaded guilty to his part in the burglary, according to District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson, and received a sentence of one year in a state jail facility.

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Public hearing set on reliever route

Special to the Herald

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing Nov. 4 on the proposed U.S. Highway 87 truck relief route west of Big Spring.

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the social, economic and environmental effects and present the preferred alignment of the proposed truck relief route from the intersection of U.S. 87 and

FM 700 north of Big Spring to the intersection of U.S. 87 and RM 33 south of Big Spring.

The hearing will be held at the Dora Roberts Civic Center at 100 Whipkey Drive, in Big Spring. Exhibits and maps of the proposed route will be on display at the civic center until the beginning of the hearing.

The public is invited to view the exhibits beginning at 1 p.m. Registration for the hearing will open at 5:30 p.m.

and the hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The proposed project would consist of acquisition of new right-of-way, construction of a four-lane, divided controlled access roadway 14 miles in length, bridges, intersection connections, drainage structures, and landscaping that would remove through truck traffic from the current alignment of U.S. 87 through Big Spring.

Upon completion of the pro-

posed roadway, the current alignment of U.S. 87 would be re-designated as Business U.S. 87. The proposed project will require the acquisition and relocation of residences and commercial operations.

The state Relocation Assistance Program, which includes property and damages compensation, location and acquisition of replacement residences and commercial structures, will be presented during the hearing.

Portions of the proposed alignment will intersect mapped floodplains. The proposed project design would not increase the base flood elevation to level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations and ordinances. The current estimated total project cost is \$148 million.

Members of TxDOT's Abilene District staff will be available from 1 p.m. until

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Nix music reunion coming up

Bobby Flores back to help keep tradition alive

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Nix family name has been synonymous with traditional country music in the Crossroads area for more than 60 years, a fact Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will celebrate Nov. 13 with a bash at the famous Stampede.

The show, which will feature past and present members of the band, along with fellow country music musician Bobby Flores and the Yellow Rose Band, has become a Howard County mainstay since Nix's family began the tradition some 60-plus years

ago.

"We're celebrating 64 years of music in the Nix family," said Nix. "The tradition started with my dad, Hoyle, and my uncle, Ben, right here in Big Spring on Nov. 11, 1946. They both had long careers and left a legacy and trail of music I've kept alive, and I plan to keep it alive as long as I can."

"This has been a really big event for us the last several years. I started doing this in November 1996 to celebrate

the 50th anniversary of when this all started, and we've just kept it going through the years. We had several reunions of the former West Texas Cowboys, and it finally got to where so many of them had gotten older and couldn't come anymore, so we had to let that go. But we've asked Bobby (Flores) to join us and keep the tradition alive, and it's gone pretty well."

Flores, who has performed

at several Nix anniversary shows, is a Grammy Award-winning artist who has performed with Ray Price, Willie Nelson, Johnny Bush and Doug Sahm, showcasing his talents on the guitar, fiddle and voice.

"Bobby is a wonderful musician, singer and fiddle player," said Nix. "He's a keeper of the flame, like me, that plays the traditional country music, classic country and a little bit of western swing. We're very happy to have him back here this year. This

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The Big Spring volleyball team huddles during its game against Abilene Wylie Friday. The Lady Steers are already in the playoffs, but the battle for second place in District 5-3A takes place against Brownwood at 6:30 p.m. today in Steer Gym.

2nd place at stake in Brownwood-Lady Steers rematch

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

It's all about positioning right now for the Big Spring volleyball team.

The difference between a win over Brownwood at 6:30 p.m. today in Steer Gym and a loss determines how soon Abilene Wylie shows up on the playoff schedule.

After a 25-13, 25-9, 25-11 loss to the Lady Bulldogs in three sets Friday, the later a third match happens, the better.

"It's pretty critical," head coach Lynn Osborne said. "Going second would definitely give us a much better route. I think the girls understand that. Going third you face Wylie very quickly. I think we just need a little more time to build and gain our confidence back before we can deal with them."

Both Brownwood and Big Spring (20-16, 5-2 in dis-

trict play) are in the playoffs, but there is still a lot on the line for both teams, as far as positioning is concerned.

Second place in District 5-3A means the Lady Steers would start the playoffs against Vernon. Third place means facing Iowa Park to start the playoffs, but more importantly, a tie in district play with Brownwood means the two teams would have to play again for second place — a game that would most likely happen Saturday.

"It's a pretty big game for us," Osborne said. "I think the girls understand the situation. We definitely want to come in second and not drop this game and have to fight for that. We're coming off a pretty bad loss."

That bad loss was the sweep at Wylie, and even though the Lady Bulldogs swept the Lady Steers in Steer Gym earlier this season, Osborne said the

two games were very different.

Big Spring struggled to pass and struggled to get kills at Wylie Friday. Osborne said the game between Wylie and Big Spring in Steer Gym was much more competitive.

Maybe it's a reason Osborne said she believes her team hasn't reached its peak yet as the playoffs loom.

Coming off a bad loss or not, Osborne said the Lady Steers need to be prepared for a different game this time around against Brownwood.

The Lady Steers, through a slow start, took care of the Lady Lions in four sets in the two teams' first meeting. That wasn't a true representation of Brownwood as far as Osborne is concerned, though.

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Tony Romo breaks collarbone; Giants defeat Cowboys 41-35

ARLINGTON (AP) — Tony Romo threw the pass, then didn't have a chance. Linebacker Michael Boley was coming right at him, unblocked and going full speed.

The hit was so hard that when Romo landed on his left shoulder, Boley heard him "let out a little scream." All Romo remembers was how much trouble he had breathing.

It was probably the last gasp for the 2010 Dallas Cowboys, too.

Romo broke his left collarbone on the play, turning a promising start in Monday night's game against the New York Giants into yet another loss. The Cowboys went through a funk after losing their quarterback and Eli Manning took advantage, powering New York from a 13-point deficit to a 41-35 victory that put the Giants a full game ahead of the NFC East and tied for the most wins in the conference.

Manning led New York (5-2) on five straight scoring drives over the middle two quarters, posting 31 points. He bounced back from interceptions on his first two drives of the night

to match his career best with four touchdown passes, Brandon Jacobs ran 30 yards for a touchdown and Lawrence Tynes kicked a career-best 53-yard field goal, just some of their many highlights.

"The way we started the game tonight, to be able to come back from that and show the mental toughness was big," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said he was told Romo would miss about 6 to 8 weeks. More tests that are scheduled for Tuesday should help set a timetable. But it might not matter much. Dallas is 1-5, so there may not be any reason to rush back. The 1970 Bengals are the only 1-5 team ever to make the playoffs.

"I'm staying optimistic," Romo said. "This football team has a lot of high-character guys, a lot of competitive individuals who aren't going to give in to a tough situation."

Tough? Put it this way: The historically woebegone Texas Rangers

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0-9 record at AT&T Park no worry for Texas

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Texas Rangers and San Francisco Giants realize any streaks or records mean little now. It's the World Series, and anything is possible.

The Rangers sure aren't thinking about the fact they are Series first-timers who have never won on the Giants' current home field.

Texas is 0-9 at AT&T Park and has lost 11 straight in San Francisco dating to the windy, chilly nights at Candlestick Park.

"Really? It's about time," Texas slugger Josh Hamilton said. "We struggled against the Yankees and Tampa on the road this year, too."

Still, the Rangers must find a way to win in San Francisco's pitcher-friendly water-

front ballpark at least once, because the Giants have home-field advantage in the Series. Game 1 is Wednesday night — and the Giants know Texas manager Ron Washington will have his team ready with postseason ace Cliff Lee on the mound for a marquee matchup against two-time reigning NL Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum.

"Whatever happened in the past is the past, nothing to do with what happens now, just like regular season games have nothing to do with the postseason. That's all in the past," Rangers third baseman Michael Young said Monday at the team's downtown San Francisco hotel.

The Giants returned to the Bay Area on Sunday afternoon following their Game 6 victory Saturday night at

Philadelphia that sent the franchise to its first World Series since the Barry Bonds-led 2002 team that finished runner-up to the Angels. This squad is so different from that 2002 team. There is no superstar in this gritty bunch. Manager Bruce Bochy knows how well Texas is playing. So throw the Giants' run against the Rangers out the window.

"That's something you don't even consider. It's a different team," Bochy said. "They're a team that really came together at the right time and started playing very well once the playoffs started and played well throughout them."

Bochy announced his rotation before the start of Monday's workout. After Lincecum goes in

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Sports in brief

Big Spring Quarterback Club

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. All parents of football players 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to attend. For more information, call

Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

San Angelo Chaparrals tryouts

The San Angelo Chaparrals of the Texas Professional Basketball League are conducting tryouts

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 30. The fee is \$25 per player; be prepared to workout the entire time. For more information, contact coach Chris Cardenas at 325-374-2910.

Obituaries

Diann Nelson



Diann Nelson, 63, of Big Spring, died Friday, Oct. 22, 2010, at Sterling County Nursing Home, after battling cancer. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Sam Segundo officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Diann was born June 7, 1947, in Bonham to Norma Jo and Ralph Crow. She graduated from Permian High School in 1965. Diann lived in Snyder before moving to Big Spring in 1988. She worked as a dietary manager for the last 20 years at Golden Plains Care Center, Stanton Care Center and Sterling County Nursing Home. Diann's greatest joy of life was her grandkids. She was an avid "Steer Fan" and attended every event possible that her grandchildren participated in. Her next joy of life was her dogs Chloe, Flash, Bevo and Smokey.

She is survived by two daughters: Denise Carrillo and her husband Jesse and Debbie Yandrich, both of Big Spring; one son: Kyle Highfield of Big Spring; seven grandchildren: Brittany Rodriguez of San Angelo, Martin Yanez, Matthew Yanez, Joseph Morelion, Brandon Yandrich, Richard Nelson and Vanessa Highfield, all of Big Spring and one brother: Rickie Crow of Newark; and many special friends and her greatest boss: Ron Alderton.

She was preceded in death by her previous husband: Albert "Shine" Highfield; parents Norma Jo Williams and Ralph Crow; one brother: Randy Crow; and a sister: Vickie Baugh.

Pallbearers will be Jesse Herrera, Roy Gomez, Ronald Wilkens, David Yandrich, Freddie Williams and Jerry DoPorto. Honorary pallbearers will be Brittany, Martin, Matthew, Joseph, Brandon, Richard and Vanessa.

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

Paid obituary

Shirley McCrary Lawrence



Shirley McCrary Lawrence, 67, of Big Spring died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010 at the Hospice House. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

She was born Feb. 4, 1943, in Big Spring to Hazel and John Grady McCrary. She graduated from Big Spring High School and attended Howard College. She was a switchboard operator for Southwestern Bell Telephone. She lived in El Paso and Rosenberg for much of her life. She was married for many years to Ken Lawrence. She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

She is survived by one sister: Marilyn Mason of Lubbock; two nieces: Melinda Mason of Lubbock and Susanna Mason of Waco; and one nephew: Greg Mason of LaGrange.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Kevin Lawrence.

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

Paid obituary

Virgie Mae Green

Virgie Mae Green, 72 of Snyder died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010, at her home after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mrs. Green will be at 2 p.m. today, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010, at the New Hope Baptist Church in Snyder with the Rev. Raymond Dunkins officiating. Interment will follow at Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Funeral Home.

Mrs. Green was born Friday, Oct. 12, 1938, in Howard, Texas, to Robert and Addie (Williams) Brown. She married Ervin "Sonny" Green Sept. 17, 1961, in San Angelo. He preceded her in death in Feb. 1984.

Mrs. Green was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church and was housekeeper and cook for the Spires Ranch for 47 years.

Survivors include daughters Mona Green of Big Spring and Vicki Green of Snyder; one grandson and one granddaughter; three brothers, Leroy Brown of Seguin, R.J. Brown of San Angelo and Roger L. and wife Billie Jean Brown of San Angelo; several nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister, Lillian Miles; and a brother, Henry C. Brown.

Jay W. Robinson

Jay W. Robinson, 74, of Odessa, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010, in Odessa. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010, at the Blocker Family Chapel at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at Gilbreath Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 12, 1936, in Odessa and married Barbara Ford on Dec. 20, 1956, in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Jay was a member and Past Master of Golden Rule Lodge 479, San Jose, Calif., and was Past Bethel Guardian of Bethel 129, San Jose, International Order of Job's Daughters.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Kay (Ford) Robinson of Odessa; his children, Carlton J. Robinson of Odessa and Janice Freer and husband Tim of San Jose, Calif.; his brother, Morris Gale Robinson of Atlanta, Ga.; his children, Carlton J. Robinson of Odessa and Janice Freer and husband Tim of San Jose, Calif.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Office of Development, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, Fla. 33607.

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

Eva Madrid



Eva Madrid, 82, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010, at Kristi Lee Manor Nursing Home. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born June 13, 1928, in Rotan to Elena and Feliciano Morales. She married Enrique Madrid and he died in 1968. She moved to Big Spring in 1987 from Los Angeles, Calif. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. She had been a Cursillista. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by one daughter: Mary Rodriguez and her husband Tino of Big Spring; one son: Henry Madrid of Seattle, Wash; four grandsons; one granddaughter; eight great-grandchildren; three great-great-granddaughters; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents; she was preceded in death by a daughter, Gloria Madrid; three sisters; and three brothers.

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Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night: 2-5-16-30. Bonus Ball: 33.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-14-26-29-37.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-9-6-6. Sum It Up: 23.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-5-7. Sum It Up: 20.

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Take Note

• Dell's Cafe, 1608 E. Fourth, is the United Way Dine Out Restaurant of the Week. A portion of the funds received this week by the restaurant will be donated to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

• An account has been set up to help Bob and Jeanine Fishback with Bob's medical and travel expenses: Bob Fishback Medical Account 915967, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton (near Big Spring High School), Big Spring 79720. For more information, call (432) 263-8393.

• A fund has been established at Citizen's Credit Union for the Lupe Chavarria family, who lost all of their possessions in a recent house fire. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373.

• Local resident Gale Pittman is planning to decorate a Christmas tree for the Heritage Museum Christmas Tree Forest in honor and memory of service men and women now on active duty and those who gave their lives for their country. The loved one does not need to be from Big Spring and it does not matter what war they fought in. Families should send information on their service man or woman to Gale Pittman, 3401 Sherrod Rd., Big Spring 79720.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it visiting a patient, or working in the office, or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Michelle Coutermarsh, at Compass Hospice, 263-5999 or apply in person at 1003 E. FM 700 in Big Spring.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Bring this note when you join and receive a box of Weight Watchers snacks through Oct. 31. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• English as a Second Language (ESL) and computer sessions at the Northside Community Center are held during the day and evening on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Class sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 263-2673.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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the opener, Matt Cain will start Game 2. When the series shifts to Texas, Jonathan Sanchez will start Game 3, followed by rookie Madison Bumgarner.

Following Lee for the Rangers will be C.J. Wilson in Game 2, then Colby Lewis and most likely Tommy Hunter in Game 4.

Texas got to town Monday afternoon, opting to wait until Tuesday to hold its first workout on the field where it has endured so many defeats. Yet since AT&T Park opened for the 2000 campaign, Nolan Ryan's Rangers have at least made things interesting. Of those nine losses to the Giants, five were by two runs and three by one run. The only somewhat lopsided score was 5-1.

The Giants have the NL All-Stars to thank for starting the World Series at home. This is the first time the Series has begun in a National League park since 2001 at Arizona.



HERALD Photo/Angela Pace

The MotoFreaks are lined up during their show in Big Spring Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College. The show, which featured BMX freestyle stunts, is a part of the MotoFreaks Psycho Unleashed Tour.

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could win more games in October and November than the five-time Super Bowl champion Cowboys. And with the Super Bowl coming to Cowboys Stadium in February, it's all but certain the host team won't be playing. Worse still, this once-promising season is now linked to 1989 — the year Jones bought the team, Jimmy Johnson took over as coach and the Cowboys went 1-15; that was the last time Dallas started 1-5. At least back then everyone knew the team was lousy.

"There are a lot of teams in this league that have had to step in and do a different direction at quarterback," Jones said. "We've got to be able to play without Romo."

This was the fourth straight win for the Giants. The really stunning number is five; that's how many quarterbacks they have injured this season.

Even in a week where the NFL is scrutinizing hard hits, Boley didn't draw a flag. It was a clean play, just a textbook example of a hard hit.

"The guard didn't see me," Boley said. "I came in scot-free. ... I didn't think he was going to lay down. I thought it was a normal hit. After I got up and

started running, I looked back and saw he was down."

X-rays showed the break before halftime. Romo was back on the sideline for the second half, his arm in a sling and covered by a jacket. He wore a headset and tried encouraging teammates, but there wasn't much to cheer about.

The Cowboys actually were up only 10-7 when Romo left and stretched it to 20-7. Then came New York's scoring flurry, which sent home much of the crowd by the middle of the third quarter and prompted chants of "Let's go Rangers!"

The Giants were already ahead by the time Romo's injury was diagnosed.

Dallas backup Jon Kitna hadn't played since Oct. 5, 2008, when he was part of Detroit's winless season. Whether it was the long layoff, being 38 or both, he sure looked rusty.

His first and third passes were tipped. The next time he dropped back, he was sacked for a 10-yard loss, forcing Dallas to punt from its own end zone. The Giants took advantage of the short field to score the go-ahead touchdown. His next pass was fumbled by Jason Witten, setting up Tynes' long field goal. It got so bad that there was a mock cheer when he completed a pass for a first down early in fourth quarter. He finished 16 of 33 for 187 yards.

"It just took him a while to get going," Cowboys coach Wade Phillips said. "Once he did, it gave us a chance."

NFL: Players responded well, played cleanly

NEW YORK (AP) — One week after drawing heavy fines for illegal hits, James Harrison and Brandon Meriweather were praised by the NFL for clean play in Sunday's victories.

Ray Anderson, the league's executive vice president of football operations, told The Associated Press on Monday that Meriweather and Harrison "heeded our emphasis" on eliminating fouls and deserve to be lauded. So do others, Anderson said, after no

flags were thrown for illegal hits to defenseless players in the 13 games.

Harrison was fined \$75,000 and Meriweather \$50,000 for hits to defenseless opponents last week, when the NFL announced it would begin suspending players for such tackles.

"We like to think we're off to a good start in terms of the new emphasis and the recognition that we are going to play aggressively but well within the rules," Anderson said. "It's a good

start."

"Brandon Meriweather, specifically, last week we were appropriately calling him out and chastising him," he added. "Yesterday in the Patriots' game at San Diego, Meriweather made two very tenacious, effective and legal hits in similar situations. But you could see it, he lowered the target area, blasted the opponent with his shoulder. He adapted, showing it can be done. It is appropriate to praise

him for the tough play."

Patriots coach Bill Belichick was surprised to hear about Anderson's praise.

"I think that would be a first for me," Belichick said Monday. "The officials are now evaluating the players and their performance. No, I mean that's great."

He then paused several seconds

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Union would consider expanding MLB playoffs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Baseball's playoffs could be expanding in two years.

The new head of the players' union says his members are open to adding more wild-card teams for 2012 and possibly extending the division series to a best-of-seven.

Union head Michael Weiner says it's also possible players would agree to cutting the regular season from 162 games, but that's more problematic because it would cost teams revenue.

"There is sentiment among a substantial segment of the players to consider expanding the

playoffs," Weiner said Monday in an interview with The Associated Press ahead of his first World Series since replacing Donald Fehr as union head.

Eight of 30 baseball teams make the playoffs under the format that

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"I expect them to play a little cleaner," she said. "I think we caught them on a bad night. I think we played pretty well that night. I'm expecting a little bit better game out of them this time."

Osborne said the players seemed subdued in practice Monday, but her players do understand how big a game tonight's is.

At least the Lady Steers aren't on the edge, fighting for a playoff spot at this point in the season. Osborne said she is glad for that.

"It's nice that we're locked in," she said. "I hope the girls don't get relaxed."

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Police Beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Monday:

- JIMMY JUAREZ, 41, 1014 Sycamore, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- FREDDIE RAY LEONARD, 48, 205 Driver Road, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JOE ALBERT YANEZ, 32, 309 N.E. 11th, was arrested on a charge of tampering or fabricating physical evidence.
- RILEY DON BROOKS, 20, 1902 Mittel, was arrested on warrants charging no driver's license (two counts), manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance (two counts) and failure to appear (two counts).
- TYSON BARKER, 19, 1804 Scurry, was arrested on a warrant charging possession of drug paraphernalia.
- CURTIS WALTER GASTON, 21, 307 W. Fourth, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.
- ANDREW WAYNE ARMSTRONG, 38, 700 S. Aylesford, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance.

session of drug paraphernalia.

- JOE ALBERT YANEZ, 32, was jailed on a charge of tampering or fabricating physical evidence.
- GEORGE EDWARD MARTINEZ, 25, was jailed on a charge of accident involving injury.
- ERICK SHEROD FRANKS, 35, was jailed on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- RILEY BROOKS, 20, was arrested on charges of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance (two counts), no driver's license (two counts) and violating promise to appear (two counts).
- SABRINA FAYE RIVERA, 39, was sentence on an order of modified community supervision.
- TYSON BARKER, 19, was jailed on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- CURTIS WALTER GASTON, 21, was jailed on a charge of assault/family violence Class C.
- ANDREW WAYNE ARMSTRONG, 38, was jailed on charges of possession of a controlled substance and driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Boatler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of CR 2 and RR 33. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3900 block of Old Gail Highway. Service was refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Fifth and Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity (officials reported 78 prisoners in the county jail):

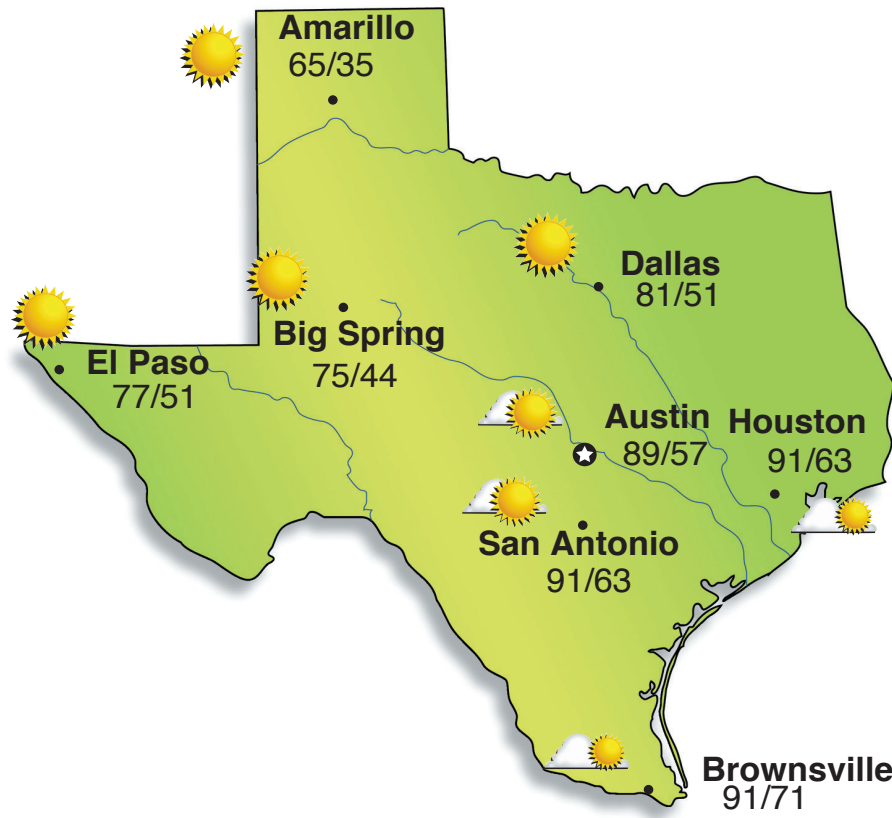
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Today's Weather

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75/44	70/42	73/50	82/55	84/55
A mainly sunny sky. High near 75F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph.	Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	75	48	sunny	El Paso	77	51	sunny	Midland	80	48	sunny
Amarillo	65	35	sunny	Fort Stockton	81	49	sunny	Raymondville	93	70	pt sunny
Austin	89	57	mst sunny	Gainesville	77	45	sunny	Rosenberg	91	62	pt sunny
Beaumont	90	64	t-storm	Greenville	79	46	sunny	San Antonio	91	63	mst sunny
Brownsville	91	71	pt sunny	Houston	91	63	pt sunny	San Marcos	90	57	mst sunny
Brownwood	83	49	sunny	Kingsville	93	68	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	82	50	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	90	69	pt sunny	Livingston	92	55	pt sunny	Sweetwater	75	46	sunny
Corsicana	82	49	mst sunny	Longview	86	50	mst sunny	Tyler	85	49	mst sunny
Dallas	81	51	sunny	Lubbock	74	39	sunny	Weatherford	79	47	sunny
Del Rio	91	61	mst sunny	Lufkin	92	55	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	76	43	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	57	t-storm	Houston	91	63	pt sunny	Phoenix	79	58	mst sunny
Boston	68	52	rain	Los Angeles	79	58	pt sunny	San Francisco	68	55	mst sunny
Chicago	64	37	windy	Miami	87	74	pt sunny	Seattle	54	44	pt sunny
Dallas	81	51	sunny	Minneapolis	41	33	rain	St. Louis	73	43	windy
Denver	51	29	sunny	New York	70	56	rain	Washington, DC	73	59	rain

APPEAL

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Burglary of a building is usually punishable by a term of between six months and two years in state jail, but Perez's

conviction was enhanced by two prior felony convictions — burglary and possession of a controlled substance. Those prior convictions apparently carried a lot of weight with the jury while it was determining Perez's punishment.

"I think the jury was very

concerned over her rather extensive prior criminal history," Wilkerson said. "And they reacted accordingly."

Under the enhancement guidelines, Perez could have received as little as two years or as many as 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. She

must serve at least a quarter of her sentence — more than two years — before becoming eligible for parole, according to officials with the 118th District Court.

Contact Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

ROUTE

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the beginning of the hearing to answer questions and take comments. There will be an opportunity at the conclusion of the proposed project presentation for the public to comment either orally or in writing. Comments will also be

accepted for 10 days after the date of the hearing.

Schematic layouts showing the location and design for the proposed project, the environmental assessment, the tentative construction schedule and other related information would be available for inspection and copying at the Big Spring Area Office located at 1301 N. SH 350 in Big Spring and the Abilene District Office

located at 4250 North Clack in Abilene.

Citizens unable to attend the hearing may view the information and comment prior to the hearing date and for ten days after the date of the hearing at either of the two locations.

If there are any questions concerning the meeting location and time, contact Roy Dill P.E., Big Spring area engineer at (432) 263-4768.

All interested citizens are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing. The civic center is handicap accessible. Anyone wishing to attend the hearing with special needs should contact Mary Beth Kilgore, district public information officer, at (325) 676-6806 or at the number above at least five days prior to the hearing date.

NIX

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is the fourth or fifth year he's played with us for this occasion."

With doors set to open at 8 p.m. and the show expected to last from 9 p.m. until around 1 a.m. at the Stampede — located just off FM 700 on Texas Highway 350.

Nix said little has changed over the years when it comes to his love for traditional country music.

"My love for the real country music hasn't really changed. It's grown deeper, but it hasn't changed," said Nix. "I feel like I'm helping to

preserve something you don't hear everyday on mainstream country radio."

Nix said he plans to release a new CD around the same time as the anniversary bash, and, if possible, will be holding a CD release party in conjunction with the event.

"I'm really excited about the CD, which just makes this anniversary show even more special," he said. "With Bobby and all the guys there, I just can't think of a better time or place."

Admission is \$15 per person, and while tickets will be available at the door, Nix said reser-

vations for the celebration tend to go quickly.

"They come from all over the place to see this show, and we're more than appreciative of that fact," said Nix. "My favorite part is the nostalgia. Remembering how all of this started and where it's come to today. We've kept a tradition alive all these years, and peo-

ple have supported us. And it honors the men that started the whole thing."

For more information — or to make reservations — contact Nix at 267-2060.

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

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Estefana (Irene) Ruiz, 80, died Friday. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Diann Nelson, 63, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Eva Madrid, 82, died Sunday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Shirley Lawrence, 67, died Saturday. Memorial service will be at a later date.

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At long last, Miami set for Big 3 debut in Boston

MIAMI (AP) — Before leaving for the airport Monday and catching the flight to Boston, Dwyane Wade had a conversation with the friend he calls Larry.

As in, the Larry O'Brien Trophy. The one they give out for winning an NBA championship.

"I asked him where he's been," Wade said. "He's eluded me. He's been missing for a while."

Larry will be waiting for someone in June, and on Tuesday night the Miami Heat will take what they hope is their first steps toward winning him when a season of title expectations finally opens in Boston. Miami squares off against the reigning Eastern Conference champion Celtics in a matchup loaded with story lines.

LeBron James' opener with Miami after seven seasons in Cleveland. Wade's first time with James and Chris Bosh as his Heat running mates. Shaquille O'Neal — once a teammate to both Wade and James — playing his first game in Celtics' colors. Paul Pierce, Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett motivated by a Game 7 loss to the Lak-

ers in last season's finals. Miami's new Big 3 vs. Boston's not-so-new Big 3.

Oh, and the small fact that Wade and James were both ousted from the playoffs by Boston last spring, defeats that helped along their decision to play with one another.

"I think the NBA did an unbelievable job of picking a great first game," Wade said.

O'Neal says he believes it's just another game, noting that the only big games in which he's played in are the ones where "jewelry" — a ring — is up for grabs.

Not everyone is of that opinion.

"Once LeBron took his talents to South Beach, I think everyone got excited," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said.

The Heat practiced one last time in Miami on Monday morning, followed by coach Erik Spoelstra gathering his team in the locker room for a quick meeting.

He didn't have to say much. Spoelstra brought Miami's 2006 championship trophy and reminded everyone of the season's lone goal.

"We're all ready for this because of how long the summer has seemed," Spoelstra said. "Seemed like it's taken forever to get to this point. But it's finally here. And finally we can have most of the talk about the game and not all these other things which people are interested in right now, which is normal. But let's play."

James feels the same way.

By the time tip-off rolls around Tuesday night, 110 days will have passed since he made "The Decision" to leave Cleveland and join Wade and Bosh in Miami, and the NBA's two-time reigning MVP acknowledged Monday that South Florida still doesn't totally feel like home.

The team does, though. And after a summer of being a lightning rod for critics, James might be more eager than ever to play.

"I'll be ready tomorrow," James said when asked about his motivation level. "I'll be ready. I'll be ready."

His summer — and the fallout — was the theme for a Nike commercial released Monday, in which James is sitting on the set of the show in which

he announced his decision and asked "What should I do?" He drives by the spot in Cleveland where the famous "We are all Witnesses" banner came down, talks with Don Johnson while in Miami Vice-styled suits, even munches on a doughnut while taking a shot at Charles Barkley — one of the most outspoken who railed against James' decision, calling him "a punk."

"Should I be who you want me to be?" James asks to end the 90-second spot.

The Celtics know what the Heat did this summer is why this game was scheduled to open the NBA season. Commissioner David Stern won't be there; he'll be in Los Angeles handling the Lakers their championship ring three hours later.

Odds are, Stern will be watching Like just about everyone else in the NBA world.

"All eyes will be on the game in Boston, but I think all eyes will really be on Miami," Rivers said. "We're the other team that's playing and we're just going to show up. But I'm sure everybody is there to see Miami."

MLB

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began in 1995, a year later than intended because of a strike that wiped out the postseason in '94.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig appears to be increasingly in favor of proposing more playoff teams during collective bargaining with the union next year, which will determine the postseason format for 2012 and beyond.

"We have less teams than any other sport," he said last month. "We certainly haven't abused anything."

In the NFL, 12 of 32 teams make the playoffs. In the NBA and NHL, 16 of 30 teams advance to the postseason.

The first round series have been best-of-five since they began. It's possible they could follow the path

of the league championship series, which began as best-of-five in 1969, then expanded to best-of-seven in 1985.

"There are some players who have expressed an interest in that, as well," Weiner said. "Obviously, you've got to look at everything together. But I think we can have a very healthy discussion with the commissioner's office when bargaining begins about these issues."

Weiner said the union likely would generate a consensus on its playoff stance during its annual executive board meeting in December. Bargaining is likely to start in the first half of the year on the labor contract to replace the one expiring on Dec. 11, 2011.

Only minor tinkering with the playoffs is possible for next October.

"We've been talking about a revised schedule in 2011 that would be a compressed schedule for post-season play," he said. "The structure for playoffs

in 2011 will be the same as it's been throughout this contract."

The regular season expanded from 154 games to 162 in the American League in 1961 and the National League a year later, when each of those circuits went from eight to 10 teams.

"Certainly some of the players have said either we should shorten the regular season because the regular season's too long, or we should shorten the regular season to accommodate expanded postseason," Weiner said, adding that would have "revenue implications for the industry."

"That is one of the ideas that they are kicking around. But having said that, we understand that a proposal to reduce the length of the regular season will be viewed one way by the owners as opposed to a proposal to expand or modify the structure of the postseason."

Not all players are in favor of a longer postseason.

NFL

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before adding: "I can't tell you how much that means to me, really," drawing laughter from a room full of reporters.

Anderson also mentioned Harrison, who skipped one day of practice last week and said he contemplated retirement rather than change how he plays. But Harrison played cleanly in a win at Miami, particularly on a play in which Dolphins running back Ronnie Brown already was being hit by Steelers linebacker Larry Foote.

"There certainly was one play, on a hit on a running back, that James Harrison may have taken a shot at the running back going down, and Harrison let up," Anderson said. "I think he acknowledged he let up when had a chance to put his head and helmet in there. I applaud James for restraining himself."

Harrison recalled the play and how he pulled up near Brown when he realized it would be a high hit. Brown was tackled on the play by Larry Foote.

"Other than one play, I was fine," Harrison said. "I wasn't trying to send a message (by playing cleanly)."

"There was no extra motivation for this or any other game. I was just out there playing the game the way that I've been taught to play it since I was 10 years old."

Harrison still seemed to believe the crackdown stemmed from the press coverage of the previous weekend's flagrant tackles.


"Maybe if that was the only one that happened," he said of his hit on Cleveland receiver Mohamed Massaquoi that drew the hefty fine, "it wouldn't have transpired the way it did."

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

Remember, it's time to register parade entries

It's a point we've made before, but it bears repeating — the Christmas season is fast approaching and officially begins in Howard County on Saturday, Dec. 4, when Santa Claus arrives to take part in the 25th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

Registration forms are already coming in from individuals, businesses and church, civic and school groups who are planning their entries in keeping with this year's theme — "Star-Spangled Christmas."

The parade, which first wound its way down Gregg Street in 1986, will again be a lighted parade. And this year's parade will return to almost its original route, now that Gregg Street construction efforts have been completed.

Plans call for the route to begin lining up as it has traditionally done and the procession will actually begin at the intersection of 24th and Gregg Streets, proceed north on Gregg to Eighth Street, turn east one block before turning north and proceeding to Heart of the City Park on Scurry Street.

Entries will again be judged five categories. And as has been the case in recent years, the entry judged "Best of Show" will receive a \$100 cash prize. The Publisher's Trophy, for best use of lighting, will earn one entrant \$75 and the Grand Marshall's Award, for best costuming, will receive \$50.

The parade is again set to begin at 5:30 p.m. that Saturday and we here at the Herald want to encourage everyone to come out and help us in getting the Christmas season off to a rousing start.

While it may seem there's plenty of time to make decisions about the Christmas season, it's important to remember that a parade this size takes time to plan and coordinate.

That's why we're continuing to remind our readers about the need to get those entries submitted no later than Nov. 12.

Entry forms have been printed in several editions of the Herald and is again included in this edition. In addition, entry forms are available at the Herald's offices located at 710 Scurry.

So, if you are involved in any of the many organizations or businesses that annually take part in the Christmas Parade, get your entries filled in as soon as possible and let us know what you're planning to do.

Entry forms should be mailed to the Herald at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1431. For additional information concerning the parade, call 263-7331.

As always, we're asking the community to help us make this the best Christmas parade Big Spring has ever had.

So come on and join us. We're absolutely certain you'll be glad you did.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not live our life by rolling the dice, Lord, but by trusting in You and Your word.

Amen

Getting in shape ... again

My relationship with exercise has been an on-again, off-again affair. Generally, I work out in bunches, getting almost into shape before slacking off and sliding back into "uh oh, my pants don't button" territory.

During the period I am hitting the gym regularly, I never see my undoing.

Once I get into an exercise routine, it seems impossible to me that I will ultimately fall back into a period of sloth.

It's not that I so enjoy working out that I can't imagine not doing it; it's more that I enjoy being less fat and not wanting to wear a rain poncho in the shower.

My last run of fitness lasted exactly a year. I was running a very large toy store and since we didn't open until 10 a.m. (and I came in around 7 a.m.), I had time each morning to meet a very fit coworker at their gym. Having a workout partner was very motivating and, for the first time ever, I was seriously lifting weights.

Unfortunately, while some people can lift weights and put on visible muscle, I have a body type that defies muscularity. I could certainly lift more and more each month, but aside from one freakishly large bicep, I mostly looked the same — albeit thinner.



DANIEL KLINE

My clothes fit better, though, and I genuinely felt good about my appearance making it seem impossible that I would go back to my lazy old ways. Even when my workout partner and I barely made it to the gym for the month of December, we rationalized it by pointing out how hard we worked in the store during the month of December.

Certainly unloading pallet after pallet of toys for eager holiday shoppers and being on our feet for 12-hour stretches made up for a few missed workouts? In January we would get back to business pushing up stacks of weights next to the 'roided out muscleheads and nearly dead elderly folks who populated our gym.

For the first few weeks of January, we even stuck to that promise. We managed to wade our way through the endless drooping parade of naked old people who hung out in the locker room and we even avoided a pumped up veteran who threatened to kill us when I made a joke about Kid Rock.

I was back on track and my ability to fit into my dress pants seemed safe. Then, of course, I quit my job.

Theoretically, this should have allowed me more time to exercise.

No longer beholden to the clock, I was now living the glorious freelance lifestyle and should easily be able to find 45 minutes a day for exercise.

In reality, however, not having steady work sent me into a state of paralysis by electron-

ics. Given that every phone call could be from a client and every e-mail from a possible client, I became chained to my laptop and cell phone.

I had time to work out, but fear of missing an opportunity had me skipping trips to the gym. It wasn't sudden, more of a gradual trail off, but by March, I was not exercising at all and when we hit Oct. 1...

Well, let's just say putting on a suit required hiring the guy Jennifer Lopez uses to get into her skinny jeans.

So, it was with a supreme desire to not have to spend the money on bigger pants that I returned to the gym.

I'm two weeks into my new program which mixes weightlifting with "running" (walking at the moment, but running eventually remains a distant goal).

I struggled through the first week of soreness that always accompanies lifting weights and I can now once again brush my hair without help. I'd love to say I've seen some tangible benefits, but realistically, it has only been two weeks.

I'd also like to promise that this time, I have made a permanent life switch and that going to the gym will now and forever be part of my life.

Unfortunately, I think we all know that I will be writing this column again two years from now.

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Ever wake up laughing?

What a way to start the day! I was dreaming one of the most absurd dreams

I've ever dreamed. Suddenly, I began snickering. Then, I began giggling at the fact that I was snickering — in my sleep.

My giggles were soon followed by my husband's chuckles. And when he finally asked me what was so funny, my giggles turned into belly laughs. My husband and I hee-hawed until the bed shook with our amusement.

I was reminded of the famous phrase, "Laugh and the world laughs with you." My husband certainly could not help but laugh with me even though he had no idea why I was laughing.

Interestingly enough, I couldn't stop smiling throughout my day. Every so often, I would recall my laughter-filled morning and I'd start laughing again. I must say that it was one of the most pleasant and delightful days I've had in a long time. I found humor in everything.

I don't think anything feels better than a good burst of laughter. It occurs to me now that perhaps this is a good way to approach many things in life.

I've read about the health benefits of humor and laughter. Besides the list of physical benefits frequently given, studies have concluded that the ability to find humor in our life experiences — even in extremes — can

help us look at our problems in a fresh way. Plus, seeing the humor in some of our most difficult scenarios can help to normalize our experience, particularly by keeping things from appearing too overwhelming.

Think about some of the everyday life situations often portrayed in comedy sitcoms. It's usually when everything goes wrong time and again when we laugh the most. Are we able to laugh at ourselves on those days when everything seems to go wrong? Maybe we should.

It could be that our ability to find the humor in our lives is a powerful aid to finding solutions, making progress, and ultimately overcoming whatever it is that would bring us down or hold us back.

At the very least, we might be happier and more energized as we go about our day.

I had a childhood friend who never failed to see the humor in everything. In fact, my mom sometimes denied my requests to have this friend sleep over because she laughed so much. My mom said she could hear us laughing all night and consequently didn't get much sleep.

And my mom was right about one thing. My friend laughed all the time and she made me laugh, too. She taught me lessons about finding humor in things that I've never forgotten.

I can honestly say she was the happiest person I've ever known. I wanted to be like her and I still do.

I think the ability to laugh at ourselves keeps us from taking ourselves too seriously and helps keep our egos in check. Perhaps

if more politicians could laugh more at themselves, they would be able to get along better and make more beneficial decisions for the rest of us.

There have been many times when I've gotten angry at my husband. After my outburst — when we've stood there looking at each other in a stand-off of wills — we've often begun laughing. I sincerely think one of the times people look the most ridiculous is when they are angry.

The wonder and power of those moments, when anger was followed by laughter, is that whatever it was that prompted the anger in the first place, became a smaller issue than it at first seemed. And my husband and I could then make any adjustments actually needed that we both felt were fair and reasonable.

I can definitely say that waking up laughing is a better way to start the day than getting up on the wrong side of the bed. And even when I don't wake up laughing, I plan to do my best to find the humor in everything each day.

I just have a feeling that this approach will keep problems solvable and life happier and more satisfying.

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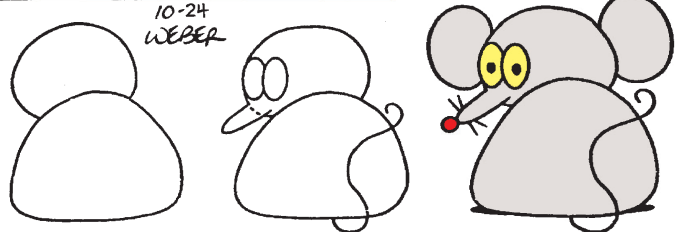
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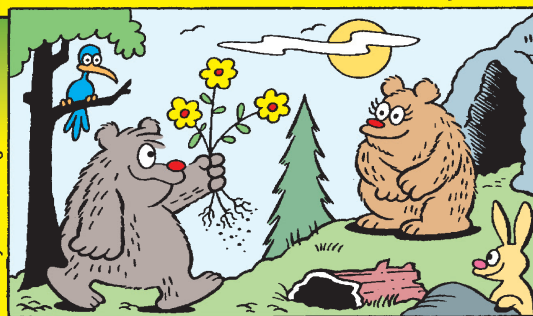


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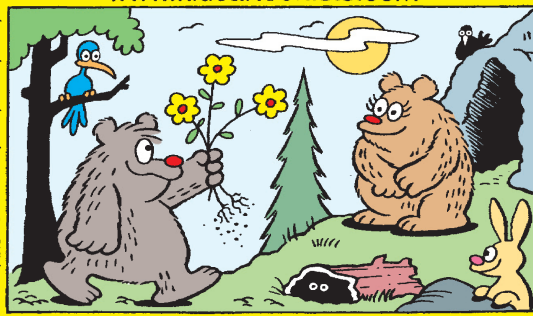


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Bird Poop: Ingenuity nabs a hurt hawk

From the platform late that morning, he watched as the large raptor soared while hunting. Knowing the height of the rig, he figured the bird must be four to five hundred feet above the range-land. The day before he had seen it glide downward as it sought unsuspecting prey. During early afternoon, he noticed the bird of prey swoop down, extend its talons and disappear in the tall grasses near the fence line. The man thought it had probably penned its catch to the ground.

Later, he saw the hawk again. Still close to the fence, the bird barely cleared the top of the weeds before settling back to the ground. More than once it made an effort to leave, only to return to the overgrown barrier. Over the months that he had worked on the rig, the man had seen numerous hawks take flight. Because this bird was not reaching a sustainable height concerned him. Telling another worker where he was going and why, he climbed down the ladder and started toward the fence.

When a caller said a hawk could not get higher than two feet off the ground, I asked if he thought he could catch it. "He'll have to outrun me, ma'am," he boasted, "or I'll catch him for sure."

"Do you have a cardboard box or anything to put it in?" was my next question. His positive reply was reassuring. "I'll get something!"

The next morning the man was to deliver the hawk to the office of Texas Parks & Wildlife in Midland.

Just as we finished breakfast, their receptionist called. "We have a hawk for you." To my asking if it were in a carrier, she replied, "Of sorts."

Entering the conference room, we soon learned what she meant. Improvising a make-do container, the man had used the top

half of a grocery cart. Sans wheels and undercarriage, the sturdy basket was topped with a thick mesh secured by black tie-offs.

Looking out the sides of this invention was a red-tailed hawk.

For 35 years we had received birds in all types of containers and contraptions. However, this man's ingenuity topped them all.

Cutting the ties and removing the mesh, we carefully raised the hawk to examine its wings. Although there were no breaks, we noticed a strange injury on the underside of each wing at exactly the same distance from the tips of the primaries. In those areas, something sharp had nicked the skin and damaged the surrounding feathers.

Delivering the hawk to the wildlife center in Lubbock, we were curious as to what might have caused the slight damage to both wings. "Barbed wire fencing," answered Katie Stafford, manager. During her work with wildlife in California, she and others had often seen this type of injury.

In pursuit of prey and not noticing a fence until too late, the raptors would try to fly vertically through an open space. Instead, they struck the barbed strands equally with both wings.

Nine days after its arrival, the red-tail was placed in a flight cage for observation. Imping or grafting new feathers onto the wings to repair the damage was not suitable. The center would, therefore, keep the raptor until new feathers replaced the mangled and missing ones.

Impatient to be free, the once graceful adult with its rufous-colored tail and dark brown cloak was grounded. Adorned with new growth, it would be empowered to reach its lofty domain again.

Thanks to human intervention, and an ingenious delivery, the keen-eyed hunter would some day use its four and a half foot wingspan to soar over mountains, prairies, rangelands and deserts.

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



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Found year round in parts of Texas, a red-tailed hawk and its mate often stay together for years. Considered a common specie, it has been found in Alaska, Canada, the United States and Mexico.

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did you want me to do with this? Make change?" You still, however, have to take your groceries to the car and unload them — unless you still have children at home and you can make them do the grunt work for you.

You know the drill — everything is run by computers. The street lights, the stop lights, the 911 dispatch, the electric companies, the nuclear power plants, missiles — oops, this isn't a conspiracy theory piece. But in truth, if someone ever takes out the all the computers we're all going to be in a lot of trouble.

Some would argue that computers make our lives easier. And they do in so many ways. You can pay all of your bills on line — utility bills, Visa bills — it doesn't matter.

You can do it all on the computer which saves a considerable amount when you consider how much a postage stamp costs. However, the excuse of "its in the mail" is no longer acceptable.

Paying bills online is very convenient and you can set them all up automatically,

which eliminates coming home and finding your lights or water off because you forgot to pay your bill. You can Google anything and come up with answers from maps to medical diagnoses. You can purchase anything from a car to a hair dryer online and have it delivered to your front door. No more waiting in lines, looking for products that the store has sold out or doesn't carry. You can shop 'til you drop and never have to leave the house. Think of all the gas you can save. Think about the FedEx and UPS stock that will go up.

Gone are the days of handwritten thank you notes, or handwritten notes for no reason at all. These days we e-mail thanks — when a thank you is even remembered — and send e-cards for birthdays and other occasions. Even e-mail is becoming obsolete. Wherever you go — restaurants, the grocery store, elevators, red lights — everyone is furiously attacking their cell phones, smart phones or Blackberries with their thumbs, texting.

Used to, at least in West Texas, you could count on a smile or a nod when you get on an elevator or pass some-

one in a store. People would actually wave at you as you walked or drove down the street. No more, however, as everyone has their eyes glued to their smart phones.

I am absolutely against texting. I think if you want to tell someone something the least you can do is give them the courtesy of a phone call. But, no, that is too much trouble. Everyone is too busy to call. If you're too busy, then wait until you're not. I'm really tired of looking at the top of your head bent over your phone when I'm trying to have a conversation with you. Don't get me started, just call me.

Instead of receiving photographs from our

children and grandchildren, we check Facebook for pictures of our grandchildren. We used to take our film, go to the photo developers on Gregg Street, wait for a week or two and then go by and pick up our pictures and share them with the grandparents and put a few in our own picture albums (or let them pile up in a shoebox, but we won't go there now). We now take pictures with our phones — except in my case the camera feature just won't work despite the best efforts of the young man at the phone store — and send them to everyone on our contact list. I just check on Facebook and there are the pictures of those sweet darlings doing...

what? Standing by the water at HSB without a life jacket? Ok, I'm calling — not texting — their father.

Back in the dark ages, when boys and girls actually went on regular dates, the picture show was the date spot of choice, especially in a small town. As we got older we went to see movies as a family or for mom and dad's date night. That's pretty much all over, unless you have to have the maximum movie experience that causes you to drive to another city to be able to enjoy chair rattling surround sound.

Now we can rent movies on DVD — my sons had to get me a DVD player for Mother's Day

one year because I was still using VHS. Most annoying about renting movies is there is always a late fee. Stop, wait... renting DVDs is all over. You order the movies on the Internet and they are delivered to your house. Keep them as long as you want and send them back when you are ready. No late fees.

Stop, wait... you don't have to have the DVDs sent to your house, you can stream — see, I know technical language — the movies directly to your television set at home. You have to have a Wii or Play Station or some-such thing, but you can watch any movie any

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Strike While the Iron Is Hot

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 9
♥ 9 3
♦ K 10 9 6 3
♣ Q 10 9 5

WEST EAST
♠ Q J 10 8 6 ♠ 3 2
♥ 10 5 2 ♥ K 8 7 4
♦ 5 ♦ J 8 7 2
♣ A 7 6 4 ♣ K J 2

SOUTH
♠ K 7 5 4
♥ A Q J 6
♦ A Q 4
♣ 8 3

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — queen of spades.

It is not unusual for a declarer, after the play is over, to realize that he could have made a contract he failed to make. This is all the more annoying if it turns out that the winning play, regardless of how unusual it might be, was called for by the situation he faced.

Consider this deal where West led the queen of spades against three notrump. South took the queen with the king and cashed the A-Q of diamonds. When West discarded a club

on the second diamond lead, declarer continued with a diamond to the king and conceded the diamond ten to East's jack, establishing dummy's nine as a trick. East then returned a spade to dummy's ace.

After cashing the nine of diamonds, declarer tried a heart finesse that succeeded, but he had to go down one because he could not get back to dummy to repeat the heart finesse. In all, he scored eight tricks consisting of two spades, two hearts and four diamonds.

Declarer quickly acknowledged that he had bungled the play. When West showed out on the queen of diamonds at trick three, South should have overtaken the queen with the king and taken a heart finesse. After the finesse succeeded, he could next play a diamond to dummy's 10-9-6, losing to East's jack, and later take a second heart finesse to make the contract.

Granting that this series of plays is much easier to find if one sees all four hands, the fact remains that it is the right line of play on its merits. Once the diamonds don't break, declarer should reason that he cannot make the contract unless East holds the king of hearts, and he should adapt his play accordingly.

Tomorrow: The art of defense.
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Dear Annie: I have several siblings. One, "Emily," divorced when her children were young. We tried to be supportive and helpful. We believed her horror stories about her ex-husband's affairs and sexual perversions. At various times, Emily would also privately tell us nasty stories about our other siblings. To our shame, we believed a few of them.

Ten years ago, our parents sold their home to Emily, making special provisions so she would be able to manage financially. Then, five years ago, our youngest sister died. Emily left abruptly after the viewing and did not attend the funeral. Shortly after, we each received nasty letters saying we had never been there for her, and that she'd sold the house and was sending us our share, as Dad had stipulated. She handled it disrespectfully, ignoring Dad's wishes to give some money to the facility where our deceased sister had lived and, instead, gave it to her own children.

We now realize that Emily told many lies about each of us. Not only has she alienated herself, but we suspect she has also alienated her children from her ex-husband's family. Our dad died recently. Emily did not participate in the funeral plans. She came only to the viewing, bringing a new husband we had never met. She spoke a few harsh words and left.

The rest of us are closer now as a family. Do we just accept that this whole situation is beyond our control and let it go? -- Grieving Sister

sounds as if Emily is mentally ill. She appears to be a pathological liar and unwilling to admit it, which means she is not interested in getting help. There is nothing you can do to straighten her out. If you want to stay in touch, make it simple and somewhat impersonal -- a birthday card, Christmas card, notice of important family events, etc. So sorry.

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been close friends with "Amanda and Jeremy" for many years. When they told us they were expecting, we were excited and happy for them, even though we have been struggling with infertility.

For the past month, all they have talked about is the upcoming baby shower. We naturally assumed we would be invited, but just discovered the shower was last weekend. Should we tell them how hurt we are, let it go or consider them less close friends than we thought? Any advice would be great. -- Confused in the Midwest

Dear Confused: There could be several reasons for your exclusion. Amanda and Jeremy may have thought you would be uncomfortable at a baby shower. It may have been for family only. Your invitation might have been lost.

The person in charge of invitations could have accidentally excluded you. If you don't speak up, you will stew over it forever and the friendship will not survive.

Simply say, "I was surprised and a little hurt that we weren't invited to the baby shower. I hope everything is OK."

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Anxiously Awaiting," whose risk of breast cancer worried her enough to have a bilateral mastectomy and her reconstruction has been difficult. She said her husband still could not look at her naked body.

I want to address this to her: I, too, had a bilateral mastectomy and am not a candidate for reconstruction. But I am beautiful because I am alive. Your husband is the one who needs therapy if he cannot see how beautiful you are. Would he rather be going to a cemetery and leaving flowers? Tell him to grow up and act like a real man. Learn to love yourself. I wake up each day and thank God that I am alive, and so should you. You did what you had to in order to live out the rest of your life. I have nothing but scar tissue and lumps, but I am so beautiful. -- Beautiful and Boobless

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for 26 years. "Cliff" had a midlife crisis after seeing photographs of himself at our daughter's wedding. I knew he took the aging process hard, and I tried to help him through it.

But then I discovered he was seeing another woman. She's been married three times and has cheated on all of her husbands. Her bed wasn't even cold when

she started seeing Cliff.

I had an emotional breakdown, which put me in the hospital. Through counseling and supportive friends, I got my life back

on track and have accepted the end of my marriage. I filed for divorce, went back to school and changed my career.

Meanwhile, Cliff has put up every roadblock possible. He canceled a settlement hearing and then asked me to reconsider getting divorced -- not because he loves me, mind you, but for financial reasons. He did say, however, that he made a huge mistake and realizes how good he had it with me.

Cliff is living with his girlfriend and her two teenage daughters, which he can't handle. He admits there is no future with her, but is confused. He knows I still love him, but I refuse to share him with another woman. How can he believe he can have his cake and eat it, while expecting the one who was loyal, humiliated and hurt to endure it?

I don't believe Cliff is sincere in wanting to be with me. I think it's about the money. I am scared to start over at 48, but I can do it and hope in time to stop loving him. Taking him back would be throwing away all I've gained. But I'm torn. Should I try to

save this marriage? -- Confused in Indiana

Dear Indiana: Some men who go through a midlife crisis learn to appreciate what they left and return to their very forgiving wives. But Cliff is still living with his girlfriend, which sends a clear message that he is not ready to make a commitment to you and may never be. You have made yourself strong enough to be happy without him. It's time to let him go.

Dear Annie: Two months ago, the guy I loved died in an accident. I've been really depressed ever since and have become scared of the dark. My friends and family members are being supportive, but I don't want to overburden them.

Actually, I don't know what hurt more -- his death or finding out at the funeral that there was someone else in his life. I'm back in school and can't function. Any advice? -- Still Hurting

Dear Still: Your reactions are completely normal for someone who is going through the grieving process. It might help for you to speak to a counselor at your school, or ask at any hospital if they offer grief counseling. Our condolences.

Dear Annie: You told "Crowded by the Ex" that it was "over the top" for the ex-wife to see "Crowded's" husband off at the airport. But apparently it's OK for the ex to drop off birthday gifts and visit her

former in-laws in their home. That is nuts!

The man is basically enjoying the company of two wives. If he is such good friends with the ex, why did they get a divorce? I don't blame "Crowded" for being upset. Being friendly to an ex-wife on neutral turf is one thing. Welcoming her into your home is another. Get real. -- Omaha

Dear Omaha: We were surprised at the amount of hostility directed toward ex-wives. Many ex-spouses are friends, especially if they have children together. It's a healthier relationship than being adversaries.

Dropping off a birthday gift once a year and stopping by to see visiting former in-laws don't seem excessively intrusive to us, but a great many readers assumed the ex had ulterior motives. Perhaps so.

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With Mercury and Venus so close together in Scorpio, many will feel compelled to name their deeper feelings, investigate them and share them. This needn't happen in a serious way, though. The moon in Gemini, the sign of witty conversation, keeps things light and lively. Much is revealed through humor and friendly exchanges.

ARIES

(March 21-April 19). You have many advantages, and you play them. That doesn't make you a heartless opportunist. You have plenty of compassion. But if you're not going to be on your side, who is?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You know and like yourself, and you feel relaxed. It's wonderful for everyone around you -- they will enjoy being near you. Your laid-back attitude will encourage all to go with the flow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Time is on your side. Look for opportunities to play with the elastic nature of moments. When you're very focused on an engrossing task, seconds seem to speed up or slow down at your will.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your work doesn't have to happen at the cost of a fulfilling private life. You can have both. In order to do so, you'll have to draw the line and then defend the line you've drawn.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't forget about the work you've already done. You don't need to produce the answers from scratch. This is also a good time to check your cupboards before going grocery shopping.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Why hide your talents? Bring them out in the open so people can see what you do. If nothing else, this is great practice. But likely, once people realize what you are good at, new opportunities will arise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll need physical and emotional strength to power through the

challenges of the day with grace. That's why good nutrition and rest are such important parts of your personal equation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll deal with those who can dish it but can't take it. Note that the ones who are critical of others in their social group will likely become defensive and angry if the criticism is directed at them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you've never hidden money in a book before, you'll be tempted to do this, or something equally clever and secretive, with your personal property. It's fun to have a secret known only by you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a tendency to make strict demands of yourself. That's because to you, the impossible seems possible -- and you're right. But do consider the cost of striving so hard all the time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Many will offer suggestions as to where you should go next, though there are few who really know of what they speak. Find out who has a stellar sense of direction, and ask that person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even though brilliant things can happen when you shoot from the hip, it still helps to have a plan. Upcoming events involve many people and elements. Planning is an absolute necessity for success.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: (Oct. 26). You get swept into a fabulous adventure in November. Love elevates you to a higher plane. In December, you will use your keen intellect to solve a problem that faces your team at work. February brings a personal breakthrough, and you'll establish new healthful habits, too. Family additions come in June. Sagittarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 2, 3, 15 and 33.

ASTROLOGICAL INSIGHT: Why and How To Bring Cancer Energy into Your Life. Cancer, the fourth sign of the zodiac, is the sign associated with home, domesticity and nesting.

A sense of belonging is a basic human need. Knowing where home is and feeling good about that place are essential elements of success. This is true whether we live alone or with others. If the environment where we rest and rejuvenate is one that nurtures us, we can go out into the world with confidence. Every person has Cancer represented somewhere in his or her astrological chart, and it's either flowing through our lives or lying dormant, just waiting to be activated. You can bring this energy forward by making your domestic world a sacred place that expresses who you are and gives you both the peace and the stimulation you need. Does your home have an orderly flow? Comforting, soothing Cancer energy is abundant where there are regular routines for cleaning, eating and doing other activities that help to keep things organized. You don't have to be an interior designer to know what you like. Visit other homes and look in books and magazines for ideas. When it comes to home improvement, where there's a will, there's a way.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Grammy Award-winner Keith Urban is a country music phenomenon who was born when the sun, the moon and Neptune were all in sexy Scorpio. These influences signify a deep-seated need to understand the emotional world and communicate in a way that disarms people and opens them to new levels of honesty. Urban has a natal Leo moon -- the moon of entertainment, glamour and fun.

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News in brief

Items stolen from Lubbock gallery left at church

LUBBOCK (AP) — About \$3,000 worth of jewelry and art works stolen from a Lubbock gallery have been returned after the thief apparently had a change of heart and left the loot at a church.

Tornado Gallery owners Tony Greer and Larry Simmons were contacted Monday by a representative of Templo Nazaret United Methodist Church.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reports two large boxes of items, discovered missing on Sept. 30, had been left at the church. An anonymous note accompanied the boxes, saying: "Please return these items to the Tornado Gallery." The note included the gallery's phone number.

Simmons says the return of the items renews his faith in humankind.

Dallas could settle discrimination lawsuit

DALLAS (AP) — A racial discrimination lawsuit brought by 16 employees of the Dallas Water Utilities Department could soon be settled.

The Dallas City Council on Tuesday was expected to consider a \$400,000 settlement.

The Dallas Morning News reports the proposal would also make "equitable adjustment of salaries."

City officials have denied acting unlawfully or tolerating discrimination.

An attorney for the plaintiffs, Jay Ellwanger, said Monday that the city has worked to correct problems.

The employees, who are black, Hispanic and Asian, alleged they were threatened and harassed and that racist graffiti had been written on the walls of restrooms. The lawsuit was filed in December.

Some Texas teacher groups question fund review

AUSTIN (AP) — Some educators are questioning the independence of an outside attorney whose review found no wrongdoing at the \$102 billion Texas teacher pension fund.

Allegations were raised of improper in-

vestment decisions at the Teacher Retirement System of Texas to benefit allies of GOP Gov. Rick Perry. Details were leaked by the campaign of Democratic challenger Bill White.

The ethical investigation by Roel Campos was done under an ongoing \$820,000 contract.

Linda Bridges with the American Federation of Teachers told the Austin American-Statesman that the findings are not credible because of the involvement of Campos.

Campos referred questions to the retirement system, which said he was an independent investigator because his firm had not yet been involved in advising the fund on specific investments.

Texas convicted killer sought over body in barrel

HOUSTON (AP) — A convicted killer is sought after a tip led to a woman's body in a barrel at his Houston-area home.

Harris County Sheriff's investigators say the search continued Tuesday for 64-year-old Dennis Ray Anderson.

A tip to Crime Stoppers led deputies last Thursday to the home and the barrel. Authorities are working to identify the victim, whose wore a T-shirt with blue-flowered pattern and the word "Cherokee."

Anderson faces charges of tampering with evidence, related to the corpse.

Anderson was sentenced to life in prison for murder over the 1972 slaying of a woman and her 3-year-old granddaughter during an antique shop robbery Kountze (koontz). The victims were Mabel McCormick and Leslie Bowman.

Anderson served near 17 years in prison before being paroled in 1989.

Painting of Texas battle found in W.Va. attic

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — An oil painting depicting a battle scene in the Texas revolution has been found in a Weston banker's home and will be sold at auction next month.

The painting by H.A. McArdle shows the Battle of San Jacinto, where the surrender of

hundreds of Mexican soldiers sealed Texas' independence on April 21, 1836.

A larger depiction of the battle completed by McArdle in 1898 is in the Senate chamber of the Texas Capitol in Austin.

McArdle was commissioned to work on a smaller version in 1901 but kept the artwork. He died in 1908 and his widow returned to her native West Virginia. The Charleston Gazette reports the painting was found in the attic of descendants George and Betty Bland of Weston.

The newspaper says the painting will go on auction on Nov. 20.

Ex-Culberson County JP sentenced over stolen fines

EL PASO (AP) — A former justice of the peace in Culberson County has been sentenced to 18 months in federal prison over stolen traffic fine payments.

Prosecutors in El Paso say Oscar Espinoza Sr. also was ordered Monday to pay nearly \$91,000 in restitution. Espinoza in August pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud.

Espinoza admitted, from 2007 through 2009, that he cashed checks and money orders meant to pay traffic fines and instead used the money for his personal benefit.

The FBI helped investigate the scheme.

Officers in Laredo seize 127 pounds of heroin

LAREDO (AP) — What's up brought down a heroin smuggling attempt in Laredo.

Federal agents say the roof of a bus yielded nearly \$13 million worth of brown heroin as the driver tried to enter from Mexico.

Customs and Border Protection officers at the Laredo Port of Entry made the 127-pound bust. An Arlington man has been detained in the drug smuggling investigation. The driver's name was not immediately released.

An officer at the Lincoln-Juarez Bridge became suspicious Sunday and referred a bus for another examination. About 100 packets of brown heroin were discovered hidden in the roof.

CBP Commissioner

Alan Bersin says the seizure was the largest heroin confiscation in Laredo port history and the biggest heroin bust along the southwest border in five years.

Ex-prosecutor's kidnapped brother shown on video

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — A video posted online Monday shows the kidnapped brother of a former Mexican state attorney general saying at gunpoint that he and his sister worked for a drug gang.

In the border city of Tijuana meanwhile, gunmen burst into a drug rehab center and killed 13 recovering addicts, according to police in the city, which officials had been portraying as an example of success in the war against drug gang terror.

The video posted on Youtube was the boldest example yet of a tactic that has become increasingly common in Mexico's brutal drug war: cartels kidnapping police, officials and regular citizens and releasing video clips of the captives admitting to crimes, including government corruption. It is often impossible to verify the accuracy of the admissions made under extreme pressure.

The release of the clip also adds to drug gang pressure on public officials in Mexico, following a string of slayings of mayors, senior police officers and a gubernatorial candidate.

The video, which was removed from Youtube within hours, shows attorney Mario Gonzalez sitting in a chair, handcuffed and surrounded by five masked men pointing guns at him.

Gonzalez is the brother of Patricia Gonzalez, who stepped down Oct. 3 as attorney general of

the border state of Chihuahua when a new governor took office. Mario Gonzalez was kidnapped Thursday from his office.

Chihuahua state government officials confirmed the man in the video was Mario Gonzalez, but they refused to comment on the credibility of the words he spoke at gunpoint — which included blaming his sister for several notorious killings in the state — and suggested the allegations might be investigated.

Body ID'd as son of former Texas Gov. Clements

ATHENS (AP) — A man known for using an assault weapon to guard his property apparently killed and buried a neighboring landowner, the son of a former Texas governor, then was shot to death by law enforcement officers after he fired dozens of rounds at them, authorities said Monday.

B. Gill Clements, the 69-year-old son of former Gov. Bill Clements, was identified as the man found Saturday buried in a shallow grave behind a home adjacent to Clements' ranch, Henderson County Sheriff Ray Nutt said.

Nutt said the deceased neighboring landowner, Howard T. Granger, 46, was the suspected killer.

Authorities were still investigating a possible motive, but Nutt said Clements complained when Granger shot across a fence at a tree on his property.

"Mr. Clements did have some type of conversation with him about that. I don't know of what nature," Nutt told The Associated Press on Monday.

A longtime friend of Clements, Bubba Wood, 70, said he had never heard Clements even refer to any kind of trouble with Granger.

"Gill Clements would never have gotten into a position where he would have antagonized that guy," Wood said. "I promise you that this is not anything that Gill set in motion. If he was concerned or fearful, he wouldn't have been down there." An official cause of death was not released, but Nutt said authorities believed Clements had been shot.

Granger's small wood frame house sits at the dead end of a narrow dirt lane, under towering trees with at least half a dozen signs warning, "Keep Out" and "No Trespassing."



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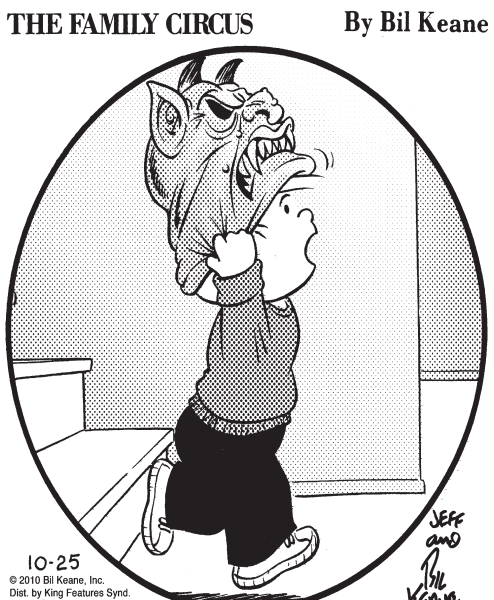
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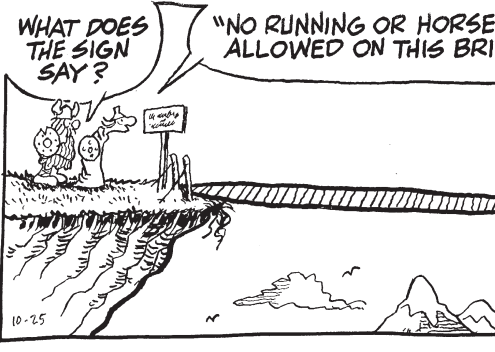
"SURE, I HEAR SCARY SOUNDS, BUT NOT FROM UNDER THE BED. NOW THEY COME FROM UNDER THE HOOD OF THE CAR."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Mommy! PJ's crying 'bout something!"

HAGAR



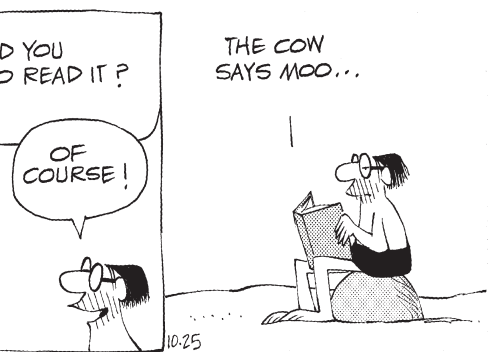
WHAT DOES THE SIGN SAY? "NO RUNNING OR HORSEPLAY ALLOWED ON THIS BRIDGE"

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I'VE DONE IT! MY BOOK CATEGORIZING EVERY SPECIES ON THE PLANET IS COMPLETE!

WIZARD OF ID



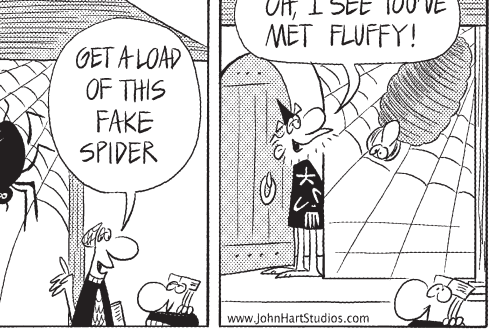
WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ IT? OF COURSE!

AGNES



ON THIS COMING BEGGARS NIGHT, I WANT TO BE COMPLETELY UNRECOGNIZABLE.

HI AND LOIS



LOW-FAT PEANUT BUTTER AND SUGAR-FREE JELLY ON MULTI-GRAIN BREAD.

THE OTHER COAST



IT'S NOT MY MOTHER'S P B + J.

SNUFFY SMITH



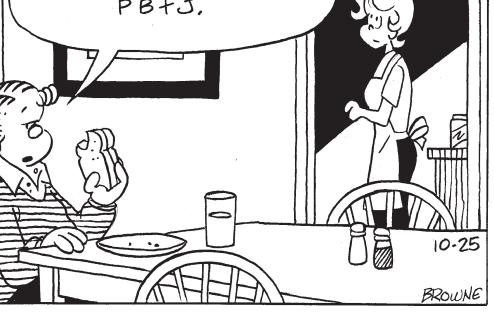
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BEEBLE BAILEY



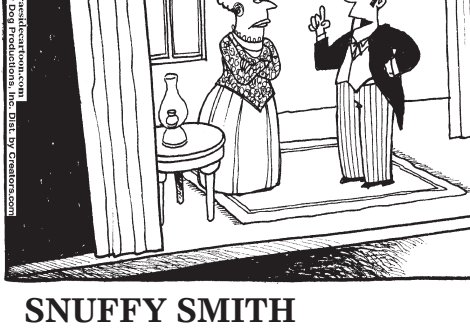
BEEBLE, YOU ARE A WORTHLESS BUM. A LAZY NOTHING!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



OKAY, THEN, IT'D GIVE ME NIGHTMARES !!

THE OTHER COAST



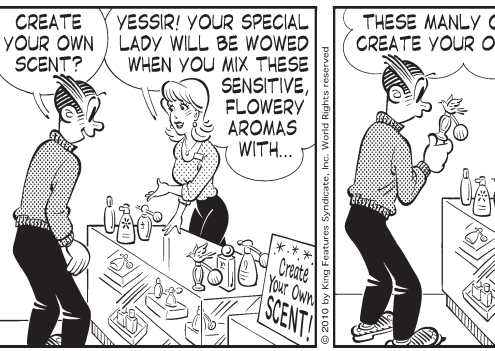
STICKS AND STONES BUT NAMES WILL NEVER HURT ME

THE OTHER COAST



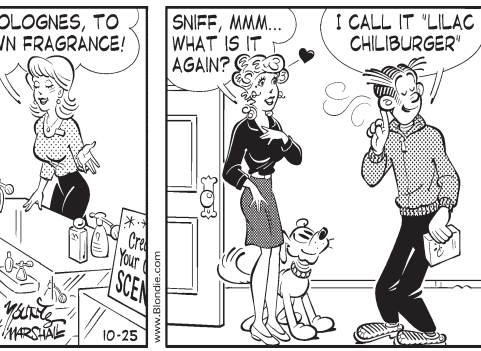
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Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 25, 1910, "America the Beautiful," with words by Katharine Lee Bates and music by Samuel A. Ward, was first published.

On this date:

In 1760, Britain's King George III succeeded his late grandfather, George II.

In 1854, the "Charge of the Light Brigade" took place during the Crimean War as an English brigade of more than 600 men, facing hopeless odds, charged the Russian army and suffered heavy losses.

In 1859, radical abolitionist John Brown went on trial in Charles Town, Va., for his failed raid at Harpers Ferry. (Brown was convicted and hanged.)

In 1918, the Canadian steamship Princess Sophia foundered off the coast of Alaska; some

350 people perished.

In 1929, former Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall was convicted in Washington, D.C. of accepting a \$100,000 bribe from oil tycoon Edward L. Doheny. (Fall was sentenced to a year in prison and fined \$100,000; he ended up serving nine months.)

In 1957, mob boss Albert Anastasia of "Murder Inc." notoriety was shot to death in a barber shop inside the Park Sheraton Hotel in New York.

In 1960, the Bulova Watch Co. introduced its electronic "Accutron" model.

In 1962, U.S. ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson presented photographic evidence of Soviet-built missile bases in Cuba to the U.N. Security Council.

In 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to admit mainland China and expel Taiwan.

In 1983, a U.S.-led force invaded Grenada at the order of President Ronald Reagan, who said the action was needed to protect U.S. citizens there.

Today's Birthdays: Former American League president Dr. Bobby Brown is 86. Actress Jeanne Cooper is 82. Actress Marion Ross is 82. Country

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Pub missile
 - Thick slice
 - Minor quarrels
 - "Yikes!"
 - Jail room
 - Sparrow sound
 - Words of denial
 - Evaluate
 - Plane-tracking device
 - Cosmetic-counter purchase
 - Foe
 - Photo ___ (publicity events)
 - Occupied a chair
 - Prearranged price
 - Publicizes
 - Boscs and Bartletts
 - Most important
 - Postal delivery
 - One of the Great Lakes
 - Provides the cash for
 - Karate kin
 - Cairo's river
 - Expendis
 - Wigwam relative
 - Sweet menu courses
 - Irrigates
 - Two-___ paper towels
 - Tavern
 - Easily alarmed
 - Abandoned Old West locale
 - Like a lot
 - Gave for a while
- DOWN**
- Sand hill
 - Sailor's shout
 - Memorization method
 - The one right here
 - Minor knee injury
 - Shows the way
 - Female voice range
 - Exploded
 - Scary-movie reaction
 - Supersonic fighter plane
 - Assistant
 - Monorail car
 - Agile
 - Garden tools
 - Mom's boys
 - Pay out
 - Spooky
 - What dogs wag
 - Unconventional person
 - Window inserts
 - Frees (of)
 - Gray shade
 - ___ down (pillow filling)
 - Plumlike fruits
 - Has to
 - Strong anger
 - Small pie
 - Church officials
 - Frittered away
 - Beatnik's drum
 - Rain-delay cover
 - Creative thought
 - Sound of discomfort
 - Feeling blue
 - War honoree
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 - Triple-decker cookie
 - Dress in
 - Back of the neck

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