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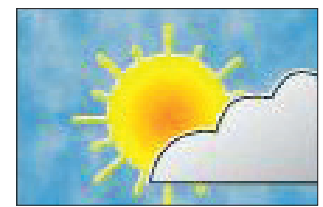


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Heavy hearts

Volunteers keep on searching for young Hailey Dunn

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Searchers from Big Spring, Coahoma and other Howard County communities turned their attention Monday morning to northern Highway 350 in the search for 13-year-old Hailey Darlene Dunn, as the girl's recent disappearance continues to weigh heavy on the minds of most West Texans.



HERALD photo
Heather Maddox is one of the Howard County volunteers who continues to search for the Hailey Dunn, who went missing Dec. 27.

Heather Maddox of Big Spring and De-Neise Coates of Coahoma — joined by other area volunteers — traveled the road between Ira and Big Spring Monday, according to Maddox.

"Everywhere we search, that's just one more place we know she's not," Maddox said. "We're searching everything we can think of, from bar ditches to fields, abandoned buildings, anywhere we feel she could be. We've been meeting each morning at the Dairy Queen in Colorado City to catch up with other volunteers, and they have just been a world of help. People have really come together to help with this search."

Dunn was last seen walking from her home in northern Colorado City to a friend's house about 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27. According to police reports, the last person to see her was her mother's live-in boyfriend, Shawn Adkins, who told investigators the young girl told him she was going to walk to her father's house a block away, then spend the night with a friend.

And while Maddox and Coates try to keep a smile on their faces, they admit it gets harder with each passing day Dunn isn't

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HONORING MLK



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

A small but determined crowd of marchers take to Martin Luther King Boulevard Monday night, part of the annual march to remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. At the age of 35, Martin Luther King Jr. was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize, leading a struggle for racial equality that doomed segregation and changed the face of the United States forever.

Texans await first draft of scaled-down budget

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Lawmakers are expected to get their first look at the next Texas budget this week, a document that will reveal broad intentions for how to deal with a revenue shortfall that experts estimate at between \$15 and \$27 billion.

Republican leaders who hold all of the statewide positions in Texas have promised no tax increases, a signal deep cuts in state services are looming.

The massive size of the revenue shortfall means no corner of state government will emerge unscathed.

"We will be cutting every article within our budget. We will be cutting health and human, we will be cutting education and we'll be cutting our own budget in the Legislature."



Rep. Pitts

Nursing homes, schools, colleges and universities and prisons are among the programs that could fall

victim to the state budget ax.

The draft released this week is just the beginning of a long process, which probably won't be finalized until next summer, when the governor signs the Texas budget for 2012-13.

Republican Rep. Jim Pitts, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, is expected to release his proposed budget late Tuesday and explain it to the House on Wednesday. His baseline budget cuts \$15 billion from the current budget, without using any tax

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Film Society hits the airways; show 'taking off,' director says

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

For many, movie soundtracks are hidden deftly in the background of films, a presence that is often forgotten in the midst of a summer blockbuster or a tearful reunion between silver screen characters.



Johnson

For others, however, the soundtracks stand on their own, at the very least conveying the emotions and memories of films through theme songs. Who could forget the

Imperial March from the Star Wars saga, or the upbeat theme from the Indiana Jones series?

Those sounds — ranging from musical scores to mainstream music included in films — is the focus of Movies on the Radio, a two-hour trek hosted by Big Spring Film Society Chairman Brandon Johnson each Tuesday night on KBYG AM 1400 radio.

According to Johnson, the show is dedicated to the music from the movies as well as movie news, reviews, and a ton of commentary from him and other film society members.

"When John Weeks acquired

KBYG recently, he reached out and asked what he could do to help the film society," Johnson said. "I told him he could give us an hour show to play music, talk about movies and push the film society projects, and I couldn't think of a better way to further our cause than doing a weekly radio show."

"Back in 1995 I had a show on KBYG called AM on the Edge, where we played rock music and acted like fools. So, going back on the air at KBYG was kind of like going home for me. The show was originally an hour but after a lot of

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Obituaries

Ernie Justice



Ernie Leroy Justice passed away Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, at his residence at the age of 58. Ernie was a fair weather Harley Davidson rider who enjoyed buying accessories for his bike, fondly nicknamed "Lucille" by his family. Ernie worked for Kimrad Transport as a professional driver up until his death. During his driving career he was awarded the coveted million-mile safety award.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cheryl Justice; two daughters, Heather Templin and Amber Paredes and spouse, Armando; his mother-in-law, Dolores Land of San Angelo; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Ronald and Kim Maddox of Big Spring, and Charles and Gaelyn Gillenwater of Kauffman; three nephews and nieces, Nick and Nathan Maddox and Brynna Gillenwater.

Life became very joyous for Ernie with the birth of each of his three beautiful grandchildren, Chloe and Raiden Paredes and Shelby Templin, all of Big Spring. Papa would do anything for them and all it cost them was a smile.

Visitation is Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Nalley Pickle and Welch Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park. All friends are invited to meet us there for a celebration of his life.

Pallbearers are Nick Maddox, Nathan Maddox, Ronald Maddox and Armando Paredes. Honorary pallbearer is Raiden Paredes.

Our lives are all better for having had you in ours.

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

Paid obituary

Allene Lawson

Allene K. Lawson, 85, of Garden City, died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011, in a Stanton nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011 at the Garden City Cemetery with Chaplain Joe Torres officiating.

She was born Feb. 14, 1925, in Alpine, and married Hugh Kyle Lawson May 25, 1943 in Saragosa. He preceded her in death Jan. 8, 2001.

Allene graduated from Pecos High School. She lived in Stanton for 28 years and had worked as a clerk in the Tax Assessor/Collectors Office and for the Abstract Company for two years each, but mostly she was a self employed seamstress. In 1984, she moved to Garden City. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garden City.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Dot and Dan Smith of Colorado City and Suzie and Duane Hillger of Garden City; one son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Melinda Lawson of Groesbeck; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Glenn Lawson; one brother and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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Bentura Saldana

Bentura Saldana, 62, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mildred Sevey

Mildred Sevey, 84, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, in Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- BERTHA SUSAN GARCIA, 39, of 100 N.W. Third St., was arrested Monday on a charge of speeding.
- BONNIE JANE KLAASSEN, 51, of 1500 Sycamore, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MICHAEL WILSON CARL, 27, of 117 Davis Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency and a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ANTONIO ARGUELLO, 25, of 2806 E. Highway 350, was arrested Monday on warrants for failure to appear, improper turn, disregarding a stop sign and reckless damage or destruction.
- KIMBERLY JO PAYNE, 37, of 2101 Grace St., was arrested Monday on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- ASSAULT was reported:
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
In the 500 block of Westover Road.
- THEFT was reported in the 1900 block of S. Gregg Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.

- PETE STOKES ACOSTA JR., 49, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for contempt of court order/child support.
- RANDALL SCOTT MARTIN, 31, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- ADAM ROSS JONES, 26, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- VICTORIA PEREZ, 37, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication, resisting arrest, search or transportation and failure to identify.
- ROXANA PAYAN, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- RUBEN ANTHONY GONZALES, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of theft and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- ANTHONY ROBERT SANCHEZ JR., 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a Midland warrant for failure to appear — driving while intoxicated.
- TEKIA KOKO WILLIAMS, 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.
- HOLLY DENISE JENNINGS, 25, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- JOSHUA ANTHONY YANEZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- AZAREIA ANGELIQUE HERRERA, 17, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice — giving false information.
- JOSE DELACRUZ, 49, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct — language.
- MELISSA GONZALEZ, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a Midland County warrant for failure to identify and a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- JEREMY LYNN TELFORD, 33, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of no liability insurance, displaying an expired registration, driving while license invalid (two counts), violation of a promise to appear, operating an unregistered motor vehicle and no valid inspection certificate.
- ERNESTO OLIVAS JR., 33, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for cruelty to non-livestock animals — failure to provide and a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- DUSTIN ROY MATHIS, 27, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- HERMANEJILDO OROSCO, 45, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- ADAM VIERA, 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of bail jumping — failure to appear and burglary of a building.

• PHILLIP MENDOZA, 59, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- NOE SOLIZ JR., 49, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JIMMY FRANCIS GARRARD, 36, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JANIE CHAVEZ, 24, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- KATHY PENA, 29, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for minor in possession of alcohol and violation of a promise to appear.
- SAMANTHA MARIE PAYNE, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a motion to adjudicate guilt for possession of a controlled substance.
- TOMMY GENE BOBO, 53, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated third or more offense.
- OTIS J. PORTER, 28, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- CHRISTOPHER YANEZ, 33, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- JOHNATHON REYES, 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- TAMMY K. SILEN, 40, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of parent contributing to the non attendance of a minor and municipal warrants for animal at large, failure to appear (four counts) and assault — family violence.
- GINA DELEON, 39, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on Lubbock warrants for contempt of child support order and issuance of a bad check.
- BERTHA HINOJOS S. GARCIA, 39, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for speeding.
- MICHAEL WILSON CARL, 27, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a Midland County warrant for failure to appear — protective order and a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- BONNIE JANE KLAASSEN, 51, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- WOODSON LOYAL MCEWEN, 28, was arrested Monday on municipal warrants for running a stop sign and failure to appear.
- CHANCE ALLEN PERRYMAN, 26, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana — two ounces or less and a charge of public intoxication.
- ANTONIO ARGUELLO, 25, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of failure to appear, turning left from wrong lane, running a stop sign and reckless damage or destruction.
- RUSS C. HESSON, 42, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- KIMBERLY JO KENNEMUR, 37, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Culp. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of N.W. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of N. Gregg Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of E. Ninth Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of E. Sixth Street. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Central in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Budget mess could overshadow inauguration

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is hosting a Texas barbecue and fancy inaugural dance for his third swearing-in ceremony, but the festivities could be overshadowed by the release of a budget proposal that makes deep cuts in state government.

Corporate donors and wealthy Texans are picking up the \$2 million tab for the 2011 inaugural, which is being scaled back a bit from previous years to strike a more austere tone during tough economic times. The traditional parade down Congress Avenue was canceled to save money, and billionaire Red McCombs is financing the free barbeque that 10,000 people are expected to attend on the Capitol grounds. It's still too lavish for some critics, who are bracing for Tuesday's planned release of one of the leanest state budget proposals in history. "Only Rick Perry could look at a \$27 billion budget deficit, major cuts to essential programs and thousands of likely job losses and

think he deserves credit for scaling his party back to \$2 million," said Boyd Richie, chairman of the Texas Democratic Party. "After Republicans wrap up their \$2 million party, taxpayers will pay the real cost of the GOP budget deficit when our communities are forced to pick up the tab."

A spokesman for the Republican governor, Mark Miner, scoffed at the criticism from a political party that hasn't won a statewide office since 1994 and wields little influence in the Texas Legislature. He said inaugural planners purposely made the celebration less lavish than the event four years ago but also didn't want to do away with a long-standing tradition. Miner said no taxpayer dollars were being spent on the event.

"The Democrats in Texas have been out of office for so long that they've forgotten how to celebrate," Miner said. "It's customary for governors to have a swearing-in and maybe someday (the Democrats) will experience that."

SEARCH

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found.

"We're all sleep deprived and tired," an emotional Maddox said. "Emotions have been very high among the volunteers searching for Hailey. DeNeise and I have really had to lean on one another just to be able to keep our feet moving. However, you just keep putting one foot in front of another and keep going."

Coates said the level of cooperation volunteers have seen in the surrounding communities is heartening.

"We talk to land owners and get their permission before we search, and everyone is just so willing to help," Coates said. "Everyone just wants to

see this little girl come home."

Maddox said the search for Hailey Dunn has become much more personal for her and other volunteers since the girl was reported missing Dec. 27.

"It's like that little girl has become part of our family," Maddox said firmly. "I think a lot of the volunteers feel that way, that they are searching for one of their own. Most of us have never even met her, but we would do anything to bring her home."

Adkins was named a "person of interest" in the case Friday by the investigating team, which totals more than 30 law enforcement agents from local, state and even federal agencies. According to police records, the girl's mother, Billie Dunn, and Adkins both failed polygraph tests administered by investigators.

A recent search of the Dunn home turned up disturbing evidence both Adkins and Billie Dunn had researched a number of macabre items, including "serial killers, ax murders, sexual sadistic activities, the occult, sex and death topics, motives for murder and mass murderers — including the killing of family members," according to affidavits.

Anyone with information concerning the girl's whereabouts or circumstances concerning her disappearance are asked to call authorities at 325-728-5294 or 325-728-3161. A reward of \$25,000 is now being offered for information in the case.

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

BUDGET

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increases or money from the state's Rainy Day Fund.

"There are no sacred cows for this next biennium for our introduced bill," Pitts said last week. "So many people said, 'You cannot cut education.' You can't not cut education. We will be cutting every article within our budget. We will be cutting health and human, we will be cutting education and we'll be cutting our own budget in the Legislature."

Some analysts say the true shortfall could be much higher — closer to \$27 billion — if lawmakers intend to maintain spending at current levels and still pay for enrollment growth in public schools and on Medicaid rolls, cost increases and other variables. That figure amounts to almost a third of discretionary state spending in the cur-

rent budget.

The Texas Constitution requires a balanced budget, and state leaders and many of the new supermajority of conservative legislators elected in November have vowed not to raise taxes, meaning the shortfall will have to be overcome almost entirely with cuts.

The shortfall will be the driving force behind almost every decision the Legislature makes. From state parks and highways to health care programs for the poor and disabled, state agencies are bracing for the hatchet. With more than half of this year's \$87 billion state budget dedicated to education and health care services, those areas are likely to sustain the most severe cuts.

Proposals so far have ranged from a loss of about 8,000 state jobs to the reduction in reimbursement rates for physicians, hospitals and nursing homes that partici-

pate in Medicaid — a decrease that could eventually dry up participation in the program for poor and disabled Texans. Schools are expected to lose up to \$6 billion and a proposal to allow larger class sizes could clear the way for school districts to lay off thousands of teachers.

"You cut Medicaid, you're cutting the money that goes to those providers," said Rep. Rene Oliveira, a Democrat from Brownsville who last session chaired the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee. "Poor people are still going to find a way. They'll get to the emergency room. There will be a poor people's clinic that will be overflowing. We're going to all pay for that in higher taxes because it costs more to take care of an indigent person once they go to an emergency room."

"There is a point where cuts hurt the Texas economy, not just Texans."

Others have predicted col-

lege financial aid programs, such as Texas Grants, will be closed to incoming freshman, and the state's teacher retirement fund and health insurance for retired state employees also will suffer.

"If we do these cuts at this amount, it may not be an apocalypse, but it will be a very sad day for millions of Texans," Oliveira said.

He has been reviewing outdated exemptions in the state tax code that could be repealed to add more state revenue to ease the pain of the cuts. But, he said, there is no political will from the new supermajority of conservative Republicans in the House to close those exemptions or overhauling the state's underperforming business tax.

"Right now, I respect the big three (Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Speaker Joe Straus), and I respect what they're saying that there's going to be no new taxes," Oliveira said.

"Once people really know the depth of these cuts, when they see the bill that Chairman Pitts is going to lay out, the incredible severity, then perhaps some of these things may come back on the table at some point."

Because of the recession, state tax receipts for the 2010 budget year have fallen behind projections, leaving a more than \$4 billion deficit in the current budget. The state is also on the hook to fill a hole of about \$11 billion left by federal stimulus money and other state savings that were used in the current budget but are no longer available. Added costs come from more kids in public schools and health care programs for the poor and disabled, and spikes in health care costs.

As observers and interest groups await the first draft of the next two-year budget, it's clear there will be more losers than winners.

FILM

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positive feedback from listeners, we added another hour, and we still don't get to do everything that we'd like to."

Johnson is quick to point out the show is a group effort.

"James Womble has written some incredible reviews we have presented on the air, and Chad Coleman is always finding us information on movies and the music from them," Johnson said. "Our crew kind of evolves, but we have a good core group of people making this show better every week."

"The show is still evolving. We are working on doing some on-air interviews with some different filmmakers and people working in the entertainment industry. We're also working on a partnership

with the local movie theater to give away movie tickets, and we recently attended a press screening of 'The Green Hornet 3D' and then reviewed it on the morning show on KBYG. So things have really taken off for the show, both on the air and off."

As for the movie scores and soundtracks, Johnson isn't afraid to brag on the local group's collection.

"Our sponsor, Southwest Tool, has helped us acquire an excellent library of some of the greatest film scores ever written," Johnson said proudly. "During the past few months we have featured music from 'The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly,' 'The Empire Strikes Back,' 'The Magnificent 7,' 'ET: The Extra-Terrestrial,' 'The Social Network,' 'Pulp Fiction,' 'Desperado,' 'Forrest Gump,' 'Tron Legacy'... the list just goes on and on. We've

also been trying to put together a James Bond spectacular.

"We have picked up a good fan base over the Internet since you can stream the station online at www.kbygradio.com. Last week I chatted with a friend in London, England, over the computer while they listened to the entire show via the Web. We really enjoy being on the radio, and this is another way to help keep the film society alive and growing."

Johnson said the film society is planning to meet Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Hall Center for the Arts to begin efforts to plan movie screenings for the coming summer.

"We are planning a weekend outdoor film festival this summer with screenings of 'Back to the Future' and 'Ghostbusters,'" Johnson said. "We're also looking at doing an outdoor screening at Han-

gar 25 of the World War II film 'Memphis Belle' and screening the fantasy classic 'The Dark Crystal' atop Scenic Mountain."

Johnson said "The Dark Crystal" was chosen for screening because of the milestone it represents in cinematic history.

"It was one of puppeteer Jim Henson's first forays away from his beloved Muppets, a fantasy film completely put together with practical effects before CGI became the norm for special effects," he said. "Everything you saw in the film was made by people's hands, not a keyboard and a mouse. We are also hoping to screen a documentary about the making of the

film afterwards for people who are interested."

In the meantime, however, Johnson said there's plenty of work to do behind the scenes.

"We always need help, and now is a good time to get involved as the year begins," he said. "Its an exciting time for the film society, and its only going to get better from here."

For more information on volunteering or the Big Spring Film Society, contact Johnson at (432) 213-0758 or by e-mail at cruiser1977@gmail.com. More information is also avail-

able at <http://www.big-springfilm.org>

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OUR VIEW

Boys, Girls Club needs donations for Ambassadors

There's no question Feb. 23 seems like quite a ways away, but that's definitely not the case for officials with the Big Spring Boys and Girls Club, which still needs donations from the public if they're going to bring the Harlem Ambassadors to town next month.

Boys and Girls Club Director Sonnett Hildebrand said the club plans to stage a basketball game between the Ambassadors and a group of local players Feb. 23 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

However, bringing the Ambassadors to Big Spring will be anything but cheap. Hildebrand says it will cost about \$5,000 to pay all the bills related to bringing the team to town.

The team's visit won't just be a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club, though. Aside from displaying their basketball skills, the Ambassadors will also visit local schools and present their "Stay in School, Stay Off Drugs" program.

Hildebrand added that they need all the donations they can get, but stressed that it would be money well spent.

For more information, contact Hildebrand at 264-0455.

"The kids in the community deserve to experience the kind of show the Ambassadors bring with them," she said. "They deserve to be spoiled just a little from time to time. That's why we decided to bring the Ambassadors to Big Spring, and we're also hoping to be able to take the children in the Boys and Girls Club program on some educational and fun reward trips."

The Ambassadors, who last visited two years ago, are well-known throughout the country for both their basketball skills and the message they deliver to schoolchildren.

Advance tickets for the game are also now on sale. They're priced at \$3 for seniors, \$4 for students and \$5 for adults. Tickets purchased at the coliseum will be \$4 for seniors, \$5 for students and \$6 for adults. Children 4 and under will be admitted free.

We here at the *Herald* realize we spend a lot of time using this space to promote worthy causes, and to be honest, we can't think of one more deserving of our community's support than the Boys and Girls Club.

So, if you have the ability, how about considering a donation to help out this worthy cause. At the very least, mark off Feb. 23 on your calendar and plan to attend the Ambassador's appearance.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Your wisdom, Lord, wins over earthly problems when we trust in You.

Amen

Reform no place for games

Consider this immigration case from Canada: Three years ago, a Mexican sister and brother moved illegally to Toronto. Brenda Garcia, 30, filed for refugee status, claiming fear of persecution back home for being lesbian. Her brother, 18-year-old Daniel Garcia, enrolled in a Toronto high school. Both said they might be killed upon returning to Mexico City.



FROMA HARROP

Here are two fairly harmless individuals. (Daniel was said to be a very good student.) Toronto neighbors supported their cause. But the judge didn't buy the story of persecution. Canada deported Brenda to Mexico two days after Christmas, and Daniel was returned on New Year's Day.

On the surface, Canada's action sounds heartless. But this is how you retain public support for a large immigration program that generously extends government benefits, including health care, to newcomers. You don't tolerate game-playing with the rules.

And that's what was wrong with such seemingly big-hearted proposals as the recently shelved Dream Act. Backed mostly by Democrats, the legislation would have helped illegal immigrants who arrived in this country as children and completed two years of college or military service become citizens. We saw

the parade of exemplary young people. They were a lot like Brenda and Daniel Garcia.

Unfortunately, the Dream Act was an emotionally manipulative end-run around our immigration laws. It added to the public's cynicism over congressional intentions while distracting attention from a bipartisan proposal that would have accomplished the same thing.

You remember the immigration "grand bargain" of 2007. That bipartisan proposal went down in flames because Americans saw it as another amnesty paired with an empty promise of more stringent enforcement.

The proposal for comprehensive immigration reform would put most illegal immigrants on the "path to citizenship," while instituting an enforcement system that would fine or possibly jail employers who hire undocumented workers.

The job magnet that attracts the vast majority of illegal immigrants would thus be gone and the problem mostly solved.

Recall that 2007 was a year before the economic roof caved in. What's left in the gray dawn of 2011 is a new reality that was masked by the housing bubble: Americans with little education have a very tough future in the global economy. The idea of flooding our labor force with low-skilled competition is crazier than ever.

These changing circumstances have sparked the movement to end birthright citizenship. The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution declares that anyone born on America soil is automatically a U.S. citizen.

Opponents of birthright citizenship argue that it also attracts more illegal immigrants. Actually, the notion that "anchor babies" — American-born children of illegal immigrants — can easily alter their parents' status is something of a myth. Such children cannot sponsor their parent for legal status until they are age 21.

But the idea of U.S.-born children getting all the rights of American citizenship surely must add to the attraction of coming to the United States without papers. Deported illegal immigrants with U.S.-born children often charge American authorities with breaking up their families. (Of course, their children could return with them to their home countries.) Such accusations add to the general impression that birthright citizenship is a loophole for illegal immigration.

By the way, Canada also allows for birthright citizenship. Granted, it's easier for poor Central Americans to cross into the United States than to travel to Canada. But birthright citizenship wasn't a big American concern before we opened our economy to illegal labor.

And dragging this hot element into today's immigration debate will make comprehensive reform still harder to achieve. Get the basics done — no more hiring of illegal workers — and everything else may fall into place.

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Perfect: The enemy of the happy

It's easy to find someone to wish you a Happy New Year. Strangers do it. Even people who don't like you do it. It's far more rare is to find someone who will tell you how to achieve it.

I am that rare someone. I intend, before this column ends, to present you with the secret of happiness. Call it a New Year's gift.

But first let me tell you about happiness's evil twin — unhappiness. Unhappiness is New York City after an 18-inch snowfall.

It happened over the holidays and the Big Apple came to a dead stop. Planes stopped flying, buses stopped busing. And as for cars — fuhgeddaboutit.

New Yorkers took this with the calm equanimity usually reserved for large fires in crowded theaters. They screamed, they wailed, they moaned. They blamed their mayor, a billionaire-philosopher-statesman named Michael Bloomberg, founder of the eponymous financial news and data empire.

He didn't give them enough warning, New Yorkers charged. The warning he gave them was weak. He was slow to declare a "snow emergency." He didn't get side streets cleared for days.

The Mayor, after some defensiveness, took the fall and apologized to his constituents. He promised to do better in the

future.

But let's face it folks, you can declare all the snow emergencies you want. Eighteen inches of snow is still 18 inches of snow. And in a densely packed city like New York, it's going to create a big mess.

This is particularly true when you've recently let go of some 400 sanitation workers (the snow removal people) to cut your budget.

But New York's anger at Bloomberg's performance is as nothing compared to the wrath incurred by President Barack Obama in his two short years in office.

Republicans have excoriated him for extending health care insurance to the poor, failing to create more jobs and over-regulating banks and industry, trying to stimulate the economy, and daring to take up the agenda of the gay rights movement.

Democrats, on the other hand, have blamed him for coddling banks and industry, not extending health care even further, failing to end the wars he inherited, and trying to compromise with Republicans who wish him dead.

It's as though the whole country had an 18-inch snowfall, all at once.

Yet, at the end of his two-year apprenticeship, he can point to a remarkable list of achievements, given the hard road he had to travel.

His policies pulled the economy out of its freefall. The banks and corporations he bailed out with government money have

repaid much, if not most, of it. He got a health care bill passed, giving at least 32 million people a chance at coverage they'd never had. He extended jobless benefits for millions of the long-term unemployed in time for the holiday season. He got an arms reduction treaty with the Russians passed by the Senate. He cleared the way for the end to the "don't ask, don't tell" policy in our military. He got a financial reform package passed that will do some good in preventing another financial meltdown. He moved toward withdrawal of our combat troops in Iraq.

That's not chopped liver. OK, he also extended the Bush tax cuts for the rich, a lousy move forced upon him by a Senate Republican. And he had to agree to keep throwing money (uselessly, I think) at our mythical missile defense system.

That's politics. That's compromise. It's our system of government.

Wouldn't be terrible if we had a great president and we didn't notice?

And so at last we come to the secret of happiness:

Lower your standards. I don't mean to imply you should accept shoddy work or failure, but less than perfection? Oh yes, that you should accept.

Because that's the way life is. Not perfect.

They say that perfect is the enemy of good and I think that's right. It is also the enemy of happy.

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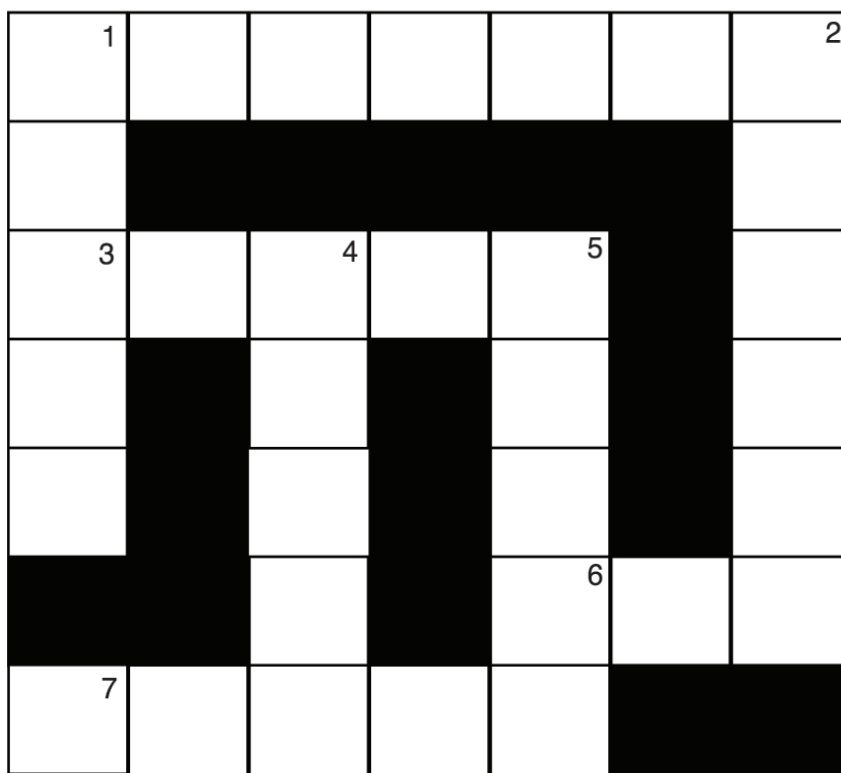
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ANSWER: STEVE

ACROSS

1. Calculate
3. Fix firmly into something else
6. Equipment needed for a specific purpose
7. Collection of data

DOWN

1. Remove dirt
2. Transfer data
4. Doughy breakfast food
5. Storage devices

Answers:
ACROSS
1. compute 3. embed 6. kit 7. files
DOWN
1. clean 2. export 4. bagel 5. disks



data

information

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** File
- SPANISH:** Archivo
- ITALIAN:** Archivio
- FRENCH:** Dossier
- GERMAN:** Ablage

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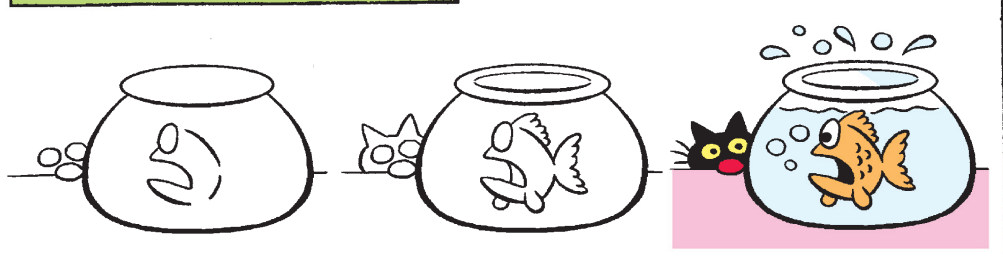
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BY BOB WEBER JR.

Harry Ape is suspected of robbing a coin shop, sandwich shop and car repair shop. An informant told police Harry Ape looted the shops on his way home from the gym. When the big ape denied passing any of those shops, the lie detector indicated he was telling the truth. Why is Slylock Fox not convinced Harry is innocent?



HOW TO DRAW a frightened fish

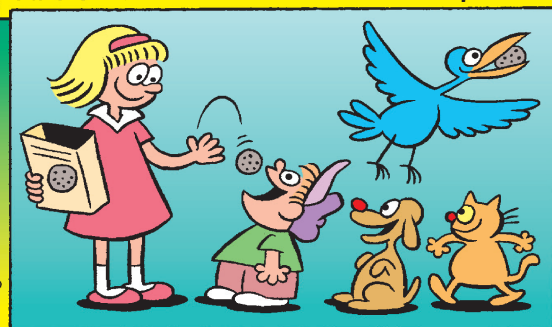


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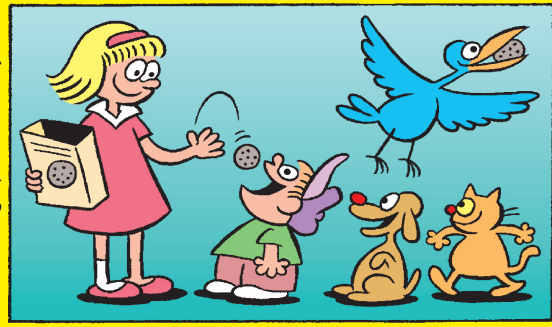
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Nation/world news in brief

Riot police fire tear gas to disperse protesters marching toward Tunisia's Interior Ministry

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Riot police have fired tear gas to disperse about 200 protesters marching in Tunisia's capital to protest the selection of a new government that includes many members of the old guard.

As police helicopters circled overhead, riot police lobbed tear gas Tuesday to scatter the protesters as they marched toward the Interior Ministry — many in the crowd coughing, sputtering and tearing up.

Prime Minister Mohamed Ghannouchi on Monday announced a new government made up mostly of the old guard, but including opposition leaders for the first time.

The country has suffered simmering unrest, looting and an apparent settling-of-scores after President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali fled Friday while facing huge protests.

Analysts say Apple can succeed even with CEO Jobs on leave; investors to weigh in Tuesday

SEATTLE (AP) — Steve Jobs, the CEO who transformed Apple Inc. from niche computer maker into the most-envied consumer-electronics brand today, is taking a medical leave of absence for the second time in two years.

In the last decade, Jobs, 55, has survived a rare but curable form of pancreatic cancer and undergone a liver transplant. The news that he will again step back from his day-to-day role raises serious questions about the CEO's health.

But analysts believe the company Jobs shepherded from garage startup to a \$65 billion technology trendsetter is in good hands with the current slate of talented executives — even as Apple, now the Silicon Valley player to beat, faces increasing competition from Google Inc. and others.

It is not yet clear investors in the U.S. will share analysts' confidence. The news was delivered Monday when markets were closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Investors will have their first chance to respond Tuesday, when Apple is also scheduled to report quarterly earnings after the market closes. Apple's shares closed in Frankfurt Monday 6.6 percent lower at 243 euros (\$323.02).

Investors have pinned much of their faith in the company on Jobs himself, sending shares tumbling on every bit of news or rumor of his ailing health. That's because Jobs is an industry oracle of sorts, inventing new products he knows consumers will want even before they realize it. He is also known as a demanding and hands-on leader who is involved in even the smallest details of product development.

Giffords' husband says he's willing to meet with parents of 22-year-old Ariz. shooting suspect

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The husband of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords says he would be willing to meet with the parents of the 22-year-old man accused in a massacre that critically injured the Arizona congresswoman, killed six people and wounded 12 others.

"I don't think it's their fault. It's not the parents' fault," Mark Kelly told ABC's Diane Sawyer in an interview to air Tuesday. "You know, I'd like to think I'm a person that's, you know, somewhat forgiving. And, I mean, they've got to be hurting in this situation as much as anybody."

The suspect, Jared Loughner, remained in federal custody in Phoenix. Investigators have described him as a mentally unstable man who was kicked out of a community college last year and became increasingly erratic in recent months.

He apparently became obsessed with inflicting violence on Giffords since attending one of her campaign events in 2007.

His parents have remained in seclusion since the shooting at a Safeway supermarket on Jan. 8,

only releasing a statement that said they, too, were grieving for those dead and injured.

Ex-dictator holes up in Haiti hotel amid rumors that Aristide could be next to return

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — From a posh hotel room, Haiti's former dictator Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier greeted old friends and allies while providing no public insight into why he suddenly returned to the country he fled amid a popular rebellion a generation ago.

The lack of information left Haitians to speculate on what the appearance of the exiled former president-for-life could mean for the country, its efforts to build out of poverty — and what other political surprises might be coming amid an increasingly problematic electoral crisis.

The immediate speculation was on whether the ex-dictator's return is a mere precursor to a potentially more epochal event: a return by the man who helped lead the movement to topple him, ex-President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who has been in South African exile since 2004.

Haitian radio repeated rumors throughout the day that Aristide was headed for Panama or Cuba, en route to Port-au-Prince. There was no immediate indication those reports were true.

Aristide's attorney in Miami, Ira Kurzban, said the ousted former president, who remains popular in Haiti, wants to come back to his homeland.

Suicide bombing targeting Iraqi police recruits kills 40, wounds at least 75

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide bomber blew himself up Tuesday in a crowd of people waiting to apply for jobs with the police, killing at least 40, officials said, in the latest strike against Iraqi security recruits.

The death toll was still rising more than two hours after police said the bomber joined a crowd of about 100 recruits outside the police station in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, some 80 miles (130 kilometers) north of Baghdad.

Loudspeakers from the city's mosques were calling on people to donate blood for the wounded.

One Tikrit policeman said at least two of the dead were police officers. A second police officer said a grenade that had not exploded was found near the scene.

FACT CHECK: Experts doubt GOP claim that Obama's health care law would cost 650,000 jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans pushing to repeal President Barack Obama's health care overhaul warn that 650,000 jobs will be lost if the law is allowed to stand.

But the widely cited estimate by House GOP leaders is shaky. It's the latest creative use of statistics in the health care debate, which has seen plenty of examples from both sides.

Republicans are calling their thumbs-down legislation the "Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act." Postponed after the mass shootings in Tucson, a House vote on the divisive issue is now expected Wednesday, although Democrats promise they'll block repeal in the Senate.

A recent report by House GOP leaders says "independent analyses have determined that the health care law will cause significant job losses for the U.S. economy."

Air Force court martials HIV-infected Kansas airman for unprotected sex, disobeying order

WICHITA, Kansas (AP) — A Kansas airman ac-

cused of disobeying orders requiring him to tell his sexual partners that he is HIV positive faces assault charges at a military hearing following allegations that he indulged in unprotected sex with multiple women at swingers' parties.

Court martial proceedings against Tech. Sgt. David Gutierrez begin Tuesday at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita where he is stationed with the 22nd Maintenance Operations Squadron. He has been under arrest at the base since Aug. 9.

The Air Force has charged him with violating military law by having unprotected sex with at least 10 people without telling them he is infected. He faces 10 counts of aggravated assault — one for each sexual partner — and is charged with violating his squadron commander's October 2009 order to notify his sexual partners about his HIV status and to use condoms.

Gutierrez also has been charged with multiple indecent acts for having sex in front of others. He also was charged with nine counts of adultery.

Post this on Facebook? Calif. surf city considers electronic wall of shame for DUI mug shots

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police in a city ranked top in the state for alcohol-related traffic fatalities might soon be trying a new tactic to keep drunken drivers off the road: Electronic shaming on Facebook.

In a contentious move that has raised the hackles of privacy advocates and been met with resistance from a police department fearful of alienating residents, a councilman in Huntington Beach wants police to begin posting the mug shots of everyone who is arrested more than once for driving while under the influence.

"If it takes shaming people to save lives, I am willing to do it," said Devin Dwyer, the councilman behind the proposal. "I'm hoping it prevents others from getting behind the wheel and getting inebriated."

Dwyer initially wanted the police department to post on Facebook photographs of everyone arrested for DUI in the bar-laden beach town just south of Los Angeles. He has watered down his proposal — now only repeat offenders would be featured on the virtual wall of shame — in hopes of winning support from the rest of the seven-member council, which is set to vote on the issue Tuesday.

7 firefighters injured in New York building fire

NEW YORK (AP) — A stubborn blaze at a one-story commercial building in New York City took more than 10 hours to bring under control and injured seven firefighters, one seriously.

Rich Viglione of the New York Fire Department says the blaze began at about 6 p.m. Monday inside a large metal-works warehouse in Queens.

Crews brought it under control early Tuesday morning.

About 200 firefighters were at the scene throughout the night.

Chihuahua survives owl attack in suburban Chicago

CRYSTAL LAKE, Ill. (AP) — An owl attack has left a 4-pound Chihuahua with a healthy fear of the dark.

The attack happened when Chico the Chihuahua was out for a walk with his owner George Kalomiris in the Chicago suburb of Crystal Lake last week, reports state.

Kalomiris says they were walking down the street when a great horned owl swooped down and tried to fly away with the 3-year-old dog.

Kalomiris says he kept a firm grip on Chico's leash as the bird dragged the dog across the sidewalk, and he managed to scare the owl away.

Parent's Corner: Random thoughts

I enjoy what Steve Reagan would call "random thoughts."

They can be fun, thought provoking and interesting at the same time.

Through the years I have written down quite a few one liners.

So please allow me to throw a few your way for you to ponder.

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

When weeding, the best way to make sure



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The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

There are two kinds of

you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it; if it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

pedestrians: the quick and the dead.

Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.

Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.

All of us could take a lesson from the weather; it pays no attention to criticism.

How is it that one careless match can start

a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Do illiterate people get the full effect of alphabet soup?

Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?

Sometimes the way a sentence is structured becomes rather comical, such as: I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger; then it hit me.

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Bird Poop:

Hawk survives collision with BSSH window

With the cold north winds that arrived in late November came the usual visitors to the hospital's grounds. Seen occasionally from one of the numerous windows that graced the stately buildings, the wintering migrants found the trees and Georgian architecture to their liking.



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Open fields to the north with their tall grasses and endless mesquites had first attracted one arrival's attention. As it started to frequent the well-kept lawn of the facility, it discovered a cornucopia of avian delights.

Among dense foliage, the secretive being would wait. Smaller prey soon would become careless in their attempt to find wind blown seeds lying on the ground among clippings of dry grass. Suddenly leaving a branch, the interloper would maneuver around and through limbs until pouncing down upon its intended prey.

Once grabbed, the smaller of the two would soon succumb to the weaponry used to subdue it. Lifeless, it would be carried in an unrelenting grip to a well-hidden branch within an evergreen or shade tree. Only feathers drifting down to the ground would give any window-gazer a hint of the meticulous effort the attacker practiced before dining.

To see it remove all the feathers from its intended meal for more than 30 minutes could have made one wonder if the diner would be too exhausted to eat. Having prepared its

repast, the winter guest would then casually enjoy every morsel. Only after cleaning its beak and talons was completed would it fly to another area of the sprawling campus.

With Christmas events for the patients, December passed quickly. By mid-January, familiar routines were welcome.

Having watched the influx of predators and prey for the last two months, one employee felt fortunate that her desk was located near a window of the hospital. Although she did not always see activity, she knew all manner of birds used the acreage as their winter home.

Facing away from the window as she stood at the file cabinet, she was jolted by a sudden impact of something on the glass. She wondered what had hit it. Having also heard the sound prompted another worker to hurry into her office.

"You heard it, too?" she asked.

"Yes, what was it?" came a reply.

Looking out the window, they could see nothing on the ground. "I'll check it out," said the employee as she grabbed her coat and headed out the door.

Walking around to her side of the building, the woman noticed what she at first thought was a dove. As she neared the fallen bird, she realized from its bill and slender talons that it might be one of the hawks she had seen chasing smaller birds.

At first, she wondered if it was dead. After supporting its head and body with her hand, she gently lifted the unconscious bird from the ground.

Once back inside, she asked for a container. Soon the raptor was lying on the soft contributions of several employees who had emptied



Courtesy photo

The sharp-shinned hawk is a winter migrant that thins small bird populations. Lowering the number of house sparrows and pigeons, it lessens competition for food among ground feeding species. As an accipiter, it is known for its long tail and short wings.

their Kleenex boxes. Unresponsive, it made the woman wonder if it would ever revive.

The urgent voice from the Big Spring State Hospital was not surprising at this time of the year. From the woman's description, the aerial pursuit of a sharp-shinned hawk had resulted in an accident.

Often, its chase ended in its prey smashing into a window. This time, the pursuer had mistaken the reflection of trees and open spaces as an unobstructed avenue. Instead, it met the unforgiving pane of glass.

By the time we arrived at the facility, the hawk had been placed in an isolated area of the maintenance shop. Finally awake, it had managed to get out of its box, but was wobbly and unable to fly. Easily putting a net over the bird of prey, we knew it

needed plenty of time to recover.

Once home, we felt no obvious breaks. Its inability to fly might be from bruising its wings on impact, or needing time to clear the "fog" from being "knocked out cold."

Having a frozen supply of baby chicks, we thawed several that it readily appreciated. After several days, the sharpie was restless and ready for its freedom.

One last glance inside its carrier offered a chance to view its grayish mantel and cinnamon barred chest. The squared-off tip of its tail differentiated it from the similar and larger Cooper's hawk that sports a rounded end to its tail.

In a flight cage, it soon proved its mental acuity and hunting skills had returned. It was time for release.

About a foot long,

with nearly a two-foot wingspan, the sharp-shinned hawk rose quickly into a nearby tree. Fluffing its feathers into place, it scanned its new locale carefully. The lure of old growth trees in the distance caused its sudden departure. Inter-

mittently flapping, gliding, then flapping its wings again, it finally became a small gray dot, then disappeared.

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

RYAN

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daycare where a 3-year-old was resisting "a rest."

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

A thief who stole a calendar got 12 months.

Thieves who steal corn from a garden could be charged with stalking.

We'll never run out of math teachers because they always multiply.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U C L A.

The math professor went crazy with the blackboard; he did a number on it.

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.

The dead batteries were given out free of

charge.

A dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail.

The butcher who backed up into the meat

grinder got a little behind in his work.

Forgive me for these; just repeating random thoughts that somehow seem amusing.

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

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Lynzi Ferrell (left) and the Coahoma Bulldogettes hope to get a win over Denver City at home tonight.

Area basketball: Coahoma boys, girls need win

Big Spring

The Big Spring Steers and Lady Steers continue District 5-3A play when Sweetwater visits town today. The girls' game is at 6 p.m. and the boys' is at 7:30 p.m. The Lady Steers are trying to avoid an 0-3 start in district play while the Steers are trying to follow up a huge win at Brownwood Friday.

Coahoma

Both the Coahoma boys and girls are in need of a win and they'll try to do it at home against Denver City. The Bulldogettes play at 6 p.m. and the boys at 7:30 p.m. The Coahoma girls sit at 2-5 in district play and the boys at 1-4. Both teams have dealt with injuries most of the season, too.

Forsan

Forsan is on the road today to face Lubbock Roosevelt in District 3-2A action. The girls play at 6 p.m. and the boys at 7:30 p.m. Forsan Lady Buffs' head coach Robert Hillger has said Roosevelt is one of the best teams in the district.

Stanton

While the Stanton girls are trying to keep pace in District 3-2A play, the boys seem to be rolling. Both teams will be in Slaton today. The girls play at 6 p.m. and the boys' at 7:30 p.m. Tyler Fulton and Trace Sidle have been a lethal combination for the Buffs and the driving force for their 4-1 mark in district play. The girls are 12-12 overall, but 2-5 in district play.

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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Carlos Emory had 22 points in the Howard College Hawks' 68-58 win over New Mexico Military Institute Monday.

Short-handed Hawks upend NMMI, 68-58

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

ROSWELL, N.M. — The Howard College men's basketball team wasn't at full strength for Monday's game against New Mexico Military Institute, but the Hawks still came away with a 68-58 win to move to 3-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

Carlos Emory was huge with 22 points and seven rebounds. He rarely missed, too, shooting 14 of 18 from the field. Shavon Coleman also had 22 points and Corey Stern chipped in 13 points.

The Hawks had five players for Monday's game and that was whittled down to four with a little under four

minutes left in the game because of foul trouble.

Head coach Mark Adams said three players have been suspended indefinitely from the team due to disciplinary issues. The coach declined to state who was suspended and what they did to receive the punishment.

However, the dismissals give the Hawks five players right now for Thursday's game against Midland College at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Adams said Midland College is the best team in the conference.

Adams is hoping to have Jason Walker on the team by then. Described as a solid shooter and athletic, Walker is a Big Spring native and the Hawks hope he will help with their depth issues.

Say what? Jabbering Jets keep talking and winning

The Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Call them whatever bleepin' names you want — and plenty already have. Rex Ryan's bunch of blabbermouths isn't shutting up anytime soon.

They insult the other team's quarterback, needle the opposing coach and never stop yapping.

Not the way it's normally done in the NFL. Not in any sport, really.

Only with these jabbering New York Jets, it's working. Cover your ears because they're talking all the way

back to the AFC championship game.

"We've got guys who are confident," defensive back Dwight Lowery said Monday, "and we all show that confidence in different ways."

They take their cue from Ryan. He's made bold predictions from the moment he took over two years ago, coaching a franchise that had lacked an identity ever since Broadway Joe made the biggest boast of all 42 years ago.

Sometimes, Ryan and his guys have been a bit profane. But if that offends other peo-

ple, well, then too bad.

Besides, a win Sunday in Pittsburgh and the Jets reach the Super Bowl for the first time since that famous 1969 win over the Baltimore Colts.

No wonder Joe Namath loves what he's seeing — and hearing.

"THATS WHAT WE'RE TALKIN ABOUT!!!" Namath tweeted after Antonio Holmes' tremendous TD catch Sunday against New England.

Next up, the green-and-white sequel in this made-for-TV season.

"Everybody's true to their

colors here," defensive lineman Sione Pouha said. "This is Rex's style, and as everyone can see, we love it."

Just ask the Patriots, who've seen and heard enough of the Jets to last an entire offseason. After New York's wild on-field celebration in Foxborough — complete with Braylon Edwards' backflip — following a 28-21 win, Patriots wide receiver Deion Branch called the Jets "classless."

"Just take the loss like a man," cornerback Darrelle Revis said. "Just take it like a man, and move on."

So far, the Jets have backed up their tough talk.

First, Peyton Manning and Indianapolis.

Then, Tom Brady and the Patriots.

All on the road.

Standing in their way to the Super Bowl are Ben Roethlisberger and the Steelers.

"I think we know the formula that it takes to win," Ryan said. "Now, we just have to go out and do it, albeit in an incredibly tough environment."

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Sports in brief

Big Spring Little League Baseball

Sign-ups for little league baseball for ages 4-15 begin Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. Sign-ups will take place at those hours every Saturday until Feb. 12 at the mall. They also will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 7 through Feb. 11 at the mall.

Participants can also sign up at Gartman Refrigeration on 3206 East FM 700 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 24 through Feb. 11. Registration is \$80 and it includes jersey, pants, socks and belt. Be sure to bring the child's birth certificate.

For more information, contact Paige at 213-2062

or Robert at 816-8161.

Coahoma Girls Softball Association

The Coahoma Girls Softball Association will conduct a board meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the community center in Coahoma. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Men's city bowling tournament

This tournament takes place Sunday and Monday at Bowl-A-Rama in Big Spring. For more information on the men's city bowling tournament, contact

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Nadal foe has close-up view of the best

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — To get an assessment of how much better Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer are than most of the competition in men's tennis, look no further than Marcos Daniel.

At the Australian Open on Tuesday, Daniel was on the other side of the net from Nadal, who is attempting to win his fourth major title in a row — the "Rafa Slam." Daniel saw, ever so briefly, why the top-seeded Nadal is among the best ever in the game.

Only briefly, because the Brazilian's left knee gave out, forcing him to retire from the first-round match while already trailing 6-0, 5-0.

"If you see all the top five guys, they improve so much," said Daniel, who has also lost to Federer. "They are one step forward, faster than the others, they hit the ball harder than the others, they can stay very focused for four hours, different than the others. Imagine Federer and Nadal, they are the same."

Nadal will next play American qualifier Ryan Sweeting, who beat Daniel Gimeno 6-4, 6-4, 6-1.

Another of those top five that Daniel mentioned was Andy Murray, the 2010 finalist who also advanced when Karol Beck retired with a shoulder

injury in the third set of their first-round match. The fifth-seeded Murray, who was leading 6-3, 6-1, 4-2, was the only man to beat Nadal in a Grand Slam tournament last year, the quarterfinals at Melbourne Park.

"You'd rather finish the match off without your opponent being hurt," Murray said, "but it does happen quite a lot. So you just have to move on and get yourself ready for the next round."

Fourth-seeded Robin Soderling had to go the distance but was rarely challenged, completing a 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 win over Potito Starace of Italy.

David Nalbandian of Argentina beat former No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt of Australia 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (1), 9-7 in a feature-length replay of their 2002 Wimbledon final won by the Australian.

Going into Tuesday's match, Hewitt led the series 3-2 but had not beaten Nalbandian since a controversial 2005 Australian Open quarterfinal in which the pair bumped into each other purposely on a changeover.

The video clips of that altercation featured prominently on television promotions of the night match at Rod Laver Arena.

After the 2005 match, won in five sets by Hewitt, Nalbandian said he was "not a gentleman" and "nobody is friends" with the Australian. Hewitt

said Nalbandian was "not the cleanest guy."

There appeared to be no such animosity Tuesday, with both players mostly on their best behavior. They shook hands and nodded at each other at the end of the 4-hour, 48-minute match.

Hewitt's biggest stumbling block was his inability to convert break-point chances: just seven of 30. Nalbandian was six of 12, but only two of eight in the final set.

Nalbandian, who was cramping at the end of the marathon match, saved two match points on his serve before finishing it at 1:10 a.m. local time Wednesday with a perfect lob on his first match point.

"It doesn't matter that we are tired, we keep fighting," Nalbandian said on-court of their rivalry. "I can't talk I am so tired."

Elsewhere, No. 15 Marin Cilic of Croatia beat American qualifier Donald Young 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 to advance, along with No. 7 David Ferrer, No. 10 Mikhail Youzhny, No. 11 Jurgen Melzer and No. 20 John Isner.

Another winner was 2009 U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro, who played only three matches last year due to a right wrist injury. He beat Dudi Sela of Israel, 7-6 (13), 6-4, 6-4.

"I don't want to think in the past," del Potro said.

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Zenyatta wins Horse of Year

The Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Moments after the Eclipse Awards ended Monday night, Zenyatta owner Ann Moss came off the stage eager to call her mare in Kentucky. They keep in touch by video phone.

"I just can't wait to tell her," a beaming Moss said. "We won!"

Zenyatta beat Blame to win Horse of the Year, besting the only opponent ever to defeat her on the track.

The award caps a remarkable career for the popular Zenyatta, one of the sport's greatest mares. She was 19-0 before losing her final race to Blame in the Breeders' Cup Classic last November.

"This makes it all OK after getting beat last time,"

said Mike Smith, Zenyatta's jockey.

Zenyatta received 128 votes and Blame 102. Goldikova, the other nominee, received five votes for the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, Daily Racing Form and National Turf Writers and Broadcasters.

Moss' husband, Jerry, feared they might vote for Blame because of the head-to-head defeat last fall. Was he surprised to win?

"A little bit, because we lost the big race," Moss said. "I guess it's our turn in a way."

Zenyatta was runner-up for Horse of the Year in 2008 and 2009.

"We always hoped," Ann Moss said. "We hoped last year, and the year before that. We're just so happy. She's such a gift."

JETS

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No, Ryan's confidence hasn't wavered one bit. Not with a trip to the Super Bowl at stake.

"I just talk the way it is," he said. "If you can't get motivated to win an AFC championship game, I don't know what else you need."

When Ryan first took over, he was hailed by many as a breath of fresh air in a league filled with tightlipped coaches who play things close to the vest.

"New York is very diverse and I think your team should reflect where you are," Lowery said. "That might have something to do with it. It might be that this is just the right coach for this organization and this area."

Anything goes with Ryan, whether it's self-deprecating humor about his weight or talking about how his team will meet the President Barack Obama someday soon.

The Jets' locker room is filled mostly with players who speak openly about themselves or their opponents — not worried about consequences or perceptions.

"I totally disagree with people

saying we're trash talking," Pouha said. "We're confident talkers more than we are talking trash."

But there have been few teams in professional sports that have been successful on the field while being so loose off it.

Sure, there were the Super Bowl Shufflin' Bears of 1985, a team whose defensive coordinator was Ryan's father, Buddy. There were also the Dallas Cowboys of the 1990s, the renegade Raiders of the 1970s, the 1986 New York Mets, the NBA's Bad Boy Pistons, and the stormy and scandalous Miami Hurricanes of the '80s.

These Jets under Ryan are the closest to a team people love to hate as we've seen in a while.

"Part of it is maybe because when you see a team that wins Super Bowls, or has a lot of repeated success, people try to duplicate that," Lowery said. "So, when the Patriots were winning a lot in the 2000s, it was like, that's what you needed to do to win. So, now, you have a lot of teams trying to adopt that style and it may not fit their style. Rex got a head job and just came in and this is how he wants to run the ship."

And, who knows? It could be the start of a louder, new trend in the NFL.

"Hopefully, because I feel like

this is a better environment to be in and play football because there's a lot of stress that goes into this job," Lowery said. "You want to be able to have some kind of outlet, and one outlet to have is being yourself. You don't have to walk around with your arms at your side and stand straight and wear a suit everywhere."

"It's still a kid's game."

With big-boy dreams.

"Obviously, we set a goal to go to the show, and everybody has the same goal in August and the majority of people don't say it," Pouha said. "A lot of teams have great players and don't say it. Well, we say it."

And, people in other sports are taking notice. In fact, Phoenix Suns coach Alvin Gentry imitated Ryan — who said the Jets-Patriots game was between him and Bill Belichick — before the team's 129-121 win over the New York Knicks at Madison Square Garden on Monday.

"It's personal," a joking Gentry said, referring to his former boss, Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni. "It's me and Mike, OK? It just comes down to me and Mike, that's it. It doesn't have anything to do with the players, anything. It's me and Mike. I've got to be a better coach than Mike today, OK?"



By Steve Becker

Signals Point the Way

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ 5 3
♥ J 9 5
♦ Q J 10 9
♠ Q J 10 9

WEST
♠ A K 9 8 7 2
♥ A 2
♦ 7 5
♣ K 5 3

EAST
♦ Q J 10
♥ 7 4
♦ 8 6 4 2
♠ 8 6 4 2

SOUTH
♦ 6 4
♥ K Q 10 8 6 3
♦ A K 3
♠ A 7

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

Opening lead — king of spades.

a singleton or the jack. The queen is never played on the king from a holding of Q-x in order to show a doubleton.

The application of this universally recognized convention enables West to lead a low spade at trick two, knowing that East will win the trick in one way or another. In the actual hand, West returns the deuce of spades rather than his fourth-best spade, thereby transmitting his own very special message to partner.

East wins with the ten and must decide whether to return a diamond or a club. His decision is crucial to the outcome. If he leads a diamond, declarer makes the contract; if he leads a club, declarer goes down one.

East chooses the club return because of West's deuce-of-spades lead. He knows that West almost surely has six spades, and that his deuce play is aimed at directing which suit East should return rather than at giving a count of the number of spades he has.

The carefully chosen deuce play serves as a suit-preference signal, asking East to return the lower-ranking suit (as between diamonds and clubs). If West desired a diamond return at trick three, he would lead the nine of spades instead.

Tomorrow: First things first.
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AREA

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Sands
Sands is at O'Donnell today for district action. The varsity girls should take the floor at 6:30 p.m. and the boys at 8 p.m.

Grady
Wellman-Union visits Lenorah to-

day for a matchup against Grady. The girls play at 6:30 p.m. and the boys at 8 p.m. The Grady boys hope to earn their 20th win of the season.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My father has a habit of touching me when he talks.

He'll tap my hand or leg, and he often touches my arm when it's unnecessary. I've told him many times that I don't like it, but he gets quite unhappy if I ask him to stop. He's done this since I was a kid, and I'm 33 now.

Once, when I was 13, he kept tapping his leg against mine under the table at an outdoor restaurant.

I couldn't tolerate it and moved my leg away. My father flew into a rage, snarling and gritting his teeth and telling me I had a "disgusting habit."

I am going to my parents' house tomorrow and am not looking forward to it. I have to remember not to sit near Dad and to stand at least two feet away when he speaks to me.

The problem is that while he's talking, he moves closer and then starts tapping me. It infuriates me that he won't stop no matter how many times I've asked him to.

Here's what I suspect: My father considers me his property. He wants to be able to put his hands on me the way one does with a pet. When I ask him to stop, he is insulted as if his property is being taken from him. I also suspect he taps me because he thinks I'm not listening and needs to keep my attention.

I avoid my parents as much as possible and don't speak to my father unless it is absolutely necessary. Do other readers have this problem? — *Son who is Wondering*

Dear Son: It is common for parents to touch their children when speaking to them. In most instances, it is a sign of affection. We can understand, however, how constant tapping could be annoying, although your reaction seems out of proportion.

If Dad is tapping your arm to keep your attention from drifting, you can work on getting him to stop, but it requires that you put a lid on your level of hostility. Try talking to him, saying that you love him but it makes you extremely uncomfortable to be touched constantly. Remind him gently when he starts up.

Dear Annie: What are your views on older women dating younger men? I am

56, and he is 36. He first asked me to marry him 10 years ago, but I broke it off, thinking I was doing him a favor. I then married someone else, hoping he would find someone his age. He did, but that marriage didn't last. Neither did mine.

Am I being selfish? Is there any possibility that we could be happy together? My family has given us their blessing, but his is another story. I love him enough to let him go if you think I should. — *Happy but Older*

Dear Happy: The only question is whether or not he wants biological children. No marriage is a sure thing. Yours doesn't come with fewer guarantees than any other. Our best wishes and congratulations.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Gagging in California," who can't stand being around people who smoke. She should be honest and forthright.

When our daughter was pregnant with her first child, she and her husband told us we'd be babysitting every other weekend. It never happened. I found out by chance that my son-in-law didn't want their child around us because we smoke.

Our son-in-law avoids our home whenever possible. I love my grandson, but we are closer to our other grandchild because we get to see him more often. Then my daughter complains that we are showing favoritism.

Had they spoken with us about this in the beginning, it still would have hurt, but at least we could have had an honest discussion. My husband and I thought we raised our children to behave like adults. Obviously not. — *San Bernardino, Calif.*

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New guidelines would make school lunches healthier

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WASHINGTON (AP) — School cafeterias would have to hold the fries — and serve kids more whole grains, fruits and vegetables — under the government's plans for the first major nutritional overhaul of students' meals in 15 years.

The Agriculture Department proposal announced Thursday applies to lunches subsidized by the federal government.

The guidelines would require schools to cut sodium in those meals by more than half, use more whole grains and serve low-fat milk.

They also would limit kids to only one cup of starchy vegetables a week, so schools couldn't offer french fries every day.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said the new standards could affect more than 32 million children and are crucial because kids can consume as much as half of their daily calories in school.

"The United States is facing an obesity epidemic and the crisis of poor diets threatens the future of our children and our nation," Vilsack said Thursday.

While many schools are improving meals already, others are still serving children meals high in fat, salt and calories.

The new guidelines are based on 2009 recommendations by the Institute of Medicine, the health arm of the National Academy of Sciences.

The announcement comes just a few weeks after President Barack Obama signed into law a child nutrition bill that will help schools pay for the healthier foods, which often are more expensive.

The subsidized meals that would fall under the guidelines proposed this week are served as free and low-cost meals to low-income children and long have been subject to government nutrition standards.

The new law for the first time will extend nutrition standards to other foods sold in schools that aren't subsidized by the federal government, including "a la carte" foods on the lunch line and snacks in vending machines. Those standards, while expected to be similar, will be written separately.

The announcement is a proposal, and it could be several years before the rules require schools to make changes.

The new USDA guidelines would:

- Establish the first calorie limits for school meals.
- Gradually reduce the amount of sodium in the meals over 10 years, with the eventual goal of reducing sodium by more than half.

- Ban most trans fats.
- Require more servings of fruits and vegetables.
- Require all milk served to be low fat or nonfat, and require all flavored milks to be nonfat.
- Incrementally increase the amount of whole grains required, eventually requiring most grains to be whole grains.
- Improve school breakfasts by requiring schools to serve a grain and a protein, instead of one or the other.

Vilsack said the reduction in sodium will be gradual so school children can get used to less salty foods. He said the government wants the meals to be appealing so children will eat them.

"We are looking at ways these meals can be attractive and also be tasty," he said.

Some school groups have criticized efforts to make meals healthier, saying it will be hard for already-stretched schools to pay for the new requirements.

Some conservatives, including former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, have said that telling children what to eat is a case of government overreach.

Vilsack says he understands the new standards may pose some challenges for school districts, but he believes they are necessary.

He compares obesity and related diseases like diabetes to a truck barreling toward a child, and the new guidelines to a parent teaching that child to look both ways before crossing the street.

"You want your kid to be able to walk across the street without getting hit," he says.

According to the USDA, about a third of children 6 to 19 years old are overweight or obese, and the number of obese children has tripled in the past few decades.

The Agriculture Department also is planning to release new dietary guidelines for the general public, possibly as soon as this month.

Those guidelines, revised every five years, are similarly expected to encourage less sodium consumption and more grains, fruits and vegetables.

Online:

Before and after school lunch menu: http://www.usda.gov/documents/cnr_chart.pdf

Tomorrow's Horoscope

It's the eve of the full moon in Cancer and one of the final days of this year's solar transit through traditional-minded Capricorn. Consider your domestic habits and how they contribute to your overall health, wealth and relationships. The way things play out at home today and tomorrow will inform your future choices.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The computer may tell you one thing, but humans can think. You'll apply your brainpower to a situation and come up with effective answers that could only come from you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Spending time with an accomplished person will inspire you to take risks and live with great courage. Face-to-face time is best, although someone who is immensely powerful can motivate you through any medium.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You defy labels, and that makes people curious. They will ask you more questions just to figure out who you are and where you're coming from. They'll never nail it. You keep everyone guessing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People remember who you are because you make a memor-

able impression. It's a problem for some, but not for you — not today. You instinctively say the thing that provokes a gut-level response.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Events that trigger old patterns will be quickly forgotten. But if you can stimulate a new pattern, the experience and your part in it will be remembered for years to come.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll start some fun conversations — so fun, in fact, that ending them might be a problem. Collect phone numbers, e-mail addresses and mailing addresses, and the fun is to be continued...

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are in the process of learning, growing and improving. There's a limit to how much of this you can do in a day. You're better off making a gentle transformation. Go easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Someone you hire will do much more than you expected. This will be a major treat! You may even be able to have some leisure time to yourself because of this happy turn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You exude energy and joy when you feel good. That's why the situation that is most comfortable for you will bring much happiness to everyone around you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a habit of watching for opportunities, and that is why you are luckier than the people who are too busy doing

their own thing to look around for good fortune.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can be alone when you need to be, and you are excellent company for yourself when that occasion arises. However, today calls for company, so make that happen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Stability may be a myth. But character is not. Staying true to your word, you will weave yourself into the fabric of society and do what you were meant to do with that design.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 18). Within the next eight weeks, you will enter into or renew a partnership that touches every part of your life in a positive way. Work challenges lead you to hone your message or product, which helps you increase your income in March. May puts a hot ticket in your hand. June brings sudden popularity or even fame. Virgo and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 4, 44, 18 and 31.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I don't know what I was thinking. I volunteered to throw a baby shower for a friend of mine. I didn't realize what a task this was going to be. She gave me the guest list, and there were 30 people on it! Sounds expensive, first of all, and I do not have much of a budget to work with. Also, I don't have children and have never been to this kind of event. I don't know what possessed me to volunteer, except that I really like my friend. However, I now realize that

her expectations are high, and I don't think I can deliver. Can I pull out of this?" — *Sagittarius in Distress*

No, you cannot. Your best bet is to change your attitude fast. Find your sense of Sagittarian adventure! Something in you thought you could handle this, and you absolutely can. The good news is that you realize you are out of your element. So get a book and follow it to the letter. You will be spending money, but try to see this as an investment in your friend and also in your own personal and social development. Scan the guest list to see whether there might be a few other people who would be willing to co-host to defray your costs.

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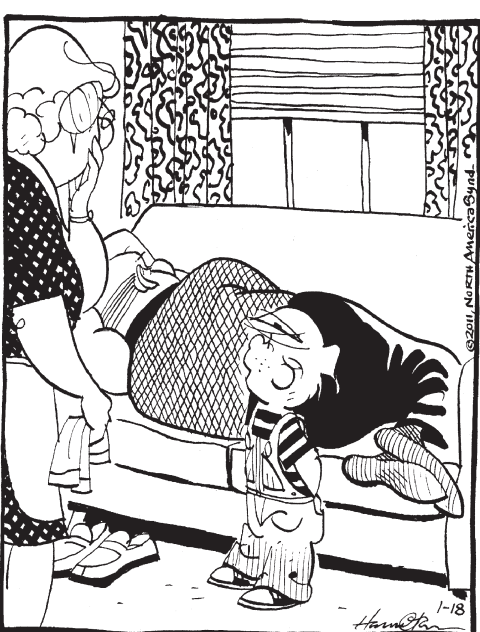
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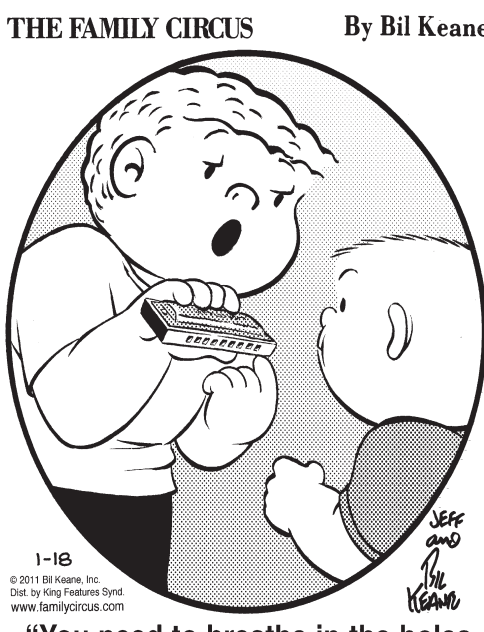
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"You need to breathe in the holes to find the song you're playin'."

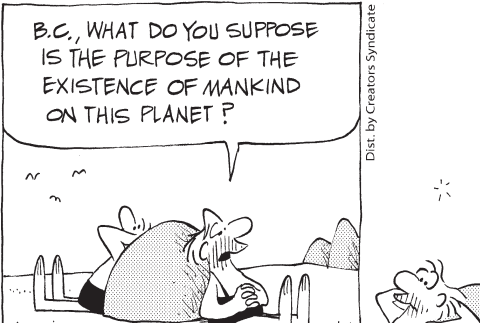
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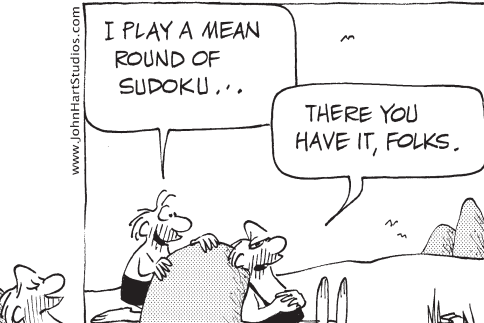
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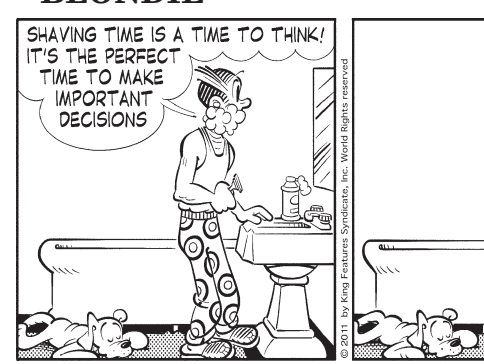
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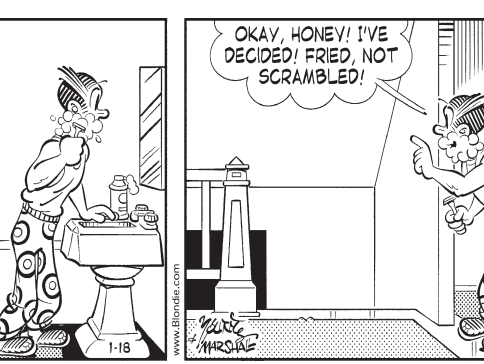
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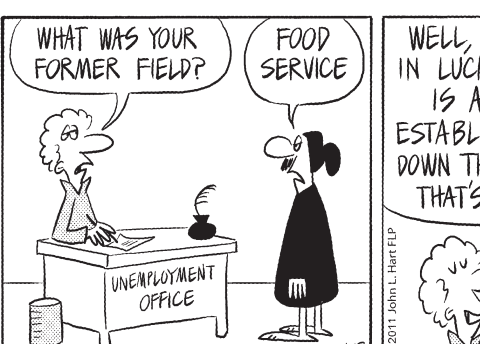
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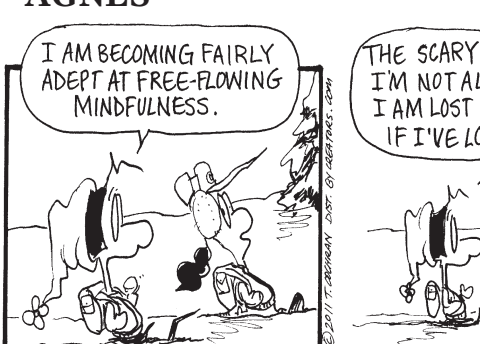
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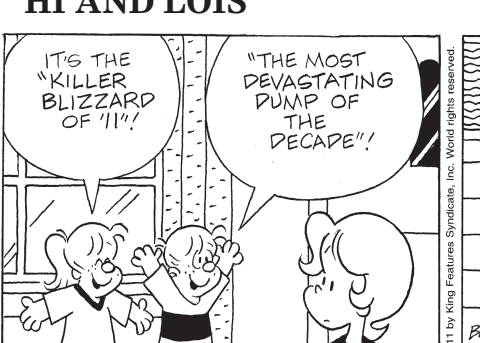
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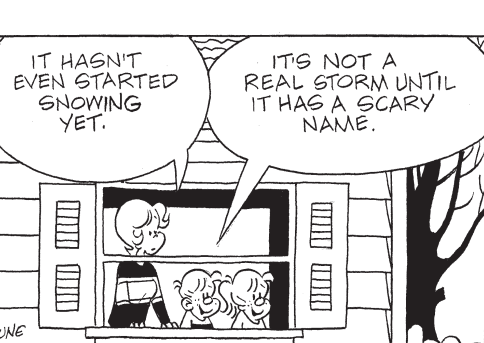
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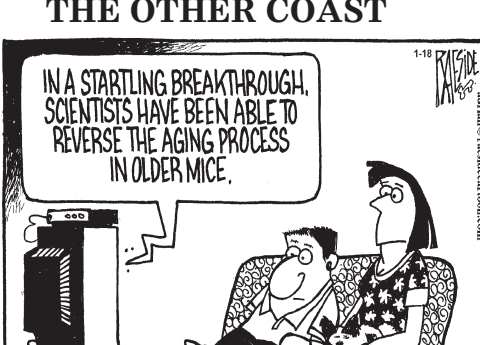
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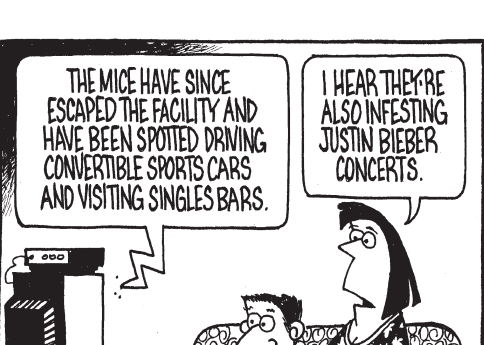
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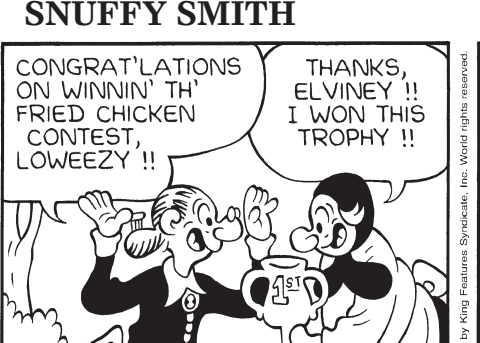
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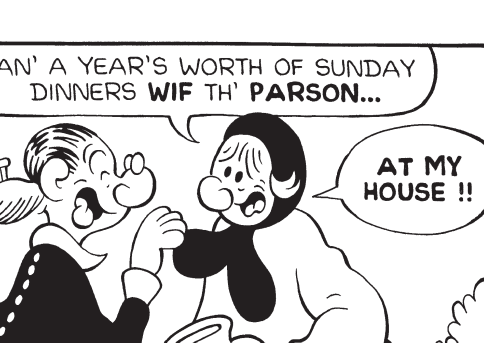
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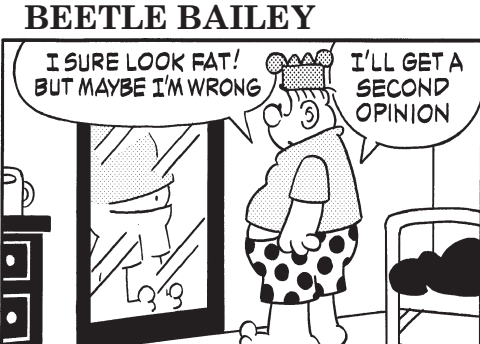
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2011. There are 347 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 18, 1911, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

On this date:

In 1778, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the Hawaiian Islands, which he dubbed the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1862, the tenth president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Va. at age 71.

In 1871, William I of Prussia was proclaimed German Emperor in Versailles (vehr-SY), France.

In 1919, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending World War I, opened in Versailles (vehr-SY), France.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Boorman is 78. Former Sen. Paul Kirk (D-Mass.) is 73. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 70. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 58. Actor-director Kevin Costner is 56. Actress Jane Horrocks is 47. Comedian Dave Attell is 46. Actor Jesse L. Martin is 42. Rapper DJ Quik is 41. Rock singer Jonathan Davis (Korn) is 40. Singer Christian Burns (BBMak) is 38. NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous is 38. Actor Derek Richardson is 35. Actor Jason Segel is 31. Actress Samantha Mumba is 28. Country singer KristyLeeCook (TV: "American Idol") is 27.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Round specks
 - 5 Stress-free
 - 9 From Japan, for instance
 - 14 Wickedness
 - 15 Moisturizer ingredient
 - 16 Nervous
 - 17 Tra__ (song syllables)
 - 18 Ghost's greetings
 - 19 Judge's orders
 - 20 Iffy response
 - 23 Small bill
 - 24 Slot-machine lever
 - 25 Constellation components
 - 28 Bulletin-board fastener
 - 30 Ballplayer's headgear
 - 33 Security worker
 - 34 Approximately
 - 35 Boy or man
 - 36 Iffy response
 - 39 Curds and __ (Muffet's meal)
 - 40 Faucet annoyance
 - 41 Not moving
 - 42 Relative
 - 43 Hidden valley
 - 44 In plain sight
 - 45 Luau wreath
 - 46 Sandwich bread
 - 47 Iffy response
 - 56 Rhyme writers
 - 57 Recommend
 - 58 Plug away
 - 59 Make a speech
 - 60 Start a poker pot
 - 61 Historic times
- DOWN
- 1 Sandwich shop
 - 2 Egg-shaped
 - 3 Cash drawer
 - 4 Venetian-blind part
 - 5 Log houses
 - 6 Single-handedly
 - 7 Take a peek (at)
 - 8 Flat-topped elevation
 - 9 In one's office
 - 10 Vaccine fluid
 - 11 "What's __ for me?"
 - 12 __ spumante wine
 - 13 Bird's home
 - 21 Large group of people
 - 22 Side order with eggs
 - 25 Japanese fish dish
 - 26 Spoken for
 - 27 Military force
 - 28 Prepare for a contest
 - 29 Take __ (drink slowly)
 - 30 Supply party food for
 - 31 On one's toes
 - 32 Sassy
 - 33 Stare (at)
 - 34 Storybook monster
 - 35 Thick head of hair
 - 37 Speak without notes
 - 38 Exists
 - 43 Old Faithful, for one
 - 44 Seafood in a shell
 - 45 Coffeehouse order
 - 46 Auto-club suggestion
 - 47 Digital music player
 - 48 Pulled apart
 - 49 Steak or veal
 - 50 And others: Abbr.
 - 51 Corn bread
 - 52 List entry
 - 53 Tiresome speaker
 - 54 Untruthful one
 - 55 "So what __ is new?"

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