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Rollover claims man's life

*Medical condition may
 have caused wreck along
 Interstate 20 Tuesday*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A Mississippi man was pronounced dead at the scene of a one-vehicle rollover Tuesday morning near the 184 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Emergency personnel — including the Big Spring Fire Department, Howard County Sheriff's Office and Texas Department of Public Safety — responded to the crash, which happened near the highway



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Charles Corbin, whose driver's license indicated he was from Gulfport, Miss., was killed in a one-vehicle rollover near the 184 mile marker along Interstate 20 Tuesday morning.

Kids getting a new clubhouse Construction begins on Boys and Girls Club at Salvation Army

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

A new future is under construction. Lee George Construction began work on the new Boys and Girls Club building Tues-

day. Expected time frame for completion is six to eight months. "Despite several major technical challenges which have delayed the start of construction, the Salvation Army is

now confident that we can provide the community of Big Spring the best building possible," Capt. Edgar Cheshire, commanding officer of the Big Spring Salvation Army, said.

The new facility will facilitate a multitude of activities and opportunities to people of all ages from the community, not just young people. "The current facility is a little small," Cheshire said.

"We would like to see the club grow. We have also been wanting a gym. We would like to be able to play basketball with the kids, sometimes

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City tells Austin: No more unfunded mandates

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved a resolution Tuesday supporting House Joint Resolution 56, a bill currently being considered by the Texas Legislature that would — by constitutional amendment — outlaw

unfunded or under-funded mandates in the Lone Star State. Specifically, the amendment would prohibit unfunded and under funded mandates passed down from the state level to city and county governments. "No bill enacted by the legislature on or after Jan. 1, 2012, requiring a lo-

cal government to establish, expand or modify a duty or activity that requires the expenditure of revenue by the local government shall be effective until and unless the legislature appropriates or otherwise provides for the payment or reimbursement, from a source other than the revenue of the local government, or the costs

incurred for the biennium by the local government in complying with the requirement," Mayor Tommy Duncan said, reading the details of the proposed bill to the council and audience. The resolution was approved by a

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
The All-City Choir, composed of Big Spring Independent School District students from grades 4 through 6, perform under the direction of Randall Capshaw during a free concert at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening.



HAILEY DUNN Investigators search landfill in Big Spring

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A search of the Big Spring Landfill Tuesday by law enforcement officials failed to turn up new evidence in the case of missing 13-year-old Hailey Dunn, the Colorado City teen who has been missing nearly two months now. The Big Spring Police Department, along with investigators from other law enforcement officials from the

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Obituaries

Tomasa Regalado



Tomasa "Tommie" Regalado, 60, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 21, 2011, at her residence. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Tomasa was born Dec. 21, 1950, in Big Spring to Claudia and Mariano Munoz. She was a private sitter for many years. Tomasa enjoyed playing cards with her family and slot machines at casinos. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Tomasa is survived by her husband of 32 years, Jose Regalado of Big Spring; two daughters, Elizabeth R. DeLeon and her husband Leon of San Antonio, and Jennifer Regalado of Big Spring; grandchildren, Emma G. DeLeon and Leon Jacob DeLeon, both of San Antonio and Nichol DeLeon of Uvalde; sisters, Beatrice Ybarra of Big Spring and Mary Ruiz and her husband Juan of Coahoma; brother, Sammy Munoz and his wife Sally of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Tomasa was preceded in death by an infant son, Michael Anthony Regalado; and two brothers, Johnny Munoz and Jose "Quate" Munoz.

Pallbearers will be Jody Ybarra, Albert Ybarra, Johnny Ybarra, Jimmy Ybarra, Jerry Ybarra, Andy Ybarra, Carlos Munoz and Simon Munoz. Honorary pallbearers will be George Regalado Jr. and Geronimo Regalado Jr.

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

Paid obituary

Jessie Olivares



Jessie Olivares, 40, of Big Spring passed away Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011, at Midland Memorial Hospice Inpatient Unit. There will be time of remembrance to pay condolences to family as follows Friday night at 6 p.m. at Family Faith Center located at 810 E. 11th Place in Big Spring.

He was born to Octavio Olivares and Catarina Heredia on Oct. 31, 1970, in Lamesa. He married the love of his life, Malinda Nunez, on March 25, 1986. In 2006, Mr. Olivares began J&M Welding Services as owner and in partnership with his wife, Malinda. Mr. Olivares loved family barbecues, outdoor sports, hunting and working to support his wife and family.

His hobbies were fabricating custom metal works, working on his trucks, and he enjoyed joking with everyone and having a good time.

Survivors are his wife, Malinda Olivares; children, Joseph, Gina and Melanie Olivares and Phillip Nunez; grandchildren, Bubba Delgado and Kai Jessie Olivares; mother, Catariana Olivares Boyles; sisters, Lucy Ybarra, Marylu Raspberry, Janie Morales and Cruista Corral; and brothers, Johnny, Jimmy and Joe Olivares.

He is preceded in death by his father, Octavio Olivares.

Memorials may be made to: Malinda Olivares 763343 at Cosden Federal Credit Union.

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

Paid obituary

Freddie Mae White



Freddie Mae White, 97, of Big Spring died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Baker's Chapel AME Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Dec. 26, 1913, at Smithville to Melley and Lun Bailey. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1936. She married Dillard White on Oct. 30, 1940. He preceded her in death on Sept. 29, 2003. She was a homemaker and a member of Baker's Chapel AME Church.

She is survived by two grandsons, Ricky Ray Winters and Tyree Williams, both of Big Spring; and a granddaughter, Felicia Herrera of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Linda Money.

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

Stanley Louder

Stanley Louder, 59, of Midland, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011, at his residence. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Claudie Aaron

Claudie Aaron, 70, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- BEVERLY RYNEL ARMSTRONG, 49, of 821 W. Eighth St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- ROY JUNIOR HULIN, 50, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 105, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
- GERALD RAY KING, 31, of 2512 Dow, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - no insurance.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
In the 600 block of Tulane.
In the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
In the 2300 block of Kentucky.
In the 500 block of Young.

- In the 1300 block of Mulberry.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:
In the 1600 block of Young.
In the 600 block of Manor.
- FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

Note: In the Feb. 1 edition of the Herald, the Howard County Sheriff's Office included the following arrest in its report: Jason Isaac Miramontes, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. Since that time, however, BSPD officials have confirmed that charges against Miramontes were not filed.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 53 inmates at the time of this report.

- BEVERLY RYNEL ARMSTRONG, 49, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- ROY JUNIOR HULIN, 50, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
- GERALD RAY KING, 31, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- AMANDA LEOS, 27, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for open alcohol container in vehicle.
- DEBRA DENISE AUSBIE, 49, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on an attorney general warrant for failure to appear - motion for enforcement.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 184 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Gatesville. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported near the intersection of Chonning and Trades.

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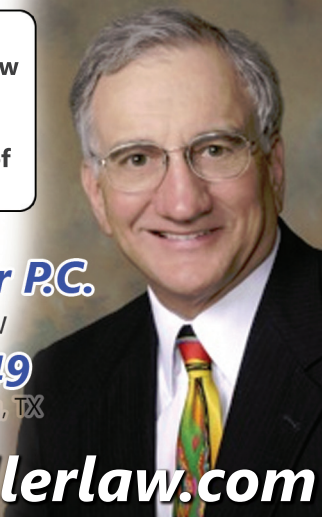
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BSEDC pleased with economic indicators

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Big Spring isn't standing still, that's for sure. Progress is being made when it comes to economic development, according to reports presented during Tuesday night's Big Spring Economic Development Corporation meeting.

Census numbers for Howard County have come in, though city numbers have yet to be released. The county population increased by 4.12 percent, from 33,627 to 35,012. Surrounding areas seemed to show increases as well, such as Midland and Odessa, according to Terry Wegman, BSEDC executive director.

"I'm pleased to see that Howard County grew some," Wegman said.

With the growth comes even more support, which was represented in Austin on Howard County Day, recently, Wegman noted. Though a bus trip to the Capitol was cancelled because of inclement weather, there were still around 100 residents who made their way to Austin.

"It's about bringing recognition to the community," Wegman said. "It's a way of saying 'Austin we are still alive and well, don't forget us when you make decisions.'"

Census numbers weren't the only ones showing a positive effect, according to Wegman. New unemployment rates are down. This time last year, unemployment was at 7 percent and has now decreased to 6.6 percent.

The September 2010 audit was another positive note. There were no journal entries, no recommendations and overall a clean audit, according to Glenn Fillingim, secretary/treasurer of BSEDC.

"There's a lot of work that goes into this (audit)," Wegman said. "In one of the upcoming city council meetings we will be presenting the audit to them."

When it came to the business of new and expanding businesses, there was quite a bit to report. Plains Cotton Cooperative Association has completed its second warehouse. With this completion, the company has come back to the board to ask for a \$200,000 incentive agreement instead of their \$150,000 agree-

ment. "The initial agreement was \$100,000 per warehouse and since they only built one and a half, we decided on \$150,000," Wegman said. "They did mention that when they completed the other half that they would come back and ask for the \$200,000."

The warehouses are on 160 acres, which provides room to build two more warehouses. According to Wegman, there has been \$8 million to \$10 million invested with six to eight new jobs created. Howard County granted a five-year chapter 381 agreement, granting PCCA partial tax relief.

Plains Cotton isn't the only local business that is expanding. After coming out of executive session, BSEDC made

a motion to authorize Wegman to structure an agreement with John Crane Production Solution, for \$600,000 for the facilitation of an expansion of their business. The agreement will include payroll credits, like many BSEDC agreements do.

"The way it works is if they meet a benchmark in their payroll then they can earn credits to paying off their loan," Wegman said. "For example, for every \$10 they add to payroll they can earn a \$1 credit. If they add \$500,000 in payroll they can earn up to \$50,000 credit towards paying off their loan."

In other business, the board also approved a fund request of \$600 for the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, Big Spring

Area Chamber of Commerce and Workforce Solutions job fair. The job fair will take place on April 19 and will include a Lunch and Learn for participating employers. During the lunch there will be three presenters offering information on tools for eligible employees and how to obtain the funding for those tools, according to executive director of the Chamber, Debbye ValVerde.

"All the employers will be local and we are looking at 50 perspective employers," ValVerde said. "Last year we had 45."

The next meeting of the BSEDC will take place March 15.

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Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast				
Thu 2/24	Fri 2/25	Sat 2/26	Sun 2/27	Mon 2/28
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Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 6:40 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 6:40 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 6:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 6:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 6:43 PM

WRECK

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overpass east of Exit 184, at approximately 10 a.m.

According to DPS Trooper Jared Bratcher, who is in charge of the investigation, the victim was 43-year-old Charles Corbin of Gulfport, Miss.

The victim was driving west on Interstate Highway 20 in a white, four-door sedan, according to Bratcher, when the accident occurred.

"The vehicle left the roadway and entered

the center median at least 50 feet before the guardrails began for the overpass," Bratcher said. "It traveled up the hill leading to the overpass, then became airborne, crossing the road that runs beneath the overpass and hitting the concrete embankment on the other side. At that point, the vehicle began flipping end-over-end before coming to a rest in the median on the other side of the embankment."

Bratcher said it's unclear what caused the accident, but papers found inside the vehicle

point to a heart condition that could have incapacitated the victim while he was driving.

"There were some papers in the vehicle from a hospital that leads me to think he had a medical condition. However, there's really no way to know for sure how this happened. He travelled through the median for quite a distance, which could mean he was unconscious before the car hit the embankment."

Bratcher said skies were overcast at the time of the accident, but weather conditions did not appear to play a part

in the the crash.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident by Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman. An autopsy has been ordered to determine the cause of death.

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the weather just doesn't permit us to do that outside."

The new building will be 17,000 square feet and include a game room, multi-purpose gym, computer lab and art and music rooms. Two classrooms will also be available for GED studies, budgeting, job searches and resume building, sewing, food safety and nutritional courses. The rooms will also be available for community meetings and activities.

"I am grateful for the community's ongoing support as we begin the next stage of the Boys and Girls Club project,"

Cheshire said.

The building will have one entry point, with multiple alarmed fire exits for security. The game room will include pool tables, ping-pong tables, shuffle board and more. It will be used as a snack area and study room as well. The gym is designed to allow not only basketball and volleyball, but indoor soccer, four-square and other activities. There will be adequate room for the use of soccer, volleyball and basketball leagues. It could also be used for craft shows, small concerts and dinners.

"We are looking to give youth more opportunities," Cheshire said. "The possibilities include any number of things."

Cheshire also said that with the facility, the Salvation Army is looking to add space in the community. He explained that there are times when all the rental places in Big Spring are full and unavailable. This new facility will provide another option for reunions, classes and even sport leagues, he said.

He even mentioned the possibility of adding video conferencing, in hopes of connecting the boys and girls of the Big Spring club with members of other clubs.

"It would be great from them to be able to learn from each other," Cheshire said. "It would be nice for them to compare how things are for a kid in the New York club compared

to how life is here at the Big Spring club."

Construction has begun, but funds are still needed. Anyone wanting to make a monetary gift or donate equipment should contact the Salvation Army. Once the building is constructed, supplies such as chairs, tables, game tables and more will be needed.

For more information about The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club or other Salvation Army programs and services, call 267-8239.

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COUNCIL

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unanimous vote, although District 4 Councilwoman Gloria McDonald was unable to attend the meeting.

If approved by the Texas Legislature, the proposed constitutional amendment would go before the voters during general elections in November.

Also during Tuesday's

meeting, the council gave final approval of a resolution supporting the Colorado River Municipal Water District's ongoing efforts to educate the public on the need for water conservation.

Talks between CRMWD and its member cities — including Big Spring — have been ongoing for some time now, centering around water conservation heading into the coming summer, when water usage in the Crossroads

area is expected to be at its highest point.

City Manager Gary Fuqua told the council talks between CRMWD and officials from its member cities are still ongoing, with Assistant City Manager Todd Darden having attended the most recent one.

Two of the water district's four main sources of water — Lakes Thomas and Spence — are at critically low levels, leaving Lake Ivie and the Ward County underground water well

fields as CRMWD's only dependable sources of water, according to CRMWD General Manager John Grant.

Grant confirmed that maximum water deliveries to member cities were cut by 10 percent effective Feb. 1. A reduction in maximum deliveries won't adversely effect water deliveries until the peak months of June through August, when demand is at its highest, according to Grant.

This marks the first

time in the water district's 61-year history that it has had to restrict water deliveries, he added, but with no significant rainfall in the long-range forecast, CRMWD's decision became unavoidable.

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DUNN

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surrounding area, used dogs to search the facility for anything tied to the girl's disappearance.

Investigators have previously searched landfills in Colorado City, Abilene and Snyder. However, law enforcement officials have not indicated if anything related to the case was found in those searches.

The search began at mid-morning, according to Pete Kampfer, city

manager for Colorado City and media liaison in the case.

Hailey Darlene Dunn has been missing since Dec. 27, when she reportedly left her home to visit her father and spend the night with a

friend. The girl's mother, Billie Dunn, reported her missing the next day.

Billie Dunn's live-in boyfriend, Shawn Adkins, has been named a "person of interest" in the case. No other sus-

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OUR VIEWS

Family fun on tap at coliseum

Spoiling the child is OK sometimes, and what better way to do that than treating them to an event fit for the entire family — the Harlem Ambassadors basketball game.

Staying off drugs, getting up and being athletic is what it's all about. The Ambassadors are comprised of young men and women proving the point that women as well as men, can do anything that they set their minds to. All of the players have attended college, played college basketball and are living a drug-free life. The areas of study are extensive when it comes to the degrees that they hold: exercise science, elementary education and criminal justice are only a few of the degrees represented on this team.

Each of the players have made the choice to lead not only active lives, but have healthy lifestyles and serve as good role models for the youth of today.

The Ambassadors will take on the "Screamin Sloppy Joes," made up of area notables. The two teams will be facing off at 7 p.m. tonight in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Once the game kicks off those attending can expect to see lots of high-flying, entertaining fun.

The game won't so much be for deciding a winner, as it will be to provide a good night of family fun and spreading an educational message.

Tickets are available at the door for \$4 for seniors, \$5 for students, \$6 for adults and children under 4 get in free. Proceeds will benefit the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. If you are looking for something to do with the whole family that's not too expensive, take in the game.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, our ideas blossom.

Amen

Human nature and D.C.-backed loans

In 2009, when CNBC's David Faber asked former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan what lessons could be learned to prevent another great financial meltdown in the wake of the mortgage-financing collapse, Greenspan did not have a happy-face answer.

"Somewhere in the future we're going to have this conversation again," Greenspan replied. "It will not be for quite a period of time, but it will occur because the flaws in human nature are such that we cannot change that. It doesn't work."

Lawmakers like to talk about passing laws to ensure that — the following should be said with a timbre of indignation — "this will never happen again." Of course, Washington should pass and enforce regulations to prevent and minimize economic damage. But the smartest course for Washington may well be to assume that, eventually, the worst will happen and to focus on:

(a) How Washington can minimize the damages to taxpayers and

(b) What regulatory changes can be made quickly that will not unduly shock the housing market.

The experts don't always know the answer. As the Obama administration's report "Reforming America's Housing Finance Market" noted, when housing prices began to turn in 2006, "Almost no one in the housing finance market was prepared."

The good news now: Obama-land is clear on the concept that the best way to minimize taxpayer losses is to minimize taxpayer exposure.

The report, written by the departments of Treasury and Hous-

ing and Urban Development, smartly pledged to cut back and ultimately "wind down" Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the giant government-sponsored enterprises that now back about 90 percent of new mortgages. The Wall Street Journal editorial page wrote of the Obama report, "It's enough to make you believe in miracles."

The document does not blame the meltdown on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Private institutions, it observes, were the trailblazers in subprime mortgages, while delinquency rates on private-label securities "were far higher than ... loans held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac."

Even still, it notes, the Treasury — this means the taxpayers — has had to put up more than \$130 billion to cover Fannie's and Freddie's losses.

It's time to return private mortgages to private banking.

And it's time for lending to return to standards that limit risk. Hence the Obama administration's call to raise minimum down payments for Fannie and Freddie loans to at least 10 percent and to increase the price of Federal Housing Administration mortgage insurance.

The report offers "three possible courses for long-term reform."

The first would privatize housing finance and leave a narrow role for government. Its downside: It will be harder and costlier for Americans to secure 30-year fixed-rate mortgages.

The middle option would add "a backstop mechanism to ensure access to credit during a housing crisis." Same downside as the first option, with a larger government role.

The third option would provide government reinsurance for certain mortgages, which, as the Wall Street Journal warns, "looks like Fannie in a new suit."

The boldest element of the report can be seen in the Obama administration's flinty look at



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Admit it, you're bored

Am I the only one who finds it extremely suspicious that the revolution in Egypt was declared over exactly at the point U.S. viewers were willing to kick in their flat screens rather than watch another minute of people milling around Tahrir Square?

I am not trying to minimize the importance of the Egyptian revolution, its place in history or its lasting contribution to freedom in the Mideast. I'm just saying that after 18 days, most Americans were so bored watching it they were beginning to check out cable channels they didn't know existed. (Did you know there is a channel devoted to people who want to watch pets?)

Or maybe it is a channel devoted to pets who want to watch people.)

As any TV producer can tell you, there has to be an arc to a good story: brave oppressed people begin revolution; brave oppressed people fight revolution; brave oppressed people win (or lose) revolution.

In Egypt, we got stuck at the stage "brave oppressed people talk about the revolution endlessly."

Interesting stories also need interesting personalities if they are to go on for day after day. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was hiding away somewhere under the pyramids in a gold-lined crypt where he could count his rubies and emeralds, but he was not giving interviews.

The revolution itself — and perhaps this is why it succeed-

ed — lacked a clearly defined leadership. It reminded one of the (almost certainly apocryphal) quotation by 19th-century French politician Alexandre Auguste Ledru-Rollin, who allegedly said: "There go the people. I must follow them, for I am their leader."

But if there were a lack of leaders, there were plenty of man and woman on-the-street interviews. Some were fascinating, but many were repetitive, especially if you channel-surfed. That brave Google executive in his polo shirt with the big lion on it was very interesting — the first 25 times I saw him. After that, I got a little bored.

I admit the fault was mine. But I could not help concentrating on the fashion of the revolution, especially the jackets worn by the American newsmen.

These jackets were uniformly black or dark brown (perhaps the safest color to wear at night), and they were gorgeous: They had zippers and buckles and turned-up collars, and against the hellish red and orange lighting of Tahrir Square they looked magnificent, as if making the statement: "Throw off the yoke of authoritarianism and accept democracy and you, too, can dress this well."

Egypt is a country in which 44 percent of the population lives on less than \$2 per day. So you can imagine the shock and awe those jackets must have caused. Instead of chanting "Freedom, freedom, freedom!" I expected the crowd to start chanting, "Prada, Prada, Prada!"

Back at home, the TV talking heads were denied the ability to don splendid foreign correspondent jackets, but they were allowed to don the cloak of universal knowledge. Some network commentators are very,

the vaunted goal of homeownership for all. President George W. Bush certainly had no problem pointing to high homeownership rates as proof of his administration's success.

The report recommends policies that, instead of pushing mortgages for all, demonstrate "a commitment to affordable rental housing."

Here is an area where left and right can meet. On the left, Politico columnist Michael Kinsley has questioned the wisdom of policies that drive up housing prices — and make homes harder for young families to afford: "There is no physical reason why a house should become more valuable at all. It is not like growing a crop. It is not producing anything that you can turn around and sell, like a factory. It just sits there. It becomes more valuable because people believe that it will become more valuable."

For their part, conservatives question the wisdom of using taxpayer-backed loans to push people who are chasing the American dream into homes they ultimately cannot afford. And by the way, those loans fueled the housing market bubble.

As the Treasury/HUD report noted, trillions of dollars were bet nationally and globally on "the faulty expectation that national house prices would only rise. Twenty years of economic stability had desensitized every player in the housing market to the possibility that home prices could fall."

That's a strong argument for policies that keep U.S. taxpayers from being left holding the bag.

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very smart people. They know a lot about a few things and a little about a lot of things.

But overnight, they all were transformed into experts on Egypt. How did this happen? How did they go from experts on U.S. politics, which is mostly what they talk about, to experts on a country that may be more than 10,000 years old and has a very complex modern history? They may all be geniuses. Or else they know how to use Wikipedia. In either case, they spoke with what TV requires: absolute confidence, no matter if you know what you are saying or not.

All this dragged on for 18 days, which is a very, very long time for a story in which the violence diminishes instead of increases.

But after that period, somebody — perhaps the U.S. TV networks — decided they needed a new story. And Hosni Mubarak cooperated by resigning and holing up in one of his magnificent villas in the resort town Sharm el-Sheikh. So the revolution was declared a success, and while some reporters scattered to find other countries where there might be revolutions, most U.S. reporters flew home to cover President Barack Obama's budget.

I don't know if the budget battle will last for 18 days, but I do know it is an important, even vital, story. So I am hoping the correspondents get to wear their jackets.

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News in brief

Libyan protesters defiant after Gadhafi speech

CAIRO (AP) — New videos posted by Libya's opposition show anti-government protesters raising the pre-Moammar Gadhafi flag on a building outside Tripoli and lining up cement blocks to defend themselves on a square inside the capital.

The videos were posted on Facebook Wednesday, a day after Gadhafi vowed to fight to his "last drop of blood" in a televised speech that signaled an escalation of a bloody crackdown on dissent by his supporters. The footage couldn't be independently confirmed.

Italy's Foreign Minister Franco Frattini told lawmakers it's "likely" more than 1,000 people have been killed in the violence, according to Italian media reports citing witnesses and hospital sources.

Human Rights Watch has said nearly 300 people have been killed based on a partial count.

Chicago's new mayor faces short victory

CHICAGO (AP) — Former White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel won't have much time to celebrate his victory as Chicago's new mayor.

Emanuel, who overwhelmed the race with truckloads of money and friends in high places from Washington to Hollywood, will take control of a city in deep financial trouble with problems ranging from an understaffed police department to underperforming schools.

On Tuesday, Emanuel won 55 percent of the vote, easily outdistancing former Chicago schools president Gery Chico, who had 24 percent, and former U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley Braun and City Clerk Miguel del Valle, who each had 9 percent. He succeeds Mayor Richard M. Daley, who is retiring after 22 years in office as the longest-serving mayor in Chicago's history.

But the city he inherits, though perhaps more beautiful than ever after years of extensive urban improvements, is in financial straits that it hasn't seen since before Daley's father, Mayor Richard J. Daley, came to power in the 1950s.

"Not since the Great Depression have the finances of the city been this precarious," said Dominic Pacyga, a historian and author of "Chicago: A Biography." The city's next budget deficit could again exceed \$500 million, mostly the result of reduced tax revenue from the recession, and could reach \$1 billion if the city properly funds its pension system.

Friends say 4 Americans killed by Somali pirates knew of dangers

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — They were four adventure seekers who loved the sea and wanted to see the world. Friends said they were meticulous and planned for any dangers, but even that couldn't prepare them for the Somali pirates who stormed their yacht and took their lives.

The boat's owners, Jean and Scott Adam of Marina del Rey, along with Bob Riggle and Phyllis Macay of Seattle, were shot to death early Tuesday, after pirates took them hostage on Friday about several hundred miles south of Oman.

Macay's niece, Nina Crossland, told reporters Tuesday that her aunt was "a very smart and avid sailor."

"I think she was smart enough and planned ahead and prepared to not be in this type of situation," she said, visibly shaken and holding back tears.

The Adams had been sailing full-time on their 58-foot yacht, the Quest, since December 2004 after retiring. They often travelled with friends, and on this trip were joined by Riggle and Macay.

Democrats filibuster for hours to halt vote on anti-union bill

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Democrats kept the Wisconsin Assembly up overnight with a droning filibuster in another desperate attempt to block the Republican governor's bold plan to strip public sector workers of nearly all of their bargaining rights.

The debate marked the first movement in days in what has become a high-stakes game of political chicken between Democratic lawmakers and Gov. Scott Walker. The governor says the bill is needed to help solve the state's looming budget deficit, but Democrats see it as an all-out assault on unions, their staunchest campaign ally.

Republicans control both the Assembly and Senate, but Democratic senators have blocked a vote in their chamber by fleeing to Illinois. Meanwhile, tens of thousands of demonstrators have descended on the state Capitol in monumental protests that entered their ninth day Wednesday.

The Assembly began debate around noon Tuesday, with lawmakers coming to the floor under heavy guard as protesters in the rotunda cheered and banged on buckets and bongo drums. Democrats began introducing dozens of amendments and gave drawn-out, rambling speeches criticizing the bill. A vote didn't appear likely until well into Wednesday, perhaps later.

"Can you hear that?" Rep. Tamara Grigsby, D-Milwaukee, screamed into her microphone. "Can you hear the cheers? Can you hear the chants? Can you hear the voices of the people who elected you? How can you not hear that?"

Standoff over jailed CIA contractor poses diplomatic puzzle for both U.S. and Pakistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The standoff between Pakistan and the United States over the detention of an American CIA contractor held in the fatal shooting of two Pakistanis is posing a growing diplomatic quandary for both countries.

Some members of Congress, Democrats and Republicans alike, are threatening to cut off funds to Pakistan if Raymond Allen Davis is kept much longer in a Pakistani jail. But turning him over to the U.S. could unleash a torrent of anti-American sentiment across Pakistan, threatening to undercut that country's fragile civilian government.

With anti-government protests sweeping the Middle East, public restlessness and anger could ripple as far as Pakistan, probably making the timing less than ideal for a government in an Islamic country to make a public show of cooperation with the United States.

The U.S. maintains that Davis, 36, is exempt

from criminal prosecution under the principle of diplomatic immunity and should be turned over to American authorities. The U.S. also claims Davis acted in self-defense.

16-year-old jailed in fatal shooting of St. Petersburg, Fla., cop

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — A daylong manhunt that covered a swath of the city ended when tips led to the arrest of a 16-year-old who faces a murder charge in the shooting of a St. Petersburg police officer, the third killed in the line of duty in the past month.

Officer David Crawford was shot multiple times Monday night while investigating a report of a prowler in a neighborhood just south of Tropicana Field where the Tampa Bay Rays play baseball. About 24 hours later, officials gathered near police headquarters to announce that the teen was in custody facing a juvenile charge of first-degree murder.

The Associated Press does not routinely release the names of those under 18 years old charged with juvenile crimes.

"When he did make the admission on tape for us at the end of the day, it was quite apparent that he was remorseful in his actions," Police Chief Chuck Harmon said during a late night news conference.

Greek general strike disrupts flights, cripples services, large protest marches planned


ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A general strike halted public transportation across Greece on Wednesday and led to the cancellation of more than 100 flights at Athens International Airport, as unions stepped up opposition to the country's austerity measures.

State hospital doctors, ambulance drivers, pharmacists, lawyers and tax collectors also joined school teachers, journalists and thousands of small businesses in the 24-hour strike as more middle-class groups took part in the protest than have in the past. Athens' main shopping district was mostly empty, as many small business owners shuttered their stores.

This year's first major labor protest in Greece began as Prime Minister George Papandreou's Socialist government faces international pressure to make more lasting cuts after the nation's debt-crippled economy was rescued from bankruptcy by the European Union and the International Monetary Fund.

Riot police took up positions around the city on Wednesday ahead of two midday rallies to Parliament amid fears the mass protests could turn violent.

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"Running From the Devil" (F FRE J), by Jamie Frev-eletti, is a suspenseful story. Emma, a chemist for a cosmetics company, is en route from Miami to Bogota when the plane goes down in the



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mountains of Venezuela. Thrown from the wreckage (but unhurt) she watches as guerillas herd the remaining passengers to their camp. Trained as an endurance runner, Emma follows behind them. Joined by (as you guessed it) a fellow passenger who happens to be a secret government agent, they set out to escape and rescue the passengers. All is not as it seems, and the end-

ing may be a surprise. Do check it out.

"The Third Translation" (F BON M), by Matt Bondurant, is the latest novel trying to capitalize on the amazing success off "The Da Vinci Code." It presents an ancient mystery, contemporary scholars, rare documents, greedy collectors and a quasi-academic protagonist. In this case, he's an American Egyptologist living in London who's got less than a week to unlock the secrets of the Stela of Paser, a funerary stone whose references to a "third way" of deciphering the hieroglyphics inscribed on the stone have teased, tempted and eluded would-be translators for centuries. The online reviews are not positive. Bondurant is described as pathetic, apathetic and any other "hetics" you may use. But it does give an insight to the arcane Egyptian artifacts and is engrossing in that regard.

"The Bell Messenger" (F COR R) is a suspenseful, yet touching story of a Civil War Bible that pops up again and again for more than a century and shapes the very history of the nation. Written by Robert Cornuke and Alton Gansky, the book begins as a Union soldier, Tate, shoots a Confederate preacher known as the Bell Messenger and is bequeathed a worn Bible by the dying man. Tate's historical narrative parallels the contemporary story of John Brandon, who has just graduated college

in 2000 and received the very same Bible, unearthed in a Saudi Arabian cave, as a gift. The potent history of this book is revealed as Brandon searches for its previous owners, along the way uncovering the existence of a mysterious cache of gold hidden during Old Testament times — which brings shadowy figures hot on Brandon's heels, hungry for the gold and desperate to learn the new clues he possesses.

As the past and present intertwine, the reader learns that this Bible has passed through many hands over the years. From the Civil War to the building of the Central Pacific Railroad, to the gang wars and the holding of Chinese slaves in nineteenth-century California, to the trenches of World War I, Brandon learns of the lives this Bible has saved, the deaths it has caused, and the history it has changed forever. Online reviews have been very favorable.

New books are coming in and being processed as quickly as possible. Please be patient with us. Remember that you can call and renew or place a hold on a book if you wish.

We are placing orders as quickly as we can and a large order has been placed for new audio books.

I checked out Michael Connelly's "Pursuit of Honor" (starring Mitch Rapp) and will sit in the car until the next

chapter begins. Listening to audio books really does make the trip go faster; just don't try to change a CD in the midst of San Antonio 5 o'clock traffic!

I received a letter from Lt. Governor David Dewhurst in Monday's mail. He thanked me for writing and letting him know my concerns as to how the state budget might negatively impact libraries throughout Texas and here in Howard County.

He continued by saying this was the baseline budget and things can change during the upcoming months. Regardless, please keep writing all of our legislators and keep this on their radar screen.

How can you help? I am providing an URL that will take you to a website where you can express your support for all libraries.

It is located on the Texas Library Association's website (which is spearheading the drive to keep libraries viable).

The site is <http://capwiz.com/ala/tx/home/>. When you arrive there, press on the link that says "Take Action." That will take you to a pre-written letter that will be sent to Gov. Perry, Sen. Kel Seliger and Rep. Jim Landtroop. If the link I have provided does not work, you may go to www.txla.org and find the link to the "Take Action" site.

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Last night he threw me into a wall and then started choking me;

It seemed like a nightmare, but you wake up to find they aren't real;

I woke up this morning sore and bruised all over-but I know he must be sorry;

Because he sent me flowers today

I got flowers today!

And it wasn't Valentines Day or any other special day;

Last night he beat me and threatened to kill me,

Make-up and long sleeve didn't hide the cuts and bruises this time;

I couldn't go to work today because I didn't want anyone to know-but I know he's
sorry;

Because he sent me flower today.

I got flowers today.....

Today was a very special day-

It was my funeral;

Last night he finally killed me---I was beaten to death;

If only I would have gathered the courage and strength to leave him;

The Women's Shelter could have helped me, but I didn't ask for their help;

So I got flowers today...for the last time.

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Noble, Facebook canine celebrity, meets his man

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LOS ANGELES (AP)

Noble is a four-legged Facebook star with thousands of friends. Sam is a 23-year-old Marine who was paralyzed in a car accident.

After months, the two have been matched.

Noble, a golden retriever, was raised from a pup and trained as a service dog as his online fans logged in every day, sharing stories and offering words of encouragement.

Sam Farr, 23, of Oceanside joined the Marines right out of high school. He was on duty in North Carolina two years ago when the car he was in went out of control and over a cliff, partially severing his spinal cord.

It would be a month before he woke from a coma in a Georgia hospital. He was paralyzed, unable to use his hands or walk.

During Farr's rehabilitation, volunteers from a group called Canine Assistants visited the hospital with service

dogs that would lick Farr's hand. When Farr was asked if he'd like a dog, he said yes.

It was more than 18 months of hard work for both before they met a few weeks ago.

"He jumped straight in my lap and



started licking me in the face," Farr said.

"They brought two other dogs. I had to continually give the other dogs treats to get them to respond to me. With Noble, I didn't have to do that."

Only after they knew it was a match did Canine Assistants tell Farr about Noble's Facebook fame. "They asked me if I knew anything about Facebook and I said, 'I am the king of Facebook.'"

Farr promised Noble's fans he would figure out a way to keep them post-

ed. "They have nothing to worry about. Dogs are one of the greatest creatures on God's planet. I will take care of him like he takes care of me," Farr said.

Her son knows the value of friendship, said his mom, Crystal Farr. After the accident, Farr's three best friends went to school to learn how to do IVs and take care of him in an emergency. "Sam loved that they did that for him," Mrs. Farr said.

Farr said he hopes he and Noble can go to school, and they are planning a Caribbean cruise.

They've only known each other a few weeks, but Farr said Noble already knows when he's feeling bad. "He'll come to my room and lay his head in the bed next to me and make sure I'm doing OK."

For Farr, the hardest part of being paralyzed is going out. "Sometimes I feel there's no point,

like it's a waste of time because I can't do the things I used to do."

But he and Noble have been to the mall, the movies and a restaurant, and going out is starting to have more appeal.

Mrs. Farr said her son is constantly dropping things. She used to retrieve them, but now Noble does. "He's so fantastic. Sometimes I forget he's a dog because he reacts so much like a human," she said.

Mrs. Farr is comfortable enough now to go back to work as a CPR instructor for the American Heart Association.

Noble's Facebook page, chronicling his journey to becoming a service dog, is part of an ad campaign for Milk-Bone. He has over 34,000 friends and counting.

A copyrighter on the campaign, Will Decher, summed up the feelings of those who got to know Noble over the months: "You can teach a dog tricks, rules and commands, but you can't teach a dog how to have a Noble heart."

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Our niece, "Jane," is 51 years old, an alcoholic and a divorcee. She lives in a home owned by her mother, who also pays all her bills. Jane's only job has

spoiled this girl, and they disregarded our advice that they are enablers who make matters worse. My sister used to complain about the way Jane lived, but



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she's totally given up. She has been fighting depression for years, but now has given up on that, as well and has decided to be miserable.

— Missing Our Sister
Dear Missing: Your sister figures it's too late for Jane

to learn how to support herself and fears that if she stops enabling, she will lose all contact with her daughter and grandchildren. She could be right.

But your sister is only postponing the inevitable, making herself unhappy in the interim. All you can do is be supportive: Take your sister out to lunch a couple of times a week. Go to the movies. Invite her over often.

I know my sister and her husband have

her a car, and they have done all the repairs to her house. Now Jane refuses to let them come over and visit.

Jane meets a lot of guys at the local bar, and some of them move in with her for short periods of time. She and her three grown children go to our sister's home for meals on a regular basis, as well as all holiday celebrations.

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News in brief

Texas Education Agency lays off workers

AUSTIN (AP) — Layoffs have begun at the Texas Education Agency as legislators face a projected \$15 billion shortfall in the next two-year budget. TEA officials have declined to say how many of the agency's more than 1,000 workers were given pink slips. Some employees were seen Tuesday removing their personal belongings from the TEA's main office complex in Austin. Education Commissioner Robert Scott says, based on anticipated budget reductions, the TEA has taken steps to reduce the size of the agency. Scott says the TEA will continue with its mission to serve school districts and students. TEA spokeswoman Debbie Ratcliffe says exact numbers on how many TEA workers lost their jobs will be released later.

2 convicted of killing Texas apartments manager

BELTON (AP) — Two men have been convicted over the 2008 shooting death of a Central Texas

apartment complex manager. Prosecutors in Belton did not seek the death penalty as 23-year-old Andre Hamilton and 19-year-old Derrick Lewis were convicted Tuesday of capital murder. Both get automatic life prison terms. Jamie Lujan Jr. was gunned down at the Temple complex where a maintenance man days earlier pointed out a car to a constable, who had a warrant for Lewis. A passenger was arrested on a weapons charge. Testimony revealed that Lewis was in an apartment and saw the arrest. The car was driven by Hamilton. Lewis was 16 at the time of the slaying, but was tried as an adult. Another man who pleaded guilty in October also received a life prison term.

Texan sues bus company over Colorado crash

FORT WORTH (AP) — A lawsuit has been filed over a 2010 chartered bus rollover in Colorado that left some travelers from North Texas hurt. The lawsuit filed Tuesday in Fort Worth is on behalf of nine Denton residents injured in the Dec. 18 accident near Gunnison, Colo., during icy conditions. The victims were part of a group from Trinity United Methodist Church in Denton on a ski trip. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages from Fort Worth-based Gotta Go Express Trailways Inc. and the bus driver, 48-year-old Fred Kornegay of Grand Prairie. Bus company officials did not immediately comment. Kornegay declined comment Tuesday.

Missing urn contained dog's ashes

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A South Texas man has learned the fate of an urn with the remains of his dearly departed loved one. Corpus Christi police say the ashes are from the man's dog. Lt. Lauren White says the man's car was burglarized in 2007 and he contacted police, but the trail went cold. A chaplain at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi later found the urn and its contents on campus, along with a note from the anonymous burglar expressing remorse. The urn was turned over to a funeral home. Police thought the remains were human and asked the public last week for help in locating the owner. The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported Tues-

day that the dog's owner, whose name wasn't immediately released, read a news story about the urn and contacted police.

Seguin man killed in West Texas oilfield accident

MIDLAND (AP) — An oilfield accident in West Texas has killed a worker who was crushed by some pipes he was trying to move. Midland County Fire Marshal Dale Little says the victim was 44-year-old Ronnie Lynn May of Seguin. Little says some pipes apparently slipped and May was crushed. May was pronounced dead Monday afternoon at a hospital. Relatives say May had worked for Tulsa, Okla.-based contractor Helmerich & Payne Inc. for several years. Company spokesman Mike Drickamer says the accident is under investigation.

Ex-South Texas deputy gets probation over bribery

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A judge in San Antonio has ordered 90 days of house arrest for a lawman convicted in a traffic ticket-fixing bribery scam. Former Bexar (bayr) County Sheriff's Deputy Raul Hernandez also was sentenced Tuesday to two years of probation and must repay \$350 to a driver. A jury last week convicted Hernandez of abuse of official capacity, a Class A misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to a year in jail. Hernandez, who's also barred from returning to law-enforcement work, drew scrutiny when the driver told a judge he thought he had worked out a deal with the deputy to fix the ticket.

New Texas Tech regent blames mistake over resume


AUSTIN (AP) — New Texas Tech regent John Steinmetz says it's an innocent mistake that his resume wrongly said he took part in a graduate degree program. The Dallas Morning News reports that Steinmetz, who was appointed Feb. 1 by Gov. Rick Perry, also wrote on his state appointment application that he completed graduate studies in finance. The banker from Lubbock acknowledged Tuesday that he took part in extended studies at Texas Tech. The community banking course was taught in one-week increments held over two summers, which Steinmetz completed in 2005.

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Kennedy film donated to museum

DALLAS (AP) — Roy R. Botello will never forget the crowd's enthusiasm as he recorded a home movie of John F. Kennedy at a Houston hotel on the eve of the president's assassination in Dallas. The footage of a Nov. 21, 1963, gathering of the League of United Latin American Citizens shows Kennedy and his wife smiling as people jostle through the crowd to shake their hands or snap photos. A mariachi band can be seen behind the president and first lady. After keeping the silent, color images stored away in a living room drawer in his San Antonio home for decades, Botello decided to donate his film to the Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas, which is dedicated to Kennedy's assassination. The home movie includes images of Jacqueline Kennedy addressing the gathering of several hundred people at Houston's Rice Hotel in Spanish. Botello said the crowd's appreciation of the first lady knowing the language is one of the memories that still stand out. "She knew what the mariachis were saying but (President Kennedy) didn't know anything about that. He just looked up and smiled," said Botello, 89, who speaks English and Spanish and was on a LULAC scholarship committee back then. "She was enjoying the mariachis behind her. It was rewarding for us that she understood," he said. Gary Mack, curator of the Sixth Floor Museum, said local media outlets also recorded the event, but that Botello's is the first home movie he's seen. Mack notes that the footage is all the more special because it was shot by an amateur whose perspective makes viewers feel like they're part of the crowd. At one point, the scene becomes so hectic that Botello is knocked down. "He didn't have the focus correct all the time, but that doesn't matter," Mack said. He said Botello's footage is also notable for the images of Mrs. Kennedy, who had made few appearances since the death of the couple's infant son, Patrick, in August 1963.

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HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Luke Adams flies through the air for a layup in the Big Spring Steers' 77-47 win over Bowie in the boys' Class 3A bi-district playoff game Tuesday in Cisco.

Steers rock Bowie for 77-47 victory

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

CISCO — Riding the wave of momentum that got them in the postseason — and guard Kevin Dunn — the Bowie Jackrabbits tested the Big Spring Steers early in Monday's bi-district playoff game.

To combat that, the Steers didn't just rely on Luke Adams. There was Marc Segundo and Tristian Clay hitting big jumpers and Mike Menefield and Devante Lloyd dominating in the post.

Everything fell into place for the Steers on the way to a 77-47 win to start the boys' Class 3A playoffs.

"Luke only had one point in the first quarter, but we had 19 as a team," BSHS head coach Cliff Thompson said. "There was lots of ball movement, sharing the ball, which is exactly what we need when they do that. Any time Luke went inside the 3-point line, four of their guys stepped up and made a wall, which made it hard to pass in there. We found other players who hit shots."

The Steers had four players in double figures. Adams finished with 28, Marc Segundo had 15 and Devante Lloyd and Mike Menefield had 10 each. Tristian Clay wasn't that far off from making it five players in double figures. He had nine.

Adams' lone point in the first quarter was by way of a free throw and it wasn't helping that Dunn couldn't miss a shot in the first half.

Big Spring had a slim 19-16 lead heading into the second quarter. Dunn made it hard for the Steers to jump out to a substantial lead. He

scored eight points in the first, 11 in the second and he hit all four of his 3-pointers in the first half.

Thompson noted Dunn's ability to shoot and he said if the Bowie guard was open, he wasn't missing.

The Steers settled down, though, and while Adams got hot, so did the rest of the Steers.

Big Spring turned a 10-point lead at halftime into a 30-point win and Adams credits the defense.

"We just stuck with what we did best — our defense," he said. "We knew eventually, that was going to win us the game. They were pretty hot in the beginning, but we just knew their luck would run out."

Shutting down Dunn was definitely a factor. The guard didn't score a point in the second half after the Steers for 19 in the first. Adams said Clay, who guarded Dunn, is to thank for taking one of Bowie's key players out of the game.

Once again, a lot of Bowie's attention was put on Adams and shooters like Segundo reaped the rewards.

"He got me some open shots, I was feeding off of him," Segundo said of Adams. "... I love it. That's why I love playing with this guy."

Thompson said this is the kind of output the Steers will need going forward. Having everyone feed off the attention opponents put on the high-scoring Adams is only going to help the team.

Big Spring will have its hands full in the next playoff game. No. 4 Kennedale is on tap at 8 p.m. Friday in

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Stanton takes down Kermit in bi-district playoffs

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

ODESSA — Tyler Fulton and Grayson Gray have been big for the Stanton Buffaloes all season.

So why would that change in Tuesday's bi-district playoff game against Kermit?

The two combined for 42 points in the Buffs' 57-48 win at Odessa College in Odessa.

Stanton head coach Ken VanCuren said he was impressed with the way his team stepped up at the right time.

"We hadn't been playing well of late," he said. "I thought last night we picked up our intensity level. It is the playoffs and I hope kids do that. They responded pretty well. I thought Tyler and Grayson pretty much took the game over. We got the ball in the paint to them."

For the season, Fulton has been Stanton's go-to player, but right up there with him, Gray and Trace Sidle have been key, too.

VanCuren said Gray's size makes it tough for opponents to guard him in the post and Fulton can simply create offense. The coach is hoping that continues to be a tough matchup for opponents.

Next up for Stanton is No. 18 Bushland in the area championship round at 6 p.m. Friday at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

STANTON 57, KERMIT 48
Stanton 12 20 15 10 -- 57

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Heather Leiphart/Odessa American

Stanton's Grayson Gray (33) fights for a rebound during the Buffaloes 57-48 win over Kermit in boys' Class 2A bi-district playoff action Tuesday in Odessa.

Sports in brief

Big Spring Girls Softball Association

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will conduct sign-ups for girls ages 4 to 14 to play. Sign-ups are each Saturday through March 12 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. The registration fee is \$80 with no fundraiser. It will cover the full uniform.

Late registration after March 12 is \$10 extra. For

more information, contact Lucy Ramirez at 466-3670.

Coahoma girls softball sign-ups

Coahoma girls softball will be conducting early bird sign-ups for girls ages 3 to 18 (3 to 6 will be co-ed) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Coahoma Community Center and at the Big Spring Mall. This is a one day special \$10 discount.

Regular sign-ups are all three weekends in March, every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Times for those days are 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and the locations are the same. The fee is \$60, shirts and shorts will be provided. Call Billy Newton at (325) 207-2640 or (432) 394-4294 or Amy Overton at (432) 816-1968 for more information.



HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

The Big Spring boys' basketball team is pictured after receiving the bi-district championship trophy.

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Breckenridge.

The Steers will quickly go from favorites in the bi-district round to underdogs in the area championship.

"I'm going to tell the guys (today) there have been bigger upsets in sports than Big Spring beating Kennedale," said Thompson, who just got his first playoff win as a head coach. "They're not going to make a movie if we win this one. It's not that big of an upset. We can't go in scared or intimidated. We have to believe we can play and go make it happen."

BIG SPRING 77, BOWIE 47

Bowie 16 14 9 8- 47
Big Spring 19 21 13 24 - 77
Big Spring — Luke Adams 28, Tristian Clay 9, Marc Segundo 15, Mike Menefield 10, Devante Lloyd 10, Chazzell Robinson 2, Seth Pearson 3
Bowie — Kevin Dunn 19, Derek Vann 5, Zac Dunnam, Daniel Metzler 7, Jake Dunnam 4, Corey Hickey 8, Austin Brock 2, Tyson Whatley 2
3-point field goals — Bowie 4 (Dunn 4), Big Spring 7 (Segundo 2, Clay 1, Adams 4)
Free throws — Bowie 7-17, Big Spring 20-28
Total fouls — Big Spring 18 Bowie 19
Next game: Big Spring vs. No.4 Kennedale at 8 p.m. Friday in Breckenridge
Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331 ext. 237

New Nuggets beat Grizzlies

The Associated Press

DENVER — For one night, the Denver Nuggets didn't need Carmelo Anthony, Chauncey Billups or any of their new acquisitions.

J.R. Smith's 26 points helped short-handed Denver beat the Memphis Grizzlies 120-107 on Tuesday, hours after the Nuggets finalized a blockbuster deal that sent Anthony and Billups to the New York Knicks.

Tony Allen had 26 points and O.J. Mayo added 21 for the Grizzlies, who had their

four-game winning streak halted.

The Nuggets had only nine players on the bench following a three-team trade that also involved Minnesota.

In the 13-player swap, the Knicks picked up Anthony, who has long been thought to want to play in the Big Apple, along with Billups, Shelden Williams, Anthony Carter and Renaldo Balkman.

But New York had to pay a steep price, sending Wilson Chandler, Raymond Felton, Da-

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STANTON

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Kermit 8 14 13 13 -- 48
Stanton -- Tyler Fulton 27, Grayson Gray 15, Trace Side 4, Ryan Brantly 4, Jorge Reyna 4, Nate Koonce 3
Kermit -- Erik Montoya 16, Brian Simonds 14, Albert Corrasco 6, Trent Gainey 6, Keith Bobson 3, Joe Pearson 2, Brandon Mereses 1
3-point goals -- Stanton 1 (Koonce), Kermit 6 (Montoya 2, Corrasco 2, Gainey 1, Bobson 1)
Free throws -- Stanton 7-12, Kermit 6-7
Total fouls -- Stanton 11, Kermit 15.
Next Game: Friday 6 p.m. Rip Griffin Center Lubbock Christaian agianst Bushland.

Bearkats thrash Hermleigh, 72-36

BY STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Everybody knows Garden City for its state championship football team, but the basketball version of the Bearkats might be ready to make some postseason noise, also.

Led by the senior duo of Aaron Long and Brett Chudej, the 'Kats opened the Class 1A Div. II playoffs with a convincing 72-36 shellacking of Hermleigh at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Tuesday night.

Chudej scored 19 points and Long added 16, while Corbin Davis and Hayden Halfmann chipped in 12 and 10 points, respectively, to pace Garden City, which improved to 14-7 for the season with the victory.

The Cardinals, who ended the season with a 10-15 record, were led by Blake Thompson, who scored 13 points.

The 'Kats scored the game's first 17 points -- 15 of which came from Chudej and Long -- and were never seriously threatened, but it wasn't until Garden City put on a defensive clinic in the the third quarter that matters were firmly and finally settled.

Coming out of intermission with a 37-21 lead, Garden City squelched any Hermleigh hopes for a comeback with a masterful third-quarter performance.

Again, it was Long and Chudej who did most of the offensive damage early, scoring 9 of the team's first 10

points in the stanza. That was more than enough offense, as the 'Kats went into lockdown mode on the other end of the court, limiting the Cardinals to only 3 points in the third. So dominating was G-City's defense that Hermleigh had more than twice as many turnovers (seven) as it did points during that stretch.

"That's what we talked about at halftime. We were just giving up way too many points," Garden City Head Coach Koby Abney said. "It wasn't a matter of effort, it was our execution ... but we performed well in the third quarter."

The Bearkats got a late start in basketball, thanks to their state championship run in football, but they appear to be rounding into form at just the right time of the season.

However, Abney cautioned that his team still has a long way to go.

"Due to our late start, we're never going to be where I want them to be," Abney said. "We played good tonight, but we haven't topped out by any means. We still have room for improvement."

Garden City advances to play Dell City in the area round of the playoffs. The game is tentatively set for Friday night in Monahans.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Hermleigh 10 11 3 12 -- 36
Garden City 21 16 17 18 -- 72

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Area basketball playoff results

Boys, bi-district
Monday
Grady 71
New Home 33

Tuesday
Big Spring 77
Bowie 47

Stanton 57
Kermit 48

Garden City 72
Hermleigh 36

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Partnership Cooperation

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
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♦73
♣AQ92
EAST
♠Q5
♥832
♦AK92
♣KJ83
SOUTH
♠107
♥KJ1094
♦84
♣10754
The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass
Opening lead — queen of diamonds.
Generally speaking, precise defense is much more difficult to achieve than precise declarer play. Nevertheless, the fact remains that in the great majority of deals, the defenders should take every trick they'd be entitled to take if they saw all four hands.
Consider this case where East-West cooperated perfectly to defeat four hearts two tricks. West led the queen of diamonds, and East played the deuce, which in effect asked West

to stop playing the suit.
Showing complete trust in partner, West shifted to the six of clubs. Declarer played low from dummy, and East won the trick with the jack.
East could not know that West's club was a singleton, so, in an effort to coax another club lead from partner, East returned the nine of diamonds. East expected West to overtake the nine with the ten or jack and lead another club.
But West followed suit with the five, because he wanted a club lead from East so that he could ruff it and quickly score the setting trick.
It was not difficult for East to size up the actual situation when he found himself still on lead with the nine of diamonds. The only sensible meaning he could attach to West's duck of the nine was that West had no more clubs and wanted a club ruff.
So, displaying full faith and confidence in partner, East returned a club at trick four into dummy's A-Q-9. West ruffed to put the contract down one, and declarer still had to lose another club to East's king later on for down two.
The hand demonstrates the importance of partnership cooperation during the play. Intelligent signals and plain common sense can work wonders on defense.

Tomorrow: Proper technique pays off.

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BSHS softball gets win at Levelland

LEVELLAND — The Big Spring softball team cruised to an 8-2 win against Levelland Tuesday night, upping its records to 2-2.

The Lady Steers rode the arm of Logan Yarbar, who was credited with the win.

Angelina Castillo was big, going 2 for 4. She batted in three runs in the sixth inning, ensuring the Lady Steers left Levelland with a win.

Outside of Castillo, Haley Dimidjian, Mackenzie Stone and Jililian Valle all went 2 for 4.

"We're 2-2 right now, so we're OK," BSHS head coach John Sparks said. "I told the girls last night, it's all about staying focused and playing a

complete seven innings if we have to go that far. They did a great job last night."

Sparks said he is still experimenting with his team as far as figuring out who can play where. Thursday is a good time to do so with the Midland West Texas Classic in Midland.

The Steers start off against Seminole and then Coahoma. The latter pits two Howard County teams together.

"We're going to take some extra players with us to get some looks at them, move some people around, see what our best scenarios are as far as putting a team together that's going to be competitive," Sparks said. "That's what tournaments are all about."

GARDEN CITY

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HERMLEIGH (36) -- Hernandez 1 0-0 2; Lane 1 0-0 2; Thompson 4 3-5 13; Williamson

1 1-2 3; Zepada 2-3-3 7; Lopez 2 1-2 5; Sorrells 1 2-3 4; Black 0 0-1 0; totals 12 10-16 36.

GARDEN CITY (72) -- Koenning 0 1-2 1; Miller 2 0-0 4; Davis 5 0-3 12; Colunga 3 0-0 6; R. Halfmann 0 2-2 2; Schaefer 1 0-0 2; H. Halfmann 4 2-3 10; Odom 0 0-2 0; Long 5 2-2 16; Bustos 0 0-2 0; Chudej 9 0-1 19; totals 29 7-17 72.

Three-pointers: Hermleigh (Thompson 2), Garden City (Davis 2, Long 4, Chudej); Total fouls: Hermleigh 19, Garden City 20; Fouled out: Lopez.

Tennessee accused of rules violations

The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The NCAA has charged Tennessee with at least a dozen rules violations committed by the university's basketball and football programs.

Included in the allegations after the NCAA's 22-month investigation are charges that coach Bruce Pearl acted unethically and failed to monitor compliance activities by his basketball staff. Former Volunteers football coach Lane Kiffin is also charged with failing to monitor his staff. Kiffin is now at Southern California.

The notice, which was received by Tennessee on Tuesday and released Wednesday, did not include potential punishments.

"Receipt of the NCAA's notice of allegations by the University of Tennessee is another step in bringing this matter to conclusion," Tennessee athletics director Mike Hamilton said in a statement. "Our institution has operated in complete cooperation with the NCAA since April 2009 as they have pursued their investigations. We take these allegations seriously and most items noted in this document have already been reported broadly."

Tennessee has until May 21 to respond to the NCAA's allegations and

is expected to appear at a June 10-11 meeting of the Committee on Infractions.

Most of the charges against Pearl and his program stem from impermissible calls made to recruits and Pearl's improper hosting of recruits at his home during a 2008 cookout.

Pearl acknowledged in September misleading NCAA investigators about the cookout, and Tennessee punished him by reducing his salary by \$1.5 million over four seasons and banning him from off-campus recruiting for a year. The Southeastern Conference punished him with an eight-game suspension, which he has already served.

"Throughout this process we have recognized that we made significant mistakes, and we look forward to concluding this matter with the NCAA," Pearl said in a statement. "The penalties imposed on our program to date have been severe, but I want to commend our student-athletes and staff for staying focused and working through these potential distractions."

The charges against Kiffin and his staff relate to impermissible contact with recruits by coaches and the program's student hostesses.

The NCAA also reviewed Tennessee's baseball program.

No UConn postseason ban, Calhoun suspended

The Associated Press

UConn coach Jim Calhoun was suspended by the NCAA for three games next season for recruiting violations committed under his watch, though the program dodged a major sanction when it was spared a postseason ban.

Calhoun was cited by the NCAA on Tuesday for failing to create an atmosphere of compliance within his program and was suspended for the first three Big East games during the 2011-12 season.

The NCAA also hit UConn with scholarship reductions for three academic years, recruiting restrictions, permanent disassociation of a booster and three years probation.

As a part of the disassociation of the booster, not named in the report, the university will not be able to accept financial contributions, recruiting assistance or provide him with any benefit and privileges.

"We think the penalty is appropriate," said Dennis Thomas, chairman of the Committee on Infractions. "The head coach should be aware, but, also in the same frame, the head coach obviously can-

not be aware of everything that goes on within the program. However, the head coach bears that responsibility."

Thomas said Calhoun will serve the suspension next year because UConn could appeal the decision.

"I am very disappointed with the NCAA's decision in this case," Calhoun said. "My lawyer and I are evaluating my options and will make a decision which way to proceed. In the meantime, I will not make any further statements about the case as our program prepares for what I hope will be an exciting and successful postseason."

The NCAA and the school have been investigating the program since shortly after a report by Yahoo! Sports in March 2009 that former team manager Josh Nochimson helped guide recruit Nate Miles to Connecticut, giving him lodging, transportation, meals and representation.

As a former team manager, Nochimson is considered a representative of UConn's athletic interests by the NCAA and prohibited from giving Miles anything of value.

"We cited the head coach for not being on top of these issues with the agent, the booster," Thomas said. "The head coach stated that the booster was a member of the family during his days as team manager."

The school said it found that the basketball staff exchanged more than 1,400 calls and 1,100 text messages with Nochimson between June 2005 and December 2008.

Members of the coaching staff also provided 32 impermissible complimentary tickets to individuals responsible for teaching or directing activities with prospective student-athletes.

Miles was expelled from UConn in October 2008 without ever playing for the Huskies.

Nochimson was attempting to become an NBA agent.

The school imposed sanctions on itself, including reducing scholarships from 13 to 12 for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 academic years. It also put itself on probation for two years.

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Twins' Mauer calls knee shots no big deal

The Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Joe Mauer downplayed questions about his left knee on Wednesday morning, saying the lubricating shots are part of the recovery plan after offseason surgery.

To Mauer's dismay, Minnesota Twins manager Ron Gardenhire revealed on Tuesday that the star catcher is taking shots in his knee to help lubricate the joint. He had surgery after last season to alleviate swelling

that bothered him for much of the year.

"It's more of a preventative thing, just to make sure I'm good to go for the season," Mauer said before the first full-squad workout. "So it's really not that big of a deal, and I kind of wish it wasn't out there. But here we are."

Mauer will take it easy for the next day or two to let the first shot take effect. He says he will need three or four in the series, which will be taken once a week. The plan is to limit his catch-

ing early in camp. He will not catch live batting practice, and Gardenhire said he likely won't be catching when the exhibition games begin.

"I want to make sure we clean that knee up before we get anything going," Gardenhire said on Tuesday.

Mauer said he wasn't sure when he will start catching in workouts or games. He realizes that, as an All-Star catcher who is beginning an eight-year, \$184 million contract extension this season, there always will be concern about the health of his knees.

But Mauer did his best to quell those concerns Wednesday, saying the treatment is common among athletes. Twins starter Nick Blackburn had a similar series of shots a few years ago and told Mauer that he felt great all season.

"It's pretty common. A lot of athletes have them," Mauer said. "I guess being a catcher and all that stuff, it might sound a lot worse than what it is."

NUGGETS

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nilo Gallinari, Timofey Mozgov and a 2014 first-round draft pick to the Nuggets, who get additional picks and cash. Denver also acquired center Kosta Koufos from the Timberwolves.

The moves reshaped Denver's roster by giving the team a bevy of talented young players.

Felton, Mozgov, Chandler and Gallinari received the biggest ovation of the night without even stepping on the floor. They waved to the crowd from the side of the court after spending most of the game watching from a luxury suite as their new teammates picked apart the Grizzlies.

Coming out with an early intensity, the Nuggets jumped out to a 24-point lead in the first half and never glanced back.

Smith hit a 33-foot 3-pointer at the buzzer to end the third quarter, increasing the lead to 102-76.

That was just the way the night was going for the Nuggets.

No Anthony meant more shots to go around for everyone, especially Smith, who's never been bashful to pull up and take a jumper. He finished 9 of 22 as he stepped into Anthony's starting spot.

However, Smith hobbled off the court late in the game favoring his right leg.

In a pregame news conference, team president Josh Kroenke went out of his way to express remorse that the trade had to include Billups, a hometown favorite.

"He is Denver basketball," Kroenke said.

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ANSWERS

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The NCAA also tacked on scholarship reductions from 13 to 12 for 2012-13.

"When we submitted our response to the NCAA Committee on Infractions acknowledging violations in the men's basketball program, we immediately self-imposed a series of penalties and corrective measures that are included as part of the NCAA Committee on Infractions report," UConn athletic director Jeffrey Hathaway said. "We are disappointed that the committee determined that additional penalties needed to be imposed."

Two members of last year's basketball staff, Beau Archibald, the director of basketball operations,

and assistant coach Patrick Sellers lost their jobs after allegations they provided false and misleading information to NCAA investigators.

The Division I Committee on Infractions levied a two-year show-cause penalty on Archibald.

The report states Hathaway said Calhoun's pursuit of Miles was the "most intense" he has ever seen him recruit a player.

Calhoun had admitted mistakes were made, but insisted he was not a cheater.

This was the first time the program has received a letter from the NCAA accusing the school of major violations. Calhoun turned sleepy UConn into an elite program, winning two national championships and 575 games in 24 years.

Thomas said a postseason ban was considered, but the committee was not swayed because the case involved a high-profile coach and program.

UConn will be on probation from Feb. 22, 2011 through Feb. 21, 2014.

Calhoun can't be present in the arena during his suspension where the games are played, nor have contact with the coaching staff or athletes during the games.

The program is banned from recruiting calls during the 2011-12 academic year until 30 days after the first day that phone calls are allowed. The number of men's basketball coaches allowed to make phone calls was cut from three to two, not including the head basketball coach, for six months after the university's response to the notice of allegations.

UConn also faces a reduction of the number of men's basketball off-campus recruiting days by 40, from 130 to 90, for the 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 recruiting periods.

Djokovic stops Lopez, reaches Dubai quarterfinals

The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Second-seeded Novak Djokovic reached the quarterfinals of the Dubai Championships, beating Feliciano Lopez of Spain 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

The third-ranked Serb dominated his Spanish opponent in the first set, but errors in the second set allowed Lopez to get back into the match. The third

set was tight with Djokovic allowing an early advantage to slip before breaking again for a 4-3 lead and closing it out.

The Australian Open champion will play German Florian Mayer in the quarterfinals.

Third-seeded Tomas Berdych reached the quarterfinals of the Dubai Championships on Wednesday, overcoming a gritty challenge from former

No. 3-ranked Nikolay Davydenko 6-3, 7-6 (5).

Berdych is one of only three seeds left in the tournament. Eighth-seeded Ernests Gulbis of Latvia was upset by Sergiy Stakhovsky of Ukraine, 6-3, 5-7, 6-1.

In the other early match, Frenchman Richard Gasquet overcame a 5-2 deficit in the second set to beat Ukrainian qualifier Sergei Bubka 6-2, 7-5.



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The intense Scorpio moon goes straight to the heart of whatever ails us. The sun and moon are both in water signs, creating an emotional fluidity. Release brings healing. Under this sky, the feelings aren't always comfortable, but it helps to know that they are often shared. The ups and downs are all part of the human condition.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). As long as you stay in the mindset of experimentation, you won't get frustrated when the elements don't come together as planned. You'll be as attractive as you are playful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It won't matter how agreeable you are today because what people most want to hear from you is your true opinion. The more honest you are the more they like you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a certain emotional distance that feels right. That's why when you push a person away, he or she will naturally want to come closer to lessen the gap and maintain the desired

amount of distance.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may feel uncertain about a relationship, but that doesn't make it less interesting to you. In fact, your uncertainty may be what keeps you coming back to this intriguing situation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are sensitive to your environment. You notice things that others do not. Sometimes this causes you to feel overwhelmed. Try to focus on the big picture. Don't get bogged down in details.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You want something more if you're not sure that you will be able to have it. Others are the same. Use this principle to create demand for your goods or services.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll take a lesson from your personal history and apply it well now. It's wonderful that you can use your past to create a future filled with more of the things you want out of life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Before you venture out to get things done in the world, do your research. Good communication will save you time and money today. Make sure that the

right people are going to be there to provide what you need.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can only do so much working alone. Get together with those who have a different skill set from yours. When you banter around ideas in a small group, you'll generate new and exciting plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Preparation will be the single factor that contributes the most to your success. Give yourself plenty of time to think things through and plot out a plan of attack.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your loyalty shines as you continue to show your support. You'll give visual and auditory evidence that you understand what a loved one is going on about, even when you don't.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You thrive with a regimen, but today it benefits you to fly off a bit and give in to a few of your impulses. Your spontaneity makes life wondrous, not just for you but for everyone around you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 23). You'll be highly motivated to develop your skills and talents this year. In April, new

encouragement comes in the form of a special relationship. May brings an emphasis on religion, education and cultural pursuits. There's money from a fresh source in June. July is the ideal time to travel. Wedding bells ring in October. Scorpio and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 16, 47, 44 and 49.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm considering elective plastic surgery. I'm a 55-year-old Virgo. When would be the best dates for me to get some work done? There are three procedures I'd like to do at the same time, and this will be relatively long surgery. Also, do you think that these surgeries will improve my personal life?"

Virgos are the envy of the zodiac because they retain a youthful quality for longer than is fair. But Virgo is also the sign of perfectionism, and it is challenging for most Virgos to look in a mirror without focusing on a perceived fault. Keep in mind that just because you deem a certain feature a "fault" doesn't make it so. Someone else may consider the same feature to be your most interesting or endearing quality. Before you commit to surgery, make sure you're doing it for

the right reasons. Your personal life is more likely to improve for reasons other than the way you look. How you relate to people and communicate with them and how you make others feel about themselves will be more relevant to creating the bonds of friendship and love than anything skin deep. If you do decide to go forward with the surgery, schedule it on or around the new moon.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Happy 17th birthday to Pisces actress Dakota Fanning. Fanning holds the distinction of being the youngest person ever nominated for a Screen Actor's Guild Award. She started acting at the age of 5, which is not unusual for Pisces natives, who tend to be old souls who know what work they want to do early in life. Fanning was born under the entertaining Leo moon.

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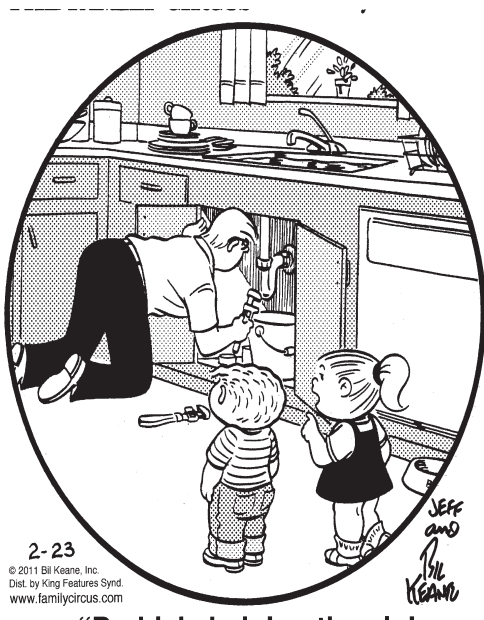
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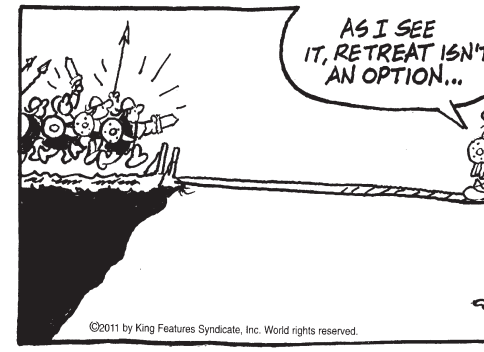
"ARE YOU KIDDING? NO VIOLINIST WOULD STOOP TO PLAYIN' A DUET WITH A KAZOO!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



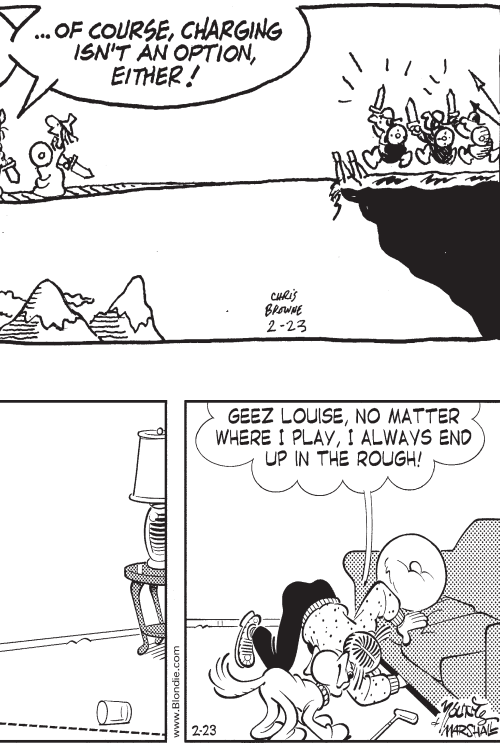
"Daddy's helping the sink clear its throat."

HAGAR



AS I SEE IT, RETREAT ISN'T AN OPTION... ...OF COURSE, CHARGING ISN'T AN OPTION, EITHER!

BLONDIE



GEEZ LOUISE, NO MATTER WHERE I PLAY, I ALWAYS END UP IN THE ROUGH!

BC



SHOW-OFF!

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 23, the 54th day of 2011. There are 311 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On Feb. 23, 1861, President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office, following word of a possible assassination plot in Baltimore.
- On this date: In 1685, composer George Frideric Handel was born in Germany.
- In 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.
- In 1848, the sixth president of the United States, John Quincy Adams, died in Washington, D.C., at age 80.
- In 1870, Mississippi was readmitted to the Union.
- In 1927, President Calvin Coolidge signed a bill creating the Federal Radio Commission, forerunner of the Federal Communications Commission.
- In 1942, the first shelling of the U.S. mainland during World War II occurred as a Japanese submarine fired on an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, Calif., causing little damage.

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In 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi.

In 1954, the first mass inoculation of children against polio with the Salk vaccine began in Pittsburgh.

In 1970, Guyana became a republic within the Commonwealth of Nations.

In 1981, an attempted coup began in Spain as 200 members of the Civil Guard invaded the Parliament, taking lawmakers hostage. (However, the attempt collapsed 18 hours later.)

One year ago: Dutch skater Sven Kramer lost the Olympic gold medal to Lee Seung-hoon of South Korea when coach Gerard Kemkers sent him the wrong way on a changeover during the 10,000-meter speed-skating race at Vancouver.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Fonda is 71. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Fred Biletnikoff is 68. Singer-musician Johnny Winter is 67. Country-rock musician Rusty Young is 65. Actress Patricia Richardson is 60. Rock musician Brad Whitford (Aerosmith) is 59. Singer Howard Jones is 56. Rock musician Michael Wilton (Queensryche) is 49. Country singer Dusty Drake is 47. Actress Kristin Davis is 46. Tennis player Helena Sukova is 46. Country singer Steve Holy is 39. Rock musician Lasse (loss) Johansson (The Cardigans) is 38. Actress Emily Blunt is 28. Actor Aziz Ansari is 28. Actress Dakota Fanning is 17.

Thought for Today: "The essential conditions of everything you do must be choice, love, passion." — Nadia Boulanger (boo-lahn-ZHAY), French composer and teacher (1887-1979).

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Newsday Crossword

RURALLY SPEAKING by Fred Piscop

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- ACROSS**
 - 1 Rainbow-shaped
 - 6 Readies, briefly
 - 11 Sgt.'s subordinate
 - 14 Figure out
 - 15 Archaeology find
 - 16 Sign before Virgo
 - 17 Cleveland paper
 - 19 Sound booster
 - 20 Stitched
 - 21 Mentalist's claim
 - 22 "Don't do that!"
 - 24 Jazz trumpeter Baker
 - 26 Not attained
 - 28 Daughter in an HBO series
 - 32 Alums
 - 34 Brooding bird
 - 35 Store away
 - 36 Abode: Abbr.
 - 37 Award recipient
 - 41 Fam. member
 - 42 P.M. periods
 - 44 Rep. rival
 - 45 Film holders
 - 47 Military practice
 - 51 Where a 34 Across hangs out
 - 52 Actor Guinness
 - 53 Carnation spot
 - 55 " _ was saying . . ."
 - 56 German auto
 - 60 Dot-com's address
 - 61 Back to the Future actress
 - 65 _ culpa
 - 66 Boston Marathon month
 - 67 Back, as a racehorse
 - 68 Zero-star review
 - 69 Well-worn
 - 70 Second or sixth president
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Egyptian snakes
 - 2 Auditor's goal
 - 3 Talon
 - 4 Showed clearly
 - 5 Snug retreat
 - 6 Magician's word
 - 7 Gather in
 - 8 Right-angle shape
 - 9 Diner dessert
 - 10 Live frugally
 - 11 Celebrate Arbor Day
 - 12 Disaster aid org.
 - 13 Imitate
 - 18 Proof of ownership
 - 23 Gen-__ (baby boomer's kids)
 - 25 Breakfast order
 - 26 Tech's customer
 - 27 Zilch
 - 28 Overall strategy
 - 29 Mock denial
 - 30 Christmas carol
 - 31 Barn birds
 - 32 Steffi of tennis
 - 33 Mortgage again, for short
 - 38 Poems of praise
 - 39 First in line
 - 40 War of 1812 battle site
 - 43 Gin flavoring
 - 46 Broke free
 - 48 Greenback
 - 49 Without forethought
 - 50 Ad award
 - 53 Sugar unit
 - 54 Neck of the woods
 - 55 Plugging away
 - 57 Grp. for 32 Down
 - 58 Dire prophecy
 - 59 Rustic stopovers
 - 62 Clean-air agcy.
 - 63 Gallery display
 - 64 Finance deg.

Answer to previous puzzle

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AGNES



WHEN I GROW UP, I WILL BE THE MOST COMPLETE PACKAGE OF BRAINS AND BEAUTY THIS WORLD HAS EVER SEEN!

HI AND LOIS



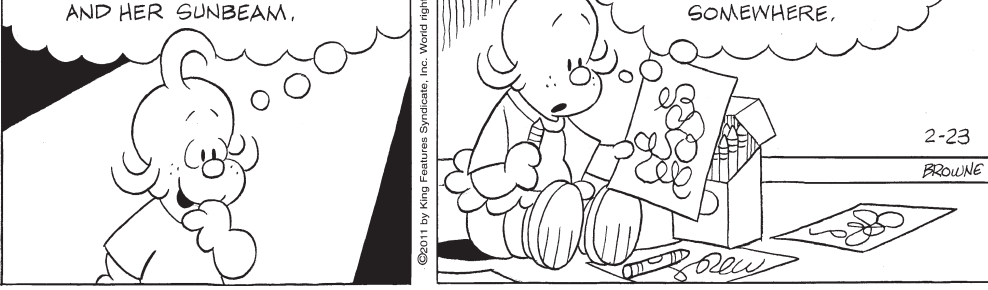
I THINK I'LL WRITE A STORY ABOUT A LITTLE GIRL AND HER SUNBEAM.

THE OTHER COAST



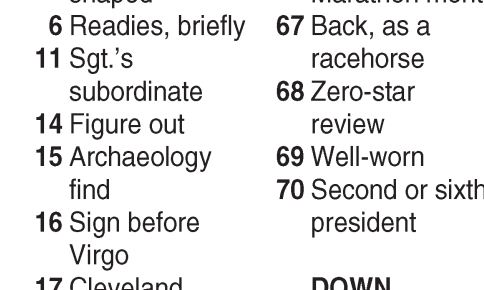
HEY, JUST WHAT KIND OF RABBIT IS THIS?

SNUFFY SMITH



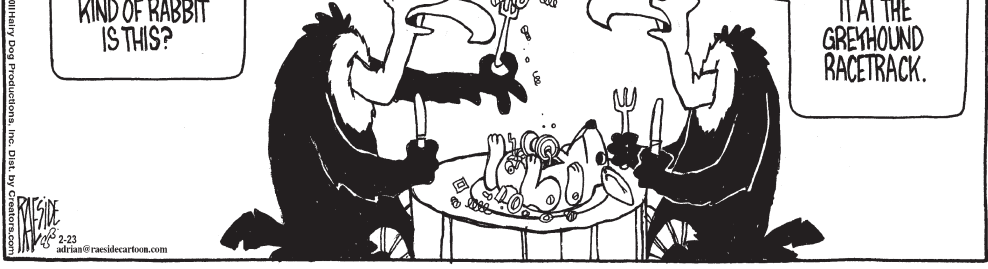
MORE PIE, PARSON TUTTLE?

BEEBLE BAILEY



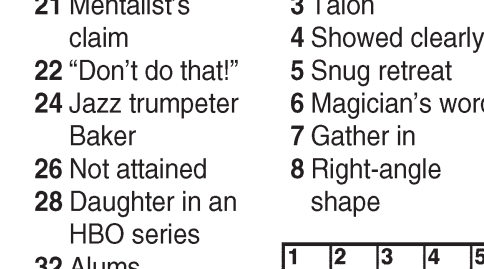
YOU'VE BEEN GOING OUT A LOT WITH BEETLE. WHAT DO YOU SEE IN HIM?

BEETLE BAILEY



WELL, HE'S... ...HE'S...

BEETLE BAILEY



LET'S SEE... HE'S...

BEETLE BAILEY



I DIDN'T MEAN TO TAKE UP YOUR WHOLE WORK DAY