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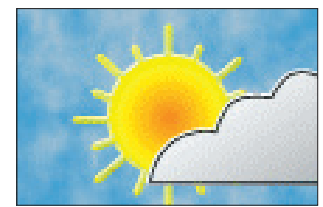


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County court to confront redistricting

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners Court will meet with an Austin attorney in a special meeting Wednesday to discuss redistricting within the county's four precincts, a process made necessary by the latest census results.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, the 2010 Census identified some areas within the county where the population has become unbalanced, an issue the court will be expected to



Barr

resolve by shifting precinct lines.

"This is really a new process for me. Commissioner (Emma) Brown is the only one on the court right now who's been through this process before," Barr said. "We'll be meeting with Austin attorney Bob Bass, who will begin walking us through the process necessary to correct the problems and bring us back into compliance."

Barr said several areas in the county have seen pronounced changes in population during the past 10 years.

"It's just one of those things

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Answering a call

One day, George Throop started walking



HERALD Photo/Amanda Moreno
George Throop left Washington state on Sept. 20, 2009, and has been walking across America ever since.

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

One day he just decided to start walking.

George Throop decided that it was time to answer a calling, step out of his routine and do something different than his usual day-to-day life.

"I was manager of security of a high-rise building and it took care of my needs, but I wanted something more," Throop said.

His walk across America started a year-and-a-half ago on Sept. 20, 2009 from Washington state. He had originally scheduled nine months for the walk, but two months after he started he decided to slow down the pace and focus more on enjoying the journey.

"Even walking across America can be taken too quickly," Throop said. "I realized as I walking across the Golden Gate Bridge that I just wasn't taking the time to enjoy the people and the places I was coming across."

Throop started out not only wanting to make people take a step toward a healthier lifestyle, but as a way to gain something more in his life. Through his

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Red Cross seeks local volunteers

By BILL McCLELLAN
Managing Editor

If helping others appeals to you, here's something of interest. The American Red Cross is looking for volunteers in the Crossroads area.

"Currently there is a shortage of Red Cross volunteers residing in Howard County to respond to local disasters such as house fires, windstorms or tornadoes," said James Parks, director of Emergency Services for the Southwest Texas Chapter of the American Red Cross. "We have just witnessed how the drought and extremely dangerous fire conditions have adversely affected numerous households in West Texas, most notably the 13 homes destroyed in Colorado City."

Parks is hoping to build a strong volunteer base in Howard County, and is seeking individuals willing to provide support for victims of local disasters.

Red Cross volunteers re-



ceive training and are required to submit to a criminal background check. To learn about services of the Red Cross online, go to <http://www.redcross.org/>. Among the many items of interest at the site is an online orientation which potential volunteers can take at their leisure to determine if becoming a Red Cross volunteer is something they would be interested in.

To learn more about the organization or to volunteer, contact Parks at his office at 9061 Wright Drive in Midland or by phone at 432-563-2267 or 800-219-2154.

"Volunteers are our front line," said Parks. "Without them, it presents a big hole for us."

"The citizens of Howard County deserve quick response time in the event of emergencies and disasters."

Storms not enough to help Texas' worsening drought

BETSY BLANEY
Associated Press

LUBBOCK (AP) — Storms that swept the eastern part of Texas on Monday did little to relieve an extreme drought that now covers more than 40 percent of the state, and wildfires continued to burn in parts of West Texas, where some ranchers haven't seen a drop of rain since early fall.

The area considered in an extreme drought has tripled in the past month, and weather forecasters expect

the drought to continue or get worse through June in most of the state. That means the danger of fire will remain extremely high, National Weather Service meteorologist Victor Murphy said.

"This could end up being one of the more devastating droughts, agriculturally speaking and for wildfires, if we don't start getting normal to above normal rainfall before June," Murphy said. "The odds of seeing that are likely below normal."

Texas hasn't had a drier October to February period since 1967, state climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon said. The five months that ended Feb. 28 saw only 4.8 inches of rain on average across the state. In a typical year, an average of 9.7 inches would fall.

The drought has been made worse by warmer than normal temperatures, said Travis Miller, a drought specialist with Texas AgriLife

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Obituaries

Bobby Sumner



Bobby Sumner, 62, of Big Spring died Saturday, April 2, 2011, at Martin County Hospital. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 8, 2011, at Life Church with Pastor Clint Collins officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 28, 1948, in Birmingham, Ala., to Tia and Walter David Sumner. He married Margaret Salgado on Sept. 4, 1975, in Tuscaloosa, Ala. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines. He came to Big Spring in 1974 and worked at the Big Spring State Hospital until retiring in 1999. He was a member of Life Church.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Sumner of Big Spring; one son, Robert Sumner and wife Jovena of Memphis, Tenn.; two grandchildren; three sisters, Darla Wheat, Bonny Richardson and Jonette Boone, all of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Brandon Sumner.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests love offerings be made to The Family of Bobby Sumner, c/o Life Church, 1004 Johnson, Big Spring 79720.

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

C.H. Arrick Jr.

C.H. Arrick Jr., 77, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 5, 2011, in an Odessa nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

TUESDAY
• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

Police blotter

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

- RILEY DON BROOKS, 21, of 1902 Mittle, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- STEPHEN KYLE GAY, 27, of 1409 Wood, was arrested Monday on charges of driving while intoxicated – second offense and driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- AVERY BROOKS, 17, of 1902 Mittle, was arrested Monday on a charge of no driver's license – when unlicensed.
- MARIVELL MARTINEZ, 21, of 509 S. Aylesford, was arrested Monday on a warrant for no driver's license – when unlicensed.
- ARMANDO JOSE CERVANTES, 18, of 1304 Madison, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid – DWI related.
- ASSAULT was reported:
In the 400 block of S. Douglas.
In the 2600 block of Alamesa.
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
In the 1400 block of Tucson.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of Nolan.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 500 block of S. Aylesford.
In the 2600 block of S. Gregg Street.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.

- COREY PRESTON HOFFPAUIR, 34, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a TDCJ warrant for parole violation.
- PAUL EUGENE MERRELL, 58, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a TDCJ warrant for parole violation – driving while intoxicated.
- MARK ANTHONY GRAY, 32, was transferred to the county jail by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- STEPHEN KYLE GAY, 27, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated – second offense, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, possession of drug paraphernalia and unsecured child – car seat.
- ANDREW SEBASTIAN ISON, 28, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on an Austin warrant for parole violation.
- JESUS MANUEL RAMIREZ, 53, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of theft by check (two counts).
- RILEY DON BROOKS, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- AVERY MARAE BROOKS, 17, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license.
- MARIVELL HILARIO MARTINEZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license.
- MARTA PAIGE MATHEWS, 38, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to adjudicate guilt – forgery of a financial instrument.
- ARMANDO CERVANTES, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- DANIEL RIOS, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to adjudicate guilt for unlawful transfer of handgun under 18 years of age.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 4/6	Thu 4/7	Fri 4/8	Sat 4/9	Sun 4/10
95/63 Sunshine and clouds mixed. Near record high temperatures. High around 95F.	90/57 Windy with a mix of sun and clouds.	93/60 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	94/55 Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 50s.	82/46 A few clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 8:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 8:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 8:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 8:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM

Texas At A Glance



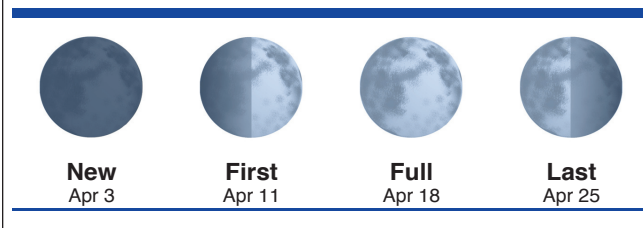
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	92	63	pt sunny	Kingsville	85	68	pt sunny
Amarillo	84	53	pt sunny	Livingston	81	61	mst sunny
Austin	82	63	windy	Longview	81	62	windy
Beaumont	77	64	mst sunny	Lubbock	93	55	pt sunny
Brownsville	84	72	pt sunny	Lufkin	82	60	sunny
Brownwood	89	62	windy	Midland	95	64	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	81	69	pt sunny	Raymondville	86	69	pt sunny
Corsicana	79	61	windy	Rosenberg	79	66	pt sunny
Dallas	81	63	windy	San Antonio	86	66	mst sunny
Del Rio	89	65	mst sunny	San Marcos	82	64	windy
El Paso	86	57	windy	Sulphur Springs	81	63	windy
Fort Stockton	95	62	pt sunny	Sweetwater	94	62	windy
Gainesville	81	59	windy	Tyler	91	62	windy
Greenville	78	60	windy	Weatherford	84	59	windy
Houston	79	67	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	90	60	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	70	45	mst sunny	Minneapolis	59	38	rain
Boston	55	36	mst sunny	New York	57	44	pt sunny
Chicago	57	40	rain	Phoenix	80	59	t-storm
Dallas	81	63	windy	San Francisco	61	49	mst sunny
Denver	57	40	t-storm	Seattle	45	36	rain
Houston	79	67	mst sunny	St. Louis	74	52	pt sunny
Los Angeles	66	52	pt sunny	Washington, DC	64	49	mst sunny
Miami	83	70	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 4700 block of Old Colorado City Highway. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 7100 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Mesa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Driver Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Street. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 300 block of Galveston. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Take Note

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for fall 2011. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 15. More information and the application may be found on the club website: www.westexags.com

• Howard County Conservatives will host a Tea Party rally from 10 a.m. to noon April 16 at Heart of the City Park in Big Spring. Everyone is invited.

• The Coahoma High School (CHS) Alumni Committee has announced the next all-school reunion is planned for July 23 at the Coahoma school building. Coahoma alumni are asked to e-mail Harold Aberegg at aberegg66@gmail.com with updated mailing addresses and/or e-mail addresses, or call Joyce York Baumann at 432-816-1588. It would be helpful if you included the year of your graduation from CHS, as we hope to work with 10-year increments of alumni. We would appreciate help getting the date out to all CHS graduates and current and former CHS faculty members. Reunion planning is scheduled the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Coahoma Dairy Queen and is open to all CHS alumni.

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• The HCV Section 8 waiting list for the Big Spring Housing Authority is open. The authority is accepting new applications. The office is located at 201 NE Seventh in Big Spring.

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

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

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

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

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the BSHS Band Hall. All band parents are welcome.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children

in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

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

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915 or the local ACS office at 432-683-6375.

COUNTY

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"you have to go back and look at every 10 years," he said. "I don't expect to see any drastic changes in the precincts, and Texas law dictates we have four commissioners and one county judge, so it's not like we're going to be losing a precinct or anything

like that."

While county commissioners look at the task of resetting precinct lines, Barr said the state of Texas will also begin the same process for its political lines, as well.

"There's plenty of gossip flying around Austin right now about what redistricting might and might not do," Barr said. "In the end, it's really anyone's guess

what could happen at the state level."

Following the 2000 Census, the Republican-controlled state Senate sought to draw a congressional district map that would guarantee a Republican majority in the state's delegation. The Democratic-controlled state House desired to retain a plan similar to the existing lines at the time.

Not surprisingly, this created an impasse. With the Legislature unable to reach a compromise, the matter was settled by a panel of federal court judges, who ruled in favor of a district map that largely retained the status quo.

However, the Republicans dominated the Legislative Redistricting Board, which draws the lines for the state leg-

islative districts, by a majority of four to one. The Republicans on this board used their voting strength to adopt a map for the state Senate that was even more favorable to the Republicans and a map for the state House that also strongly favored their party.

The meeting is expected to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located

on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, call 264-2202.

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

WALKING

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journey he wants to be able to enjoy America and all that it has to offer. According to him, he is looking at another year before his journey is completed.

"I am tentatively planning on ending at the White House, but then again things could change," Throop said.

Most of his walking is done during the day, but there are times in-

volitations will keep him longer and his walk will take him into the night. The important thing for Throop is that he makes an impact on the communities he travels through, he said.

"There is no way of measuring the external impact I make," Throop said, "however, the internal rewards I have received as far as positive feedback and recognition is enough."

Volunteer work has always had a place in Throop's life and this

walk is just one more form of that work.

"I can't stick around long enough to see a long-term impact on each community, but from the letters I receive and the feedback I have had, I am making a difference," Throop said. "I impact one community and then I move on.

"If there is anything people get from this, I want it to be that it all starts with a single step. That first step is only the first of many and could lead to a huge impact."

He encourages everyone to get out and walk. Not only will it lead to a healthier lifestyle, he said, but it can serve as a great stress reliever.

"Get out and take a walk," Throop said. "It's free, no membership or equipment is needed."

Once his journey is completed, Throop might pursue a career as a school teacher, but for now, there is no set plan.

"Just as I answered a calling to take this journey across America,"

Throop said, "I am remaining wide open to the opportunities that may present themselves along the way."

Anyone who would like to follow Throop on his journey or offer their support can visit his website at enjoythewalk.org or find him on Facebook.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

DROUGHT

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Extension Service.

On Sunday, low humidity and winds up to 55 mph fueled the spread of wildfires across West Texas, and four big ones burned more than 11,000 acres. Some of the fires continued to burn Monday, but they were nothing like the day before, Texas Forest Service spokesman Alan Craft said. Nearly 180 of Texas' 254 counties have burn bans.

Texas is the nation's No. 2 grower of winter

wheat, and the drought has hit that crop hard. More than 60 percent of the state's winter wheat crop was in poor to very poor condition at the end of March, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

As examples, Midland got .1 inches of rain in March, while College Station got 6 inches. Usually, those cities would get 4.6 and 19.1 inches respectively.

"Even it rains now it wouldn't do much for it," said Miller, the drought specialist. "It'll be a little better. Instead of dying, it might be worth running a com-

bine through."

Bobby McKnight, who has a ranch in far West Texas, said he's doing OK right now because he still has hay from last summer to feed his cattle. But if no new rain comes, feed could be a problem as the year goes on.

"It's pretty tough," said McKnight, 50. "The only thing that makes this bearable it we got a good June and July. We made some grass."

Monday's thunderstorms did cut power in a number of areas. Oncor Electric Delivery reported nearly 50,000 customers were with-

out power, mostly in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The Dallas-based utility says the rest of the outages were mainly in East Texas and South Texas. By midnight Monday, crews had restored power to all but 6,300 customers, all but 342 being in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and another 272 in East Texas.

San Marcos Electric Utility reported about 2,000 customers lost power after winds blew down a tree that took a feeder line to a substation with it. The city about 30 miles south of Austin released a statement saying most of the

power was restored by late Monday morning.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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In hopes of raising funds for the operation of the Big Spring State Park, Master the Mountain, a 5k fun run and walk, is an annual occurrence.

Registration is \$20 per person and can be done online, in advance or the day of the event.

With the recent situation concerning the control of the state park being up in the air, this year seems to be a vital year for the community to go out and show their support.

Community participation not only shows the park is being used and is a valuable asset to the community, it also helps raise the funds that fund the facility.

The numbers of those attending park sponsored events are reported back to the state for monitoring. The funds that are raised go toward general upkeep and the purchase of materials that may be needed.

This year those taking part in Master the Mountain will have a more accurate reading of their time.

Timing Specialist will be providing timing chips, which will begin once the racer starts and will stop once the finish line is crossed.

Awards will be given for the top three winners in the men's and women's division. All participants will receive a T-shirt.

Of course, after you have mastered the mountain don't forget to swing by the Health Fair and then on to the Healthy Woman event in the Cactus Room on the Howard College campus.

Master the Mountain starts at 9 a.m. and will conclude around 11:30 a.m. The Health Fair will be at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 8 a.m. until noon. Healthy Woman: A Call to Action will begin at noon with a presentation on financial preparedness by Troy Tompkins.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we do what You want, Lord, and not what the world wants.

Amen

God versus man on the beach

The Florida sun flashes off the row of oiled bodies, their owners largely unmindful of the politics being played on this strip of sand. The ocean waves are eating the beach. Residents of the luxury condo towers behind us fear losing the currently ideal sand-surf balance. They pressed Palm Beach County to stop the erosion by building a 1.2-mile series of breakwaters parallel to the shore. The county commissioners have just said "no."



FROMA HARROP

The battle of Singer Island's beach is but one skirmish in a broader war to stop natural forces from thinning sands along the East and Gulf coasts. It is a war without an exit strategy, for every engineering trick humankind tries either doesn't do much or makes the problem worse — and always at great taxpayer expense.

Claiming victory in the county's decision is the Surfrider Foundation, a California-based group of ocean environmentalists. The vote against the Singer Island breakwaters is especially significant because it kills off three similar projects planned from Jupiter to Lantana.

"A way to look at the entire coastal management process is it's really management of a river of sand," says Greg Lyon, surfer, businessman and chair of the county's Surfrider chapter, "so

whatever happens at one beach has an impact at beaches miles away." Breakwaters hasten erosion farther down.

Storms and wave action both build up beaches and narrow them. In this part of the world, the beach actually grows somewhat in the summer months. The heavy erosion takes place during the fall and winter storm season — when the condo owners are here to see it.

Broward County to the south had already produced a thick feasibility study on breakwaters, saying that they provide no net gain while costing a great deal. Breakwaters would require substantially more beach renourishment (sand dumping) than if they weren't there, it concluded.

They also play havoc with sea life. An estimated 1,000 turtles nest on Singer Island, and their babies would have a hard time swimming around the rocky structures.

And here's the kicker: The breakwaters would also accelerate what the condo owners dread. The first large swell could overtake the breakwater and quickly erode whatever beach was built up.

And so why is anyone pushing for this?

"In our opinion, it was a political agenda," Lyon says. Local politicians told unhappy condo owners that with enough money, they could engineer their way out of beach erosion.

Enough money is no small sum. "Do the math," Lyon says. "If one mile of breakwaters costs \$30 million to \$50 million, and if

Palm Beach County installed 35 miles of breakwaters to protect the majority of its coastline, the cost would exceed \$1 billion."

Another ill-conceived project — the extension of the jetty at Jupiter Inlet and the absence of a sand bypass — created another set of problems. It sends huge deposits of sand offshore to the east, leaving dangerously shallow water for boats. Seasoned sailors recently died after grounding on these shoals.

There are effective and less damaging ways to maintain beaches, Lyon insists. One involves trapping and bringing this sand back onto the beach. A carefully calibrated sand transfer process was done in Hillsborough inlet in Broward County.

Meanwhile, Palm Beach Town Manager Peter Elwell told me that he'd be working with Surfrider on some alternatives.

To the environmentalists, preserving the ocean ecology is a moral imperative. Lyon points to a stretch of sand that evidently covers a reef. Repeated sand renourishment projects largely buried it (with some help from Mother Nature).

"The reef was here before the condos," Lyon says. "Whose asset was it? It was God's."

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Democrats not governing, but instead lying in wait

Do you believe Rep. Paul Ryan when he says we only have a few years left to get our fiscal house in order, or we're going to face European-type austerity? How about the co-chairmen of the bipartisan deficit commission, Alan Simpson and Erskine Bowles, who have essentially issued the same warning?



DAVID LIMBAUGH

Have you taken a hard look at President Obama's 10-year budget with a view to whether it would marginally address the crisis? Are you aware of the gargantuan deficits it projects — averaging some \$1 trillion per year — and that this is before considering the Congressional Budget Office's scoring that revealed that its projected cumulative deficits were understated by a staggering \$2.3 trillion?

Did you know that entitlements — mainly Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid — are the primary drivers of these deficits but that Obama has yet to come to the table with a genuine entitlement reform proposal? Or that congressional Democrats, for the first time since 1974, did not pass a budget and all of the current wrangling over continuing resolutions and government shutdowns is a direct result of their dereliction?

Can you explain why President Obama, touted as the finest orator in the modern era, didn't exercise leadership over his Democratic lieutenants in Congress to quit playing fiscal Russian roulette? Or why those Democrats proposed just \$6 billion in further budget cuts for the remainder of this fiscal year — and then, only under GOP pressure — when the budget is \$3.8 trillion? Or why they are characterizing the GOP's proposal of \$61 billion in cuts (1.6 percent of the budget) as "Draconian"?

You surely know that President Obama has ceaselessly dodged his fiscal responsibilities by blaming his budgets on the \$1.3 trillion deficit he "inherited." But how about that he was instrumental in ensuring the passage of the Troubled Asset Relief Program, which contributed heavily to that then-extraordinary deficit number, and that even so, the actual number is substantially lower when you factor in the TARP repayments? Regardless, don't you think it's fair that we hold him accountable for what he's done since he assumed office? Or should we just let him run against President Bush's record again in 2012, blithely pretending he's been an impotent bystander for four years?

Consider Obama's audacity in scapegoating Bush for deficits that he was instrumental in creating and then proposing, as a solution, an \$800 billion pork-laden stimulus bill and trillion-dollar deficits as far as the eye can see.

You'll remember his boastful promises that if we would just indulge his "stimulus" idea, he would jump-start the economy and ensure that unemployment would not exceed 8 percent.

Despite getting his way, he has managed to achieve the worst of both worlds: He'll double the national debt in five years and triple it in 10, yet unemployment is just now — after two years of hovering between 9 and 10 percent — dipping below 9 percent.

So Obama came into office during very difficult economic times and, instead of implementing policies to truly stimulate economic growth, further smothered the private sector by ratcheting up government spending and onerous regulations, and he has deliberately compounded our national deficits and debt at a time when we are on the brink of a financial catastrophe. Though his own bipartisan deficit commission told him entitlement reform is imperative, he continues to kick the ball farther down the road without so much

as an overture toward a nod of a pretense of a good faith effort to tackle it.

This very week, he and his Democratic colleagues are lying in wait for congressional Republicans to refuse to approve the Democrats' reckless budget for the remainder of the year so they can blame the mean GOP for another government shutdown. They'll pretend they have no role in such a shutdown and hope this fraudulent narrative turns the political tide in their favor — all while the fiscal crisis remains unattended. They'll doubtlessly employ a similar strategy to ambush Republicans as heartless scrooges when Rep. Ryan unveils his long-term budget and proposes real economic growth and authentic entitlement reform.

When you take politics out of the equation, there is a consensus that we are on a collision course with national financial disaster. When you put politics back into the equation, only one party is trying to do something about it.

But here's the rub. Some Republican congressmen are horrified that if they stick to their guns in the upcoming budget battles, they'll lose the PR war, just as Republicans supposedly did in 1995-96. For reasons I'll address next time, 2011 is not 1995 (we have a nation-threatening emergency, folks), and Republicans must remain strong. Honor your mandate, ladies and gentlemen. We've got your back.

David Limbaugh is a writer, author and attorney. His new book, "Crimes Against Liberty," was No. 1 on the New York Times best-seller list for nonfiction for its first two weeks. To find out more about David Limbaugh, please visit his website at www.DavidLimbaugh.com. To read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

When a bicycle was stolen from Rachel Rabbit's porch, there were no electric lights on, no shining moon, and only one star visible in the sky. But Slylock Fox says Rachel said she clearly saw Shady Shrew swipe the bike. How was that possible?



Answer -- The bicycle was stolen in broad daylight. The one star visible in the sky was the sun.

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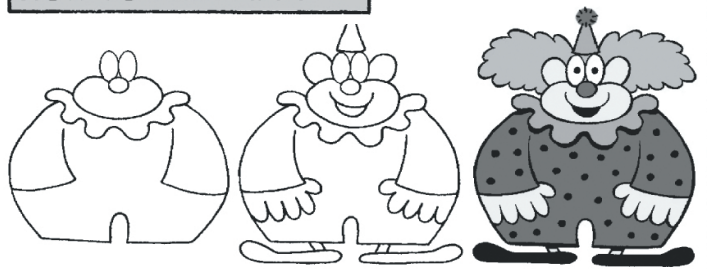
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c) mammals d) insects

Answer -- (c) mammals, although some owls also eat insects.

Something to think about: Birds get old, too

While working outside in the welcome warmth of a March afternoon, we were grateful that the severe cold of February had passed. During those frigid two weeks, avian dilemmas had, at times, been resolved via long distance phone calls.

To the south and west, sub-permittees presented unusual situations. As for transporting injured birds, the possibility of slick roads or snow had to be considered.

Standing near a roadway with its eyes closed, a small brown bird caught the attention of a passing motorist. Accustomed to seeing birds in the barren landscape, the driver sensed something different about it.

Turning around, she drove until she spotted the creature again. Even without tufts on its head, its long legs and stubby tail were clues as to its identity. Quietly leaving her car, she approached a burrowing owl. Since it might hunt during the day, or in the early evening, she expected it suddenly to take flight close to the ground.

With its rather long wings for such a small body, she knew it could

easily escape her curiosity. Instead, the owl did not move.

Afraid a car had hit it, she gathered it inside a woolen scarf she pulled from around her head. Before leaving for the veterinary clinic, she called a person listed on our state permit.

As the veterinarian was handling the owl, the woman described its strange behavior. While listening to the story, the sub-permittee also watched the examination of the small raptor.

Since there were no broken bones or signs of injury, the doctor couldn't say what was wrong with the bird. Dazed by a blow to the head might be a possibility.

"What do you suggest?" asked our distant cohort. Since the early afternoon promised a sunny and calm few hours, I wondered if she knew of an isolated place where the bird could recover on its own.

"Just the spot," she replied. Close to a prairie dog village in a natural setting, and sheltered by tall native vegetation, the owl could enjoy the warmth of the sun. Recognizing it was close to burrows and other owls might



Courtesy photo

Dining on insects and rodents, including very young prairie dogs, the burrowing owl will reuse a burrow year after year. It is the only small owl that will be seen on the ground in an open area during daylight.

be the stimulation it needed.

Her calling an employee of a nature center engaged him in keeping an eye on the bird throughout the afternoon. To have it leave on its own was primary. As evening approached, and night critters started to prowl, if the owl had not left, he would put the bird inside a building for a warm night's

layover.

After dark the phone rang. Telling us the owl never moved from where it had been placed, our cohort was worried about the outcome.

Once again, I asked her to repeat her description of the owl's appearance. She offered that its brown upper parts were spotted with white. "Its white eyebrows and upper throat

accent its eyes. Underneath, it's buffy and barred with brown."

"That's typical for identification," I replied. Then I prodded for even more.

She had noticed the burrowing owl's feathers were ragged and dull. Its bill and slashing talons were worn and no longer tapering to sharp points.

When the woman had walked toward the bird earlier that day, it had not bowed, then risen, nor bent forward until its chest seemed to touch the ground. No shrill screams had echoed when she picked it up. It had not buzzed like a muted rattlesnake in order to warn other owls of an intruder.

While head trauma could be considered, another possibility was on my mind. "Did you ever consider that it might be dying of old age?" I asked.

After reassuring her that the burrowing owl would be inside a warm, quiet building for the night and we'd know more in the morning, I added that if it were its time, she had provided a good place for it.

When she called the next morning and related that her friend had found the bird's

BIRD POOP

By BEBE McCASLAND



life had ended, I shared another thought with her. Most people never see or recognize the aging process in birds. Hummingbirds are limited to three or four years. Some songbirds may make six to seven years. The larger the bird often results in a longer life.

To look at our own human frailty is to see a decline in appearance and stature in some individuals. Our joints protest, hairs gray, and lines accent our faces. "At least," I added, "Birds don't have wrinkles."

Seeing raptors and songbirds with disheveled attire and symptoms of aging in future rescues, our cohort would be better prepared to accept nature's inevitable solution to a no longer viable life.

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

Permian Historical Society to meet

The Permian Historical Society will hold its spring meeting April 16, at the Petroleum Museum in Midland.

Registration will start at 9 a.m., with lunch at noon.

The program will include presentations by area historians: Ginger Pope Schantz on 1986 immigration; Craig and Jeff Ficher on history and the story of 100-year-old Kermit; Tommy

Garrison on the Boy Scouts of Iraan; Tom Chick on making of the movie "Giant" from a kid's point of view; and Victoria Scism on stories from and about the Chihuahuas Trail.

The meeting is free and open to the public; however, lunch is \$12.50 at the door. If you plan to attend the lunch, contact Petty Kelton (McCamey) 432-652-8738 or peggy.kelton@gmail.com.

Safety urged on Texas highways

AUSTIN – For many motorists, the first word that comes to mind when encountering a highway construction work zone is delay. The word that should come to mind is caution.

Each April, the Texas Department of Transportation joins the Federal Highway Administration, national transportation associations and numerous other state DOTs for National Work Zone Awareness Week

to remember victims and to raise awareness about safety precautions for workers and motorists in work zones. This year, the awareness week is being observed April 4-8.

TxDOT has seen a 35 percent decrease in work zone fatalities in 2009 from the previous year because of increased safety measures and public outreach efforts, according to Fred Underwood, Texas

transportation commissioner.

"One work zone fatality is one too many. We are continuing our efforts to educate motorists on the dangers of speed and distracted driving in work zones," said. "Each of us has the power to protect lives as we drive. We just need to put our cell phones down, stop adjusting the radio and focus on driving safely."

TxDOT maintains approximately 80,000 miles of highway with more than 1,000 construction or maintenance projects underway at any given time.

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Selfish or selfless?

Since the earthquake in Japan I have been noticing how the people there have reacted and comparing their actions to America and have become saddened for my cherished home country. I watched the looting that took place following Katrina in New Orleans. I saw the same kind of thing happen in my hometown of Wichita Falls following the tornado in '79 and in other American cities following disasters where looting has become an acceptable norm. What is the difference and why are we not hearing any such thing happening in Japan?

I have become aware of several reasons, but the one that makes the most sense to me is integrity. I have read where the Japanese people treasure their integrity. Stealing is not part of their culture and will not be tolerated. Petty crime, stealing of anything that belongs to someone else, verbal assaults on store clerks, and anger in the form of furrowed brows, pursed lips and the occasional disgruntled snort, are not accepted there.

Japanese people are thoughtful and respectful of one another. Once you know the rules of the society, it's surprisingly easy to adjust your own behavior to fit into that society. People

who have visited Japan, as my son did on a youth missionary venture, come back to America with a totally different attitude toward the Japanese people.

We often see them as pushy, aggressive and anything but polite, but we view them from our culture, not theirs. Tokyo alone has a population of 32 million people; the world's largest city. No wonder they seem aggressive, just standing in line can be a hassle; however, I have read that the true nature of the Japanese people is a polite and harmonious one.

Japan is a group-oriented society where we are an individually oriented society. Our society teaches us cognitive thinking: look, evaluate, then decide whether to loot or not (often times justifying our actions with, "If I don't take it, someone else will anyway"). The Japanese look, evaluate and decide that looting is wrong.

The point is, "That item doesn't belong to me. It belongs to someone else." This is selfless, not a selfish attitude; however, an honest, selfless society is not unique to the Japanese. We only have to ask our elders how it used to be, when there was more respect and less crime.

We still see it on an

PARENT'S CORNER

By DARRELL RYAN



occasional basis as in the Kansas town that was demolished by a tornado a few years ago or the people who worked together during the 9/11 disaster, so we know that an individual-based society can also be a good society.

We know that we can contain our integrity just as the Japanese have if when we come to a crisis we will strive to be less selfish, and more selfless; to strive to be there for each other and not to take advantage of each other. Integrity is still within our reach if we will not allow greed to overcome.

This again reminds me of the story of the Native American who told his grandson that within us is a battle between good and evil. The grandson asks, "Which one wins, Grandpa?" Grandpa responds, "The one we feed!"

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Texas death row inmate gets reprieve

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has blocked the first scheduled execution of a Texas death row inmate using pentobarbital. Cleve Foster was to have been executed Tuesday evening for the 2002 slaying of a Sudanese woman in Fort Worth — the first Texas execution since the state switched to pentobarbital in its lethal three-drug mixture.

On Tuesday morning, the high court agreed to reconsider its January order denying the 47-year-old's appeal. That appeal raised claims of innocence and poor legal help during his trial and early stages of his appeals.

Foster's lawyers also argued that Texas prison officials violated administrative procedures when they announced the switch to pentobarbital from sodium thiopental.

There is a national shortage of sodium thiopental, which has been used already in executions in Oklahoma and Ohio.

Grim Sleeper serial killer may have 8 more victims

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles police investigators say eight more women may be linked to the "Grim Sleeper" serial killings of women and girls shot or strangled since 1985.

A county grand jury last month indicted 58-year-old Lonnie Franklin Jr. for 10 killings in South Los Angeles. Victims ranged in age from 14 to 36.

The Police Department says in a news release Tuesday that detectives are now focusing on eight women known to have had a connection with Franklin. Six of the women are missing persons, one is an unsolved homicide victim and the eighth is an unidentified woman.

Four of the women had not previously been connected to the investigation.

Police Chief Charlie Beck and detectives plan an afternoon news conference to update the case and ask for the public's help.

U.N. uses attack helicopters, as final battle to overthrow ruler rages

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — Ivory Coast strongman Laurent Gbagbo is negotiating his surrender, a diplomat said Tuesday after United Nations and French forces bombarded military sites, backing Ivorian fighters who are trying to install the elected president.

The offensive by U.N. and French forces that began Monday included air attacks on the presidential residence and three strategic military garrisons, marking an unprecedented escalation in the international community's efforts to oust Gbagbo. He was declared the loser of elections in November but refused to cede power to winner Alassane Ouattara even as the world's largest cocoa producer teetered on the brink of all-out civil war.

Ivorian fighters loyal to Ouattara had succeeded in taking nearly the entire countryside in just three days last week, but they faltered once they reached Abidjan, country's largest city where the presidential palace and residence are located.

With the help of international forces, the fighters have pushed their way to the heart of the city to reach Gbagbo's home. Fighting continued Tuesday morning.

Ouattara's ambassador to France said Gbagbo is negotiating his surrender.

Airstrike hits Libyan military convoy near eastern oil port of Brega

BREGA, Libya (AP) — An airstrike hit a convoy of Libyan military vehicles moving toward rebel lines outside the eastern oil port of Brega on Tuesday, rebels said as they regrouped outside the city. The regime, meanwhile, insisted Moammar Gadhafi won't step down but said it is ready to discuss changes in how the country is governed.

Backed by an international air campaign, the rebels have made inroads in recent days in eastern Libya. They advanced under artillery fire Monday and took part of Brega, an oil town that has changed hands several times since the fighting began last

month.

Rebel officer Abdel-Bast Abibi said the two sides battled inside the city until nightfall, then the rebels moved back to the outskirts. It was a quiet night, but an airstrike struck early Tuesday as a convoy of eight Libyan military vehicles advancing toward the rebel positions, he said.

The strike hit two of the vehicles, prompting the others to turn around and race back into the city, carrying the bodies of slain pro-Gadhafi troops, Abibi said, citing surveillance teams. The report could not be independently confirmed.

Control of Brega's small refinery and Mediterranean port could significantly boost the rebels' hunt for revenues they can use to purchase heavy weapons for the fight against Gadhafi's better-equipped troops and militiamen.

Obama, Boehner to meet at White House to talk budget cuts as government shutdown looms

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama has summoned the top Republican in Congress to the White House on Tuesday for talks aimed at averting a government shutdown this weekend.

Negotiations have stalled on legislation blending immediate spending cuts with the money required to run federal agencies through the end of September. Democrats are accusing the GOP of pressing harmful spending cuts and attaching a social policy agenda to the must-pass spending bill. House Speaker John Boehner counters that the White House is pressing gimmicky budget cuts.

On a separate long-term track, Republicans controlling the House have fashioned plans to slash the budget deficit by more than \$5 trillion over the upcoming decade, combining unprecedented spending cuts with a fundamental restructuring of taxpayer-financed health care for the elderly and the poor.

House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis., will unveil the GOP budget blueprint Tuesday morning just as Boehner, R-Ohio, heads to the White House for a meeting on the current-year measure with Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, his chief nemesis in Congress.

Boehner has ordered up a weeklong stopgap bill to prevent a shutdown. That proposal includes \$12 billion in immediate spending cuts and enough money to operate the Pentagon through the end of September.

Japan sets seafood safety level after nuclear plant spews highly contaminated water into sea

TOKYO (AP) — The government set its first radiation safety standards for fish Tuesday after Japan's

tsunami-ravaged nuclear plant reported radioactive contamination in nearby seawater measuring at several million times the legal limit.

The plant operator insisted that the radiation will rapidly disperse and that it poses no immediate danger, but an expert said exposure to the highly concentrated levels near the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant could cause immediate injury and that the leaks could result in residual contamination of the sea in the area.

The new levels coupled with reports that radiation was building up in fish led the government to create an acceptable radiation standard for fish for the first time. Some fish caught Friday off Japan's coastal waters would have exceeded the new provisional limit.

Radiation has been leaking into Pacific near the plant on the northeastern Japanese coast since a 9.0-magnitude earthquake spawned a massive tsunami that inundated the complex. Over the weekend, workers there discovered a crack where highly contaminated water was spilling directly into the ocean.

Many baby boomers in poll see financially shaky retirements

WASHINGTON (AP) — Baby boomers are starting to retire, but many are agonizing about their finances and believe they'll need to work longer than they had planned, a new poll finds.

The 77 million-strong generation born between 1946 and 1964 has clung tenaciously to its youth. Now, boomers are getting nervous about retirement. Only 11 percent say they are strongly convinced they will be able to live in comfort.

A total of 55 percent said they were either somewhat or very certain they could retire with financial security. Yet a substantial 44 percent express little or no faith they'll have enough money when their careers end.

Further underscoring the financial squeeze, 1 in 4 boomers still working say they'll never retire. That's about the same number as those who say they have no retirement savings.

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By Steve Becker
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♦ A 8 7
♣ A K J

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♠ J 9 8
♥ Q 9
♦ 6 5 3 2
♣ 8 7 6 4

EAST
♠ 6
♥ A K J 7 4 2
♦ 10 9 4
♣ Q 10 5

SOUTH
♠ A K 10 5 2
♥ 6 3
♦ K Q J
♣ 9 3 2

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

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

In many suit contracts, declarer is faced with the threat of being overruffed by one of the defenders. When the overruff seems imminent, declarer should study his options carefully before committing himself in one direction or the other.

Consider South's problem in this deal where he reaches four spades on the bidding shown. East overtakes West's queen-of-hearts lead with the king, cashes the ace and continues with the jack at trick three.

The bidding and East's first three plays combine to make it a virtual certainty that West is out of hearts at this point, and the question is whether or not to ruff with the ten. To defuse the immediate threat, South could trump with the king, but the trouble with this is that it might promote the missing jack into a trick.

In the actual deal, if declarer trumps with either the ten or king, he will go down one. Both plays establish a trump winner for West, and when South later tries the club finesse, East's queen scores the setting trick.

If ruffing high or low were declarer's only option, he could not succeed as the cards lie. But there is a third option that makes declarer a very strong favorite to finish with 10 tricks.

His best play is to discard a club at trick three instead of attempting to win the trick. By doing so, declarer telescopes both of his potential losers into one trick, leaving him in the driver's seat.

Regardless of what East plays next, declarer is home free. Another heart lead by East can be overruffed by dummy if West ruffs, after which South has the rest of the tricks.

Tomorrow: Improvisation — the ultimate weapon.
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BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) members from Sweetwater and Odessa chapters were on hand Saturday for the survivors of domestic abuse event at Tena & Company. The day was aimed at raising awareness and funds for domestic abuse victims.

Fund-raiser hopes to draw attention to abuse

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Tena & Company opened its doors Saturday in hopes of drawing awareness and support for survivors of domestic violence.

“We are hoping to open people’s eyes,” Tena Nelson, owner, said.

For the past three months Nelson planned and enlisted the help of Victim Services and BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) for the all-day event.

“This originally started as a party for my friend who was abused, but then word started to spread,” Nelson said.

Funds raised during the event will be divided between the two groups and her friend, offering assistance for childcare, medical expenses and other necessities.

“There are victims and there are survivors. Those who have survived need to speak up and do what they can when they can,” Nelson said.

She said everyone has something they can offer, whether it be in monetary form or volunteer effort.

“It’s important people offer their support to those who are trying to do

something about it,” said Kris Warner (Mijo), president of the Sweetwater BACA chapter.

“We support the kids, who are usually the ones who are hurt in domestic abuse cases,” Warner added.

Nelson and Warner, along with other BACA members, encourage members of the community to get more involved and be more aware.

“No man, woman or child should ever be abused,” Nelson said.

Saturday’s event had its setbacks, including a lack of live music. Because of concerns with the weather the music was cancelled.

“I want to offer my apologies for not having the live music,” Nelson said.

For those who didn’t make it Saturday to offer their support, it is still possible to do so. Victims services, BACA and CASA (Child Appointed Court Advocates) are always in need of support. Then again, there is always next year.

“We are hoping to make this an annual event,” Nelson said. “After all, the point is to get everyone to speak out and stand up. Maybe if more people spoke out there would be less abuse.”

Big Spring felon receives extension to file an appeal

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man convicted in 2010 of taking part in a home invasion had his request for an extension to file an appeal granted last week, which includes a request for a new trial.

Clifford Leon Anglin, 26, was found guilty of charges — including aggravated robbery, a first-degree felony — stemming from the June 5 home invasion of a family in the 600 block of State Street following a trial in 118th District Court in September. Anglin was sentenced to 60 years in a Texas Depart-

ment of Criminal Justice facility.

According to officials with the 11th District Court of Appeals, Anglin filed an appeal in the case shortly after the sentence was handed down. The case was officially taken over by the Court of Appeals Sept. 22, according to case documents, with a motion for a new trial submitted Oct. 11.

Anglin is represented by Midland attorney Wayne Frost. The case was prosecuted by Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

According to police re-

ports, stormed the home of a Big Spring family shortly before midnight June 5, 2010. The suspects were armed with handguns, and demanded money.

Anglin was one of three men indicted in August 2010 in connection with the crime. The others were Felix Lee Jaramillo, 31; and Philip G. Martinez, 21, both of Big Spring.

Jaramillo was subsequently found guilty, receiving an identical 60-year sentence. Martinez was found guilty by a jury Feb. 2 and sentenced to 14 years in a TDCJ facility.

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10:00 to 11:00 AM	Aqua Exercise Suzanne		Aqua Exercise Suzanne		Aqua Exercise Suzanne	ZUMBA Elvira
11:00 to 11:45 AM		Rockin' Aerobics Sheryl Cox		Rockin' Aerobics Sheryl Cox		
4:30 to 4:55 PM	ZUMBA Jennifer		ZUMBA Jennifer			
4:30 to 5:30 PM		POWER PUMP Marlena		POWER PUMP Marlena	ZUMBA Toning Elvira	
5:00 to 5:30 PM	Absolutely Abs Dianna		Absolutely Abs Dianna			
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Coahoma's Reagan Reid putts on the ninth green during the first round of the District 3-2A golf tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course Monday.

G-City golfers district champs

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Golfers from Garden City and Sands overcame not only the course, but Mother Nature as well, at the District 10-1A tournament at Big Spring Country Club Monday.

Garden City won both the boys' and girls' team and individual titles, while Sands placed second in the boys' bracket. Those three squads advance to the Region II-1A tournament, scheduled for Shady Oaks Country Club in Baird April 18-19.

Paced by the trio of Hayden Halfmann, Brian Hirt and Austin Hoelscher, Garden City won the boys' division by 61 strokes

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A&M, Irish ready to square off

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The coaches might not be household names. The players aren't well known — yet.

The national championship game between Notre Dame and Texas A&M on Tuesday night is a rare showdown in women's basketball, the first time since 2005 that neither Tennessee nor Connecticut has been involved.

No Stanford, either, and no Baylor. No Maya Moore. No Geno Auriemma.

It's all good. Just ask Gary Blair, Texas A&M's entertaining and outspoken coach.

"It's good for story lines," Blair said. "Instead of having Brittney Griner or Maya Moore and Geno, but what's wrong with good old Muffet (McGraw) and Gary and teams that play tremendous team basketball that do not rely on just one player?"

The two schools better known for their play on the gridiron will take the grandest stage in women's basketball in one of the biggest surprises

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Huskies take title

HOUSTON (AP) — The game was better suited for a dusty old gym than a state-of-the-art stadium — the offense and shooting more the stuff of a long-ago era than 2011.

The championship trophy? Well, that will look good in the case up at UConn, where a season of perseverance closed with an 11-game winning streak and a spirit-lifting win for coach Jim Calhoun, to say nothing of a crowning moment for a one-of-a-kind player named Kemba.

In a game that featured more grit than glamour and more brawn than beauty, Connecticut made Butler look like the underdog it really was Monday night, winning the NCAA title with an old-fashioned 53-41 beatdown of the Bulldogs.

Star guard Kemba Walker finished with 16 points for the Huskies (32-9), whose amazing late-season streak kept going right through the final buzzer. They won their 11th straight game — five at the Big East tournament and six in March Madness —

since closing the regular season with a 9-9 conference record that foreshadowed none of this.

"Going into games, we always say, 'If you miss a shot, it's all right, but if you don't play hard, it's not good enough,'" Walker said.

Nothing to worry about in this one, then, one of the ugliest games in memory on the sport's biggest stage.

UConn won this title with a defensive showing for the ages, holding Butler to 12-for-64 shooting. That's 18.8 percent, the worst ever in a title game.

It was a game on aesthetics but full of tough-nosed defense; an old-school game, the kind a coaching lifer like Calhoun had to love.

"From a purist standpoint, if you really like defense, take a clip of this game," he said.

At age 68, he became the oldest coach to win the NCAA championship. He won his third title since 1999 and joined John Wooden, Adolph Rupp, Mike Krzyzewski and Bob Knight as the only

coaches to get to the top three or more times.

Calhoun closed out a season marked by losing streaks, mistakes made by a young, growing roster and sullied by an NCAA scandal that wrapped up with the embarrassing conclusion that the coach failed to promote an atmosphere of compliance.

Exactly like the last game, none of this was easy, but the Huskies and their coach kept plugging away.

"I think we helped him overcome everything," Walker said. "It's not much to say. We won two of the biggest tournaments on the collegiate level. I think we made his year."

And he made theirs.

Calhoun coaxed this win out of his team by accepting the reality that the rims were rejecting shots and looked about as wide as a pancake on a cold-shooting, defensive-minded night in cavernous Reliant Stadium. He did it by making his players pound

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In brief

CGA tournament set for April 10

The Chicago Golf Association will host an individual play tournament April 10 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament is set for a 10 a.m. shotgun start and a 9:30 a.m. signup deadline.

Fee is \$20 per person.

For more information, contact Bobby Cordova at 935-0410.

Tournament to benefit Relay for Life

The 2011 Cancer Scramble, which will benefit the Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life American Cancer Society fundraiser, will be held April 16-17 at Big Spring Country Club.

Format will be a four-person scramble.

Entrants can make their own teams or be assigned.

The field will be flighted after the first round.

Prizes will be awarded for longest drive, closest to pin and the top three teams in each flight.

Entry fee is \$75 per person plus a \$22 cart fee (private carts are welcome).

For more information, contact the country club at 267-5354.

Howard to hold cheerleader tryouts

The Howard College Cheerleading Squad will hold

try-outs Saturday, April 30 at 9 a.m. in the Harold Davis Fitness Center on the Howard College campus.

A clinic will be held for applicants to learn all try-out material Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29 from 4-6 p.m. in the fitness center.

All interested persons need to fill out the online application, found on the Howard College athletic website (www.hchawk.com).

For more information, please see the website, or contact Hollie Allred at 432-264-8538.

Volleyball showcase May 21 in San Angelo

Registration is now open for the West Texas Volleyball Showcase, scheduled for May 21 in San Angelo.

The tournament will be officiated by TASO-approved officials.

Registration fee is \$225 per team. Registration deadline is May 15.

Play will be held in two divisions — big school (Class 3A and up) and small school (Class 1A and 2A, as well as junior varsity). There is a 20-team limit.

Also, San Angelo will be the site for a volleyball summer league, which runs from June 7 until June 28.

Registration fee is \$25 per player. Players can sign up as individuals to be placed on a team.

There will be three divisions — varsity/JV, junior high and elementary.

For more information, contact Chris Cardenas at (325) 374-2910.

Sports calendar

TODAY

Baseball — Big Spring at Sweetwater, 7 p.m.

Baseball — Forsan at Coahoma, 7 p.m.

Softball — Big Spring at Sweetwater, 5 p.m.

Softball — Forsan at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.

Golf — Big Spring girls at District 5-3A tournament, Abilene.

WEDNESDAY

Golf — Big Spring boys at District 5-3A tournament, Big Spring Country Club.

To submit a calendar item, contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 235, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Cruz keeps hitting, Rangers keep winning

ARLINGTON (AP) — Home runs are a regular thing for Nelson Cruz, and a rarity for Texas teammate Elvis Andrus.

Cruz became the third player in major league history to homer in the first four games of a season, Andrus hit his first home run in 705 at-bats and the Rangers remained one of four unbeaten teams in the big leagues with a 6-4 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Monday night.

"We've got a solid offense," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "Anybody in the

lineup can get you. Tonight Elvis got us going. And Cruz came back and got another one. ... Anytime you've got that lineup, that's what it's all about."

Cruz went to the plate in the fourth inning guessing he'd get a first-pitch curve from Seattle starter Erik Bedard. Instead, Bedard threw something else off speed and Cruz adjusted with a drive over the center-field fence to give him four of Texas' 13 homers this season.

"In that at-bat I was thinking, hit the ball through the hole (at) second base hard, because

he was throwing that curveball," Cruz said "I was hoping he would throw that so I could hit it the other way, but he threw me a changeup and I turned on it."

Cruz joined Willie Mays (1971) and Mark McGwire (1998) as the only players to go deep in each of their first four games of a season.

Andrus, who didn't homer last season, hit the seventh of his career off a cutter with nobody on in the first. When he ran down the dugout steps, his teammates remained seated with blank expressions. Washington was the

first to offer congratulations, followed by the rest of the team.

"I knew they were going to do something. I knew they were going to plan something because it's been a little while since I hit the last one," Andrus said about the silent treatment.

Derek Holland pitched six effective innings for Texas (4-0), off to its best start since opening 7-0 in 1996. The Rangers were coming off a three-game weekend sweep of Boston.

Baltimore (4-0), Philadelphia and Cincinnati (both 3-0) are the other undefeated teams.

Holland (1-0) was given the No. 4 spot in the rotation out of spring training and he cemented his role by allowing three runs and seven hits with five strikeouts and one walk.

Bedard (0-1) allowed five runs — three earned — and four hits over five innings in his first start in 20 months.

Bedard gave up two homers, but he struck out three and walked two in a positive step in his comeback from a series of shoulder injuries.

His previous start was July 25, 2009, before undergoing his third sea-

son-ending left shoulder surgery in a three-year span in August 2009. He missed all of last season.

Milton Bradley had three hits for the Mariners (2-2).

Gusty 20 mph wind made fly balls and pop-ups a challenge for fielders.

With two outs in the first, Rangers first baseman Mike Napoli was in foul territory lining up Bradley's popup. But the ball sailed fair and dropped between Napoli and second baseman Ian Kinsler, with Bradley being credited with a single.

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in NCAA tournament history. Even though both are No. 2 seeds, they got here the hard way.

The Irish (31-7) snapped an 0-20 skid against Tennessee in the tournament and then upset Moore and the two-time defending champion Huskies after going 0-3 against their top-seeded Big East rival this year and 0-9 before that. Texas A&M (32-5) advanced by beating Griner and her Baylor teammates after three losses this season, and then upended another top seed in Stanford in the semifinals.

The result is a title game without a top seed for just the second time, and the first since No. 3 seed North Carolina beat No. 4 Louisiana Tech in 1994.

"Somebody said only one person predicted that it was going to be an A&M-Notre Dame matchup out of all the millions of people who do a bracket," Texas A&M guard Sydney Colson said. "I think the fact there have been these upsets is really helping out with women's basketball. I think it will get some of those top-name girls to branch out to other schools and realize it's not just UConn and Stanford and Tennessee that can win national championships."

Notre Dame's sensational sophomore guard Skylar Diggins was one of those girls. She grew up in South Bend and was a die-hard Irish fan who cheered them on as they won their only national championship in 2001.

"I was there, hands on the TV," said Diggins, who was 10 at the time. "If they lost I'd have been crushed."

Diggins led the Irish to back-to-back victories over Tennessee and Connecticut — the first time a team has ever beaten those two juggernauts in the same NCAA tournament. Amazingly, it's only happened eight times during the same regular season, according to STATS LLC.

There are a lot of similarities between that last title run and this one. Notre Dame also beat UConn in the Final Four after losing to the Huskies in the Big East tournament championship game. The Irish's starting point guard, Niele Ivey, was a third team All-America like Diggins was this season.

"I'm enjoying the circle. We had our championship reunion in the fall and the team came in," said McGraw, the Fighting Irish coach. "They presented a ball to this team and said, you know, 'We've won our championship, now

it's your turn."

Standing in the way is Texas A&M, the national championship newcomer that bullied its way through the tournament behind a relentless defense that didn't allow more than 50 points until Stanford scored 62 on Sunday night.

Offensively, the Aggies rely on Danielle Adams, who became the first All-America in school history. And their defense is fueled by the harassing guards — Colson and the other Sydney, Sydney Carter.

"A lot of people, I don't want to say they fear our defense, but I think they really respect what we do on the defensive end," Carter said. "And we take so much pride on the defensive end and making people feel uncomfortable and making them do things that they don't want to do."

Colson said she expected a physical game against Notre Dame.

"I think they're just as physical as we are," she said. "And I think it's just going to be an all-out battle."

Colson and Carter will need to contain Diggins to have a chance. With 28 points in the seven-point win over Connecticut, Diggins has become an overnight national sensation.

She gained nearly 20,000 new Twitter followers after the victory UConn, helped by a tweet shoutout from rapper Lil Wayne, who has 1.6 million followers.

"It's crazy," she said. "I have a lot of young girls following me and asking how I handle different situations. I have to understand that I'm a mentor and a role model and act as such."

With all the top seeds gone, Texas A&M and Notre Dame both have a chance to seize the moment.

UCONN

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the ball inside and insisting on the kind of defense that UConn played during this remarkable run, but which often got overshadowed by Walker's theatrics.

UConn trailed 22-19 after a first half that came straight out of the '40s.

"The halftime speech was rather interesting," Calhoun said. "The adjustment was, we were going to out-will them and outwork them."

And so they did.

Connecticut outscored Butler by an unthinkable 26-2 in the paint. The Bulldogs (28-10), in their second straight title game and hoping to put the closing chapter on the ultimate "Hoosiers" story, went a mind-numbing 13:26 in the second half making only one field goal.

During that time, a 25-19 lead turned into a 41-28 deficit. This for a team that never trailed Duke by more than six during last year's epic final.

That time, Gordon Hayward's desperation halfcourt heave at the buzzer bounced off the backboard and rim, barely missing — a breath-

taking ending to a 61-59 loss. This time, UConn was celebrating before the clock hit zero, Calhoun pumping his fists and hugging an assistant while the Huskies ran to the sideline and soaked in the confetti.

"In my opinion, this one feels a little worse," said Butler's shut-down guard Ronald Nored. "Last year I was more shocked. This year is pretty tough."

The version of "Hoosiers" with the happy ending is still available on DVD.

UConn, meanwhile, gets the real celebration. "You see the tears on my

face," Walker said. "I have so much joy in me, it's unreal. It's surreal. I'm so happy right now."

Joining Walker, the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, in double figures were Jeremy Lamb with 12 points, including six during UConn's pullaway run, and Alex Oriakhi with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Just as impressive were the stats UConn piled up on defense. Four steals and 10 blocks, including four each by Oriakhi and Roscoe Smith, and a total clampdown of Butler's biggest stars, Matt Howard and Shelvin Mack. How-

ard went 1 for 13 and Mack went 4 for 15.

"It's a brutal team to play against when you're behind," Butler coach Brad Stevens said.

The numbers bore that out. Butler's 41 points were 10 points fewer than the worst showing in the shot-clock era in a championship game. (Michigan had 51 in a loss to Duke in 1992), and the 18.8 percent shooting broke a record that had stood since 1941. Butler's 12 field goals were the second fewest in a championship game — three more than Oklahoma made way back in 1949.

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over runner-up Sands. GCHS posted a team score of 332, while Sands A managed a 393. Sterling City was third with a 397, while Borden County (436) was fourth and Grady (442) placed fifth. Sands B posted a team total of 480.

Halfmann and Hirt ended the day tied for medalist honors with identical 80 scores, while Hoelscher was two strokes back. Hirt eventually won a five-hole playoff to claim the individual honors.

Hayden Ware fired an 89 and Landon Parker shot 94 to pace the Sands boys, who impressed their coach with their performance in the cold, windy conditions.

"It was brutal golfing conditions, definitely not fun," Bully Grumbles said. "I was pleasantly surprised we advanced."

Garden City handily won the girls' division, as well, firing a team total of 389 to outpace Borden County, which qualified for the regional tournament with a 464. Grady was third with a total score of 486.

The Lady Bearkats took the top three spots in medalist competition, with Britni Cook taking top honors with an 87. Katelyn Hoelscher was second with a 93 and Ashley Halfmann was third with a 95. Cayley Opegard and Julia Scheulke of Grady rounded out the top five with scores of 110 and 114, respectively.

GCHS Coach Koby Abney

said his squad performed well, considering the conditions.

"The weather definitely upped everybody's scores," Abney said. "But I thought everyone handled it and performed well."

Coahoma fourth after District 3-2A 1st round

Squads from Colorado City and Denver City lead their respective divisions after first-round play at Comanche Trail Golf Course Monday.

Colorado City grabbed the early lead in the girls' division, firing a team total of 402 to lead second place Denver City by 47 strokes. Stanton is in third place with a 476, followed by Slaton (486) and Roosevelt (496).

The battle is much closer in the boys' division. At the end of Monday's first round, Denver City A is first with a total score of 347, which is eight shots better than second-place Colorado City. Slaton is third with a 367, while Coahoma A and Roosevelt were tied for fourth with identical 374 scores.

Forsan currently stands seventh in the boys' division with a team total of 396.

In girls' medalist play, Taylor Griffith of Colorado City is in the lead with a score of 88, while Post's Skylar Jones is second at 95. Kendra Graham of Stanton, Taylor Harris of Colorado City and Forsan's Kala Long round out the top five.

Tyler Brown of Denver City (77) holds the lead in boys'

medalist play by three strokes over Tyler Hammond of Colorado City. Marcus Brown of Denver City is third with an 81, while Coahoma's Reagan Reid is fourth at 87.

Coahoma A's individual scores included Alex Hill with a 91, Morgan Luce at 93, Adrian Grant at 103 and Kaleb McAdams with a score of 111. Hayden Adamson fired a 97 to lead Coahoma B, followed by T.J. White (109), Dustin Fontana (117) and Keaton Martin (120).

Forsan was paced by Mikael Pappajohn, who scored 95, followed by Covan Davidson (97), John Breyman (99), and Tyler Evans and Cody Moore, who both scored 105.

The District 3-2A tournament continues Monday at Denver City.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Too much thinking could prevent you from diving in and getting things accomplished. You can effectively calm the internal chatter through exercise, breath work or being in water.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). No one is young forever. Whether you are enjoying your own youth or someone else's, revel in it for the exquisite gift it is. Let the fresh energy inform all of your senses.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will benefit from noticing what's going on outside of your life and world. The enlarged perspective not only helps you to feel better about your life, but it also allows you to make an informed move.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your priorities are obvious. You value beauty, comfort and quality and surround yourself with the same. Your environment will be a lovely haven for those around you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your mettle will be tested as you meet with a situation that requires you to take a mind-over-matter type of approach. The task may be uncomfortable, but if you just do it, it will be over soon enough.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Assuming that you already know something would be dangerous now. Instead, keep your eyes wide open in the spirit of wonder and curiosity. This attitude

will lead to amazing good luck.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You would always rather be one who brings energy into a room instead of one who sucks energy out it. It will take effort, preparation and a proactive gesture in order to accomplish this today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are well aware that you don't have to over-spend your hard-earned cash to dress with style. You'll add to your wardrobe, and you could even come up with a new signature look.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You love people who don't take themselves too seriously, because it allows you to let your guard down and just be yourself. You'll encounter someone like this today, and you'll both have a good chuckle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your most endearing qualities come to the fore on this carefree day. You will favorably engage others, even complete strangers, with your curious, playful approach.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your love of beauty disallows you to purchase anything that falls short of your standards of elegance. What you want is not always immediately affordable, but eventually you find a way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be doing different types of work and will benefit from taking a moment to switch gears between tasks. Tonight: Remember to turn up the charm, and you'll have social success.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 5). You'll display your visionary powers, and others really catch on to your train of thought. In honing your leadership qualities, you'll shape the future. Good luck in May will broaden your financial horizons. Family additions happen in June. July brings a welcome change of pace. Relationships will be a source of fun and adventure. Leo and Gemini people adore

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CELEBRITY PROFILES: Illusionist, magician and endurance artist David Blaine was born under the risk-taking Aries sun and has his natal Venus in the fiery sign, as well. His Mercury in Pisces signifies imagination and a tendency toward mystical self-expression. His Taurus moon indi-

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Annie's Mailbox



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Dear Annie: Through circumstances beyond our control, my husband and I recently found ourselves homeless for about a month, and we slept in our car. We had two dogs. A friend took one, but no one wanted "Rex." Temporary boarding was not economically feasible. Keeping him in the car proved impossible. All the animal rescues and humane societies in our area were full, and they turned us down. Someone reported the situation to the authorities, and we had no choice but to take Rex to the animal shelter.

Three days later, my family members, who didn't offer us so much as floor space during this time, heard about Rex. They never once considered taking him. When my brother and his wife found out we put Rex in the pound, they sent a newsletter to all the relatives discussing our "abuse" of the dog. They said I was hated, immoral and inhumane and should be ousted from the family.

Most family members thought the newsletter was uncompassionate. But my brother stands by his opinion, and I've received nasty phone messages from him on my voicemail. My elderly parents saw the letter, and my brother received a tearful call from them. This made

him even angrier. We have never been close, but to publicly announce such hatred toward family going through hard times is beyond my comprehension.

We are now settled in our new home and doing well. We discovered that Rex had been adopted by a loving family, and I passed the happy word. But the message I received from my brother was, "Rex is happier without you. You are an abuser."

I feel I am grieving the loss of my brother. How can someone you love kick you at your lowest? — *Heartbroken Outcast*

Dear Heartbroken: Some people are incapable of feeling compassion for other humans and overcompensate by focusing on animals. But the fact that your brother wouldn't take Rex himself indicates he was simply looking for an excuse to berate you. He probably has issues going back to childhood. You cannot make him a more loving brother. Stop listening to his messages and concentrate on your new life.

Dear Annie: I work hard to keep my weight down. I eat healthful

meals, most of them cooked at home by me, and I work out every day. There is no easy fix to weight problems, only a life-long habit of healthy living.

I am the caregiver for my 89-year-old mother. We spend a lot of time in various doctors' offices and hospitals. I am appalled at the weight problems in the nursing profession. It is bad advertising to walk into a cardiologist's office and be helped by a nurse who weighs more than 300 pounds. Doctors are in the business of keeping people healthy, and their nurses should be models of good health. — *Gone to the Gym*

Dear Gone: Overweight people need jobs, too, and perhaps working in a doctor's office will encourage someone to become healthier. For all you know, this nurse used to weigh 500 pounds. We agree it is not good "advertising," but you are there for the doctor's expertise. Please let them handle their staff.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Discriminated

Against," who thought she was asked inappropriate questions at a job interview. I felt sorry for her difficult situation.

When I was a graduate student, I was taught that if you are asked an illegal question, you should gently respond, "Will my answer make a difference to the hiring process?" It is less standoffish than, "You're not allowed to ask me that," and it gives the interviewer a chance to save face. Luckily, I never had to use these techniques, but was grateful to be prepared. — *Happy Prof in Canada*

Dear Happy: Thanks for a great suggestion. We hope our readers will tuck it away for when they might need it.

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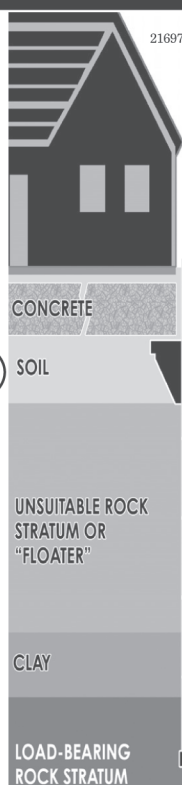
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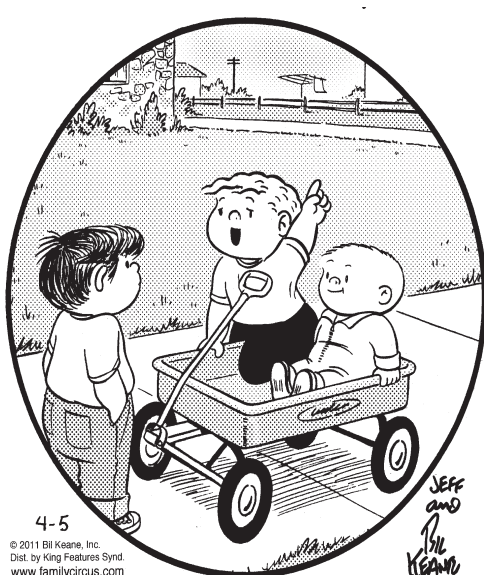
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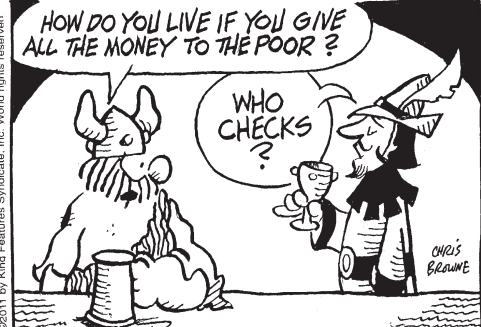
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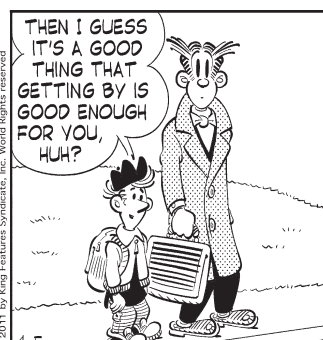
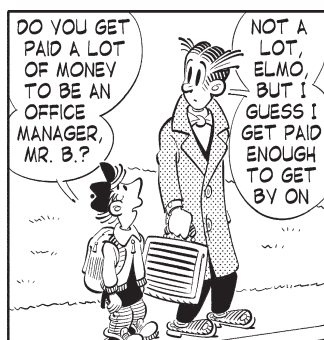


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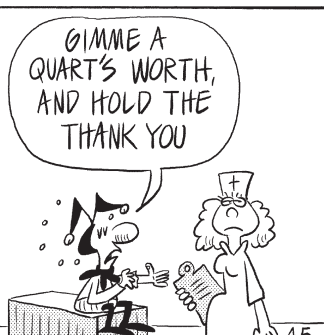
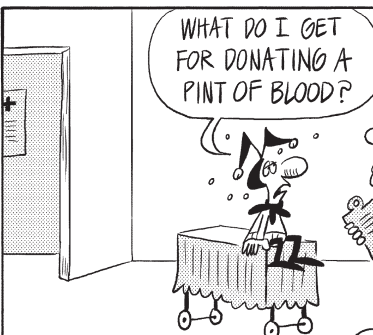
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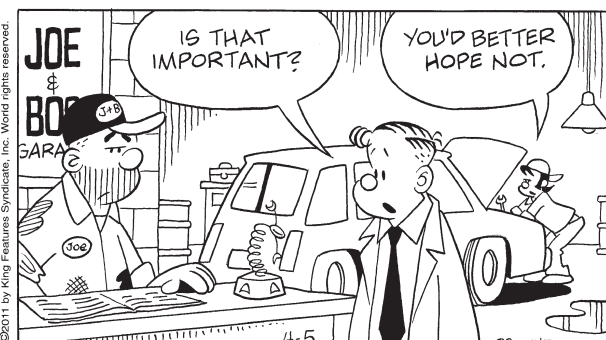
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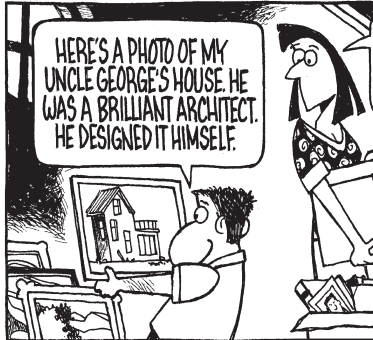
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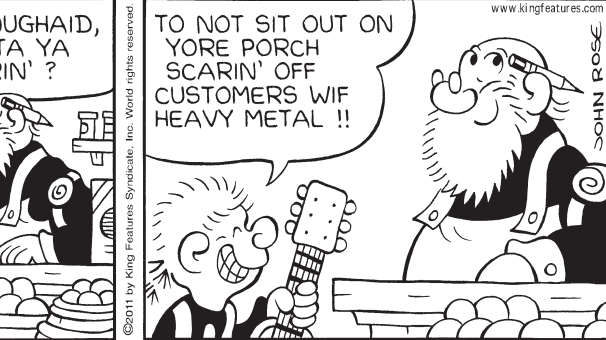
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 5, the 95th day of 2011. There are 270 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 5, 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death following their conviction in New York on charges of conspiring to commit espionage for the Soviet Union; co-defendant Morton Sobell was sentenced to 30 years in prison (he was released in 1969).

On this date: In 1614, Pocahontas, daughter of the leader of the Powhatan tribe, married English colonist John Rolfe in Virginia. (A convert to Christianity, she went by the name Lady Rebecca.)

In 1621, the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth Colony in present-day Massachusetts on a monthlong return trip to England.

In 1792, George Washington cast the first presidential veto, rejecting a congressional mea-

sure for apportioning representatives among the states.

In 1811, English philanthropist Robert Raikes, a promoter of Sunday schools, died in Gloucester, England, at age 74.

In 1895, Oscar Wilde lost his criminal libel case against the Marquess of Queensberry, who'd accused the writer of homosexual practices.

In 1964, Army General Douglas MacArthur died in Washington at age 84.

In 1986, two American servicemen and a Turkish woman were killed in the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque, an incident which prompted a U.S. air raid on Libya more than a week later.

In 1988, a 15-day hijacking ordeal began as gunmen forced a Kuwait Airways jumbo jet to land in Iran.

In 1991, former Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, his daughter Marian and 21 other people were killed in a commuter plane crash near Brunswick, Ga.

Today's Birthdays: Movie producer Roger Corman is 85. Country music producer Cowboy Jack Clement is 80. Former Secretary of State Colin Powell is 74. Country singer

Tommy Cash is 71. Actor Michael Moriarty is 70. Pop singer Allan Clarke (The Hollies) is 69. Writer-director Peter Greenaway is 69. Actor Max Gail is 68. Actress Jane Asher is 65. Singer Agnetha (ag-NEE'-tah) Faltskog (ABBA) is 61. Actor Mitch Pileggi is 59. Rock musician Mike McCready (Pearl Jam) is 45. Country singer Troy Gentry is 44. Singer Paula Cole is 43. Actress Krista Allen is 40. Country singer Pat Green is 39. Rapper-producer Pharrell (fa-REHL') Williams is 38.

Thought for Today: "I realized a long time ago that a belief which does not spring from a conviction in the emotions is no belief at all." - Evelyn Scott, American author (1893-1963).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| ACROSS | 66 Circus structure | 9 Appears to be | 42 Exotic jelly fruit |
| 1 Hoarse voice | 67 Double curves | 10 1930's Great | 47 Spy org. |
| 5 Does' mates | 68 Swiss mountains | Plains calamity | 50 Spoken, as an agreement |
| 10 Speaker's platform | 69 Start the pot | 11 Prefix for freeze | 52 Map within a map |
| 14 Choir member | 70 High-schoolers | 12 "Am ___ late?" | 53 Not quite right |
| 15 "We're off ___ the wizard ..." | 71 Pre-Easter period | 13 Planted, as seeds | 54 Bread with a pocket |
| 16 Golden Rule word | DOWN | 21 Evenly matched | 55 Adam and Eve's home |
| 17 Castle surrounder | 1 Sloping walkway | 22 Not in the office | 56 Tenant's payment |
| 18 "That's ___ how-do-you-do!" | 2 Lotion | 25 Prizefight site | 57 Simplify |
| 19 Stash away | 3 Play the lead role | 26 Birds of peace | 58 Wall Street initials |
| 20 Inventor's impossible goal | 4 Entrée with a crust | 27 List details | 59 At that time |
| 23 Mental measures: Abbr. | 5 Sports-page info | 28 "What a pity!" | 60 Type of cabbage |
| 24 Undersea craft | 6 Bean curd | 29 Swindler's victim | 61 Baseball Tonight channel |
| 25 French farewell | 7 Korea's continent | 30 Stand up | 62 Take it easy |
| 28 Fitness center | 8 Mil. bigwig | 32 Entire | |
| 31 Villages | | 33 "No way!" | |
| 35 Go bad | | 34 Sugary | |
| 36 On the ship | | 37 Make illegal | |
| 39 "What a relief!" | | 38 High-tech ID | |
| 40 Newlyweds' mutual pledge | | 41 Dorm partner | |
| 43 Finding ___ (2003 animated film) | | | |
| 44 Bahamas port | | | |
| 45 General Robert E. ___ | | | |
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| 48 Coloring agent | | | |
| 49 Ward off | | | |
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| 54 Laundry pen, for example | | | |
| 63 Brainstorm | | | |
| 64 Greet someone casually | | | |
| 65 Naval outpost | | | |

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