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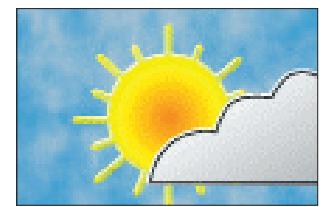
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Council OKS water restrictions

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council voted unanimously in favor of enacting Stage 3 of its recently approved water conservation plan Tuesday evening, part of an ongoing effort to cut municipal water consumption by 10 percent.

The measure — which calls for scheduled outdoor water usage — passed first reading April 12, also on a unanimous vote.

Enforcement of the Stage 3 restrictions is expected to begin May 1, according to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden.

"We still have to go through the process of publishing the notices, but the idea is to have everything in place by May 1," Darden said. "There's still plenty of work to be done, however, as we work to educate the public, not only on the restrictions, but also on other tips and tricks they can help conserve water."

Darden said residents with even address numbers — such as 110, 112 or 114 — are being required to limit their use of water outdoors to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between the hours of 12:01 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to midnight.

Water customers with odd address numbers — such



Courtesy photo

Big Spring residents are being asked to curtail outdoor water use to certain hours and specific days.

as 111, 113 and 115 — are required to limit their outdoor use of water to Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, also between the hours of 12:01 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to midnight.

City officials said outdoor water usage includes watering lawns, filling swimming pools or hot tubs, the use of fountains and spas and wash-

ing vehicles.

Darden said the restrictions target automated types of watering, such as sprinkler systems and other manner of devices water customers can turn on and walk away from.

"That's where you're going to see the biggest waste," Darden said. "On the other hand, watering by hand — whether it's with an old-fash-

Conservation tips

- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.
- If you accidentally drop ice cubes when filling your glass from the freezer, don't throw them in the sink.

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ioned watering can or with a hose — is less likely to run on and on when the person using them isn't around. So, if you have a backyard garden and need to water, that's fine, just as long as you're doing it manually."

Efforts by the city of Big Spring and other Colorado River Municipal Water District customers to curtail

water usage, especially when demands are at their highest, come on the heels of the district's announcement earlier this year that water deliveries would be cut by 10 percent.

Area residents who choose to ignore the restrictions — or waste water — may find themselves on the receiving

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Public hearing set tonight on dunes lizard

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will hold an information session and public hearing today at the Midland Center on whether to place the dunes sagebrush lizard under the federally endangered act.

Opponents say placing the lizard on the endangered list would devastate oil and gas production in the Permian Basin for at least two years. The lizard's habitat is in Gaines, Andrews, Ward, Winkler and Crane counties in Texas, and Lea, Chaves, Eddy and Otero counties in New Mexico.

The public information session will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m., and the public hearing will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at which time speakers may provide two minutes of public testimony.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will also hold identical meetings Thursday in Roswell, N.M.

Putt putt event promises family fun, chance to score hole in one on polio

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring Rotary Club has combined a way for the community to spend some family time and help a good cause.

A putt putt fund-raiser to benefit PolioPlus is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Park and Putt Family Fun Center. Entry fee is \$18 per person.

"We want everyone to come out and enjoy the fun," Dathan Jones, Rotary member, said. "It's a great way for the family to spend time together because anyone can play. If you can hold a putter, you can play."

PolioPlus is a program by Rotary International aimed at raising funds in hopes of eradicating polio. According to the Rotary International website, the goal is to raise \$200 million by the end of June 2012. The money will go toward polio vaccines and research in hopes of finding a way to rid the world of polio.

"The money raised during the event will benefit this program (PolioPlus)," Jones said. "When thinking of a fund-raiser, the board wanted something that kids and adults could do."

All those who participate will receive a T-shirt and have a chance to walk away

with a door prize. There will also be food and refreshments available.

"We won't be keeping score. This is just meant to be a fun event that is helping a good cause," Jones said.

Registration can be done the day of the event or tickets can be purchased beforehand at the YMCA.

For more information, contact Jones at the YMCA by calling 267-8234.

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

White House releases Obama birth certificate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House released the long form of President Barack Obama's birth certificate Wednesday in response to questions about whether he was really born in the U.S.

The certificate says Obama was born in Hawaii, which makes him eligible to

hold the office of president. Obama released a standard short form before he was elected in 2008, but requested copies of his original birth certificate from Hawaii officials this week in hopes of quieting the lingering controversy.

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Obituaries

Marvelene Bradford Dickson



Marvelene Bradford Dickson, 80, of Kingsland, formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, April 24, 2011, in Kingsland. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, April 28, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at the funeral home.

Marvelene was born Dec. 10, 1930, in Dallas. She married Bobby Bradford on Feb. 1, 1980, in Big Spring and he preceded her in death on Dec. 25, 1993. She then married Edwin E. "Red" Dickson Sr. on July 17, 2001, in Coahoma and he preceded her in death on March 19, 2010.

Marvelene graduated from Knott High School and attended Howard College. She received her LVN license and worked several years at various clinics and hospitals. She was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

She is survived by her children, Mike Mundell and wife Jeanette of Temple, Tresa Spencer and husband Dean of Kingsland, Steve Mundell and wife Wanda of Big Spring and Toni Mundell of Thomasville, N.C.; six step-children, Kenny Bradford and wife Sherri, Kathy Donohue and husband Mike, Jay Bradford and wife Dana, Jennifer Bullard and husband Randy, Edwin Dickson and wife Kim and Sabrina Hammel and husband Roger; two sisters, Joyce Ditto of Big Spring and Lou Ellen Romine and husband Herschel of Gravit, Ark.; 14 grandchildren, Lori Gonzales and husband Eddie, Jason Mundell and wife Stephanie, Shelly Stone and husband Gabe, Shane Clanton and wife Katherine, Chris Spencer and wife Brandy, Josh Spencer and wife Autumn, Justin Mundell, Rachel Mathis, Clayton Mundell, Brittney Mundell, Jenna Mathis, Beau Condrey and wife Megan, Jody Condrey and Amanda Arnold; 26 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; her best friend, Bonnie Hudson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, James "Jody" and Grace Bayes Kemper and one brother, James Ollie Kemper.

The family suggests memorials be made to American Cancer Society, in care of Carolyn Brooks, P. O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121 or to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

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

Paid obituary

Joe Don Marrow

Joe Don Marrow, 68, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 24, 2011, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 30, 2011, at The River, Park 2400, College Hills, San Angelo.

He was born Nov. 6, 1942, in Levelland.

He was a resident of Big Spring for 15 years and worked in the oilfield.

Survivors include three sons, Joe Marrow of Big Spring, Clay Marrow of San Francisco, Calif., and David Hargrave of Austin; three sisters, Anna Marrow of San Angelo, Debbie Mata of Riverside, Calif., and Laquitha Marrow of San Angelo; one brother, Grady Marrow of San Angelo; and one grandson.

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Mamie Madry

Mamie Madry, 100, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 26, 2011. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Doug Nichols

Doug Nichols, 68, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 26, 2011, in San Angelo. Services are pending

Arlis F. Case" Kennedy



Services for Arlis F. Case" Kennedy, 56, of Jefferson and formerly of Lindale are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the chapel of Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale with Bro. Jack Holt officiating. Burial with full military honors will follow in the Bethesda Cemetery near Lindale.

Arlis Kennedy died April 22, 2011. He is survived by his wife of more than 36 years, Judy Ann Kennedy, and his daughters,

Brandy Ann Morin, Angela Leigh Faubion and Amanda Gayle Bailey. In addition, he is survived by brothers Harry and Mitchel Kennedy and sisters La Verne Lockhart, Joyce Smryl, Sharon Henson and Gayla Beasley, and six grandchildren.

Arlis was born Nov. 4, 1954, in Big Spring to Floyd and Minnie Kennedy. He graduated from Sands High School in Ackerly and enlisted in the United States Navy where he earned many citations of commendation and awards.

Following the Navy he was a truck driver before joining the Air Force Reserve.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home in Lindale Wednesday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sue Brunson Lamb



Sue Brunson Lamb, 68, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, in a Midland Hospital. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, April 29, 2011, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, April 28, 2011, at the funeral home.

She was born Sept. 21, 1942, in Big Spring and married Eddie Lamb on April 22, 1960, in Big Spring. Sue grew up in Big Spring and attended Big Spring schools. She worked at the Casual Shop and the Tom Boy Shop for a number of years.

She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include her mother, Willie Mae Harrison; her husband, Eddie Lamb of Big Spring; two daughters, Lana Gammons and husband Larry of Big Spring and Cheri Murray and husband Wally of Spring Branch; two sons, Darren Lamb of Waco and Chris Lamb and wife Kim of Midland; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Sue was preceded in death by father, Jimmie Brunson; and one sister, Nancy Brunson.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Lung Association, 8150 Brookriver Drive S-102, Dallas 75247.

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

Shonie Bean

Shonie Bean, 51, of Scurry County, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 26, 2011, in Midland. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Police blotter

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

• MARIA DELCARMEN CERVANTES, 34, of 1103 E. 12th St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from other agency.

• ROGER KENDALL JOHNSON, 40, of 1801 Wagon Trail, was arrested Tuesday on charges of driving while intoxicated third or more, resist arrest search or transport.

• ANDRES LEE JUAREZ, 29, of 306 Denton, was arrested Tuesday on warrant from other agency (four counts).

• ADOLFO SEGOVIA LOPEZ, 61, of 1002 N. Main St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• JESSE RAMIREZ GONZALES, 27, of 102 Circle Drive, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of reckless driving.

• RICKY WAYNE WASHBURN, 52, of 1100 Richie Road, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than 200 grams in a drug free zone.

• CLINTON DALE TELLER, 22, of 49784 W. Gail Lane, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• GILBLERT RECIO JR., 37, of 1007 Wood, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of E. Third.

• THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

In the 900 block of S. Aylesford.

In the 2000 block of Gregg St.

At Walmart.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 900 block of Nolan.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1500 block of Tuscon.

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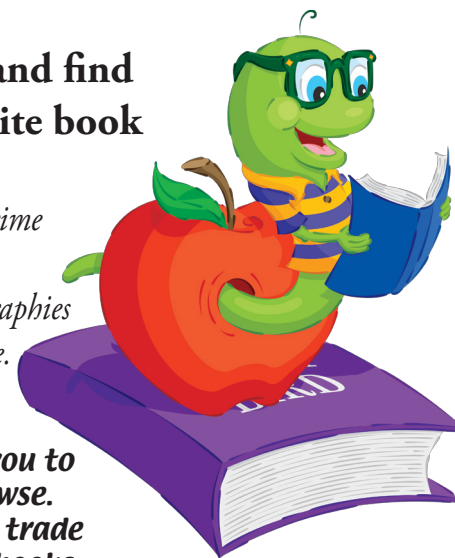
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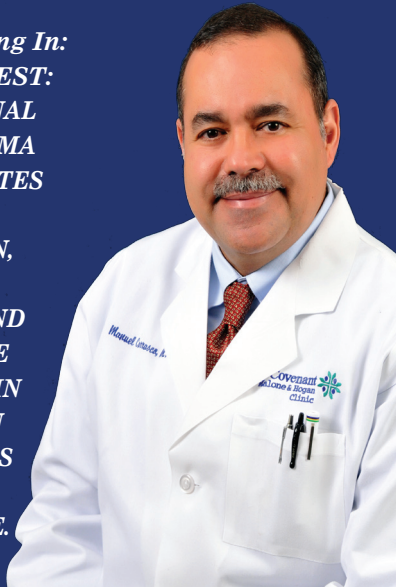
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Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- ANDRES LEE JUAREZ, 29, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Tuesday for warrants of *capias pro fine*/driving with license invalid with previous conviction or suspension; possession of drug paraphernalia, violate promise to appear possession of controlled substance less than one gram; fail to maintain financial responsibility; violate promise to appear (two counts); no seat belt-passenger and failure to appear.
- STEVEN ANTHONY AGUERO, 17, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of speeding- 84 mph/70 mph.
- KELLI ANN MCADAMS, 29, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on warrants for driving while intoxicated/ open alcohol container (second offense).
- MARK ARGUELLO, 37, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a warrant for driving while intoxicated (third or more); parole violation.
- MICHAEL ALLEN RICHTER, 36, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- CLINTON TELLER, 22, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHN M. RAMIREZ, 44, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a parole warrant.
- ADOLFO S. LOPEZ, 61, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated (third or more).
- TERRY ADAMS, 71, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JESSIE RAMIREZ GONZALES, 27, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of reckless driving.
- GILBERT SANCHEZ, 37, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALMA WAYDEAN RICHTER, 34, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- RICKY WAYNE WASHBURN, 51, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram in a drug free zone.

Fire, EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Nolan. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3400 block of Sherod. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 200 block of Circle. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

OBAMA

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White House spokesman Jay Carney says Obama felt the debate over his birthplace had become a "sideshow" that was bad for the country and political debate.

White House officials have said the issue was settled long ago. But so-called "birthers" opposed to Obama have kept the issue alive. Potential Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump recently began questioning why Obama hadn't ensured the long form was released.

"The president feels this was bad for the country, that it's not healthy for our political debate," Carney said in releasing copies of the long form to reporters.

The certificate is signed by the delivery doctor, Obama's mother and the local registrar. His mother, then 18, signed her name (Stanley) Ann Dunham Obama.

The form says Barack Hussein Obama II was born at 7:24 p.m. on Aug. 4, 1961, at Kapiolani Maternity and Gynecological Hospital, within the city limits of Honolulu.

There's no mention of religion. It says his father Barack Hussein

Obama, age 25, was African and born in Kenya and his mother was Caucasian and born in Wichita, Kan. Obama's mother and the doctor signed the certificate on

WATER

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end of a hefty fine, according to city officials.

"We want our city residents to understand we're not just going to go around handing out tickets to folks who water their lawn on the wrong day. That's not how it's going to work," Darden said firmly. "If there's a problem, our first goal is to educate

the water customer. I don't want citizens to think we're just going to run around handing out citations. Our goal, first and foremost, is to conserve water, not write tickets.

"On the other hand, there are just some people who don't care, and that's why we have to have fines in a situation like this. The fines can go as high as \$2,000, but it's ultimately left up to the judge who hears the case. People make mistakes. They can forget

things, and we know this. Fines are strictly a worst case scenario."

In the end, however, Darden said he and other city officials would much rather see Big Spring residents comply with the restrictions and look for ways to save water because it has become a necessity.

"We're all in this together. If we were to run out of water out here in West Texas, it won't matter whether you own a \$100,000 home or rent a small house. It will

impact everyone," he said. "There are always going to be a few people who just don't get it, but I really feel like the people in Big Spring can understand the extreme circumstances we're facing and pull together — as a community — to help make it through these tough times."

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TIPS

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Drop them in a house plant instead.

- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- When you are washing your hands, don't let the water run while you lather.
- Install covers on pools and spas and check for leaks around your pumps.
- Spreading a layer of organic mulch around plants retains moisture and saves water, time and money.
- If your shower fills a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace the shower head with a water-efficient model. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- If water runs off your lawn easily, split your watering time into shorter periods to allow for better absorption.
- Check the root

zone of your lawn or garden for moisture before watering using a spade or trowel. If it's still moist two inches under the soil surface, you still have enough water.

- Upgrade older toilets with water efficient models.
- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better than if it is closely clipped.
- When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your plants.
- Use sprinklers for large areas of grass. Water small patches by hand to avoid waste.
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Don't use running

water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety.

- Use drip irrigation for shrubs and trees to apply water directly to the roots where it's needed.
- Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive, and you can save 140 gallons a week.
- When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.
- Teach your children to turn off faucets tightly after each use.
- Avoid recreational water toys that require a constant flow of water.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.
- Make sure there are water-saving aerators on all of your faucets.
- When the kids

want to cool off, use the sprinkler in an area where your lawn needs it the most.

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Fannie Flagg has written many heartwarming stories people love to read. She splits her time between California and Alabama and her newest book, "I Still Dream About You" (M FLA F). It takes place in her home state of Alabama.

Maggie Fortenberry, a former Miss Alabama, thought she would have it all: a big house in an exclusive subdivision, the perfect husband and the usual 2.5 children. Instead, she is a realtor with a failing business, a ferocious rival and secrets in her past. This is a great novel that intertwines charm, mystery and old-fashioned wisdom to will help Maggie and her friend pull through tough times.

Other mysteries we have are Carolyn Hart's "Ghost in Trouble" (M HAR C), "Devil's Food Cake Murder" (M SWE H) by Joanne Fluke and "My Lost Daughter" (M ROS N) by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg.

Max Brand wrote many westerns and "The White Indian" (W BRA M) first appeared as a six-part series in the Argosy magazine in September 1922. It is the story of Rusty Sabin, who was only a child when the Chey-

enne Indians raided the homestead where he lived with his mother and father. Taken by the Indians and named Red Hawk, he remembers little of his life with his parents. Driven by hatred, Rusty's father has dedicated his life to stamping out the Cheyenne. What will happen when the two meet?

Gerald McCathern, from Hereford, has written "Outlaw County" (McC G). The New Mexico Territory in the 1880s was the wildest area of the west. Bank robbers, rustlers, crooked gamblers gather in Cimarron. Jim Cole and Ned Armstrong establish a ranch in the huge Maxwell Land Grant and struggle to protect it from the Santa Fe Gang. Quite an interesting book. We also have L.L. Forman's "Farewell to Texas" (W FOR L) and "Montana Dawn" (W WAL S) by Stone Wallace.

Do you have a dog that needs to have some manners? Cesar Millan, star of the National Geographic Channel Dog Whisperer, has a new book out called "Cesar's Rules" (636.708 MIL C). He writes on some of the most popular training techniques, food, clicker and positive reinforcement and on ways to teach the basic obedience commands. I do think he has some important points and it would work with any dog, as

long as consistency is key.

Animal lovers were shocked when Michael Vick's story broke that he was running a fighting dog ring. Fifty-one dogs were seized and Vick was convicted of charges relating to that. Were these dogs really vicious killers? Were they salvageable? In "The Lost Dogs" (636.083 GOR J), Jim Gorant has written an engrossing account of how 47 of the 51 dogs were saved. Gorant skillfully weaves the story from courtroom details, government red tape and criticism from Vick supporters in a riveting story of the dogs' rehabilitation. Quite a story.

In 1977, at the age of 33, Susan B. Komen died of breast cancer. This was still the time when "things like that" were whispered around, but no one talked about it. Since that time we have seen Katie Couric have a colonoscopy on live TV, yellow, pink, teal ribbons flutter in the air and cancer is not a dirty word. Relay For Life activities go on almost in every community and cancer survivors are cheered as they walk the lap. Nancy Brinker has written "Promise Me: How a Sister's Love Launched the Global Movement to End Breast Cancer" (362.196 BRI N). It will not be an easy book to read as you follow the journey Suzy took in her cancer

treatment. But it will be a book you will remember.

Nick Vujicic, the son of Serbian immigrants to Australia, was born without arms or legs. This is an amazing book on how he has achieved a rich and fulfilling life as an international motivational speaker. "Life Without Limits" (248.86 VUJ N) by Nick Vujicic will make you feel very good.

"King of the Road" (388.234 DEB A) by Alex DeBogorski is touted as "true tales from a legendary ice road trucker" (just like on Ice Road Truckers on the History Channel). If you ask Alex how he got started as an ice road trucker it won't be a long story. Instead, he will take you on a colossal torrent of stories where he has been stabbed, hit by a train, run over by a truck and nearly frozen to death. I think that he must be an adrenaline junkie, judging by the various careers he has had.

Be sure and look in the New Book Binder; there are far too many books for me to cover in the column. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The website is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

Hints from Heloise: What's not to love about bananas?

Let's go bananas!

Dear Readers: What's not to love about bananas? A single? A bunch? In a smoothie, or in bread? How often do you buy bananas? Once a week? Bananas that are extremely ripe (freckled) are sweeter than bananas that have slightly green peels, so pick accordingly.

Storing bananas on a banana hanger/hook keeps them from getting bruises. Green bananas can be ripened by placing them in a paper bag. To ripen quickly, add an apple or to-

mato to the bag, which helps the ripening process.

Once the bananas are as ripe as you'd like, you can place them in the fridge for up to two weeks. The skin will darken, but the inside will be firm and tasty. Also, peel them, place in a plastic freezer bag or container, and use later for breads, muffins, other baked goods and yummy smoothies.

What's your favorite way to buy, store and use bananas that are too ripe? Send your favorite hints, and we will send a Heloise pamphlet to

everyone whose hint is selected. Send your banana hints to: Heloise/Bananas, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000. — Heloise

Homemade nut butter

Dear Heloise: For several years, I would buy fresh peanut butter from the health-food store, straight from the grinding machine.

I decided to make my own. I bought a can of nuts and put it in my food processor. I added a little olive oil and refrigerated it. I also can use any other type of nut. It's delicious, free of preservatives and sugar, and easy to do. — Terry in Maui, Hawaii

Aloha to my friends in Hawaii, my "second" home state! — Heloise

Meatball addition

Dear Heloise: I keep a small plastic tub with a lid for collecting the crumbs at the bottom of cracker, chip and bread bags for meatloaf filler and meatballs. Just remember that most will include salt, so go easy when seasoning. — Gayle from North Carolina

Here's another meatball hint from Celinda, who sent it via email: "I am a working mom and wanted to share my meatloaf secret. I cut leftover meatloaf into large chunks and toss them in spaghetti sauce for quick 'meatballs.' I enjoy your column and am a fellow Texan."

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VICTIM SERVICES OF BIG SPRING TO HOST INAUGURAL FUNDRAISER

West Texas Casino Night & Concert with Cody Johnson Band

Victim Services of Big Spring announces their inaugural fundraiser "West Texas Casino Night & Concert with Cody Johnson Band" on Friday, August 5, 2011 at Hog Heaven BBQ Party Barn in Big Spring, TX. This first ever fundraiser is designed to help with the daily expenses needed to operate the non-profit independent community based program.

"West Texas Casino Night" will be hosted by Casino Parties of Lubbock and will feature blackjack, roulette, craps, and Texas hold 'em from 7p - 10p, with raffled door prizes valued at over \$5,000.00.

A concert featuring Texas country music artist Cody Johnson Band will follow from 10:30p - 12:00a. Cody Johnson is the recent winner of the "New Male Vocalist of The Year" award at the 2011 Texas Regional Radio Music Awards. When asked about performing at this inaugural fundraiser, Cody Johnson said, "I'm truly honored to be chosen to perform for this first time event, and can't wait to put on a great show for my fans in Big Spring and the surrounding area."

Tickets for this event will be \$30, and will include an all you can eat barbeque buffet, \$2,000.00 worth of casino chips to gamble with, and entry into the concert. For those wishing to attend only the concert, \$20 will be charged at the door.

KBST, Best Country 95.7 FM, will serve as the official media partner and L.T. Hinojos of LT Entertainment will serve as event producer.

Victim Services of Big Spring is a 501 c (3) non-profit independent community based program providing support and advocacy for all victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and all forms of violent crime in Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Martin, Mitchell, and Dawson counties.

Executive Director Shann Smith said, "Our staff, board of directors, and volunteers are truly excited about this upcoming fundraiser. This year we have already experienced financial cuts in our grants and this fundraiser will hopefully help with the shortfall. We are anticipating this to be an annual fundraising event, bringing community and agency together, and helping past and present victims."

For more event information and sponsorship opportunities contact L.T. Hinojos at 432-517-9536, or lt.hinojos@hotmail.com.

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News in brief

Violent weather rips through the South, killing at least 1

VILONIA, Ark. (AP) — Violent weather ripped through the South for a second straight night, killing at least one person in Arkansas, damaging more than 100 homes in a rural East Texas community and overturning a trailer at an oil drilling site in Louisiana.

The latest round of severe weather Tuesday night and early Wednesday came a day after a series of powerful storms killed 10 people in Arkansas and one in Mississippi.

The National Weather Service issued a high-risk warning for severe weather in a stretch extending from northeast of Memphis to just northeast of Dallas and covering a large swath of Arkansas. It last issued such a warning on April 16, when dozens of tornadoes hit North Carolina and killed 21 people.

The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management confirmed early Wednesday that one person died in a storm in Sharp County. Officials said the person was in a home near Arkansas Highway 230 but didn't know exactly how the person died or whether a tornado had touched down in the area.

Dozens of tornado warnings had been issued in Arkansas throughout the night. Strong winds peeled part of the roof off of a medical building next

to a hospital in West Memphis, near the Tennessee border, but no one was inside.

Afghan military pilot fires on NATO troops at Kabul airport

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Eight NATO troops and a contractor died Wednesday after an Afghan military pilot opened fire in a meeting — the deadliest episode to date of an Afghan turning against his own coalition partners, officials said.

The Afghan officer, who was a veteran military pilot, fired on the foreigners after an argument. The shooting occurred in an operations room of the Afghan Air Corps at Kabul airport.

"Suddenly, in the middle of the meeting, shooting started," said Afghan Air Corps spokesman Col. Bahader, who uses only one name. "After the shooting started, we saw a number of Afghan army officers and soldiers running out of the building. Some were even throwing themselves out of the windows to get away."

The nationalities of the eight NATO service members have not been released.

Five Afghan soldiers were wounded. At least one Afghan soldier was shot — in the wrist — but most of the soldiers suffered broken bones and cuts, Bahader said.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai condemned the shooting and offered his condolences to the relatives of the victims.

He said those killed were trainers and advisers for the Afghan air force.

The president ordered his defense and security officials to investigate the recent incidents to determine why they occurred.

Fed weighs next move as economy strengthens

WASHINGTON (AP) — The door at the notoriously secretive Federal Reserve is opening wider.

For the first time in the Fed's 98-year history, its chairman is to begin holding regular news conferences. For Ben Bernanke, Wednesday's meeting with the press gives him a chance to steer the debate about where hiring, economic growth and inflation are headed in the months ahead.

Investors will be looking mainly for clues about when the Fed will reverse course and begin boosting interest rates.

When their two-day meeting ends Wednesday, before the news conference begins, Bernanke and his colleagues are expected to signal that the Fed's \$600 billion Treasury bond-buying program will end as scheduled in June.



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News in brief

Bush to finish 100K bike race for wounded soldiers

TERLINGUA (AP) — Former president George W. Bush will finish a 100 kilometer mountain bike race across Big Bend National Park on Wednesday, along with 14 members of the armed forces who have suffered serious wounds in Iraq or Afghanistan.

The three-day-long Warrior 100 race started Monday and will finish Wednesday. Bush is expected to deliver remarks on the race and his commitment to soldiers who have been injured in combat.

The 14 soldiers are members of the Wounded Warrior Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping rehabilitate soldiers wounded in service after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The race also marks the inauguration of the Bush Institute Social Enterprise initiative, an effort to promote the efforts of citizens who find innovative ways to help their communities.

Texas House schedules redistricting debate

AUSTIN (AP) — The GOP-led Texas House

has scheduled debate on a controversial redistricting plan that would pit several Republicans against each other.

A new map for the state House is on the agenda for Wednesday. Dozens of amendments will be considered, and opponents will attempt procedural challenges. The Republicans have a lopsided 101-49 majority in the 150-member House, a supermajority so big that they can transact business even if Democrats don't show up for work.

With so many seats to protect, GOP leaders can't draw enough safe districts to protect all

their incumbents in the next election, in 2012. Initial proposals would draw several Republicans into the same districts, as conservative rural areas shrink relative to suburban areas. Hispanics, accounting for two-thirds of Texas' growth since 2000, are demanding more Latino-dominated seats.

Galveston hotel demolition halted after collapse

GALVESTON (AP) — Galveston officials have stopped demolition of the Flagship Hotel after a collapse injured a worker critically at the

longtime landmark on a pier on the island city's beachfront.

Most of the 45-year-old hotel already had been removed, but images of the scene Tuesday showed what appeared to be a remaining second level of the structure pancaked on the concrete pier that's over the Gulf of Mexico.

A city statement issued later Tuesday said a city building official has stopped work on the demolition until assessments and any needed corrections are completed. That's after the worker was taken to John Sealy Hospital in Galveston with what Fire Chief Jeff Smith called "very life-threatening" injuries.

XTO Energy drops plans for Southlake drilling

SOUTHLAKE (AP) — A company owned by Exxon Mobil has dropped plans to drill in a North Texas city where critics raised environmental concerns about the fracking process.

XTO Energy will not drill for gas in Southlake at Milner Ranch, where it had a permit.

Company spokesman Jeff Neu said Tuesday that the project doesn't make financial sense amid recent decisions by Southlake and Keller rejecting two other well sites. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports XTO wanted to connect all three sites to one pipeline.

Cleanup after East Texas storm damages 100 homes

EDOM (AP) — A daunting job of damage assessment and cleanup confronted a tiny East Texas town on Wednesday after a suspected tornado roared through, damaging more than 100 homes and injuring at least one person.

The storm slammed through the area 75 miles east of Dallas near the town of Edom late Tuesday.

One woman was injured when her mobile home was rolled by the storm, leaving it in a pile of debris. A video shot by the Tyler Morning Telegraph showed emergency responders covering the injured woman to shield her from rain and hail.



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Sports Calendar

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Class 2A softball playoffs — Coahoma vs. Kermit, Game 1, 7 p.m., Greenwood.

JUCO softball — Howard College at Odessa College (DH), 1 p.m.

JUCO softball — Frank Phillips at Howard College (DH), noon.

NFL, players back in court

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The NFL clearly isn't ready to get back to football and fans won't like the sound of this, either: Both sides are headed back to court.

U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson, who sided with the players and lifted the lockout this week, gave players a Wednesday morning deadline to tell her why she shouldn't grant the NFL's request to put her order on hold.

If Nelson denies the league's expedited motion for a stay, the owners will ask the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis for the same thing. They're also asking the appeals court, viewed

as a more friendly venue to the league than the federal courts in Minnesota, to overturn Nelson's decision.

And while that all plays out, the \$9 billion business is in limbo.

In one of the oddest days in NFL history, players showed up at their team headquarters Tuesday and most were told they were welcome to come inside as long as they didn't participate in "football activities."

Most left in a matter of minutes with more questions than answers.

"It drives me insane, that's what it does," said Chicago rookie J'Marcus Webb, who was told he and a handful of

other Bears couldn't use the team's weight room. "I'm trying to eat healthy and work out, do my job and right now I'm just stuck at home working out and watching cartoons all day.

"What's up with that? Let me get back to what I do best."

That could take a while. The 2011 season, and the business between 32 teams and their thousands of anxious players, are in a holding pattern. The NFL said it needed "a few days to sort this out" and provide some rules for everyone to follow.

"We are in the process of determining throughout the league as to just how we'll

proceed and when we'll open the new year across the league, the new football year," Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "We have not done that."

In a question-and-answer memo distributed by the NFL Players Association and obtained by The Associated Press, free agents were told they can contact teams and shop their services, putting pressure on the NFL to set up a free-agency system that complies with antitrust laws.

The document also told players that teams are responsible for care of any football-related injury, meaning

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Courtesy photo

Odessa Impact '00, a 10-and-under fastpitch softball team that includes players from the Crossroads area, recently placed third at a tournament in Lubbock, compiling an 8-2 record. Team members are, Hannah Bink, Alyssa Deanda, Serenity Garcia and Cierra Martinez of Big Spring, Mari Balderas and Hope Villa. Coaches are Scott McCall, Bryan Banker and Jason Villiereal.

Dallas does a U-turn

Mavs back in control of NBA playoff series

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**

AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Dallas Mavericks recovered from the embarrassment of squandering a 23-point lead against the Trail Blazers, taking command of their first-round playoff series with a determined victory at home.

Now they must break this season's losing tradition at the Rose Garden.

The third-seeded Mavs hold a 3-2 advantage in the series that shifts back to Portland on Thursday. Dallas got to Portland of the series with a 93-82 victory at home on Monday.

The Mavericks have yet to win in Portland this season. Both teams held home court in four meetings during the regular season, and both have stayed that course in the playoffs.

Sixth-seeded Portland's most recent win in the series was Saturday, when Brandon Roy led his team from a 67-44 deficit late in the third quarter to a 84-82 victory.

It was important for the Mavs to put that game behind them.

"Yeah, it was a frustrating loss, but we have a lot of veterans who have been through a lot and seen a lot," Dirk Nowitzki said. "You want to close it out when you get a chance. They got us twice up there, but we've been a good road team all year."

The Mavs were 28-13 on the road during the regular season, matching the Miami Heat for the league's best. Dallas topped the league the previous season at 27-14.

Since the start of the 2006 NBA Finals — which the Mavs lost in seven games to Miami after taking a 2-0 series lead — Dallas has gone just 2-18 on the road in the postseason.

Dallas has been eliminated in the first round in three of the past four seasons.

Portland, meanwhile, has won 12 of its last 13 games at the Rose Garden. Overall against the Mavericks, the Blazers are 46-18 all-time in Portland, and 8-1 in playoff games.

Portland center Marcus Camby was not putting too much stock in those numbers for Game 6.

"We can't really on being home as a cure-all," he said. "We have to play a whole lot better."

The Blazers have been drummed from the playoffs in the first round for the past two seasons.

In Dallas, the Mavs seemed to find an answer for Roy, who was heralded after he scored 24 points in Game 4, including 18 in the Blazers' stun-

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In brief

CGA to host Sunday tourney

The Chicano Golf Association will hold a golf tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course Sunday.

Registration for the individual stroke play tournament will be \$20, and will be accepted up until 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Also, the CGA will hold a members' meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the golf course.

For more information, contact Larry at 816-1684.

Howard to hold cheerleader tryouts

The Howard College Cheerleading Squad will hold try-outs Saturday 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 and Friday from 4-6 p.m. in the fitness center.

All interested persons need to fill out the online application, found at www.hchawk.com.

For more information, contact Hollie Allred at 432-264-8538.

Toronto starts fast, sink Rangers

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Adam Lind has to love hitting in Texas. And the Toronto Blue Jays like what their cleanup hitter is starting to do behind Jose Bautista.

Lind homered twice and drove in five runs for the Blue Jays, who got off to a fast start on the way to a 10-3 victory over the AL West-leading Rangers on Tuesday night.

Both of the first baseman's homers came after a five-run first when he had an RBI single. His fifth career multihomer game was his third at Rangers Ballpark, where he has nine homers his last 12 games.

"It's coincidence, I don't know," Lind insisted. "I re-

member my first two years, I didn't do anything here."

Blue Jays manager John Farrell was a little bit more excited about what Lind accomplished for a team that had been struggling for runs with teams trying to avoid Bautista, the American League leader with a .362 batting average and 23 walks.

"It was good to see some guys put some good swings right from the get-go, and history certainly speaks to what Adam Lind can do at this ballpark," Farrell said. "It's just very encouraging to see him with that kind of production as so many teams are now pitching around Jose on a regular basis."

After Toronto's five-run

first off Matt Harrison (3-2), Lind homered leading off the third and then hit a three-run homer the next inning. He had only one homer his first 21 games this season.

Toronto got singles on each of the first two pitches of the game, a liner to right by Yunel Escobar and a bunt by Corey Patterson.

Bautista then walked before Lind singled to right on the next pitch. There were two bases-loaded walks before the Rangers finally got outs when Travis Snider grounded into a double play that sent another runner home. John McDonald's RBI single made it 5-0.

"We came out right away today and manufactured a

big inning without the use of the long ball," Farrell said.

Brett Tomko took over for Harrison to start the fourth. Patterson doubled and Bautista threw another walk before Lind hit a towering 418-foot shot to right.

"The second one was his first pitch, just swung," Lind said. "The first one I hit it on the sweet spot."

Lind has nine homers his past 12 games in Texas. He had a pair of two-homer games there during the 2009 season, including a career-high eight RBIs that Aug. 31 in an 18-10 Blue Jays' victory.

"In the Tampa series, it was becoming more and

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ning fourth-quarter comeback. Roy had struggled earlier in the season with knee trouble, the result of too little cartilage between bones. He finally underwent arthroscopic surgery in January, and the three-time All-Star — for years the face of the franchise — was relegated to a bench role.

On Monday, the Mavericks limited Roy to five points in just over 26 minutes.

“They didn’t really make an adjustment, other than a change in defense. They went zone, the zone worked for a few possessions and they stayed with it,” Blazers coach Nate McMillan said. “They felt that it had disrupted us, and they stayed with it.”

In addition to the zone, Portland has had trouble all series long against the Mavericks’ pick-and-roll. And the Blazers’ top scorer, LaMarcus Aldridge, has seen his point total diminish from a high of 27 points in Game 1 to just 12 in Game 5.

Roy suspects the Mavs won’t make it any easier in Game 6.

“We can’t just go home and expect to play well. We have to play like it’s our last game,” Roy said.

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more apparent that they weren’t going to give (Bautista) much to hit, and the fact that (Lind) poses a threat sitting behind Jose is a huge boost for our offense,”

Farrell said. Jesse Litsch (2-1), recalled from Triple-A Las Vegas to make the start, held Texas to three runs and seven hits over six innings. The big right-hander struck out one and walked two.

Harrison, the left-hander who has lost consecu-

tive starts since a 3-0 start, gave up seven runs and eight hits with three walks and one strikeout. Tomko, in only his second major league appearance since 2009, struck out five in five innings.

“It was a night I want to forget,” Harrison said. “They came out swinging

the bat, then I kind of got out of my game, walked a few guys and made it worse than it should have been.”

After Lind’s homer leading off the third gave them a 6-3 lead, the Blue Jays had three consecutive singles. Snider’s hit drove in another run.

Hamilton says pace of rehab is encouraging

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton stood in a tunnel near the dugout with sweat dripping off his face and a look of contentment after his most extensive workout since breaking his upper right arm.

“Today is the best I’ve felt as far as my pain since I’ve been hurt,” Hamilton said Tuesday.

Exactly two weeks after getting hurt diving head-first into home plate at Detroit, the reigning AL MVP

went through a workout that included catching flyballs, throwing and running the bases.

He was in good spirits wearing a T-shirt featuring the words “Don’t Get Bitter, Get Better” surrounding a lemon.

“I don’t even have to say anything. That says it all,” he said, pointing to the shirt. “Don’t feel sorry for yourself. ... It is what it is. Just do what you can to get better, as fast as you can. That’s it, (there’s) a lot of season left.”

Hamilton sustained a non-displaced fracture at the top of his right arm, just below the shoulder, when he tried scoring with a daring dash on a foul popup after being told to go by third-base coach Dave Anderson.

The Rangers said then that Hamilton would be out six to eight weeks and wouldn’t be able to swing a bat for a month.

“Swinging will be the last thing I do,” Hamilton reiterated. “I’m just staying in on top of everything I

can until I get that back.” When Hamilton got hurt, the fracture was small enough that it wasn’t initially detectable on an X-ray until after an MRI.

There was a follow-up X-ray Friday, and Hamilton said team physician Dr. Keith Meister told him it was clear.

Hamilton is already taking some one-armed swings off a tee using his uninjured left arm, but isn’t ready to say when he expects to be able to swing freely with both arms.

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it’s “safer for players to work out on club property.”

NFL lead negotiator Jeff Pash said it was

too soon to tell exactly when free agency would begin and which players would be eligible.

“What we need to do is let the dust settle for a day or two and see if the stay is put in place, and then we’ll all know more

and go from there,” Pash said.

He expressed optimism and confidence about the league’s case — and the appellate court.

“On these issues in particular, the history of appeals court rulings has been quite different from how trial courts have looked at this,” Pash said. “We feel we have very credible legal arguments to assert, and we’ll know in a short period of time whether we’re right or not.”

At least the draft will be held this week, even if free agency and person-

nel swaps are up in the air. Few players, if any, are expected to show up at team facilities until things clear up.

Said New York Jets defensive lineman Mike DeVito after a fruitless visit Tuesday: “It was like a ghost town in there.”

“It’s very chaotic for the teams right now,” agent Drew Rosenhaus said. “It’s not chaotic for the players. Our position is the lockout is over, free agency should begin, signings should begin, offseason workouts should begin, everything should be going on.”

If Nelson’s ruling is upheld — by the judge herself or the appellate court — the NFL must resume business in

some fashion.

It could invoke 2010 rules requiring six seasons of service before players can become unrestricted free agents when their contracts expire. There also was no salary cap in 2010, meaning teams could spend as much — or as little — as they wanted.

Green Bay Packers president and CEO Mark Murphy suggested that might be the plan.

“What we would probably do if Judge Nelson and the 8th Circuit deny our request for a stay would be play under the same rules that we had last year,” he said. “It’s 2010 rules, those were agreed to by the players in the collective bargaining agreement, I think that’s probably

the rules that make the most sense.”

James Quinn, a lawyer for the players from Weil, Gotshal and Manges in New York, said if the league comes up with rules “we think they’re reasonable and legal, then God bless. If not, then we’ll keep fighting about it in court.”

Owners imposed the lockout after talks broke down March 11 and the players disbanded their union, clearing the way for an antitrust lawsuit still pending before Nelson. She ordered the two sides into mediation, but four days of talks with a federal magistrate ended with no signs of progress, just as 16 days of mediated talks did earlier this year.

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Rose, Bulls eliminate Pacers

CHICAGO (AP) — Sitting on the bench with four fouls and his team struggling, Derrick Rose pleaded with his coach to put him back in the game.

Chicago coach Tom Thibodeau took the risk and his All-Star guard responded, lifting the Bulls to the second round.

Rose scored 25 points, Luol Deng added 24 and Chicago finally played like a top seed, knocking off the Indiana Pacers 116-89 in Game 5 to wrap up their first-round playoff series Tuesday night.

The top-seeded Bulls can breathe a little easier after getting a dominant performance by their MVP candidate and an emphatic win that came on the heels of four dramatic games.

They can also turn their attention to the Eastern Conference semifinals, where they'll meet Atlanta or Orlando.

"Speechless right now," Rose said. "I really can't believe it. It's a great accomplishment. I'm happy for my teammates, happy for my coaching staff. They did a really great job."

Rose seemed just fine after spraining his left ankle in Game 4. He had it taped and acknowledged he was a bit apprehensive at first, but he wound up hitting 8 of 17 shots. He dominated in the early going and came up big in the third after the Pacers pulled within four. He scored 10 points over the final six minutes after returning with four fouls, and Chicago ended the quarter on a 23-8 run to

blow the game open.

The Bulls hit 14 of 31 3-pointers, including five by Keith Bogans (15 points) and three each by Deng and Rose. Deng also had seven assists and six rebounds.

Joakim Noah added 14 points and eight rebounds, and the Bulls won a playoff series for the first time since they swept Miami in the first round in 2007 and only the second time since the championship era. It was clearly their most impressive performance of the postseason even though Carlos Boozer scored just two points.

"All year long, we've focused in on going step by step," Thibodeau said. "I think once you start skipping steps and looking at all the other stuff, that's when you get lost. So

we knew we were capable of playing better, although when you look at the series, to be up 3-1, you've got to do a lot of things well, too."

Danny Granger scored 20 for the Pacers and had some strong words afterward for Noah.

He accused Noah of throwing elbows that ultimately led to a technical foul for A.J. Price after an altercation with Tyler Hansbrough and an ejection by Josh McRoberts later in the game.

"He's a dirty player, honestly," Granger said.

"Everyone knows in the league Jo is not dirty," Deng countered.

Tyler Hansbrough had 14 points and 11 rebounds, but the Pacers trailed the entire way and committed 21 turn-

overs.

The Pacers had just scored seven straight to pull within 61-57 midway through the third with Rose on the bench with four fouls when the Bulls put them away.

Taj Gibson actually started the barrage with a 19-footer. Rose, who had just returned, then went to work.

"They made a run and got it close, but we made a run and it really became contagious," Deng said. "Guys were just hitting shots and we moved the ball really well."

Rose hit a 3-pointer, blocked Hibbert down low, and hit another 3. Then, he stole the ball from Nick Collison and got fouled on the break, hitting 1 of 2 free throws to make it 70-57 with 4:32 left in the quarter.

Bryant shakes off ankle injury, leads Lakers past Hornets

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A sprained ankle is a minor impediment to Kobe Bryant at this point in his playoff career. Emeka Okafor is a much larger obstacle.

Bryant overcame them both on a dunk that propelled the Los Angeles Lakers to a wave of momentum toward the second round.

Bryant scored 19 points on a sprained left ankle, throwing down two impressive jams that led the Lakers past the New Orleans Hornets 106-90 in Game 5 on Tuesday night and to a 3-2 series lead.

Bryant's second-quarter

dunk on Okafor could turn out to be the Lakers' signature moment of a taxing first-round series that began with a stunning Game 1 loss.

That's exactly what Bryant was trying to achieve when he picked up his dribble with two hands and threw down a right-handed slam right in Okafor's mug.

"I just had a lane to the basket," Bryant said. "It looked like he was going to challenge me at the rim, and I decided to accept the challenge."

... It's a message for us that this was important. It's time to raise up and

do what we've got to do. They're not saved dunks. I don't have much of those left."

Bryant left New Orleans on crutches two days earlier after getting hurt late in Game 4, but he refused an MRI exam or extensive treatment when he got home. Postseason injuries are nothing new for the two-time NBA finals MVP, who has persevered through a slew of them during 67 playoff games in the previous three years.

"That's what he does," said Monty Williams, the Hornets' frustrated coach. "All this talk

about his ankle. Did it look like his ankle was hurting? OK then."

Trevor Ariza scored 22 points, Marco Belinelli added 21, and Chris Paul had 20 points and 12 assists for the seventh-seeded Hornets, who have lost three of four since their series-opening victory. Ariza hit five 3-pointers, but managed just six points in the second half as the Lakers took control of the game and perhaps the series.

Game 6 is Thursday in New Orleans.

"The great thing about it is now we get to go back to our home court

with our fans behind us, and we have to bring energy," Paul said. "The games that we've won in the series, we've been on attack mode. We have to get back to attacking the rim, and get to the free-throw line."

Andrew Bynum had 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Pau Gasol added 16 points as the two-time defending NBA champions roared back from a slow start in a pivotal game for their threepoint hopes.

And though he got off to a slow start and played less than 29 minutes, Bryant erased any worries about his fitness

with that poster-ready dunk over Okafor.

"That's for show," Okafor said of Bryant's injuries. "You know Kobe is going to play no matter what."

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Hall lifts Astros over Cards

HOUSTON (AP)— Bill Hall was happy for another chance to help the Astros with the bases loaded in the ninth inning after he grounded into a double play in the same situation in the seventh.

This time, he came through, hitting an RBI single to give the Houston Astros a 6-5 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday night.

Brian Bogusevic came home on a wild pitch by closer Mitchell Boggs (0-1) earlier in the inning. He singled before advancing taking second on a passed ball. Michael Bourn bunted and reached first on an error by Boggs that got Bogusevic to third to set up the score.

Angel Sanchez and Hunter Pence both singled to load the bases and set up Hall's one-out winner.

"Anytime somebody gets ... (on base) to give me a chance to hit and I don't succeed, I'm pretty upset with myself, I want another shot," he said. "I was able to get another shot. I hit the same ground ball and if they're in double play depth it's probably another double play ball, but being that it was in-field-in, it found a hole."

Boggs was disappointed in his performance

that not only gave him the loss, but his first blown save of the season.

"The wild pitch with a guy on first is unacceptable in the ninth inning, so yeah, I did things to put myself in a hole that was hard to get out of," he said. "They made me pay for my mistakes."

Pence homered and Chris Johnson drove in a pair of runs for Houston.

Lance Berkman put the Cardinals on top 5-4 with a ninth-inning RBI double off Brandon Lyon (2-1) before Hall ruined his homecoming. He said before the game that being at Minute Maid Park as a visitor was a bit sad and lamented not being able to finish his career in Houston.

He enjoyed the reception he received, but was upset his new team didn't get the victory.

"It's my job to drive guys in when I have the chance, and I had the chance to do it in the ninth to give us a chance to win the game," Berkman said. "They did a great job coming back. The bottom line is that we didn't win the game, and that's not good."

Berkman played 12 seasons with the Astros before being traded to the Yankees last year

and signing with the Cardinals in the offseason.

He got a standing ovation on his first at-bat and singled before he was picked off trying to steal second. Though the crowd was overwhelmingly supportive, there were a smattering of boos each time he came to the plate and two men sitting beside each other had dueling signs addressing his return. One read: "Berkman's a traitor" and the other said: "Berkman is the man!"

Lyon allowed two hits and a run in the ninth for the win.

Bogusevic's ninth-inning single came in his first at-bat in the majors this season after being called up from Triple-A Oklahoma earlier Tuesday. He arrived at Minute Maid Park from Round Rock, near Austin, where Oklahoma was playing in time to see the second pitch of Tuesday's game.

Hall hopes the come-from-behind win will help the 9-14 Astros get on the right track.

Daniel Descalso's third extra-base hit and second double of the game drove in Yadier Molina and tied it at 4 in the eighth inning. Descalso entered the game with an 0 for 9 streak and finished with a career-high three RBIs.

Reliever Jeff Fulchino retired Mark Hamilton in the eighth before Albert Pujols pinch hit. Pujols was out of the lineup as a precaution after experiencing mild tightness in his right hamstring on Sunday. The Astros intentionally

walked him, but Houston was able to limit the damage when Fulchino retired Colby Rasmus.

Houston starter Bud Norris yielded seven hits and three runs — all unearned — with six strikeouts in six innings. Cardinals' starter Jaime Garcia allowed six hits and four runs in 5 1-3 innings.

Houston had a chance to extend the lead in the bottom of the seventh after a bunt single by Bourn, a single by Pence and an intentional walk to Carlos Lee with one out loaded the bases. Reliever Miguel Batista escaped that jam when Hall grounded into a double play to end the inning.

Angel Sanchez singled in the sixth inning before Lee reached on an error by third baseman David Freese with one out. Garcia loaded the bases by walking Hall before an RBI single by Brett Wallace made it 3-2 and chased Garcia.

Batista gave a the two-run single to Johnson that put Houston on top 4-3 before retiring Humberto Quintero and Joe Inglett to end the inning.

Pence cut the Cardinals' lead to 3-1 with his home run to left field off Garcia in the fourth inning.

Freese reached on an error by shortstop Angel Sanchez with two outs in the fourth inning. Molina followed with a single to right field before Nick Punto drove Freese in with a double to right field to put St. Louis up 1-0. Descalso made it 3-0 with a triple that scored Molina.

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By Steve Becker

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Sometimes you have to lose control to realize what control really is. So if you experience a lapse in self-discipline, take a lesson from it. Ultimately, the mistake could be what keeps you faithful to your healthy routine.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You benefit from being slightly less available to others. You need time to yourself and also time for doing absolutely nothing. The latter is essential to your health, creativity and well-being.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You benefit from spending time with different personalities, strengths, voices and mindsets. But at the end of the day, you want to talk with someone who sees things your way. You'll have the best of both worlds today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). You are a superstar when it comes to debating, especially when you are arguing with yourself. Once you come to a conclusion, stick to your decision. Stand behind it or risk losing credibility.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You might state what you want, and very clearly. It won't be enough today, though. You'll need to make an extra effort to make sure that your needs are understood, believed and remembered.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The day will be productive as you follow up on your progress on all fronts. You'll be accountable to others and yourself. You'll determine what has been done, make course corrections and plan for the next checkpoint.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've been too busy to worry about whether or not a certain person has called you back. You're in a much stronger and more active place than you were two months ago.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are amassing a large body of work. Keep honing your style. Also, keep track of all you've done. Stay organized. It will help you to see the totality of your work thus far in list form.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 27). Your personal life blossoms as you exercise greater amounts of emotional control and yet are still as passionate and persuasive as ever. In May, your sunny disposition will change the emotional weather for all around you. The next four weeks will introduce new friends and a better support system. You have a special connection with Libra and Cancer. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 25, 19, 20 and 11.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My Taurus husband wants a divorce. I don't want to get divorced because I consider that to be giving up. Also, I will feel like a failure at life if I can't make my marriage work. Also, I'm afraid of how my three boys will be affected — they are a 5-year-old Gemini, and two 8-year-old Capricorns. I do understand that we don't have fun anymore as a family and that my husband and I have not had much between us for over a year. He wants to move on, and he thinks we'll all be better off. Is there any way to save it? I'm a Gemini."

If you fight your Taurus husband on this matter, he will only dig his heels in and become even more convinced that he is right. If he is to

come around, it will have to be on his own accord. Your best bet is to get into a happy place with yourself and your boys. This may sound impossible at this juncture, but it's well within your ability. Go on a vacation. Have fun. Get moving. Join a gym, take up karate or start a hiking club with your girlfriends. Make your own healing your No. 1 priority.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Taurus Jessica Alba and Capricorn husband Cash Warren are two earth signs grounded in family and work. The new year brings growth on both fronts, as the couple are expecting child No. 2. Alba has four luminaries in Venus-ruled Taurus, indicating extreme tenacity, a love of luxury, a demand for quality, integrity in all things and a passion for aesthetics.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have known "Cathy" since grade school. We are now in our 50s. In the past several years, we have become close again. Last summer, I set up a luncheon with "Lois," a mutual friend of ours. Cathy also brought two of her own friends. The women seemed nice, and we got together a few times for dinner and we also took a few trips as a group, but I always felt like a third wheel.

I haven't heard from Cathy much lately, so I finally asked her if something was wrong. Evidently, her friends aren't crazy about me. Lois informed me that I had done some things that made them angry. One was that I left the beach early so I could get ready for dinner, and the other was that I didn't participate in a discussion. (As I get older, I like to listen more and talk less and never thought it would offend anyone.) I barely remember these things, but I apologized to both ladies for not being more in tune with their feelings.

My husband and other friends were astonished that grown women would be so angry over something so trivial. I have a lot of friends and have never had this problem before.

I haven't been on a trip with these girls in months and am not sure I

want to. Meanwhile, Lois and Cathy have become very close. I still talk to Cathy, but she seems distant. I am sick over this. Can you help? — *Sick in Scranton*

Dear Scranton: Please try to understand that this is not a reflection on your ability to be a friend. It is simply that you do not fit into this particular group of women. It could be that Cathy's friends are jealous of your longer relationship and are trying to marginalize you. Or it simply could be that you have different tastes and emotional needs. The best way to retain your friendship with Cathy is to remove yourself from this group. See her on your own. You'll enjoy it more.

Dear Annie: Over the past few years, my husband has developed an odd habit. If asked a simple question, such as, "Would you like another cup of coffee?" he will

reply, "If you are so inclined." I find this rather peculiar, not to mention condescending.

The real problem is his need to blame others for his behavior. Last Saturday, he wasn't able to mow the lawn. No big deal. Rather than say he couldn't get to it, he rambled on about how our son usually does it, the sun was too bright, etc. Our children are now beginning to notice. My husband insists this is how normal people act. Our teenage daughter commented that "normal people" don't make excuses, and they take responsibility for their actions. How can I get him to see the poor example he is setting for our kids? — *Fran in Fresno*

Dear Fran: Your husband seems to be indulging in a little self-aggrandizement meant to make himself look good at the expense of others. We don't know who he is

trying to impress, but it obviously isn't working. Perhaps if you call it to his attention, he will see that he would gain far more respect if he held himself accountable.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Sober in San Diego," whose husband rants and says hurtful things when drunk and then denies it when he's sober. I'm surprised you didn't suggest that she get a voice-activated recorder and play his words back when he is sober. A friend of mine did this years ago, and it worked. If her husband drinks, at least he shuts up. — *Always Sober*

Dear Always: Readers have suggested such recordings in the past, and we think they are a great idea. Several also recommended video for a little extra punch.

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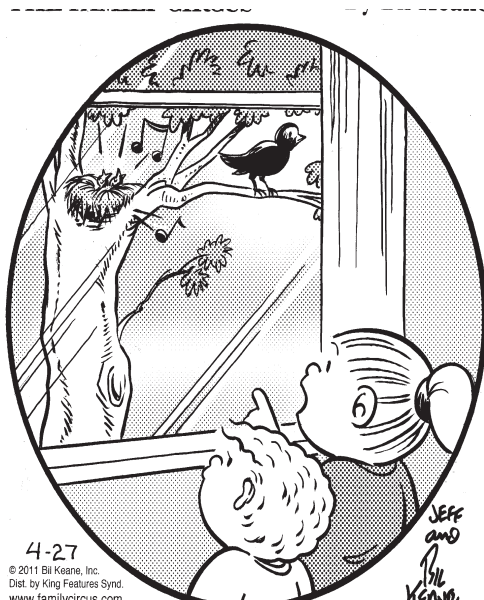
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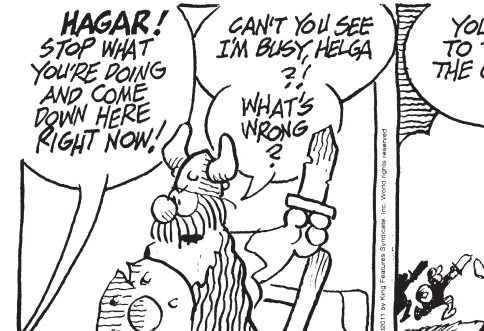
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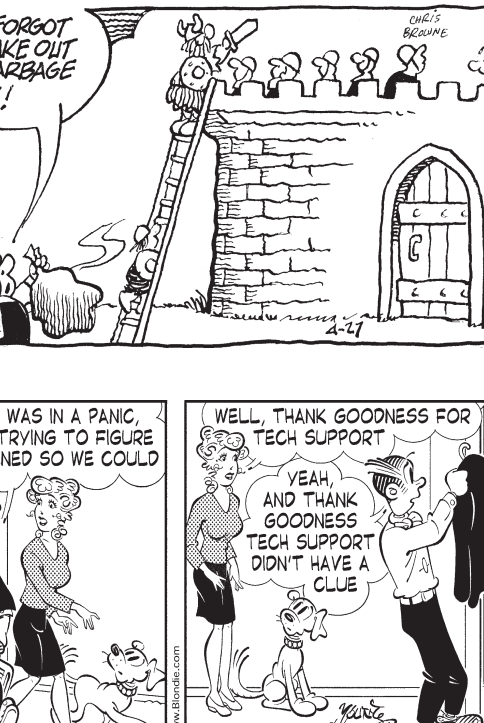


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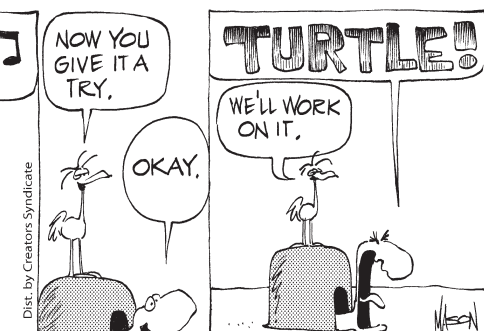
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, April 27, the 117th day of 2011. There are 248 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 27, 1861, President Abraham Lincoln, citing public safety concerns amid the Civil War, suspended the writ of habeas corpus in an area between Philadelphia and Washington.

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Newsday Crossword

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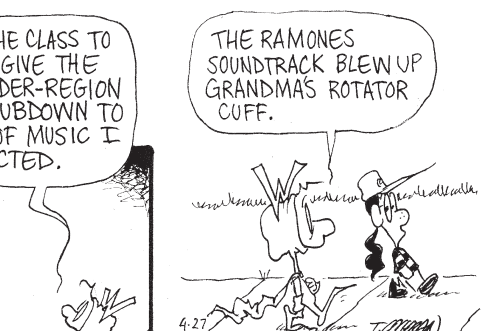
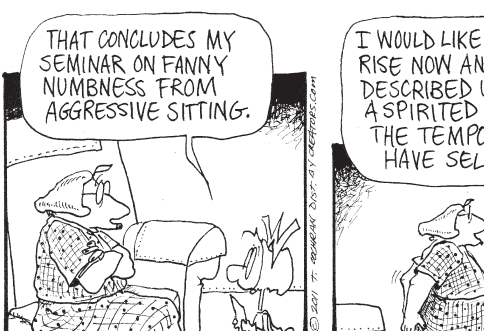


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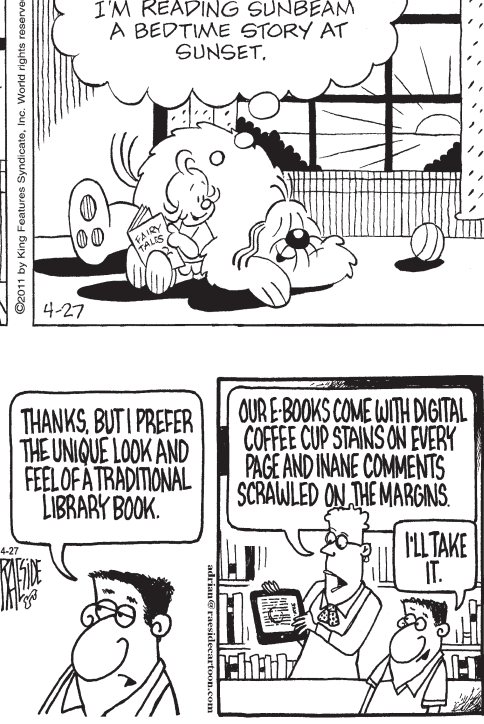
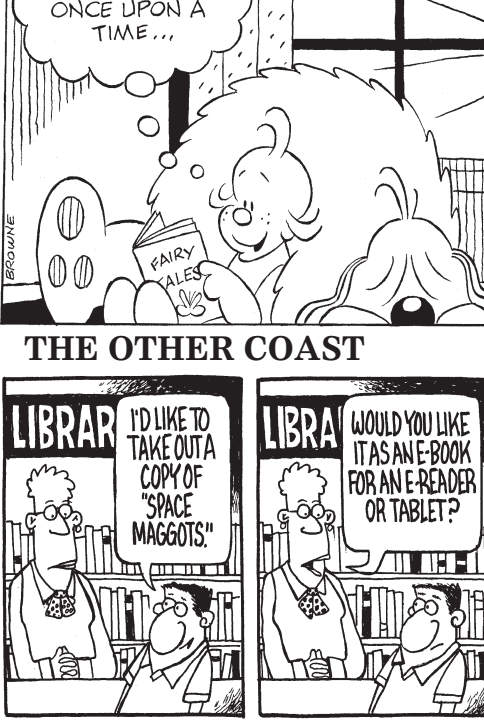
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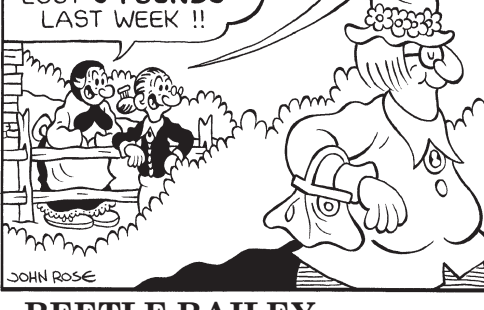
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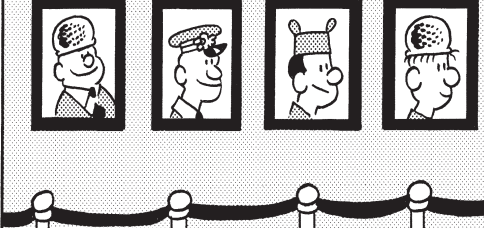
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