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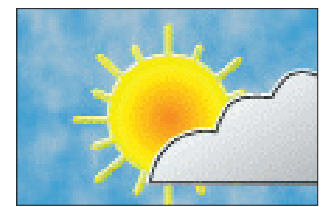


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EDC assists business, entity

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Economic Development Corporation has entered into an agreement to help a local business with its expansion plans.

Terry Wegman, executive

director of the BSEDC, said the board has agreed to help John Crane Solutions, a manufacturer of fiberglass sucker rods for the oil field industry.

"They are in expansion mode at this point and are looking to add 18,000 square

feet," Wegman said. "The project is estimated to be over \$1 million and will increase production."

The agreement will be in the form of a \$600,000 loan which can be forgiven if John Crane Solutions meets cer-

tain payroll and employment benchmarks, according to Wegman.

The board also agreed to provide assistance to the city of Big Spring for an upgrade project at Western Container. The fire sprinkler system in

the city-owned building is in need of repairs and upgrades in order to stay within code.

"We want to do everything we can to keep Western Container in good condition,"

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Pastor pleads, gets probation for solicitation

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

An Ackerly preacher recently pleaded guilty to two counts of online solicitation of a minor — a third-degree felony — in 118th District Court, part of a plea agreement with the district attorney's office.

George Ray McMorris Jr., 40, of 101 Ave. B in Ackerly, was indicted in November on three counts of online solicitation of a minor.

According to Assistant

District Attorney Robin Orr, McMorris accepted a plea agreement, pleading guilty to two counts while the third count was dropped.

"He received five years in prison, which was probated out to five years probation," Orr said. "He also must pay a \$1,000 fine for each of the two counts."

Orr said the victim's family agreed with the plea agreement.

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno
Congressman Randy Neugebauer, right, shakes hands with Howard County Volunteer Fire Battalion Chief Billy Wade during a ceremony at the Airpark Fire Station Wednesday afternoon. Neugebauer thanked local firefighters, presenting each with a District 19 Congressional Appreciation Medal in recognition of their dedication and hard work during extreme conditions.

Sands ISD seniors to graduate Friday

Herald Staff Report

Sands High School will be having its graduation ceremony at 8 p.m. Friday afternoon in the high school auditorium.

This year's 2011 graduates are, in alphabetical order: Anthony Bradley, Kynnie Campbell, Levi Duncan, Joseph Garland, Tommy Hensley, Albert Martinez, Brian Moore, Landon Parker, Lani

Robles, Blake Thomasson, Frank Vasquez, Jami Ybarra, Meagan Yarbrough and Morgan Yarbrough.

Principal Zelda Bilbo announced Landon Parker as valedictorian and Morgan Yarbrough as the salutatorian for this year's graduating class. Parker graduates with a grade point average of 95.63 and Yarbrough

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Neugebauer speaks on debt; says thanks to firefighters

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer made a stop in Big Spring Wednesday during his tour through Texas.

Neugebauer dropped by the monthly Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board meeting and was speaker at a Town Hall Meeting which took place at the Hall Center for the Arts at Howard College.

"Randy makes every attempt to reach out to his constituency and is always there when we need him," Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College, said. "We are always pleased to have him."

During the meetings, Neugebauer spoke about ways the nation can begin to climb out of debt.

"The deficit in our debt is not a small problem. It has become a big problem and will continue to grow unless we do something," Neugebauer said. "It's a big problem and big problems need big solutions."

He expressed that if the nation plans on climbing out of this debt, major changes are needed, including extreme cutbacks.

"Families are tightening their belts on spending and they are expecting the same thing from their government," Neugebauer said. "When it comes to cutting, we need to expect everyone to tighten their belts and not put more strain on one over the other."

When it comes to the oil imports, the nation is bringing in roughly 15 percent daily and the debt situation is be-

ginning to look the same, he said.

"We are already waking up everyday and bringing in oil and now we are having to wake up and borrow money to run our society," Neugebauer said. "We are becoming dependent on other countries in the two main areas — energy and investment. That worries me."

If the nation is going to get on the path to prosperity Neugebauer said spending is going to have to be reduced by 18 or 19 percent. According to information presented at the town hall meeting, if the current trend continues, by 2048 government spending will account for almost half of the GDP.

"We have a goal of cutting

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BSHS choir concert set Friday at the high school

Big Spring Junior High choir will perform its final concert of the year at 7 p.m. Friday in the Big Spring High School auditorium.

Admission is free. Everyone is invited.

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Take Note

• A fund has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union to help Belinda Gonzales and Roberto Perez, whose home in the 1600 block of Harding St. burned Sunday evening. The family of six is in need of everything — accommodations, clothing, help with clean-up. For more information or to ask how to help call Belinda at 432-599-2729. Monetary donations can be made to Angels Fire Fund at Cosden FCU.

• American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the post home, 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$10 each. Carry-outs are available. Delivery is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084.

• A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help pay funeral expenses in the death of Petra (Patsy) Torres. The funeral home is located at 301 E. 24th in Big Spring. For more information, call 432-267-8288.

• The Salvation Army will hold an open house from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 26. There

will be refreshments and door prizes. Tour the building and view the construction in progress. Salvation Army is located at 811 W. Fifth.

• All Coahoma High School alumni are invited to an all-school reunion on July 23. This year's program will focus on CHS music, to include honoring anyone associated with former CHS bands, choirs, musical groups, etc. Please help spread the word by sharing this information with any CHS alumni among your family/friends. The Reunion Planning Committee is meeting every other Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Coahoma Dairy Queen. Contact Joyce York Baumann at 432-816-1588 or Patti Lee Meeks at 432-267-6688 for additional information, or with mailing addresses for CHS alumni. Addresses can also be e-mailed to Harold Aberegg at aberegg66@gmail.com.

• Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise)

from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.

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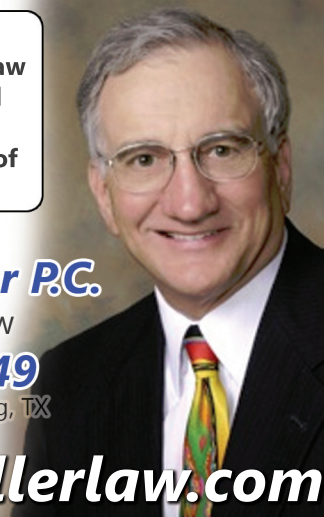
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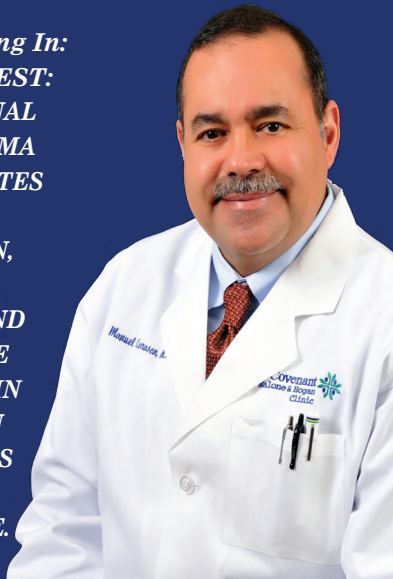


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World briefs

IMF head submits resignation while facing sexual assault charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the embattled managing director of International Monetary Fund, has resigned, saying he wanted to devote “all his energy” to battle the sexual assault charges he faces in New York.

The IMF’s executive board released a letter from the French executive Wednesday in which he denied the allegations lodged against him but said that with “sadness” he felt he must resign. He said he was thinking of his family and he wanted to protect the IMF.

“It is with infinite sadness that I feel compelled today to present to the executive board my resignation from my post of managing director of the IMF,” the five-paragraph letter said. “I think at this time first of my wife — whom I love more than anything — of my children, of my family, of my friends. I think also of my colleagues at the Fund. Together we have accomplished such great things over the last three years and more.”

“To all, I want to say that I deny with the greatest possible firmness all of the allegations that have been made against me. I want to protect this institution which I have served with honor and devotion, and especially — especially — I want to

devote all my strength, all my time and all my energy to proving my innocence.”

Obama defends Syria sanctions, stands behind calls for change

WASHINGTON (AP) — In his first comprehensive response to revolts across the Arab world, President Barack Obama is doling out punishment and praise, targeting Syrian President Bashar Assad for attacking his people but also promising fresh U.S. aid to nations that support democracy. Obama is also trying to erase any doubt that the U.S. supports the call for change.

Obama was expected to use his Middle East

speech Thursday to sharply defend new sanctions on Assad as the U.S. government toughens its message for the repressive leader: Embrace democracy or get out. In a primary thrust of his address, Obama also was announcing aid for Egypt and Tunisia, the two nations seen as models while protests for freedoms elsewhere have been crushed.

Collectively, Obama’s economic proposals will account for much of what’s new in a speech that, by design, is intended to look back and let him put his imprint on the massive change across the Middle East and North Africa over the last six months. The core of what Obama will argue is that the United States must help na-

tions modernize their economies and give job opportunities to their young people so that democracy can take hold and thrive — the kind of regional stability that is deeply in the political interests of his government.

Despite rift, U.S. and Saudi Arabia quietly expanding defense ties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite their deepening political divide, the United States and Saudi Arabia are quietly expanding defense ties on a vast scale, led by a little-known project to develop an elite force to protect the kingdom’s oil riches and future

nuclear sites.

The U.S. also is in discussions with Saudi Arabia to create an air and missile defense system with far greater capability against the regional rival the Saudis fear most, Iran. And it is with Iran mainly in mind that the Saudis are pressing ahead with a historic \$60 billion arms deal that will provide dozens of new U.S.-built F-15 combat aircraft.

Together these moves amount to a historic expansion of a 66-year-old relationship that is built on America’s oil appetite.

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Nell Jones, 76, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Lamesa Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Moses Flores Jr., 58, died Thursday. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. A Memorial Mass will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Lydia Reece, 55, died Sunday. A gathering will be at Noon Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sandra Heffington Webb, 60, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Charles “Bean” Williams, 78, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mary Fowler, 93, of Big Spring, died Thursday, May 19, 2011 at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

BSEDC

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Wegman said. “They are a state of the art company and deserve to be working in a state of the art facility.”

BSEDC agreed to provide \$850,000 in assistance to the city for the project. The entire project is being projected at more than \$1 million, but a final total will be determined once bids are received.

“This project helps ensure that a big employer

and community supporter stays in Big Spring,” he said. “Keeping them here helps maintain our tax base.”

Another addition to Big Spring comes from the recent notification by Wind Energy Transmission Texas that its headquarters will be in Big Spring.

“This isn’t a formal announcement, but everything is looking really good. They have leased office space and 10 acres of property to set up their maintenance and operations.”

For the past two years,

BSEDC has been working with Wind Energy Transmission Texas, the installers of the transmission lines which will run through Scurry, Martin, Midland and Howard counties. The majority of the transmission lines — which will run from Dallas to Big Spring and then from Big Spring north to the Panhandle — will be constructed in the Howard County area. Construction is expected to begin at the end of this year or early next year and at its peak will employ 1,000 con-

struction workers, according to Wegman.

“We have been trying to get them to set up their maintenance and operations in Big Spring since this is where most of the work will take place. With them setting up here there will be an increase in activity and a boost to our economy,” Wegman said.

Also on the agenda was a review of the sales tax receipts. The numbers for the month of March are the largest in history.

“The numbers being up show us our retail

sales are good and the economy is picking up. With all the negative economic talk throughout the nation it’s hard to believe, but here in West Texas we are actually doing really well.”

The next meeting of the BSEDC will be at 5:15 p.m. June 21 in the Chamber of Commerce board room located at 215 W. Third St.

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PLEA

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“The decision (to accept the agreement) was made after consulting with the victim and the victim’s mother,” he said. “I certainly wouldn’t have accepted the

plea without confirmation from the family.”

McMorris was the pastor at Ackerly Baptist Church at the times the offenses occurred, and is currently listed as an executive board member of the Lamesa Baptist Association and the Circle Six Ranch Baptist Encampment at lamesaba.org

Phone messages left with Ackerly Baptist Church were not returned in time for press. It is unclear if McMorris is still serving as pastor at the church.

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SANDS

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graduates with a GPA of 95.52. Parker plans to attend Lubbock

Christian University to major in business. Yarbrough will attend Hardin Simmons University with a major in athletic training.

Also graduating with honors are: Meagan

Yarbrough, daughter of Tommy and Monica Staggs of Ackerly and Mark and Tiffany Yarbrough of Big Spring; Joseph Garland, son of Adam and Sandra Hernandez of Ackerly;

and Kynnies Campbell, daughter of Ronda Williams of Ackerly.

The public is invited to attend the 8 p.m. ceremony.

DEBT

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the spending back to 18 or 19 percent by 2048 instead of increasing it. Some want to tax more and others simply want to reduce spending in order to get us back there,” Neugebauer said.

He continued, “If we can bring the rate of our

spending down, we can get back to a balanced budget and if we can maintain that we can get to the point where we have a surplus and we won’t have to function on debt.”

Neugebauer also made a stop at the main fire station in order to offer his appreciation for the hard work being done by local firefighters. He presented each of the

firemen with District 19 Congressional Appreciation coins.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

Some people have the gift of discouragement. They relish in pointing out the thorns on life’s roses. They can sap energy out of a room quicker than you can say, “Gloom, Despair and Agony.”

Other folks make lemonade out of life’s lemons and for good measure, cheerfully sweeten everybody else’s sour lemons. These individuals are not oblivious to difficulty and pain; they are simply aware of the big picture and choose to focus on solutions rather than problems.

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OUR VIEWS

Health care costs in retirement bring ignorance

There's too much ignorance about health care costs in retirement

Our sluggish economic recovery is taking its toll well beyond lengthening unemployment lines and ballooning bloat in the federal budget deficit.

Annual reports by trustees of both Social Security and Medicare bring the bleak news that tumbling receipts from payroll taxes and bulging enrollments in the nation's two basic entitlement programs spell trouble for both much sooner than expected.

Medicare is now expected to run out of money in 2024, five years sooner than anticipated; Social Security is projected to run dry in 2036, one year ahead of projections. Once the trust funds for the two programs are exhausted, the trustees' reports have concluded, payroll taxes collected will bring only enough to make partial payments to the enormous group of baby boomers that will be queuing up for benefits.

Can't say we didn't see this coming, can we?

That's why it was concerning to read ... how ill-prepared most Americans are to deal with the costs of health care in retirement, in particular. This is an inevitable and seemingly obvious expense of growing older. Surely, we all understand that these expenses increase as we age. Or maybe not.

According to a survey by Sun Life Financial, only 8 percent of us know how much health care costs in retirement will add up to in our golden years. If you don't know, prepare for sticker shock: It's an estimated \$200,000 per person, according to best estimates. For a couple at age 65, an average of \$230,000 will need to be socked away in retirement — and that doesn't include dental care, long-term care coverage and nursing home expenses. The convergence of these two hard realities — Medicare's financial day of reckoning coming sooner rather than later and apparent widespread public ignorance about the costs of health care in retirement — add up to yet more cause for concern for countless individuals, as well as for our national economic well-being.

In our entertainment-saturated culture, reality shows have proven a consistent ratings winner. It is time for that keen interest to be matched in real life. Most of us need to get real about our health care costs.

— *Houston Chronicle* —

Giving the forgotten a voice

It's time for a change ... time for something — different.

For the most part, I've always been one to follow the rules, do what everyone says and keep to myself. However, in the past few years I have decided that enough is enough.

It's really easy to get influenced by others and have your writing influenced, but the true test, in my opinion, is being able to withstand the corruption and the negative influences that too often surround journalists.

It seems easy to report and go along with the topics that aren't going to anger anyone. It's easy to avoid topics people don't want to hear about, and it's even easier to make everyone happy.

Then again, if you stop and think about it, you can't make everyone happy.

There will always be someone who doesn't agree with what you write, doesn't believe in what you say and usually, it's the group with the loudest voice you will hear from, whether it be good or bad. There will be those to voice their opinions and try to squash the different. Those are the ones who believe every topic should be catered to them because they are the driving and powerful force.

To that I say, you're wrong.

Of course, it's better to make the larger group happy and have less problems or negative comments, but then again I have to wonder; what about those few, the small group whom people forget about. What about those who feel their ways are never touched upon and the things they find important are never given any light? What about those people?

Maybe I'm partial because I have always been one of those people and maybe I just see a different picture. There are plenty of people out there willing to talk about the accepted, well received and the “common” topics of everyday life and business.

Are those the only topics worth telling about? Isn't there more to life than just the commonalities?

There are so many issues which used to be considered taboo and were hidden away, but somehow society became accepting of those issues.

There was a time when being a single mother was a shameful fate; being a woman with a dream and want to pursue education was not allowed; people with mental issues and deformities were shunned, ignored and sometimes punished. The list could go on and on about what has become accepted, but there will always be those who believe their way

of thinking is the only right way. Well to you I say, in journalism there is no right or wrong way of thinking and every topic deserves attention. Just as society has changed in what it accepts, so should writing change in the topics it addresses.

I never started writing to please people. I've never written an article to make the majority happy. I simply write the facts in a way anyone can understand, and I approach topics, in my opinion not touched upon enough. I am striving to reach those people who feel they have nobody. I want to report on the causes that are important but too often overlooked.

I have no interest in making the powerful more powerful and I have no desire to bring them down. However, I do have the desire to shed light on things that may never be touched upon and bring attention to things that have been overlooked for too long. I want to bring a different perspective to the ways of society.

I have been given the opportunity to experience things others may not have the chance to ever experience. I have been given an inside look at things other people may never be able to see or even understand, and I don't plan on wasting that. I know I may not be able to bring everyone with me and make them see what I see or view things the way I view them, but I can offer my thoughts and opinions in hopes of reaching those who may never be reached.

I understand there will be those who will remain stuck in their ways. They will never appreciate the words I write and frown upon the topics I choose, but that's OK. When I chose my career — my dream — there are some things I never expected.

I never expected to get rich because I know newspapers just are not the platform they once were and will most likely never be again. I never expected to be able to make everyone happy and I never expected to make a huge name for myself. Honestly, I have already done a lot more than I expected to do.

However, I did expect to be a journalist people could trust. Someone people know will touch upon the issues others were afraid to touch upon. Someone to do their best to let others know they are not alone and their stories do matter.

When I have people read my articles and columns I want them to be able to believe what I say, trust what I say and know I am someone just like them. I am nobody special and my words are no more important than theirs. Everyone deserves to tell their story and have their issues addressed, just maybe I can be the

one to help them get there.

During the past two and a half years I have written my fair share of “common” articles. I have touched upon personal issues, which some have questioned and have tried to shed light on worthy causes that are hardly ever heard of. All the topics I have ever touched upon do not come from what others will enjoy or what will go over well. When it comes to writing my column I base them off of my own life, my issues and my own experiences. After all there is no truer form than what we know and what we feel.

I have questioned sometimes if I want to share some of the personal stories, but I realized if I was feeling the way I was there is bound to be someone else out there feeling the same way I do. I reiterate, if I can get through to one person and let them know they are not alone then it's worth it. It's worth sharing my pain, it's worth having others cast judgement and it's worth others complaining.

I have been asked a few times now to not write about what I write about and to that I say no. There will not be a censor to my voice and to the voice of those who are overlooked. Answer me this, what makes politics and religion more important than the pain we each deal with in life? Why do those issues deserve to be put into print, but the others don't?

I argue so strongly to continue to write what I write for one reason: I know it is serving a purpose.

I have questioned what I share, but it always seems it's when I share the personal I receive the most response. I know I have served the purpose I set out to do, I have received the confirmation I needed.

That confirmation does not come from the powerful or the wealthy; it comes from those that have by chance read my column and found a light at the end of the tunnel. It's in those who have felt they were not alone because of my column and from those who have found a way to go on because they saw I had made it through somehow.

They are the reason I fight so strongly to share my column and they are the reason I will continue to write what I write. It's not about sharing my business with everyone, or bringing pity to myself; it's simply about making people feel they are understood and not alone.

After all, isn't that what everyone wants...

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What exactly is in a name? Go ahead and ask Steve Campbell — both of them...

Expressing opinions on politics, religion or your favorite American Idol star is like giving a cat a bath. No matter how carefully you handle the situation, you're going to get wet and mostly likely hurt.

We all know this. We all still do it. Sounding off is just human nature.

Unfortunately, one such local businessman recently received the brunt from backlash generated by a letter to the editor published in the Sunday, May 8 edition of the Big Spring Herald.

It's no secret Steve Campbell is dissatisfied with some of the leadership and past decisions made by the city council. When he was a member of the Concerned Citizen's Council, he helped organize several of the “infamous” petition drives, including the term limits issue which was passed in Saturday's election.

It's not much of a surprise to those who keep up with local politics that Steve would write a letter support-

ing three of the challengers who ran against the city council incumbents in which he says, “I consider myself a friend to all three political hopefuls, so therefore, I would not try to tell the voters in District 1 or 3 whom to vote for, but I would beg the voters in District 1 and 3 not to vote for the incumbents!”

And It's no revelation someone would get offended. Just like bath time, the little knives came out.

One such person dashed off a vicious letter in which the author castigates Steve's audacity for expressing his support for the challengers because “he does not have the right to tell people who to vote for.”

Then, he or she delivered the anonymously-signed statement to Elrod's Furniture Store claiming to be “through with Elrod's Furniture store.”

Just one problem, Steve Campbell, manager at Elrod's, is not the same Steve — letter-writing — Campbell.

Oops. Yes, there are two completely different individuals named Steve Campbell in this town.

And this leads to a few other human traits — judgement and assumption. Remember, Big Spring is a town

with a population of a little less than 25,000. No matter how big a social animal you may be, you just might not know every “Steve Campbell” in town.

Just because a “Jane or John Doe's” name turns up in the police beat, doesn't mean it's the same “Jane or John Doe” who lives down the street, works with you or sells you furniture.

You might want to fact-check first before throwing poisonous insults at completely innocent people.

I don't personally know him, but I feel for Steve — who didn't write the letter — Campbell. Working in this industry for more than 10 years, I expect to hear insults and angry voices from time to time. Remember I work with Thomas Jenkins who I'm pretty sure is destined to have a Facebook page dedicated to Jenkins haters with elected city officials as founding members.

But to come to work one day in a service-related industry, not known for creating controversy, to read a vehemently angry letter taking you to task for something you didn't do, must be heartbreaking and frustrating. And it makes you wonder how many more whispers are floating

behind your back, tarnishing your hard-built reputation.

Assumptions are not facts. Words are powerful and can be destructive or enlightening.

Not all Steve Campbells share the same view of this world or city.

The letter writer could have avoided this mistake by simply asking Elrod's Steve about the letter. But then he or she would have to look him in the eye and have an actual conversation, learn a little bit about the man and discover he is a human being. Anonymity makes animosity much easier to foster for some.

That makes me understand the letter's ending: “I will not sign this letter because I don't want anyone calling me about this matter.”

Ignorance is bliss.

For the record, I do know Steve — who wrote the letter — Campbell and call him a friend. We often disagree on local and national politics, but I'm not going to defend him here. Steve is quite capable of defending his own opinions.

Lyndel Moody is a long-time employee and features writer for the Big Spring Herald



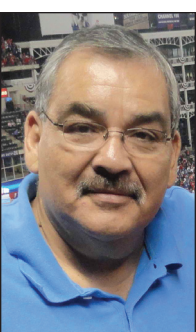
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Obituaries

Moses Flores Jr.



Moses Flores Jr., of Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring went to be with the Lord on May 12, 2011, at the age of 58 years. Moses was born in Big Spring on Aug. 13, 1952, to Moses and Evelyn Flores.

Visitation and rosary will be held at Myers & Smith Chapel at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 19, 2011.

A celebration of his life will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church on Friday, May 20, 2011, at 2 p.m.

He was employed by Penske Trucking in Arlington.

His surviving family includes his children, Joshua Flores of Houston, Eli Flores and Elena Flores of Big Spring; girlfriend, Lana Ewings of Weatherford; mother, Evelyn Flores of Big Spring; brother, Richard Flores and Mary Flores of Big Spring; sister, Terry Martinez and Freddy Martinez of Saginaw; sister, Martha Flores and Kate Roberts of Los Angeles, Calif.; and sister, MaryAnn Leal and Gilbert Leal of Big Spring. He also had two nieces, Natalie Alba and Samantha Flores; and two nephews, Michael Leal and Gabriel Leal.

Moses was preceded in death by his father, Moses Flores Sr.

A memorial fund has been set-up for his kids, Elena and Eli Flores. Please contact the Wells Fargo Bank in Big Spring and the account is listed under Terry Martinez.

Moses enjoyed spending his time playing with his kids and when he was not doing that, he liked to be with his friends doing many things from playing billiards, taking photographs to watching boxing.

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

Paid obituary

Sharon L. Carter



Sharon L. Carter, 48, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 15, 2011, at her residence. Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 21, 2011, at the Midway Baptist Church.

She was born June 4, 1962, in French Camp, Calif., and followed her family to Texas, moving to Big Spring in 2005. Sharon worked at Denny's and then went to work at the Big Spring State Hospital where she became a supervisor over the APS Female Unit.

Survivors include her fiancé, Harry Vela of Big Spring; her daughter, Sonya Carter of Los Angeles, Calif.; her brother, Adrain Arduini of Hayward, Calif.; and her mother, Diana Howell of Gatesville. She was preceded in death by her father, Bruno Arduini.

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Manuel Sosa Dominguez Sr.



Manuel Sosa Dominguez Sr., 74, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at his home surrounded by his family. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Manuel was born Oct. 24, 1936, in Big Spring to Felipe and Vidala Sosa Dominguez. He married Adela Escovedo on July 25, 1964, in Big Spring.

Manuel was a Catholic and member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. He retired from Howard College in 1998.

Manuel is survived by his wife, Adela; four daughters, Monica Martinez and husband Jose Luis, Patsy Garza and husband Albert and Becky Dominguez and husband Eddie White, all of Big Spring, and Dr. Cecilia Dominguez of San Antonio; two sons, Manuel Dominguez Jr. and P.J. Dominguez, both of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister; and two brothers.

Manuel is preceded in death by his parents, one sister and three brothers.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Vincent de Paul, 2009 Hearn St., Big Spring 79720; or to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St. Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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Lydia Reece



Lydia Reece, 55, of Sand Springs died Sunday, May 15, 2011, at her residence. A gathering for friends and family will be held at noon Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born July 2, 1955, in Big Spring to Flora and Orville Brant. She grew up in Howard County and attended Coahoma Schools. She lived in the Dallas and Denton areas for 33 years and worked at Metro Optics in Dallas. She returned to Big Spring from Denton in 2004 and worked at Howard College until becoming ill.

She is survived by her son, Chris Reece of Sand Springs; one brother, Billy Brant and wife Joyce of Dallas; a boyfriend; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Sandra Thompson; and two brothers, Joe Brant and Steve Brant.

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Charles 'Bean' Williams

Charles "Bean" Williams, 78, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 21, 2011, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Pastor Calvary Calander officiating.

He was born Aug. 20, 1932, in Knott to Flossie Jewell and Roy Burt Williams. He graduated from Knott High School and married Earlane Wright on Nov. 12, 1951, in Big Spring. He farmed at Knott and had worked at Cosden for 12 years. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County and a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

He is survived by his wife, Earlane Williams of Big Spring; two daughters, Cathy Williams and Debra Kuykendall and husband Tom of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one brother, Leo Williams and wife Ella of Hex; and two sisters, Ann Alexander and husband Allen of Big Spring and Rosetta Petty and husband Homer of Eastland.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Wanda Prater; two sons, Charles Dean Williams and Bobby Williams; one grandson; and two brothers, Lee Williams and Bill Williams.

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Saundra Heffington Webb

Saundra Heffington Webb, 60, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mary Fowler

Mary Fowler, 93, of Big Spring died Thursday, May 19, 2011, at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- SIDNEY ALLEN SHOUP, 48, of 1218 E. 16th St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- MANUEL ONTIVEROS JR., 22, of 4218 Dixon, was arrested Wednesday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and public intoxication.
- ESHA EVONNE VANDERBILT, 26, of 2506 Albrook, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for theft (two counts), failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- JOHN EUGENE KELLEY, 44, of 606 Centerpoint Rd., was arrested Wednesday on warrants for driving while intoxicated – second offense, driving while license invalid – DWI related and accumulated items/weeds/rubbish (two counts).
- ROBERT LEE EVANS JR., 29, of 1502 Tucson, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and failure to identify – giving false information.
- THEFT was reported: In the 1500 block of Rannels. In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1100 block of S. Lancaster.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.

- MANUEL ONTIVEROS JR., 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and public intoxication.
- SIDNEY A. SHOUP, 48, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ESHA EVONNE WARD, 26, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on municipal capias warrants for theft (two counts), failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- ROBERT LEE EVANS, 29, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information and a Howard County warrant for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- JOHN EUGENE KELLEY, 44, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated – second offense, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and municipal warrants for weedy lot (two counts).

sudoku

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Mandatory Falsecard

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 5 2
♥ 8 7 4
♦ 4
♣ A Q 8 5 4 2

WEST
♠ Q 8 6 3
♥ 6
♦ 10 8 7 3 2
♣ K 10 3

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

SOUTH
♠ A J
♥ A K Q 9 5 3
♦ K Q J 5
♣ 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2♣*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥			

*artificial, strong

Opening lead — three of spades.

As a general rule, it is not advisable for the defenders to falsecard during the play because they run the risk of fouling each other rather than the declarer. However, there are occasions when a falsecard cannot possibly deceive partner and may lead declarer astray. In such situations, the falsecard is mandatory.

Take this case where South, clearly not from the shrinking violet school of bidding, arrived at six hearts. West led a spade to the king

and ace, leaving declarer no choice but to attempt an early club finesse in order to dispose of his spade loser.

So, after drawing one round of trumps, he led a club to the queen and breathed easier when it held the trick. He then cashed the ace, on which West deposited the king as South discarded the jack of spades.

Since a diamond ruff in dummy might be necessary, it was still too soon to draw the remaining trumps. Declarer next led a diamond from dummy. But when East rose with the ace and returned the jack of clubs, South had a knotty problem. He couldn't tell whether West's play of the king on the second club was a falsecard, or whether West had really started with just the K-3.

If West began with only two clubs, the question of which heart to trump with became vital. If West had the jack or ten of hearts singleton and no more clubs at this point, the only way to get home safely was to trump high and then draw the two missing trumps. But if West had falsecarded in clubs, trumping high might cost the contract.

It is only of academic interest to note that South misguessed by ruffing high, thereby establishing a trump trick for East. The key point is that if West had played the ten on the ace of clubs, declarer would not have had any problem whatever and would have made the slam.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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Senate panel derails sanctuary cities bill

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AUSTIN — A Texas Senate committee derailed a plan Wednesday that would have allowed local police to question anyone they detain about their citizenship status, a major defeat for Gov. Rick Perry, who had called the effort an emergency and put it on the legislative fast track.

The so-called "sanctuary cities" bill sparked months of heated criticism from police chiefs across the state and Democrats in the Legislature who feared the measure would encourage racial profiling and make it harder for police to do their jobs.

The House passed the bill over emotional protests from Hispanic Democrats, but the Senate committee rejected the police enforcement measure after citizens packed a committee room to testify against it.

Instead, the panel proposed new language that would change state laws to increase border security and expand the use of a federal citizenship verification program. That bill was left pending because a quorum wasn't present to give it final approval.

Sen. Tommy Williams, the chairman of the Senate committee and a member of Perry's own party, said he has no intention of restoring sanctuary cities language in the new bill unless it came back through his committee.

"At this point in the session, it's pretty unlikely," he said.

Though opponents agree that Texas' immigration system is broken, they argue the legislation would only exacerbate the problem.

Police departments have repeatedly said that being required to take on a federal responsibility will further splinter a system already buckling under the weight of local public safety issues and limited funding. Chiefs argue that enforcing this legislation would jeopardize public safety by ostracizing the local immigrant community and making them afraid to report crimes.

Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo said the bill would distract local officers from their No.1 priority — public safety.

"Having local law enforcement be an agent to deal with immigration is short-sighted for a myriad of reasons," Acevedo said. "This is an emotional issue that, from the public safety perspective, is counterintuitive and will actually have negative consequences.

Acevedo also shot down the notion that local police currently turn a blind eye to illegal immigration.

"We're already going after criminals," he said, adding that the bill will undermine the efforts local departments have employed for years to combat racial profiling.

None of Texas' major cities

claim to be sanctuary cities, and opponents of the legislation argue that it is irresponsible to make public policy to deal with a perception rather than reality.

"I thought what happened in Arizona would stay in Arizona," said Terri Burke, executive director of ACLU of Texas.

The new language adopted by the committee would require law enforcement agencies to run anyone arrested through Secure Communities, a federal immigration enforcement program. It would also require proof of U.S. citizenship to obtain or renew a driver's license if that information hasn't been previously provided.

Witnesses view the substitution as the lesser of two evils.

"These bills don't help us," said Maria Robles, who was brought here when she was 4 years old and 33 years later is still on the waiting list for citizenship. "The laws might sound and look good on paper, but they definitely affect good, hardworking people."

Witnesses urged committee members to reject any sanctuary cities language in the future and avoid any parliamentary maneuvers that may allow it to come to the floor for debate.

Though the sanctuary cities language may be floundering with time running out in the legislative session, its opponents know that a crippled bill could be revived at any time.

Edward Harte, heir to newspaper empire, dies

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP)—Edward H. Harte, an heir to his family's Texas newspaper empire, died Wednesday at the age of 88.

Harte died of complications of a stroke and scoliosis at his apartment in a retirement community outside Portland, Maine, said his son, Chris Harte.

Ed Harte and his younger brother, Houston Harte, came from a newspaper family. Their father, Houston Harte, was a newspaper reporter at the San Angelo Standard-Times who eventually bought the daily in 1920.

That was the start of what became Harte-Hanks Newspapers,

which at its peak owned 70 publications nationwide — including what are now the San Antonio Express-News, Corpus Christi Caller-Times, Abilene Reporter-News, San Angelo Standard-Times and Wichita Falls Times Record News.

Ed Harte worked his way up from the bottom of the family business in San Angelo and came to Corpus Christi as a vice president of the Caller-Times in 1956. He served as publisher of the Caller-Times from 1962 until 1989, while brother Houston was publisher of the San Antonio Express-News. Ed Harte remained on the Harte-Hanks board until 1997, when the company

sold off its remaining newspapers.

"I always thought of Ed as a newspaperman's newspaperman," Houston Harte, now 84, told the Express-News.

Longtime friend Harris Kaffie said he was a millionaire who did not stand on class distinctions and even, at one time, drove a Ford Pinto.

"He was equally comfortable with the ambassador of England or a Rockefeller as he was with a cowhand in South Texas," Kaffie told the Caller-Times.

Ed Harte was also a lover of Latin American culture and championed press freedoms throughout the Americas. He

led the Inter American Press Association in the mid-1980s.

Harte also was a philanthropist, donating \$46 million to endow the Harte Research Institute of Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. The institute was at the forefront of the emergency response to rescue marine life after the BP oil spill a year ago.

"It has been absolutely right in the middle of the response to the oil spill, and will be for many years to come," said Andy Sansom, a former executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Funeral arrangements were pending.

Texas briefs

Lawmakers closer to shutting prison

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas budget negotiators have agreed on prison funding that would close a more than century-old unit near Houston to save money.

Legislative leaders Wednesday announced a prison budget of \$6.1 billion, which is part of the overall state spending plan still under review.

The measure includes shutting the Central Unit in Sugar Land. Department of Criminal Justice spokeswoman Michelle Lyons said Thursday the closure would save \$25 million over two years.

The proposal for TDCJ is about \$100 million, or 1.6 percent less than the current prison budget.

Lyons also says the plan would retain the system of raises for about 30,000 corrections employees as part of career-ladder increases.

Jury deals life sentence to child-killer

VERNON (AP) — A Northwest Texas jury has deliberated just eight minutes before sentencing a man to life in prison for beating his girlfriend's 5-year-old daughter to death.

A Wilbarger County jury in Vernon sentenced 43-year-old Tommy Israel Castro of Amarillo on Wednesday. The same jury deliberated about two hours Tuesday before finding him guilty of murder in the July 4, 2009, death of Kati Earnest.

Prosecutors had sought a capital murder conviction, but jurors were given the option of a non-capital charge. District Attorney J. Staley Heatly says Castro must serve 30 years in prison before he becomes eligible for parole.

The conviction and sentencing comes about 8½ months after the girl's mother, Kristina Earnest, was sentenced to 50 years in prison after pleading guilty to injury to a child.

More budget debate expected Thursday

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawmakers have more negotiations in store to try to reach a two-year state budget as the May 30 scheduled end of the regular legislative looms.

Talks were expected to resume Thursday by House and Senate negotiators.

Action stalled Wednesday as Texas House leaders again postponed a revenue measure that they say will determine whether they can balance the two-year spending proposal. House and Senate negotiators grew frustrated over the bill being weighed down with more than 200 amendments.

Lawmakers have been working to craft a budget with a multibillion-dollar revenue shortfall. Negotiators have agreed on most of the plan, but are at a stalemate over education spending.

Gov. Rick Perry would choose the date for any 30-day special legislative session, if needed.

Police: Man left tot in cart to go shoplifting

EL PASO (AP) — A West Texas man is charged with theft, marijuana possession and child abandonment after police say he left his 2-year-old daughter alone in his car while he went into an El Paso department store to steal some DVDs.

The El Paso Police Department said in a statement Wednesday that 21-year-old Victor Lee Gonzalez left his toddler in the car with the motor running while he went into a K-mart store, took several DVDs and left without paying. According to the statement, he was detained at the store Tuesday for suspicion of theft and later was found to have nearly six grams of marijuana.

Gonzalez is free on \$3,100 bond. The police statement did not say if Gonzalez had an attorney and a listed number could not be found for him.

76-year-old man left bound for 2 days

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-area man spent two days bound in a blanket before he rolled out of his home and down a 100-foot driveway to be rescued.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office said Wednesday that two men have been charged with burglarizing the 76-year-old man's home. Twenty-seven-year-old Erick Rodrigo Carranza and 18-year-old Junior Alexis Velasquez are charged with aggravated robbery and unlawful restraint.

Carranza is free on \$50,000 bond, while Velasquez remains jailed on a \$70,000 bond. Court records list no attorneys for the men.

Investigators say two men broke into the older man's house on May 3, bound him, ransacked his place, then returned the next day to dispose of evidence.

Deputies say the victim rolled out a door to the street where he was rescued.

Investigation of classroom beating


DALLAS (AP) — The mother of a 12-year-old Dallas boy has filed a complaint saying other students taped his face, bound him to a chair in class and beat him as a teacher did nothing.

Dallas Independent School District spokesman Jon Dahlander says the incident is under investigation. He says the substitute teacher will no longer be employed by DISD.

Keneshia Richardson believes her son was targeted because he's in remedial classes.

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Hawks dominate all-WJCAC team



Michael Franco

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The Howard College Hawks put a bow on their 2011 baseball season by placing several players on the all-conference and all-region teams.

Howard finished the season with a 46-13 record and their third straight Western Junior College Athletic Conference title. The Hawks narrowly missed making their third trip to the national junior college World Series, losing to Grayson in the championship game of the Region V baseball tournament.

Along with the head coach, five Howard players were named to the all-

WJCAC team.

Left fielder Tyler Collins, who was among the nation's JUCO leaders in home runs, RBI and batting average all season, was named the conference's most valuable



Smith

player.

This season, Collins put up some almost unbelievable numbers, including a .488 batting average, .949 slugging percentage and an on-base percentage of .561. In addition, he hit 19 home runs, 57 extra-base hits and drove in 82 runs.

Howard's Michael

Franco was named the WJCAC's most valuable pitcher. Franco ended the season with a 10-2 record and an ERA of 2.84 while limiting opponents to a .224 batting average. He struck out 88 batters while walking 31 and allowing only 25 earned runs all season.

Joining Collins and Franco on the WJCAC first team were infielder Paul Hendrix, outfielder Nathan Burns and designated hitter Landon Steinhagen. Hendrix sported a .379 batting average while playing in 42 games, Burns had a batting average of .419 and clubbed 12 home

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Tyler Collins



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College's Linzee Yarbar fields a fly ball during action earlier this season. The Hawks opened play today in the National Junior College Athletic Association Softball Tournament in St. George, Utah. All Howard games at the tournament will be broadcast on radio stations KBST (1490-AM) and KBYG (1400-AM).

Rangers down Royals in extra innings

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Adrian Beltre got a chance to atone for his baserunning mistake. Jarrod Dyson and Mike Aviles, whose blunders were much more humiliating, did not.

Beltre lined a two-run single into center field off Jeremy Jeffress in the 11th inning of a strange and mistake-filled game Wednesday night, lifting the Texas Rangers to a 5-4 victory over the rookie-laden Kansas City Royals.

On third base in the 10th inning, Beltre had been easily thrown out on a ball hit directly to the third baseman.

"You have to focus on that at-bat," said Beltre, who also had an RBI

grounder earlier. "You can't think about you missed a couple of opportunities early. You've got a chance to redeem yourself there. You forget about what happened earlier."

Rookie Eric Hosmer hit Neftali Feliz's first pitch in the ninth inning for his third home run, tying it 3-3. The Rangers had gone ahead 3-2 in the top of the ninth on a pinch-hit RBI single by Elvis Andrus.

Feliz, who had converted eight saves in eight opportunities and 19 straight dating back to last year, walked Jeff Francoeur and Billy Butler after Hosmer's home run. But in a

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In brief

BSHS sports banquet Friday

The Big Spring High School 2011 Spring Sports Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria.

Tickets are \$12 apiece and can be purchased at the door. All spring sports athletes and coaches will get in free, although they are asked to sign in at the door.

For more information, contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685.

CGA scholarship tournament June 4-5

The Chicano Golf Association's 21st annual Scholarship Drive Tournament will be held June 4-5 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Registration for the two-person scramble is \$75 per person and proceeds will go toward providing college scholarships to area students.

On the first day of the tournament, a prize of \$500 will be awarded for a hole-in-one, while a 2011 vehicle will be awarded for an ace on the second day.

For more information, contact Ben Garcia at 213-1074, Tommy Billalba at 816-1091 or Bobby Cordava at 935-0410.

OKC's task: Slow down Nowitzki

DALLAS (AP) — Over his 14 seasons in the NBA, Dirk Nowitzki says he's seen pretty much every defense possible.

Well, Thunder coach Scott Brooks is tempted to try the ultimate gamble — the invisible defender.

That's right, nothing. Nobody. Maybe just someone shouting, "Boo!" or "Don't miss!" whenever Nowitzki loads up to shoot in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals on Thursday night.

Brooks surely was joking Wednesday when he suggested not guarding Nowitzki. Brooks wasn't laughing, though, because he was still awed and frustrated by what happened in the opener, when the big German made 12 of 15 field goals and set a playoff record by hitting all 24 of his free throws on his way to 48 points, the most by anyone this postseason.

"There were nine shots that he made, no matter what you did, you couldn't

have guarded him any better," Brooks said. "We put smalls (on him), we put medium-sized guys on him, we put big guys on him, we put everybody on him. We tried to take it out of his hands. The only thing we didn't do was not guard him."

"Maybe tomorrow night, if we want to do something different, we don't challenge him. We play a zone and let him go free."

Nowitzki simply had one of those nights superstars have,

making almost everything he put up and getting to the foul line when he didn't.

His efficiency was phenomenal: 48 points on just 15 shots. He didn't pad it with any 3-pointers, either. Heck, he didn't even try any, despite being an NBA-best 60 percent from behind the arc this postseason.

He figures the Thunder will try something different in Game 2. Rather than

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Animal Kingdom 2-1 favorite at Preakness

BALTIMORE (AP) — Things are falling nicely into place for Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom.

He's training in the Maryland countryside, he's been made the early 2-1 favorite for the Preakness Stakes and he drew a decent post for Saturday's race.

"It's great. I couldn't be happier," trainer Graham Motion said after his colt landed in the No. 11 post on Wednesday.

A full field of 14 is set for the 1 3-16-mile Preakness at Pimlico, located about 60 miles from Fair Hill Training Center, where Animal

Kingdom will be until the morning of the race.

It will be the first time since 2005 that 14 horses are set to run in the second leg of the Triple Crown series. That's five fewer horses than ran in the Derby, where the far outside post was a much bigger concern than it will be in the Preakness.

"I would just rather be on the outside than stuck down on the inside. I was a little worried when 1 and 14 were still left," Motion said. "It would not have been the end of the world, but I much prefer to be in the middle to the outside, where I am."

Just two winners since 1926 have come out of the No. 11 post, the last being Point Given trained by Bob Baffert in 2001.

Seventy favorites have won in the previous 135 runnings, including 2009 champion Rachel Alexandra and Big Brown, who was the 1-5 favorite in 2008.

"Now we're a pretty solid favorite. It feels great," said Barry Irwin, who represents the 20 people who own Animal Kingdom under the partnership of Team Valor International.

Velazquez is keeping his mount on Animal Kingdom

after replacing injured Robby Albarado the day before the Derby. Albarado picked up a Preakness mount with King Congie.

Dialed In, the beaten Derby favorite, is the 9-2 second choice of Pimlico oddsmaker Frank Carulli. The colt drew the No. 10 post Wednesday. Dialed In finished eighth in the Derby nearly two weeks ago.

"I don't think it matters with him because of his style of running," trainer Nick Zito said about Dialed In's post. "Would I want a 14? Probably not. But 10 will be fine."

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

These last days of the Taurus solar journey through 2011 are a premium opportunity to reflect.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A secret communication may bring a thrill. It will be exciting to know something that others do not.



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The network you have built around you makes you stronger. You'll exercise the full potential of your material and non-material resources.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Over time, you will make a substantial contribution to the world community. This happens in small daily increments.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Extremes of thinking will bring you to the most interesting ideas. This can also break you free of futile thought patterns.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You and a loved one may have different ambitions, but you are equally passionate about them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll have luck in matters of publicity, publishing and politics. People see the best in you and also attribute glowing qualities to you that you have yet to develop.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Those who always feel the need to talk are the worst listeners. Your ego isn't as big as some of those around you, and therefore, you will be the best listener.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Emotions come from everywhere. You are extra-sensitive and will process your feelings and express them in a way that others can understand.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will get some practice in the art of wasting time. Have fun with this and be guilt-free.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You perceive and understand what another person is going through, even though this one is trying very hard to "act normal."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Mistakes were made — that much is clear. You will see the brighter side of the situation because you believe life gets better as we learn from our past follies and grow beyond them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your soul needs expression. You're still looking into the ways and methods available to you to do this.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 19). You'll enjoy friends and new experiences in the next five weeks. June features an emotional commitment and, at month's end, a windfall.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: Yesterday, a native Virgo with a Virgo rising complained of feeling "consistently under-confident" and underestimating his abilities at every juncture.

Virgo strives for perfection, seeing it as a measurable state of being. But

who is to say what perfection really is? Most situations are subjective. And even if you could call a certain result "perfect," that wouldn't guarantee its acceptance.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Cher is reportedly going country. Her mastery of many media and genres leaves little doubt that the pop icon will succeed in whatever venture she takes on next.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have been trying to teach my 20-year-old daughter the value of saving money and staying within a budget.

I am newly divorced and feel it is important for my daughter to learn to live within her means.

I have had several conversations with my parents about this, but it hasn't made any difference.

I am concerned that if they do not stop enabling my daughter's profligacy, her future will be ruined and she will be dependent on others for the rest of her life.

I want her to be able to support herself. My parents taught me this when I was small, and I can stretch the almighty dollar very far.

At the moment, I am not speaking to my parents. I don't know how else to make them see how much they are hurting their granddaughter.

Maybe if they see this in print, it will sink in. —

Undermined in Lewiston, N.Y.

Dear Lewiston: Probably not. Grandparents have been known to indulge their grandchildren, but overdoing it is a form of selfishness.

It makes the givers feel good, so they continue, even if the consequences are damaging.

How much bailing out is going on? If your daughter is behind with her bills and your parents are helping to support her, they are enabling.

This largesse won't last forever.

However, if your parents give her money because she occasionally wants something special that she can't afford, we'd leave it alone.

Your daughter recognizes those purchases as gifts and doesn't count on them to pay the rent.

Dear Annie: My daughter recently passed away after a lengthy illness.

We are blessed to have had lots of support from friends and family, but I am bothered



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

by the lack of response from her doctor.

We have had the same physician for 17 years.

I understand that he and his colleagues and office staff might not have been able to come to the funeral, but is it too much to ask for a condolence card?

Is there some medical ethic that prohibits this?

It will be difficult to go into his office for my next visit. I don't want to stop seeing a competent doctor, but this situation has me very upset. — Crying in California

Dear Crying: It used to be a fairly common practice for doctors to send a condolence card when a patient died, but this is no longer the case, and we don't know exactly why.

Unfortunately, the lack of a personal touch can give the impression that the patient was unimportant, and this is quite hurtful to the family.

It might help you be more forgiving if you clear the air and tell the doctor how you feel. It might help him, too.

Dear Annie: Although I agree with your answer to "Worried Stepmom" regarding the equal distribution of the annual cash gifts, there is a channel Dad can take to help 33-year-old "Clark" from simply waiting for the money.

For a minimal fee, an attorney can draw up stipulations for how and when the money can be used.

I have three sons. Two are driven, motivated and have direction in their lives.

Our third has always fought depression and, like Clark, would rather watch TV and

surf the Internet all day, with no care about his future.

Our directives indicate that the receivers of any inheritance continue their education to at least a four-year degree in any field and be employed. (An exception is made if he loses his job.)

It could also stipulate mental health assistance, because a 33-year-old does not hang around his parents' home with no direction unless he is depressed or mentally incapable. — Living It in Louisville

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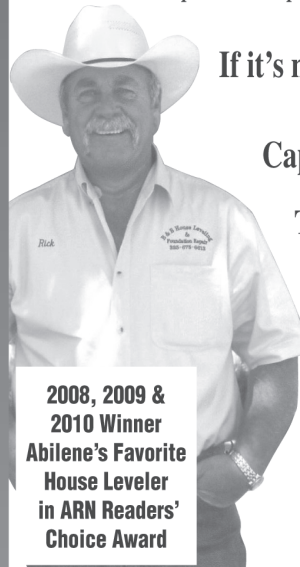
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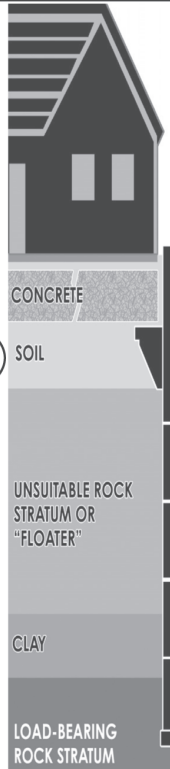
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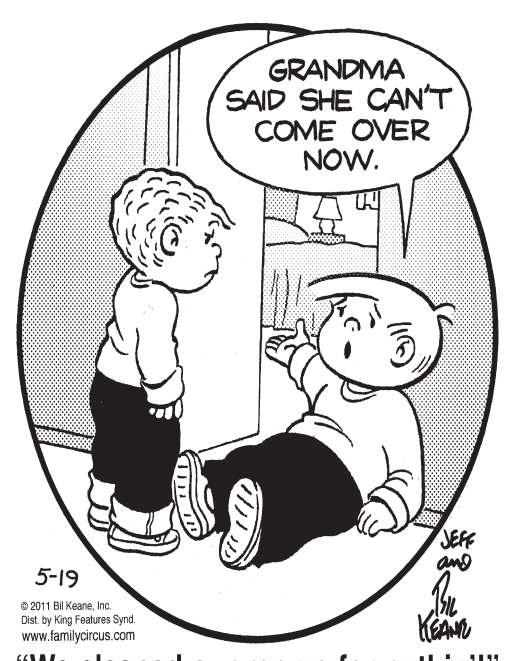


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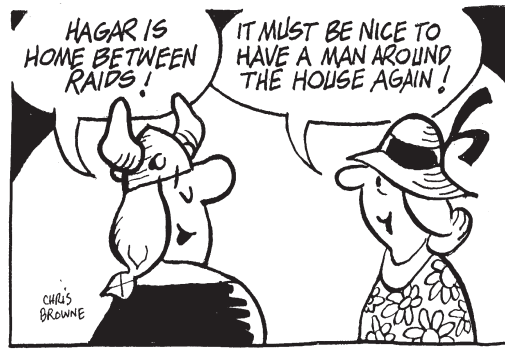
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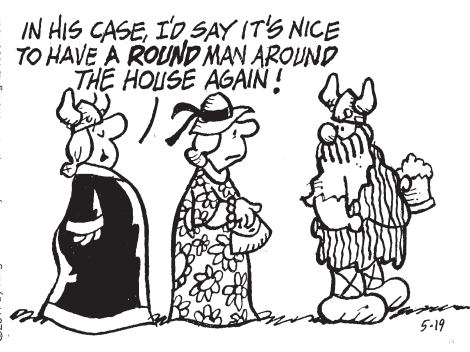
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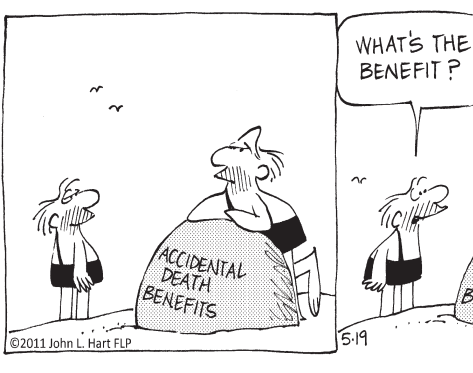
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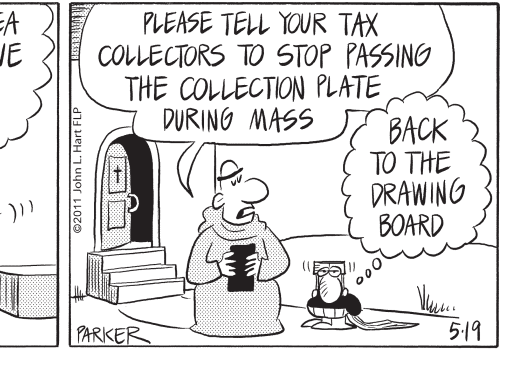
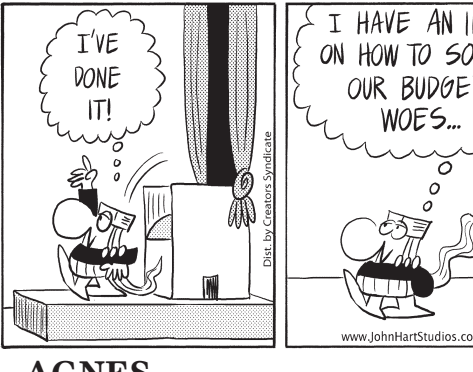
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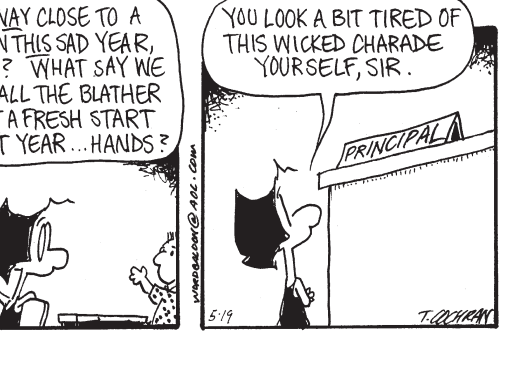
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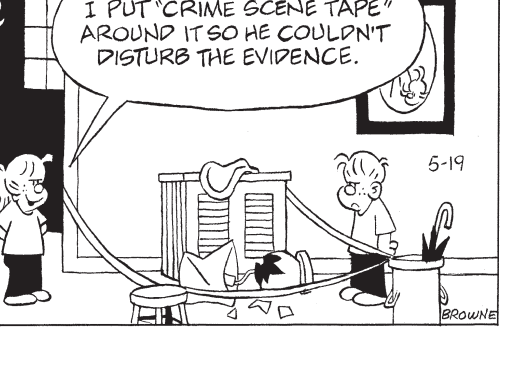
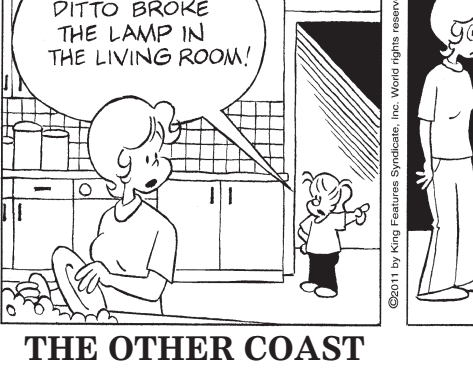
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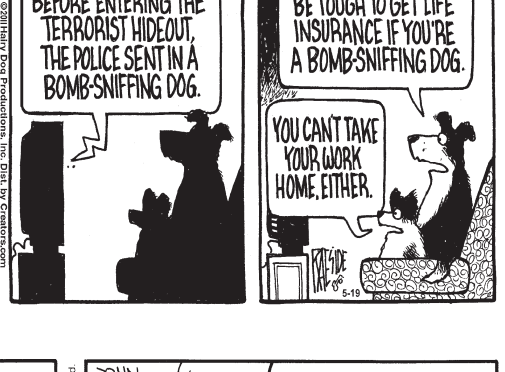
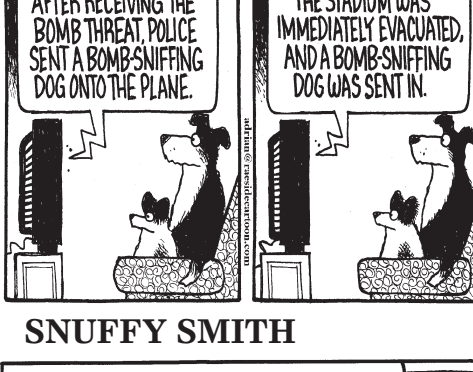
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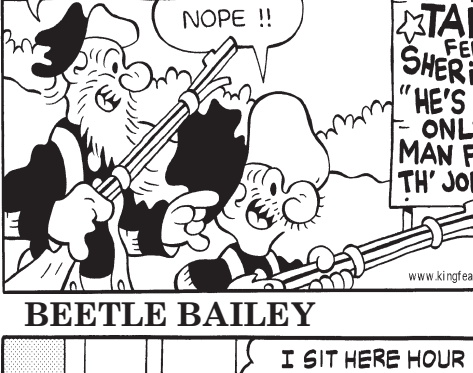
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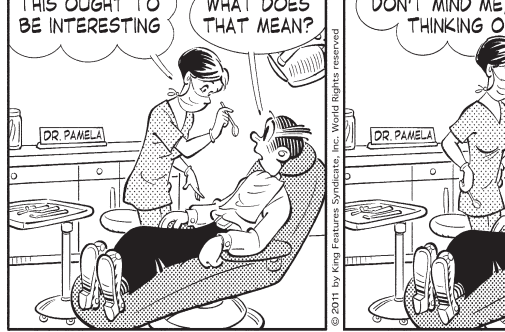
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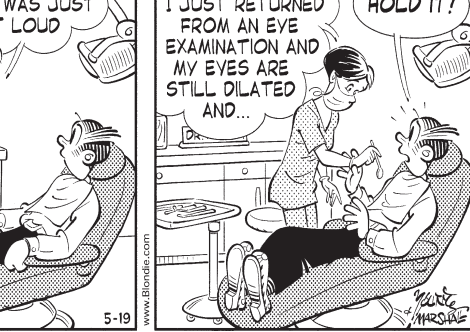
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 19, the 139th day of 2011. There are 226 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 19, 1967, the Soviet Union ratified a treaty with the United States and Britain banning nuclear and other weapons from outer space as well as celestial bodies such as the moon. (The treaty entered into force in Oct. 1967.)

On this date:

In 1536, Anne Boleyn, the second wife of England's King Henry VIII, was beheaded after being convicted of adultery.

In 1780, a mysterious darkness enveloped much of New England and part of Canada in the early afternoon.

In 1909, the Ballets Russes (Russian Ballets), under the direction of Sergei Diaghilev, debuted in Paris.

In 1921, Congress passed, and President Warren G. Harding signed, the Emergency Quota Act, which established national

quotas for immigrants.

In 1935, T.E. Lawrence, also known as "Lawrence of Arabia," died in Dorset, England six days after being injured in a motorcycle crash.

In 1943, in an address to the U.S. Congress, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill pledged his country's full support in the fight against Japan.

In 1962, during a Democratic fundraiser at New York's Madison Square Garden, actress Marilyn Monroe sang "Happy Birthday to You" to guest-of-honor President John F. Kennedy.

In 1964, the State Department disclosed that 40 hidden microphones had been found in the U.S. embassy in Moscow.

In 1971, poet Ogden Nash, known for his humorous light verses, died in Baltimore at age 68.

In 1994, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis died in New York at age 64.

Today's Birthdays: PBS newscaster Jim Lehrer is 77. TV personality David Hartman is 76. Actor James Fox is 72. Actress Nancy Kwan is 72. Author-director Nora Ephron is 70. Actor Peter Mayhew is 67.

Rock singer-composer Pete Townshend (The Who) is 66. Concert pianist David Helfgott is 64. Rock singer-musician Dusty Hill (ZZ Top) is 62. Singer-actress Grace Jones is 59. Rock musician Phil Rudd (AC-DC) is 57. Actor Steven Ford is 55. Rock musician Iain Harvie (Del Amitri) is 49. Actor Jason Gray-Stanford is 41. Rock singer Jenny Berggren (Ace of Base) is 39. Actor Drew Fuller is 31. Christian rock musician Tim McTague is 28. Actor Eric Lloyd is 25.

Thought for Today: "The most exciting happiness is the happiness generated by forces beyond your control." — Ogden Nash (1902-1971).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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 - 16 Throw water on
 - 17 Epitomes
 - 20 Drawing room
 - 21 Spirit in *The Tempest*
 - 22 Entity
 - 23 Stinging insect
 - 26 Week fraction
 - 29 Corral
 - 30 VIP transportation
 - 31 Rounded top
 - 32 Referred to
 - 33 Mythical warrior woman
 - 35 Expressions of delight
 - 38 Long-eared hound
 - 39 Lift the spirits of
 - 40 Part of the foot
 - 41 Corsage site, at times
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 - 45 Herbal drink
 - 46 Criticizes
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 - 4 Quick car trip
 - 5 Brooch
 - 6 Part of a journey
 - 7 Floe material
 - 8 Ones from Waco
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 - 10 Easy stride
 - 11 Clear away, in a way
 - 12 Put into play
 - 13 Month: Sp.
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 - 19 Have the role of
 - 23 Bandleader's call
 - 24 Warning sign
 - 25 *South Pacific* composer
 - 27 Novelist Oz
 - 28 Yearning
 - 30 Shade of green
 - 31 Auto racer Earnhardt
 - 32 Dollars and cents
 - 33 Accumulate
 - 34 Catcher's gear
 - 35 Not decorated
 - 36 Reckless adventure
 - 37 Thin cut
 - 38 Cave dweller
 - 41 Get through trickery
 - 42 Defeated
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 - 46 Energizing
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trying to guess along, he said Wednesday, "Whatever comes, comes."
"I'm going to try to attack like I always do," he said. "If it's not there, I can swing it, pick and roll. We've got a lot of options out there. We have a deep bench. So I don't feel the pressure to force shots, and that's the good thing about this team."

Because Nowitzki had such a historic performance, it's easier for the Thunder to find some positives in Game 1,

starting with them keeping things close to the end.

Although Dallas went up by 16 early in the fourth quarter, Oklahoma City rallied to get within five. The Thunder also scored 112 points, 15 more than the Mavericks had allowed all postseason.

Plus, they did all that with Russell Westbrook pulling an anti-Nowitzki, missing 12 of 15 shots.

So Oklahoma City fans have to be thinking that if Nowitzki misses a few more, and Westbrook makes a few more, the Thunder can still go back across the Red River with a split. It's also worth noting they've yet to lose consecu-

tive games this postseason.

"That's one thing about this team, we're resilient, we bounce back," Thunder star Kevin Durant said. "Hopefully it's another case of that in Game 2."

Durant scored 40 points in the opener, but was overshadowed by Nowitzki and was held back by Westbrook's woes. Late in the third quarter, the misfiring point guard had attempted more shots than the NBA's scoring leader the last two seasons.

Westbrook still managed to score 20 points because, like Nowitzki and Durant, he got to the foul line a lot. But the Thunder would be much

tougher for the Mavericks to slow if he starts scoring on drives to the rim, upping the game's tempo.

"It was one of those nights," Westbrook said. "I couldn't do too much. I got to the line, was aggressive, I just didn't make none of my shots."

Westbrook has struggled against Dallas all season.

In four games, counting the playoffs, he's made 17 of 59 shots, a wretched 29 percent. The Mavericks have handled him with a team concept, using a wall anchored by center Tyson Chandler to keep Westbrook from getting comfortable in the paint.

Dallas coach Rick Carlisle

is counting on his club to do a better job defending everyone on the Thunder. He was upset about the points allowed, especially giving up more than 30 points in each of the last two quarters. The Mavericks also put them on the foul line 43 times.

"If we get in offensive shoo-touts with this team, that's not our game," Carlisle said. "We have to defend a lot better. I understand that they're a different kind of team, but our attention to detail has to be better in Game 2.."

The Mavericks haven't lost since blowing a big, late lead in Game 4 of their first-round series against Portland.

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RANGERS

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comedy of careless baserunning, pinch-runners Dyson and Aviles each got picked off first. That hadn't happened since the Cubs got caught twice by the Mets on April 3, 2003, according to STATS LLC.

"Never," said Texas manager Ron Washington when asked if he'd ever seen that.

Aviles insisted Feliz used a balk move.

"He bent his front knee. He definitely did," said Aviles. "He had a balk move and it went unnoticed and he picked two guys off. His left knee broke forward. His left knee bent. Once your left knee bends, you've got to go to the plate."

Nevertheless, Aviles still thought the tag was too high up the arm for him to be out.

"But it shouldn't be that close. That can't happen," he said. "But that's just the way baseball goes sometimes, I guess."

A balk move? Washington scoffed at the idea.

"There's pitchers in the league who are doing that. The umpire never called a balk," he said. "So I don't know anything about Neftali having a balk move. Of course there's other guys in the league doing that. The umpire didn't call it a balk. That's all I've got to say about it."

But Royals manager Ned Yost agreed with his player.

"My opinion is he was balking. He was breaking his front leg and then

coming to first base," he said. "The umpires are going to have to keep their eyes on that. It's a good move."

Jeffress (1-1) walked the bases full with one out in the ninth, running Kansas City's walk total for the night to 13. Beltre, who came into the game with a .373 career average in Kauffman Stadium, delivered a solid single into center, allowing Endy Chavez to score easily and Ian Kinsler to score on a close play at the plate.

"We finally got the big hit that stood up," said Washington.

Mark Lowe gave up Brayan Pena's RBI single with two outs in the 11th to make it 5-4 but finished for his first save. Arthur Rhodes (2-2) got two outs in the 10th for the win.

Joakim Soria, on his 27th birthday, walked Craig Gentry leading off the Texas ninth. Chavez sacrificed him to second and then Andrus, batting for Andres Blanco, who was 2 for 4, delivered an RBI single.

Texas' Alexi Ogando went seven strong innings, his eighth straight career start without a loss, two shy of the club record. The right-hander, who spent last year in the bullpen, allowed two runs on four hits, failing in only one inning to set the Royals down 1-2-3. He walked one and struck out five.

Danny Duffy, a left-hander called up from Triple-A Omaha earlier in the day, went four innings plus one batter and was charged with two runs on four hits, two soft singles each by Chavez and Blanco.

HAWKS

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runs, and Steinhagen batted .463 while driving

in 74 runs, second only to Collins.

Hawks receiving honorable mention recognition on the all-WJCAC team included catcher Rick Stover, pitchers Derrick Bleeker, Austin Blunt, Connor Sadzeck, Nick Sawyer and Josh Walker, infielders Tony Calhoun, Chase Dur-

ham and Brendan McCurry and outfielder Jordan Allen.

Additionally, Head Coach Britt Smith received coach of the year honors in the conference. Under his tutelage, the Hawks easily won the WJCAC for the third year in a row, earning a 26-6 league mark.

Collins, Franco and Steinhagen received additional postseason honors, being named to the Region V All-Tournament team.

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