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Settlers reunion coming

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

Rodeo week is a big one for Howard County residents, especially the old settlers. The 87th Annual Settlers Reunion will conclude rodeo week, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 18 at the Heritage Museum. "It started out as a big family reunion for residents of Glasscock and Howard counties and it has evolved over the years," Museum Director Nancy Raney said. For years the Howard/Glasscock Settlers Reunion was held in the city park at the Old Settler's Pavillion. This year, the gathering will take place at the museum as it has the past few years. There will be free hamburgers for the public. Refreshments will be sold for \$1 and a dessert auction will take place. In order to qualify as an "old settler" Raney said you have to have lived in Big Spring for at least 25 years.

Also at the reunion the Glasscock Family of the Year and the Howard County Family of the Year will be recognized. This year, the Mack Halfmann family was selected as the Glasscock Family and the Quail Dobbs Family was chosen as the Howard County Family of the Year. "We have families submitted to the board and votes are cast by the committee," Raney said. "This year the Howard County family of the year was easy to decide. Quail is such an important part of the rodeo and the community, the decision was rather simple."



A boy takes a dive into the Forsan Independent School District pool. The pool, which was built in 1954, is open Monday through Saturday this summer.

File photo

Hot fun at Forsan

Swimming pool open for all area residents

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

FORSAN — The splash is back. Forsan Independent School District's swimming pool, which has offered a way for area residents to beat the heat for several years, is once again open for business. The pool's annual summer run began Memorial Day and will last until August, FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson said. Its hours of operation are from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Cost for in-district students and adults is \$1 daily, while out-of-district students and



adults will be charged \$2. Season passes are \$30 for individuals and \$50 for families. The pool can also be reserved for private parties. Johnson The pool, which was built in 1954, was a gift to the school district from a pair of oil companies which donated the money and labor to construct the facility, Johnson said. And while operating costs have always exceeded revenue, the facility has been a Forsan fixture for

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Is your child safe?

Accidental drowning a leading cause of death among children

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

As temperatures heat up, many area residents will turn their attention to local lakes and swimming pools to try to keep cool. However, according to officials with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, fun in the water can quickly turn deadly without proper supervision for children. "With high temperatures and the summer vacation here, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is urging all Texans to be on guard against one of the leading causes of death among infants, toddlers and young children: accidental drowning," said Marleigh Meisner, public informa-

"Children should never be left unsupervised for any length of time around water because the results can be devastating in a matter of minutes. If you can't see them, you can't save them."

tion officer for DFPS. "Already, at least 28 children have drowned in Texas this year, and yet the deadliest period for drowning, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, still lies ahead. Each year, DFPS keeps an unofficial count of child drowning deaths. Last year, 113 children drowned

in Texas — the most since DFPS began its count in 2005." According to Sasha Rasco, DFPS assistant commissioner for child care licensing, Each of these tragedies could have been prevented by not leaving children alone in or near water," said Rasco. "Children should never be left unsupervised for any length of time around water because the results can be devastating in a matter of minutes. If you can't see them, you can't save them." Meisner said the first line of defense is being aware of what dangers are nearby, and while the most common ones — swimming pools and lakes —

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Counties taking hard look at fireworks

Local and wire reports

HOUSTON — Fourth of July celebrations in drought-stricken parts of Texas will be a bit muted this year, as many local governments are banning the use of fireworks or certain types of fireworks because of the risk of sparking wildfires. Outdoor burn bans in effect Wednesday in 193 of the state's 254 counties left little room for the chance of unintended fires by individuals playing with fireworks. Howard County currently has

a burn ban in effect, but no ban regarding fireworks. With little drought relief anticipated and the Independence Day holidays approaching, commissioners are almost certain to address the issue, however. Midland, Brewster and Andrews counties have all banned the sale or use of fireworks. The sale and use of consumer fireworks is banned until July 5 in unincorporated areas of Tom Green County. "It's our duty to protect the people and property of Tom Green County," Coun-

ty Judge Mike Brown said. Much farther south and east, the Harris County Commissioners Court on Tuesday banned the sale or use of skyrockets with sticks and missiles with fins. The ban, which affects unincorporated parts of Harris County, took effect immediately. Fireworks are not legal in the city of Houston. The county could extend the ban to include use of all fireworks if the drought continues through the next meeting of

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Obituaries

Clyde W. Treadway



Clyde W. Treadway, 83, of Big Spring died Monday, June 6, 2011, in a Stanton nursing home. No services are planned.

Clyde was born Jan. 11, 1928, in Wade, Okla., and married Ivaglyn Thurman on Jan. 7, 1945.

They moved to Big Spring in 1985, left for a short time and moved back in 1990. Clyde retired from the oil field as a tool pusher.

Survivors include wife, Ivaglyn Treadway of Big Spring; three daughters, Lois Treadway of Big Spring, Patsy Harmon and husband Jimmie of Mineral Wells and Renee Treadway of Big Spring; two sons, James Treadway and wife Wanda of San Angelo and Troy Treadway and wife Lori of North Carolina; twelve grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Lulu Treadway; one son, Clyde Wesley Treadway Jr.; one daughter, Pansy Treadway; three brothers, Albert, Clarence and Ted Treadway; and one sister, Ruby.

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

es or less.

• AARON KEITH HILL, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of prohibited substance in a correctional facility and possession of a controlled substance.

• GILBERT JOSHUA MUNOZ, 25, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and a parole violation.

• ALLEN JOE DARDEN, 45, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• MARCUS ALEXANDER RICE, 49, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• ABEL GUZMAN, 29, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of retaliation, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon in a weapons free zone, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice – giving false information and a Midland County warrant for bondsman off bond for duty on striking unattended vehicle.

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• STEVEN VALENCIA GAMBOA, 27, of 506 N. Nolan, was arrested Tuesday on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid – no insurance and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• GILBERT JOSHUA MUNOZ, 25, of 2603 Ent, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and a warrant from another agency.

• ABEL GUZMAN, 29, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 131, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon in a weapons free zone, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice – giving false information, retaliation and a warrant from another agency.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of Ridgelea.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

• TRISTAN WARD, 19, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of no driver's license, speeding and violation of a promise to appear.

• CURTIS HAROLD JEFFERY JR., 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.

• STEVEN GAMBOA, 27, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

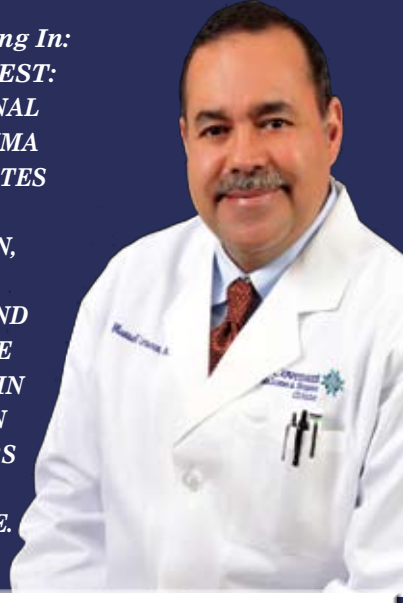
• PAMELA LEE VARDY, 56, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for theft with a previous conviction.

• WILLIAM BRYAN HUTCHESON, 40, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana – two ounces

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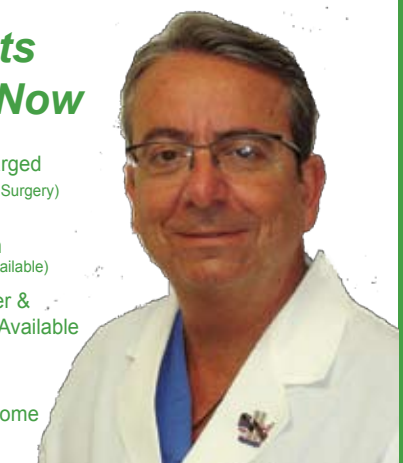
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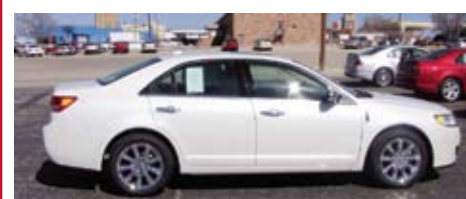
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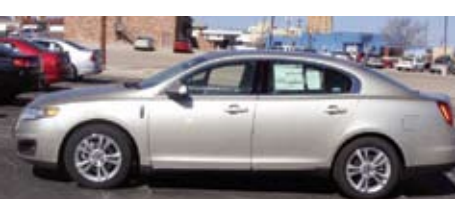
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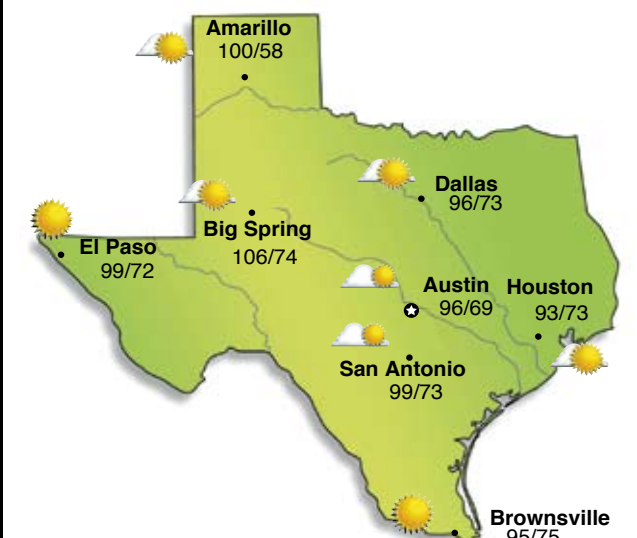
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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	102	74	mst sunny	Kingsville	95	71	pt sunny
Amarillo	100	58	mst sunny	Livingston	95	68	pt sunny
Austin	96	69	pt sunny	Longview	96	71	pt sunny
Beaumont	93	73	t-storm	Lubbock	103	67	mst sunny
Brownsville	95	75	sunny	Lufkin	96	69	pt sunny
Brownwood	101	72	mst sunny	Midland	106	76	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	92	73	sunny	Raymondville	97	72	sunny
Corsicana	95	71	mst sunny	Rosenberg	94	72	pt sunny
Dallas	96	73	mst sunny	San Antonio	99	73	pt sunny
Del Rio	102	75	mst sunny	San Marcos	97	70	pt sunny
El Paso	99	72	sunny	Sulphur Springs	96	73	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	104	73	mst sunny	Sweetwater	103	73	mst sunny
Gainesville	94	71	mst sunny	Tyler	96	70	mst sunny
Greenville	94	69	mst sunny	Weatherford	96	71	mst sunny
Houston	93	73	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	102	76	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	94	68	pt sunny	Minneapolis	69	52	cloudy
Boston	98	69	pt sunny	New York	96	74	mst sunny
Chicago	66	52	t-storm	Phoenix	96	69	sunny
Dallas	96	73	mst sunny	San Francisco	66	55	pt sunny
Denver	75	50	t-storm	Seattle	69	54	pt sunny
Houston	93	73	mst sunny	St. Louis	96	75	t-storm
Los Angeles	70	57	pt sunny	Washington, DC	99	74	mst sunny
Miami	85	76	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 6/9	Fri 6/10	Sat 6/11	Sun 6/12	Mon 6/13
11	11	11	11	11
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The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

FIREWORKS

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commissioners, set for June 21, County Judge Ed Emmett said. He has the authority to declare a local disaster and ban use of all fireworks.

"I'm taking the lead from the fire marshal on that," Emmett said. "This is a very fact-driven situation. They measure what the drought

index is, and they've got exact trigger points where, if you get to a certain level, then certain bans occur."

The Bexar County Commission, meeting Tuesday in San Antonio, also banned the sale of the two aerial products. Skyrockets with sticks and missiles with fins are unpredictable, Fire Marshal Ross Coleman said.

Commissioners in Taylor County, in

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more than 55 years. "The city of Forsan used to help us with expenses, but they're unable to do that now," Johnson said. "This is not a big communi-

ty, but for a lot of kids here, this is the only form of entertainment they have during the summer." Forsan ISD also offers bus transportation to and from the pool, picking up people at the 8720 Co-op (just south of Berea Baptist Church on Wasson Road) at 12:40 p.m. and the "bus pad" on Todd Road at 12:50 p.m. School

buses do not run on Saturdays, Johnson said. For more information, call 457-9123. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

DROWN

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may seem obvious, there are others that require just as much attendance.

"Extra care is needed as Texas families flock to the water to keep cool and have fun during the summer season," said Meisner. "So far this year, child drowning deaths have occurred mostly in backyard pools and bathtubs. But in past years chil-

dren have died in lakes, creeks, hot tubs, buckets of water, toilets, and even in a septic tank. "Federal statistics show that children under 1 year most often drown in bathtubs, buckets or toilets, while children from 1 to 4 years old drown most often in residential swimming pools. Most young children who drowned in pools were last seen in the home, had been out of sight less than five minutes and were in the care of one or both par-

ents at the time." For more information about children and water safety, please visit the "See & Save" website at www.seeandsave.org.

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Abilene, also voted to ban the sale and use of aerial fireworks in all unincorporated areas of the West Texas county until drought conditions subside.

A dozen Taylor County volunteer fire department chiefs were asked

about whether a ban was necessary. "Eleven of the 12 chiefs said they wanted a ban on all aerial fireworks," Taylor County Judge Downing Bolls said. "Nine out of the 12 said they wouldn't mind a ban on all fireworks."



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OUR VIEWS

Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo adding new names

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is fast approaching.

For the second straight year, Keith Isley swept the Coors Man in the Can award, Comedy Act of the Year and Clown of the Year at the annual PRCA awards banquet, Dec. 1, 2010.

He will once again be the featured act during this year's rodeo. Rodeo entertainment is a full-time career for Isley, according to Susan Lewis, rodeo board member.

He began his career in 1972 competing in junior rodeos in bareback and bull riding at the age of 15. Isley is no stranger to the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. His comedy acts draw large crowds and his gentle demeanor make him a popular entertainer. The June 16 - 18 rodeo will mark Isley's third appearance in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Some of his routines consist of trick roping, high-low impact aerobics, animal routines and trick riding.

The Big Spring Rodeo marks Isley's last West Texas appearance for 2011.

On top of Isley, there is another specialty act that will be included in this year's rodeo. Blake Goode of Ravenna storms the arena and jumps through a blazing ring of fire while riding two white Brahma bulls. Goode's credits include the Denver Stock Show and Rodeo, Reno Rodeo and the Texas Governor's Convention and Rodeo. He was nominated for the PRCA Rodeo Entertainer of the Year award. Performances are scheduled all three nights of the rodeo.

The Saturday night dance is another important part rodeo attendees anticipate. This year, Saturday nights entertainment will be John Anderson. Tickets can be purchased as Ward's Boot and Saddle for \$20.

Rodeo tickets can be purchased at Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Ward's Boot and Saddle, Western Bank, Compass Bank, Wells Fargo, Citizens FCU, State National Bank, HEB and Lonestar State Bank.

The rodeo will begin at 8 p.m. each night, June 16, 17 and 18, at the rodeo bowl.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we are put to the test, Lord, may we come out white as snow.

Amen

John Edwards, campaign reformer

As a U.S. senator, John Edwards, a staunch defender of the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform bill, decried "a system in which huge amounts of money (continue to) flow unregulated into the campaign process and ordinary people feel as if their vote makes no difference anymore."

Last week, a federal grand jury indicted the North Carolina Democrat for allegedly violating federal election law by funneling nearly \$1 million in campaign contributions — in violation of the \$2,300 federal campaign contribution limit per election — to conceal an extramarital affair while he ran for president in 2008.

Edwards denies any guilt. "I did not break the law, and I never, ever thought I was breaking the law," Edwards told reporters last week.

Then again, Edwards also denied having an affair with Rielle Hunter — before he admitted to the affair, while denying he was the father of her child — only to admit later that he was the father.

This may be a good place to note: Edwards is a lawyer. And Washington is a town of lawyers. The knee-jerk Beltway reac-

tion has been to call Edwards a dirtball but then intone that his actions probably did not constitute a federal crime.

GOP attorney Victoria Toensing summed up that attitude when she described the case as "legally dubious but factually devastating."

Forget the conventional wisdom about the cover-up often being worse than the crime. The Washington Post editorialized, "There is scant evidence that Mr. Edwards understood the payments to be campaign contributions."

Even campaign finance reform scolds have gotten in on the act.

Melanie Sloan of the left-leaning Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in

Washington (D.C.) criticized the Department of Justice for pushing a "remarkably weak case" that is likely to leave the department "with egg on its face."

Hmmm. Do you think that could be because Edwards was the 2004 Democratic vice presidential nominee? If John Kerry had won, Edwards would have been one heartbeat away from the Oval Office.

The indictment charges that big donors Bunny Mellon and the late Fred Baron (Persons C and D) paid \$725,000 and \$200,000 to keep Hunter quiet while Edwards pursued the presidency as "a devoted family man."

Sloan told me, "If Fred Baron" — an old friend of Edwards — or

the 100-year-old Mellon "wanted to spend his money supporting John Edwards' mistress, that was his business."

Think about that. A major campaign-finance do-gooder is arguing that if rich guys want to ladle close to \$1 million in hush money to bankroll a cover-up by a presidential hopeful, that's probably legal.

Republican campaign finance attorney Jan Baran observed that this is not a "run-of-the-mill" election prosecution. But: "We have a pretty rigorous campaign finance system." The \$2,300 limit "seems a little quaint" if wealthy donors can funnel hundreds of thousands of dollars to benefit a candidate outside the campaign.

Baran told me he is collecting the names of all the campaign-finance lawyers "who have said this is not illegal, and I'm going to seek from them an opinion letter the next time I get a high net-worth individual as a client who wants to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars defraying the expenses of presidential candidates."

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Anthony Weiner — The law's peril and the lies he has told

If you smell something burning, it is Anthony Weiner's future going up in smoke.

Weiner is a brash and bright Democratic congressman who represents parts of Brooklyn and Queens.

Up until recently, he was considered a leading contender to become New York City's next mayor, a race for which he has already bankrolled \$3.9 million.

He can save his money.

A few days ago, a close-up picture of a man in his underpants was sent from Weiner's Twitter account to a 21-year-old college student in Washington state. She says she does not know Weiner. Weiner says he does not know her and did not send the picture. He says his Twitter account was "hacked" by a "prankster."

It is no crime to send a lewd picture to an adult, and Weiner is under no known investigation by any law enforcement agency or the House Ethics Committee.

But he is in deep, deep trouble. It is not enough for a politician to be innocent, he also must appear to be innocent. In fact, it is often better to appear to be innocent than actually be innocent.

In all his TV appearances so far, Anthony Weiner has looked about as innocent to me as O.J. No, strike that, some people think O.J. really is innocent. Nobody could possibly watch Anthony Weiner and think he is.

He couldn't look more guilty if he ran down Pennsylvania Avenue at high noon wearing nothing but a pair of bulging gray underpants.

Some quick asides: It is my intention to avoid all double or even single entendres in this column. They are juvenile and tiresome, two things I occasionally steer clear of. Second, the "lewdness" of the photograph in question is subject to debate. If you have ever watched an Olympic swimming event or seen a man on a public beach in

a Speedo, you have seen more lewdness. Third, the degree of lewdness doesn't really matter. If a congressman takes a picture of himself in his underwear and sends it to a college kid, that congressman has some serious issues.

Now back to Weiner, who has publicly said the same things over and over: He is innocent of sending the picture, he can't say with "certitude" that the picture is not of him, he does not wish to speak to federal law enforcement officials about it, and he is hiring a private firm to investigate the matter.

Alarm bells began clanging in my head.

O.J. Simpson said in 1995 he was going to hire a private firm to find out who "really" killed Nicole Brown and Ronald Goldman.

We are still awaiting the report.

After being accused by 15 women of having molested them over the years, Arnold Schwarzenegger said in 2003 he was going to hire a private firm to investigate their claims and clear the air. We are still awaiting the report.

And now Anthony Weiner says he is going to hire a private firm to find out how his Twitter account was hacked, even though Weiner could easily go to the U.S. Capitol Police or the FBI and ask them to do it.

Asked repeatedly why he refuses to do so, Weiner replies the whole matter is a "prank" and not "a federal case."

The sound you continue to hear is the clanging of bells.

It is no crime to lie to the press. If caught, all you face is a few disgruntled reporters, and most reporters are likely disgruntled.

It is no crime to lie to the public. If caught, all you face are a few shrugs, and maybe (though maybe not) defeat in the next election.

It is no crime to lie to your wife. If caught, all you face is shame and maybe (though maybe not) divorce.

But if you lie to federal agents, even if you are not under oath,

you could face three to five at Allentown.

The relevant law is Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001, which states in part that "whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of the United States, knowingly and willfully — (1) falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact; (2) makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or (3) makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry; shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 5 years ... "

And that is why it could be perilous for Weiner to sit down and make any statements whatsoever to any federal agents. Sending a picture of himself in his underwear to an adult is no crime. Lying about it to federal investigators is.

Which could be why he prefers to hire a private firm rather than letting the U.S. Capitol Police or FBI agents do their job.

Will this story go away, replaced by more important stories about Medicare, the federal debt limit and bloodshed in the Mideast?

A story about sex and a politician? Just go away while there are still questions to be asked and stories to be done? Are you kidding me?

I said Anthony Weiner is bright, and he is. But bright people can do dumb things. And to have a bright political future, Weiner needs to be more than innocent. He needs to start acting like it.

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Why not check this out? At the library

Summer is nearly here and that means that our hours will change. We will be closed Saturdays during June, July and August. We are open as usual 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The only holiday during the summer we will be closed is Monday, July 4 to celebrate the birth of our country. Please call and check our hours if you need to. Our phone number is 264-2260. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. The website is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us.



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

Summer is also bringing record heat to Howard County. The A/C here at the library has been on the blink, but we hope it will be good to go this week. The new motor/pump is here, now to find gas-kets. So if it looks like the lights are off, they probably are, it seems to make it cooler, but we are here.

If you are a non-profit organization and want to find grant money for projects, Victoria M. Johnson has written an essential tool for you: "Grant Writing 101: Everything You Need to Start Raising Funds Today" (658.152 JOH V). If you don't want to invest funds right now to purchase it, do check

it out at the library to see if it will meet your needs.

From the Bible comes the love story of Jacob and Rachel; history gives us Antony and Cleopatra, Napoleon and Josephine and contemporary couples Lennon and Yoko, Celine and Rene and Prince Charles and Camilla Shand. All have a story to tell. Marlene Wagman-Geller has written of the famous (and infamous) first meetings of some of the world's most notable couples in "And the Rest is History." This is a heart-warming story of couples who met, loved, and in some cases, lost.

There are some tasty recipes in "Fresh and Simple: 20-Minute Super Suppers" (641.82 DAR J) by Jennifer Darling. While you may not have every ingredient on hand, you will be able to pretty much look in your pantry for the ingredients.

From the magazine Fine Cooking, is "How to Squeeze a Lemon: 1,023 Kitchen Tips, Food Fixes and Handy Techniques" (641.643 FIN E). There tips on purchasing spices and keeping them fresh, the correct way to bake chocolate chip cookies and why you should use your hair dryer in the

kitchen. Some new mysteries by new authors and "old"

daughter of a wealthy family and bring her home. Walter Mosley's

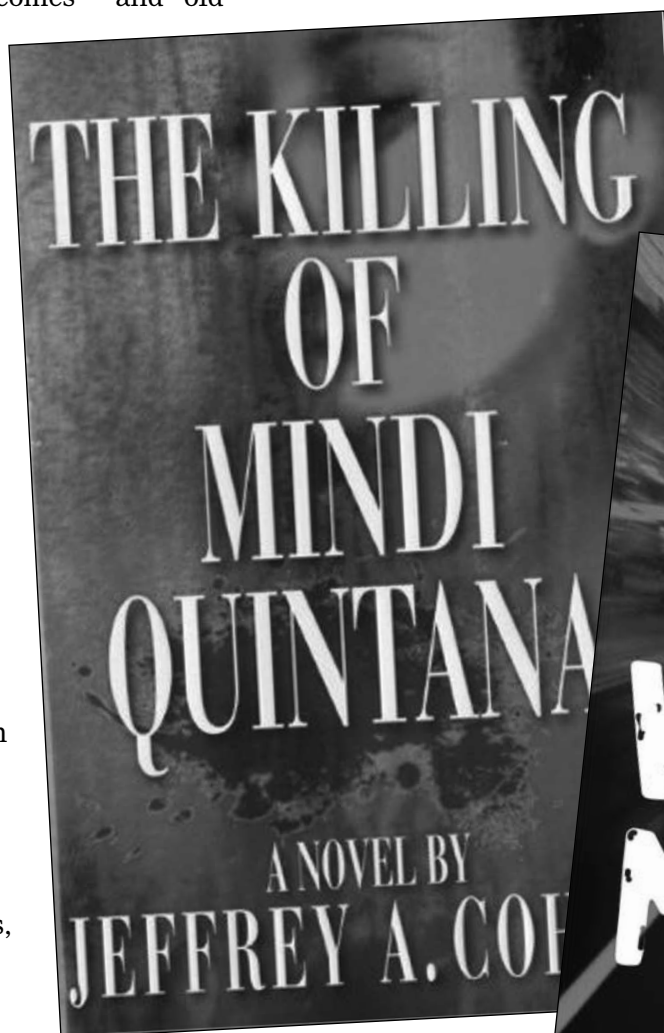
written a story that will be all to familiar to many. Emily Maxwell is a widow, her children living in distant states. Like thousands of older women, she is invisible to others, yet she still has dreams, wishes, possibilities. In "Emily, Alone"

Wodehouse when growing up. The world of Jeeves, the butler; Bertie Wooster, a gentleman, gave me a view into a life very different than that on a farm in Comanche. "Very Good, Jeeves" (F WOD P) is a compilation of stories featuring Bertie and his butler Jeeves.

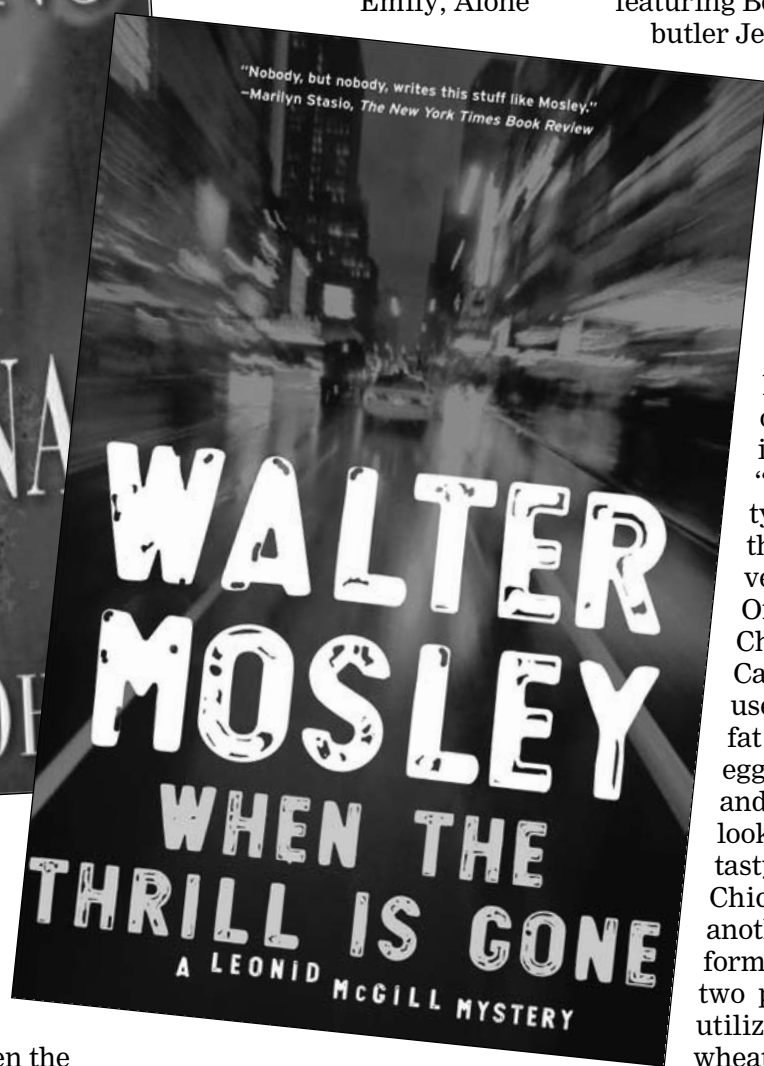
Bill Phillips, author of "Body for Life," now has "Eating for Life" (641.563 PHI B) out. I have looked over it and it does have "normal" type food that sounds very good. One recipe is Chili Rellenos Casserole that uses reduced fat cheese, egg substitute and skim milk, looks very tasty. Cajun Chicken is another recipe formulated for two people, that utilizes whole wheat pasta along with Butter Buds, Cajun seasoning and mushrooms that looks good.

A second cookbook is "Fresh and Simple: Cooking for Friends" (641.5 DAR J) by Jennifer Darling. Her recipes are a little more exotic, but do sound tasty.

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.



authors includes "The Killing of Mindi Quintana" (M COH J) by Jeffrey A. Cohen. This is the story of a murderer turned celebrity and his attorney who will break the law and violate his oath to give the victim her dignity. I am not familiar with the Molly Murphy mysteries by Rhys Bowen but she is a young Irish woman living in New York at the turn of the century (1900). Determined to make her way as a private detective in "For the Love of Mike" (M BOW R), she is commissioned to find the



"When the Thrill is Gone" (M MOS W) stars Leonid McGill. The economy has hit hard at Leonid's PI agency. Forced to take cases from the criminals he had been putting away, this case is a complicated one, where everyone lies and suspects are many. I may have to get Mosley's first two (we do have them) to check out. Stewart O'Nan has

(F ONA S) O'Nan writes with a sensitivity and grace that is remarkable. I found it to be perhaps a foretaste of what will happen to me. If you have not read Alice Walker's novel, "The Color Purple" (F WAL A), now is your chance. We have just added another copy to our shelves. I enjoyed reading P.G.

Hints by Heloise: Kitcheneering

How long do condiments last?

Dear Heloise: I love your column! I read it in the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*. My question: We get a lot of condiments from fast-food places. How long can they be kept, and do they need to be refrigerated? — Sharon, Lamesa,



HELOISE

Unopened packets do not need to be refrigerated. However, keeping them in the refrigerator will preserve the quality longer. Avoid extreme temperature changes (for example, being kept in a car). Since there are no expiration dates on the packets, a general rule of thumb is to discard after six months. If you open them and they smell bad, throw them out. — Heloise

Leftover chocolate

Dear Heloise: I love your column in our daily paper. Keep up the good work. I have a hint for you if you can use it. When I have chocolate left over from a holiday or something, I put it in the fridge. When I make frosting, I grate the chocolate into the frosting so it won't be wasted. Thanks again for your column in the paper. — Ann Hager, Rugby, N.D.

Early-morning cooking

Dear Heloise: I am definitely not a morning person, but family mem-

bers are, and since they exercise first thing in the morning, they want a hearty breakfast! So I make up several batches of the dry ingredients for muffins, biscuits, pancakes and cocoa. Each is stored in a bag labeled with tape that says something like "425 degrees 20 minutes. To one cup dry add 3 TBS butter and 1 cup milk."

When I wander, bleary-eyed, into the kitchen for my coffee, I see the bag, the bowl and the pan set out the night before and can, at the very least, turn on the oven before coffee. — Laura Emerson, Trail Lake, Alaska

Unsalted nuts

Dear Heloise: One day, I discovered that I

had bought unsalted nuts instead of salted. I did not want to wait until I went back to the store to exchange them. I came up with this simple solution:

Open the can and lightly sprinkle with popcorn salt. Put the lid back on and shake lightly. You can always add more, but it is better to start with just a little. You now have salted nuts! — Carol, Springfield, Ill.

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Domestic Violence Temptation to Go Back

It takes a women 7 to 10 times before she leaves her abuser. There is always that temptation to go back, hence one of the cycles of violence. All survivors of domestic violence must weigh the pros and cons of returning back to their abuser. It is a decision only you can make, family and friends will only remember the traumatic events. Before you go back to your abuser here are some things to think about.

1. Weigh the Pros and Cons
2. Review Why You Left.
3. Did the Abuser get Treatment?
4. Remember How Far You've Come.
5. Take 1 minute and make a list of what you love about him.
6. Take 1 minute and make a list of what you do not like about him.

Here is a chart from "Its My Life Now" second edition. Meg Kennedy Dugan & Roger R. Hock.

When You Were Together, rate where you believe your ex would fall today if you get back together on the scale of 1 - 10.

Trusting -----	Suspicious
Respectful -----	Condescending
Predictable -----	Unpredictable
Liberating -----	Possessive
Equal -----	Controlling
Secure -----	Jealous
Good Parent -----	Abusive parent
Dependable -----	Undependable
Stable -----	Unstable
Empowering -----	Demeaning
Willing to change -----	Denies any problem exists
Unlikely to be violent -----	Potential violent

Now mark where you believe your ex-partner would fall if you were to return to that relationship.

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News in brief

Consumers stuck in middle as Senate sets showdown vote over limiting debit card fees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers are caught in the middle of a fight between financial institutions and merchants as the Senate approaches a showdown vote over whether to block the Federal Reserve from capping fees that stores pay banks every time a shopper swipes a debit card.

The vote, scheduled for Wednesday, is the climax of a long, expensive lobbying battle between two industries that lawmakers hate to cross because of their influence back home and their campaign contributions.

“Those are folks who have a lot of presence in all our states,” said Sen. Mark Pryor, D-Ark., who added he was undecided. He said, “This is one of those where people have friends on both sides.”

At stake is whether to slash the \$16 billion the Fed says merchants pay banks and credit card companies for the 38 billion times consumers use debit cards annually. The Fed says the fees currently average about 44 cents per swipe, which under a proposal the central bank unveiled last year would be capped at 12 cents per transaction.

Last year's financial overhaul law ordered the Fed to issue a rule that will take effect on July 21. The Senate vote will be on an effort to delay the regulations for a year and order the Fed and three other agencies to study whether the proposal is fair — and rewrite it if at least two agencies decide it is not.

Germany sees rise in reported E.coli cases but says new infections on decline

BERLIN (AP) — Germany's national disease control center says the number of people reported sick in a deadly bacterial outbreak is still rising even though German officials say there is hope the epidemic is abating.

The Robert Koch Institute told The Associated Press on Wednesday that another person has died in Germany from the E. coli infection, raising the toll to 24 in Germany, plus one in Sweden. The number of reported cases is up by more than 300 over the previous day to 2,648, including nearly 700 suffering from a serious complication that can cause kidney failure.

Even though the reported cases are going up, there is often a lag in the reporting time and German Health Minister Daniel Bahr says the number of new infections “are clearly going down.”

Weiner's sex scandal casts elected officials, New York in damaging light — again

NEW YORK (AP) — Add Rep. Anthony Weiner to the growing list of New York politicians caught in

headline-grabbing sex scandals. The disclosure by the seven-term married Democrat that he had sent raunchy texts and photos to several women online placed him in a rogue's gallery of Empire State elected officials better known for their sexual shenanigans than legislative accomplishments.

Weiner's confession this week came just four months after an upstate New York lawmaker, Republican Rep. Chris Lee, stepped down after shirtless photos he sent to a woman he met on Craigslist were published online. A Democrat, Kathy Hochul, won a special election to replace Lee, and Democrats hailed the victory as a turning point for the party following its drubbing in the 2010 midterm elections.

But since the infamous photo of a man's bulging underpants that Weiner sent appeared on Twitter nearly two weeks ago, the “Weinergate” controversy has dominated the news and distracted attention from Democrats' efforts to slam Republicans for proposing deep cuts to Medicare. Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi formally requested an ethics probe to determine whether Weiner broke House rules, while other Democrats have stayed largely silent on his plight.

“Anthony Weiner was never known as a mature guy, and his abrasiveness has not made him any friends among his congressional colleagues,” Democratic consultant George Arzt said. “I don't think he ever grew up. His behavior has always been a little out of sync from his duties.”

Even if Weiner does survive the controversy in the short term, his dream of running for New York mayor has likely been dashed for good. A new Marist poll showed 56 percent don't want him to be mayor, even though half don't believe he should resign his seat in Congress.

AP Exclusive: US, allies move to report Syria to UN Security Council despite resistance

VIENNA (AP) — The United States and its allies are pushing ahead with efforts to bring Syria before the U.N. Security Council for failure to cooperate with the International Atomic Energy Agency, despite opposition from China and Russia.

A draft of the resolution obtained by The Associated Press expresses “serious concern” over Syria's lack of cooperation with “repeated requests for access” by the U.N. nuclear agency to information about its Dair Alzour facility.

The draft was circulated Wednesday to the 35 ministers on the IAEA's board of governors. It needs majority approval to be sent to the U.N. Security Council.

Diplomats have indicated that should be possible, but without China and Russia. Their support is key because they wield veto power on the Security Council.

Residents prepare to evacuate as mammoth forest fire encroaches on Arizona towns

SPRINGERVILLE, Ariz. (AP) — Officials are hoping their efforts overnight will keep a mammoth forest fire from cresting a ridge and racing into two eastern Arizona towns, giving firefighters the upper hand on the 11th day of what has proved to be an overwhelming battle.

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As daylight waned Tuesday, cars, trucks and trailers loaded with belongings streamed out of Eagar as sheriff's deputies and police officers directed traffic. Flames dotted a ridge on the southeastern

side of Springerville, and columns of orange smoke rose from the hills. Ash rained from the sky, which was filled with thick smoke, and when the sun peeked through, it was blood-red.

Taboo-breaking women among Gadhafi's biggest fans, laud regime for quashing conservative rules

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — The young woman police officer swaggers through a crumbling Tripoli slum, her dark hair cut boyishly short, an empty gun holster and walkie-talkie hanging from her police belt. A tattooed man with a cigarette dangling from his lips shrinks away.

He doesn't want to mess with 25-year-old Nisrine Mansour.

A member of the regime's vice squad, her hero is Libyan ruler Moammar Gadhafi. His image is on her cell phone, his face emerging from rays of green — the iconic regime color. Her ring tone is a tinny pro-Gadhafi chant.

Gadhafi has bestowed many titles upon himself during his 42-years of iron-fisted rule over Libya, branding himself “King of Kings” in Africa and “Brother Leader of the Revolution” in Libya.

Case of missing Ind. student evokes painful memories of similar search more than a decade ago

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Eleven years after an Indiana University student disappeared while on a bike ride, the scene in this college town is eerily similar, with parents and volunteers frantically searching for another missing woman with no sign of what happened to her.

Police they say they have few leads and no suspects but believe foul play is to blame for the disappearance of 20-year-old Lauren Spierer, a petite sophomore from Greenburgh, N.Y., last seen leaving a friend's apartment early Friday after a night out.

“When somebody at 4:30 in the morning — no shoes and has earlier been drinking — goes out and just disappears off a street corner, we feel like there certainly could be foul play involved,” Bloomington police Lt. Bill Parker said during a news conference Tuesday. “If she had just decided to go to a buddy's house, we would have heard that by now.”

For some on the campus of 40,000 students about 50 miles south of Indianapolis, the agony is all too familiar.

Those searching for Spierer include Eric Behrman, whose daughter, Jill, was 19 when she disappeared in May 2000 while on a bike ride near Bloomington. Hunters found her skeletal remains three years later in a remote field about 15 miles from the city. John R. Myers II was charged later that year and is now serving a 65-year sentence in her death.

Study: Minority youth have voracious media appetite, spend 13 hours a day consuming TV, videos

CHICAGO (AP) — Minority youth spend more than half their day consuming media content, a rate that's 4.5 hours greater than their white counterparts, according to a Northwestern University report released Wednesday.

Television remains king among all youth, but among minorities who spend 13 hours per day consuming media of various types, electronic gadgets such as cell phones and iPods increasingly are the way such content gets delivered, the report found.

“Children, Media and Race: Media Use Among White, Black, Hispanic and Asian American Children” was touted by researchers as the first national study to focus exclusively on children's media use by race and ethnicity.

Minority youth media consumption rates outpace their white counterparts by two hours when it comes to TV and video viewership, approximately an hour for music, up to 1.5 hours for computer use, and 30 to 40 minutes for playing video games.

“In the past decade, the gap between minority and white youth's daily media use has doubled for blacks and quadrupled for Hispanics,” said Northwestern Professor Ellen Wartella, who co-authored the study along with former Kaiser Family Foundation vice president Vicky Rideout and Northwestern post-doctoral fellow Alexis Lauri.

Rapper Ja Rule set to get prison sentence in NYC gun case; he also faces tax rap in NJ

NEW YORK (AP) — Multiplatinum-selling rapper Ja Rule is set to go to prison, but he's leaving fans with an album on the way.

The rapper-actor — whose gravelly voice, thugish tough talk and duets with R&B divas made him one of rap's stars in the early 2000s — is set to be sentenced Wednesday to two years in a New York prison.

“My last day out,” he Tweeted Tuesday afternoon, adding that he was spending it at the movies with his family.

Ja Rule, 35, pleaded guilty in December to attempted criminal possession of a weapon, resolving a nearly four-year-old case.

Police said they found a loaded .40-caliber semiautomatic gun in a rear door of his \$250,000-plus Maybach sports car, which they'd said they'd stopped for speeding as he left a star-laden concert at Manhattan's Beacon Theatre on July 22, 2007. Rap superstar Lil Wayne was arrested separately after headlining the same show. He later pleaded guilty to the same charge, spending about eight months in a city jail last year.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry added immigration legislation to the special session's agenda on Tuesday, including a measure that would remove local law enforcement agencies' ability to make immigration violations a lower priority.

Other items he added include how local police use the federal Secure Communities program to check people's immigration status when they are arrested, and checking an applicant's immigration status before issuing driver's licenses and personal identification certificates, according to a statement from Perry.

The governor had named similar items as emergency legislation in the regular session, but the bills failed

to reach the full Senate for a vote.

Opponents say the measures will lead to racial profiling and the harassment of minorities.

Texas Democrats vehemently oppose all the measures and successfully used parliamentary procedure to stymie them until after the deadline passed for passage during the regular session. In a special session, there are fewer opportunities to slow a bill down.

Republicans have a 101-49 supermajority in the House and a 19-12 majority in the Senate, making it easy for them to pass the measures.

Proponents call places where police do not actively enforce federal immigration

law "sanctuary cities," a moniker local officials reject.

"Texas owes it to the brave law enforcement officials, who put their lives on the line every day to protect our families and communities, to give them the discretion they need to adequately do their jobs," Perry said.

"Abolishing sanctuary cities in Texas, using the federal Secure Communities program and ensuring that only individuals who are here legally can obtain a valid Texas driver's license sends a clear message that Texas will not turn a blind eye to those breaking our laws."

The bill would forbid policymakers from telling law enforcement officers not to give immigration matters

the same priority as other crimes. The bill currently filed in the legislature would allow a police officer to ask about someone's immigration status whenever they are being questioned about any kind of violation.

TWIA REFORM

Lawmakers approved big changes on Tuesday to the insurance authority that covers coastal residents in case of a hurricane.

The House Insurance Committee passed a bill overhauling the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, to include a name change. Gov. Rick Perry put the matter on the special session's agenda saying he hoped it would be passed before another hurri-

cane hits. The bill now goes to the full House for consideration and if approved, on to the Senate.

The association is a non-profit, state-supervised insurer of last resort for people who can't get private property insurance. The organization is subsidized with mandatory dues from for-profit insurance companies.

Following Hurricane Rita, there were numerous allegations of collusion between claims adjusters and the association. More than 1,900 policyholders sued the association for failing to pay for legitimate damages. The Texas Department of Insurance placed the association under administrative oversight in February.



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Howard softball players honored

By **CINDY SMITH**
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Recently, the Howard College softball team won a WJCAC Regional Championship and trip to the NJCAA Division I Softball National Tournament.

As if that were not enough, the Hawk softball team capped the season with high honors, most notably the Third Team All-American selection for short stop Olive Naotala.

Naotala, a freshman from Oceanside, California, was instrumental to the team's success on the field, batting .478 for the season with 23 homeruns and 99 RBI's. She was the only player from the WJCAC selected to

the All-American

team. "Olive is one of the best all-around players I have had the opportunity to coach," said Kelly Raines, Howard College Softball Head Coach. "Besides being a really great player, she is a team player and a leader for the other girls."

In addition to the All-American selection, Naotala was named the WJCAC Most Valuable Player, Region V Most Valuable Player and Region V All Region infield and the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All Region Infield player.

Naotala was not alone in conference and regional honors. Several teammates were also honored with All-WJ-

CAC Conference first team recognition: Salina Mitchell in the circle, Kelby Doughty in the outfield and Alexis Beltran as a designated hitter.

Honorable mention went to Carlyn Teichmann and Faith Korria.

All-Region V honors also went to Salina Mitchell as a pitcher and the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Region honor went to Alexis Beltran for her role as a designated hitter.

"This team is young and strong," said Raines. "We have had a terrific season as these girls laid it all on the field and played with heart. They have earned all of the recognition they receive."



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton
Carlyn Teichmann catches the ball at first base for an out in a recent Hawk softball game.

Rangers can not tame Tigers, lose 8-1

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — With 38 hits in two games, the Detroit bats are rolling.

The Tigers set season-highs for hits on back-to-back nights, pounding Texas pitching for 20 hits on Tuesday night in an 8-1 victory over the AL West-leading Rangers.

"When we hit 'em good, they were falling in and when we hit 'em bad, they were falling

in sometimes," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said.

Austin Jackson had three hits and drove in three runs, and Rick Porcello won for the sixth time in his last seven outings, allowing a run on six hits in six innings.

Porcello (6-3) has allowed fewer than two runs in five of his last nine starts.

"I got ahead early, and

got quick counts early in the ballgame," Porcello said. "In my last start, my fastball command was there but the ball wasn't sinking. I had to get that back."

Eleven of Porcello's 18 outs came on ground balls — his specialty.

"That's what he does — throws sinker, slider and change-up," Texas catcher Mike Napoli said. "He tries to get you to hit it into the ground

and he got us tonight."

Jackson helped Detroit win its fourth straight with a huge two-run single that keyed a four-run fourth inning against Matt Harrison (5-5).

Jackson appeared to strike out to end the inning but home-plate umpire Ed Hickox ruled that a fouled third strike hit the ground before going into catcher Mike Napoli's mitt. Replays showed Napoli caught

the ball cleanly before Jackson singled two pitches later for a 3-0 lead.

"I thought he caught it clean," Harrison said. "That's the umpire's judgment and that's the way it goes. I still have to make another pitch. I left the ball out over the plate and (Jackson) was able to drive it into the gap."

Every Tiger in the lineup had at least one

hit, including Wells, Alex Avila, and Victor Martinez, who also had three hits apiece.

"It seemed like everything they touched fell in," Rangers manager Ron Washington said.

After winning five straight on the road, Texas has come home and dropped two in a row to the Tigers. The series finale is

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Mavericks fight their way back into Finals

DALLAS (AP) — Coughing and wheezing, his temperature spiking to 101, worn out from hardly sleeping the night before, Dirk Nowitzki went through three miserable quarters in Game 4 of the NBA finals.

Yet the fourth quarter was his time to shine. Again.

And now the Dallas Mavericks and Miami Heat are starting over in the NBA finals, this best-of-seven series reduced to a best-of-three.

Nowitzki fought through a sinus infection and everything else that ailed him and his team to power a 21-9 run over the final 10:12, lifting the Mavericks to a memorable 86-83 victory Tuesday night.

In the final period, Nowitzki scored 10 of his 21 points — including a driving right-handed layup that spun in off the backboard with 14.4 seconds left — and grabbed five of his 11 rebounds as Dallas pulled off its second stunning finish this series.

"Just battle it out," Nowitzki said, sniffing throughout his postgame interview with his warm-up jacket zipped all the way up, still in his uniform instead of changing into street clothes like the NBA prefers. "This is the finals. You have to go out there and compete and try your best for your team. So that's what I did."

The Mavs avoided going down 3-1, a deficit no team has ever overcome in the finals, and guaranteed the series will return to Miami for a Game 6 on Sunday night.

Game 5 is Thursday night in Dallas, and Nowitzki vowed to be ready.

"There's no long term," Nowitzki said. "I'll be all right on Thursday. ... Hopefully I'll get some sleep tonight, take some meds and be ready to go on Thursday."

Nowitzki wasn't as dominant as Michael Jordan when he scored 38 points despite a 103-degree fever in Game 5 of the 1997 finals — but it

was that kind of performance down the stretch. With everyone knowing he wasn't at full strength, the Mavs still ran their offense through him in the fourth quarter, and he delivered, making 2 of 6 shots and all six of his free throws.

If the Mavericks wind up winning their first championship, what Nowitzki's done this series will go down among the greatest. Remember, in Game 2 he bounced back from a torn tendon in the tip of his left middle finger to score the final nine points in Dallas' 22-5 rally, including two left-handed layups among his final three baskets.

"The average person, you know, has sick days and battling 100-something (fever), it's just tough to get out of bed," Dallas center Tyson Chandler said. "This guy is playing against the best athletes in the world."

What Nowitzki did grows in stature when compared to how meek a

healthy LeBron James played.

James made only 3 of 11 shots — a tip-in during the first quarter, then a 15-foot jumper and a breakaway dunk in the third quarter. Not only did he fail to score in the fourth, he took only one shot while playing all 12 minutes.

He finished with eight points, ending a double-figure scoring streak of 433 consecutive games, regular season and postseason. It was his fewest points ever in the playoffs.

"I've got to do a better job of being more assertive offensively," said James, who nonetheless contributed nine rebounds and seven assists. "I'm confident in my ability. It's just about going out there and knocking them down."

Dwyane Wade led Miami with 32 points, but missed a free throw with 30.1 seconds left and fumbled an

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Astros lose 4th straight

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros created plenty of scoring chances, and that's the one hopeful sign manager Brad Mills took away from his team's 7-4 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday night.

Carlos Lee hit a two-run homer and Hunter Pence extended his hitting streak to 18 games. But Houston stranded 13 runners and twice left the bases loaded.

The Astros have lost four in a row and left a total of 37 runners on base during the skid. Houston came into the game with the NL's second-best batting average with runners in scoring position (.271), and Mills is confident that his team will start converting those chances again soon.

"Yeah, we left some guys on base again," Mills said. "At the same time, we're happy that the opportunities are presenting themselves. When we get in a situation where those opportunities aren't presenting themselves, that's a completely different situation. It'll come back

to where we're right where we need to be as far as getting those base hits."

Houston starter Brett Myers (2-5) yielded six hits and five runs with four strikeouts in six innings. Former Houston star Lance Berkman hit his 13th homer of the season off Myers in the first inning and Cardinals' starter Jake Westbrook broke a 2-2 tie with a three-run double against Myers in the fourth.

"I felt like I made good pitches," Myers said. "I just made two bad ones, and it cost me five runs. That's pretty much the moral of the story."

Westbrook (6-3) gave up Lee's homer, then did not allow another earned run in 5 1-3 innings. The St. Louis bullpen repeatedly avoided trouble in the later innings.

Houston loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the eighth. Fernando Salas then struck out

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Wednesday, meaning the Rangers' streak of four consecutive winning series is over.

"They had great at-bats," said outfielder David Murphy, who had three hits to lead the Rangers. "We got beat and that's the game sometimes."

Harrison allowed four runs on eight hits in four innings after not allowing a run in his previous 19 2-3 innings.

Texas trimmed the deficit to 4-1 in the sixth, stringing together three hits off Porcello. Ian Kinsler scored from third on Michael Young's infield single, but Porcello got Adrian Beltre to line out to short and fanned Cruz with two runners aboard to end the threat.

"On Beltre, I was trying to get a double play, but he kept fouling off the sinker," Porcello said. "Then he hit a hard liner right at the shortstop. Cruz kept fouling off the sinkers too. Then I was able to elevate a fastball and got him out with that."

Detroit added a pair of runs in the sixth on RBI singles from Jhonny Peralta and Ryan Raburn. The lead stretched to 7-1 in the eighth when Wells crushed his second double of the night and Miguel Cabrera followed with an RBI-single.

Harrison was pitching for the first time in nine days after missing his last start June 2 in Cleveland with a blister on his right index finger. He also developed a kidney stone and had been in discomfort since last Saturday. He has not passed the stone and there was some concern about whether he would be forced to skip another turn in the rotation.

"It started hurting again in the top of the ninth," said Harrison. "Hopefully it's out of the way here in a day or so and I can move on."

NOTES: Texas manager Ron Washington gave SS Elvis Andrus the night off, going with Andres Blanco. "I ran him in the ground last year and I'm not going to run him in the ground this year," Washington said of Andrus. ... Texas CF Endy Chavez (sore toe) remained out of the lineup, but Washington indicated he was available to pinch-hit. ... Rangers RHP Brandon Webb (shoulder inflammation) reported no ill effects from a 15-minute session of long toss before the game. Webb could resume a minor-league rehab assignment early next week.

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inbounds pass with 6.7 seconds left. He knocked the ball back to Mike Miller for a potential tying 3-pointer, but it wasn't even close to hitting the rim. Fans jumped to their feet and began roaring as soon as they could tell the ball was off-target.

Dallas players savored it, too, except for Nowitzki, who walked off looking somewhat sullen, obviously ready for a hot shower and a warm bed.

His illness hit Monday night. After struggling to get any rest, he showed up for shootaround but hardly did anything.

His condition was kept a secret, and he helped keep it that way by hitting his first three shots. Then he missed 10 of 11 and it was obvious something was wrong. The biggest giveaway: he also missed a free throw for the first time since Game 4 of the conference finals.

The Heat didn't know, and didn't care.

"There is not an illness report before the game or anything," Miami's Chris Bosh said. "I've never been out there and somebody pointed and said, 'He's got a fever!'"

Mavs coach Rick Carlisle tried resting Nowitzki as much as he could. During timeouts, he stayed in his chair as long as possible, trying to conserve every ounce of energy.

"You've got a guy that's 7 foot, there's a different kind of toll it takes on your body when you're sick," Carlisle said. "Everyone could tell looking at him that he labored."

This series is now more fascinating than ever. It just went from two games decided by two points, the first time that happened in the finals since 1998, to being settled by three points.

Coming into this game, the Heat felt they should have been up 3-0. The Mavs felt they should have been up 2-1. This game was all about figuring out whether Miami was going to runaway with the championship, as many have expected since "The Decision" last summer, or if the plucky veterans from Dallas really had what it took to be champs for the first time.

Now it's 2-2. Both teams are 1-1 at home, and all those stats about who wins under various circumstances seem pretty moot.

The folks in the NBA office and at ABC are loving it the most. Ratings already have been setting records and they're sure to be up again, with interest for Game 5 higher than ever.

"This series is a jump ball," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "These guys live for these type of moments. It's about execution and disposition in the fourth quarter, being able to close out. We have a golden opportunity in the next game."

Miami seemed to have taken control when it went ahead 74-65, its biggest lead of the night. Then Dallas went to a zone and the Heat struggled.

They scored a series-low 14 points in the fourth quarter, committing six turnovers and making only 5 of 15 shots. They actually made their first two, so they missed 10 of their final 13.

Jason Terry — who kick-started Dallas' Game 2 comeback with six straight points, but was 0 for 7 in the fourth quarter of the other two games — got the Mavs going with consecutive baskets. He capped the winning rally with two free throws with 6.7 seconds left that forced Miami to need a 3-pointer to force overtime.

"These are two teams trying to figure out a way to make plays down the stretch," James said. "We've seen in this series a seven- or eight-point lead is nothing. You just got to continue to execute offensively, continue to grind defensively, and put yourself in the best possible chance to win late."

Carlisle shook up Dallas' lineup, starting J.J. Barea instead of DeShawn Stevenson, and made Brian Cardinal the primary backup for Nowitzki, instead of Peja Stojakovic.

Like his late move to the zone, these changes worked out quite nicely. He also made an adjustment after Miami grabbed nine offensive rebounds in the first quarter; the Heat got just six more.

Stevenson scored 11 points, his first time in double-digits since Feb. 2. Cardinal drew a charge on James early and provided seven solid minutes, giving Nowitzki much-needed rest.

Terry scored 17, Shawn Marion 16 and Chandler had 13 points and 16 rebounds.

Backup center Brendan Haywood returned to the lineup after missing Game 3 with a hip injury, but lasted only 3:05. Chandler could tell he was hurting and jumped off the bench to go back in.

"I told Coach, 'You have to get me back out there, I will play 48 (minutes) if I need to,'" Chandler said.

NOTES: Bosh scored 24 points. Other than Miami's three superstars, none of the Heat scored more than six.

Of the last 26 times the finals have been tied at 2, the Game 5 winner has won it all 19 times. Last year was among the exceptions, with the Celtics winning Game 5 and the Lakers taking the last two.

Tiger Woods to skip U.S. Open

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods pulled out of the U.S. Open on Tuesday because of lingering issues with his left leg, leaving him uncertain how soon he can resume his pursuit of Jack Nicklaus' record for major titles.

It will be the first time Woods has missed the U.S. Open since 1994, when he had just graduated high school.

"I am extremely disap-

pointed that I won't be playing in the U.S. Open, but it's time for me to listen to my doctors and focus on the future," Woods said on his website. "I was hopeful that I could play, but if I did, I risk further damage to my left leg. My knee and Achilles tendon are not fully healed."

Woods said he hoped to be ready for the AT&T National, which starts June 30 at Aronomink, and the next two majors. Then again, he said two weeks ago he would do everything possible to be ready for the U.S. Open, which is far more significant.

"We're very disappointed that he won't be playing in the National Open," USGA executive director Mike Davis said, whom Woods called Tuesday morning. "He certainly brings excitement to the event. He'll

be missed, but the U.S. Open will go on. The event is bigger than one player, but he certainly will be missed."

The U.S. Open starts June 16 at Congressional, where Woods won the AT&T National two years ago and tied for 19th when the U.S. Open was last played there in 1997.

Woods was replaced by Michael Whitehead, a senior at Rice who was first alternate from the Dallas qualifier. Whitehead had to win a playoff just to get out of the first stage of 18-hole qualifying, and was stunned to get the news.

"They said on the phone that Tiger has withdrawn from the Open," Whitehead said. "So, 'Thanks, Tiger.' I guess I'm glad he was listening to his

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doctors.”
The future of Woods, meanwhile, is as muddled as ever.
“The hardest thing in the world as a golfer, or any athlete, is to stay out,” two-time U.S. Open champion Curtis Strange said. “It’s smart what he’s doing. Unfortunately, the U.S. Open falls in that time frame. But every time something happens, and the longer he’s away from the game, it’s going to make it tougher for him to come back.
“It’s going to be harder and harder the long this goes.”
Woods hasn’t won since the 2009 Australian Masters, a stretch of 22 tournaments. He not only lost his No. 1 ranking late last year, he has plunged to No. 15 in the world, his lowest spot in the ranking since the spring of 1997.
Woods announced his decision on Twitter: “Not playing in US Open. Very disappointed. Short-term frustration for long-term gain.”
He had said in his most recent press conference that his injury was “not

the doomsday that some of the press members are writing about.” Some in his camp believe if he had skipped The Players Championship, his left leg would have been fully healed perhaps in time for the Memorial, which he missed last week.
Only Woods knows what kind of shape his leg is in, although he said another surgery has never been brought up by his doctors.
The Masters is now the only major Woods has played every year since turning pro. He was recovering from knee surgery in 2008 and did not play the British Open and PGA Championship.
“It’s been a frustrating and difficult year, but I’m committed to my long-term health,” Woods said. “I want to thank the fans for their encouragement and support. I am truly grateful and will be back playing when I can.”
The question is when will he return. Woods is recovering from injuries to his left knee ligaments and left Achilles’, and his Achilles’ is believed to be giving him more trouble.
“My man is hurting,” Arjun Atwal, a close friend and frequent practice partner, said last week at the Memo-

rial. “He’s in a boot, he’s on crutches. Not doing good.”
The most recent of four surgeries on Woods’ left knee came a week after the 2008 U.S. Open, which Woods won in a playoff for his 14th major. He had reconstructive surgery and was out for eight months, then returned and won seven times the following year before his personal life imploded on Thanksgiving night in 2009.
Woods was tied for the lead at the turn in the final round of the Masters this year and wound up in a tie for fourth. But he said he hurt his knee and Achilles’ hitting from an awkward stance in the pine straw on the 17th hole of the third round at Augusta National, and he was limping toward the finish on Sunday. He described it as a “minor injury” in April.
Woods sat out the Wells Fargo Championship, then tried to play in The Players Championship, only to withdraw at 6-over par after nine holes because of what he called a chain reaction of pain in his knee, Achilles’ and eventually his calf.
He later said he tried to come back too early.
“My gut feeling is I think it’s a good thing for Tiger,” said Mark O’Meara,

who no longer spends as much time around Woods. “You’re throwing yourself back in the fray at a major when you haven’t really played besides Augusta — you can’t count The Players. To be prepared to do that, you’ve got to have some reps, and not reps at home.
“He drives the needle and he always will,” O’Meara said. “I’d rather see him come back when he’s ready. And if he’s not prepared, that he shouldn’t come back.”
The first time Woods missed a cut in the major was the 2006 U.S. Open, his first tournament in two months as he coped with the death of his father.
The U.S. Open will be the 12th straight major without Woods winning, the longest drought of his career. He remains four majors short of the 18 professional majors that Nicklaus won, the ultimate benchmark in golf.
“I still have plenty of time, and I feel that going forward, I’m excited about playing major championships and playing golf again,” Woods said two weeks ago while promoting the AT&T National. “I just want to be healthy and solid, and I feel like I can give it a go.”

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Michael Bourn, got Clint Barmes on a shallow flyout and fanned Hunter Pence to escape the jam.
Bourn also struck out with the bases loaded in the sixth inning.
“We got that many opportunities, we’ve got to try to seize the moment,” Bourn said. “I know I didn’t do my part to at least get one in, in those two at-bats. That’s part of it, you just have to come back the next game and try again.”
Albert Pujols homered for the fourth straight game with a solo blast to left field in the eighth. Salas allowed one run in two innings for his 11th save.
Berkman returned to the Cardinals lineup after sitting out Sunday following a cortisone shot to his wrist he injured making a diving catch last month. In his second trip to Houston since a trade last year, the slugger, who spent 12 seasons with the Astros, was greeted by a mixture of cheers and boos each time he came to the plate.
Myers allowed consecutive singles to Yadier Molina and Skip Schumaker with two outs in the fourth before intentionally walking Daniel Descalso to load the bases. Then came Westbrook’s line drive to center field that put St. Louis ahead 5-2.
Myers retired the next seven batters he faced before being replaced by Sergio Escalona, who struck out Descalso before Enerio Del Rosario took over. Myers threw 83 pitches and lasted at least six innings for the 43rd time in 46 starts for the Astros.
“Myers really pitched well. All five of the runs he gave up were with two outs,” Mills said. “At the same time, he was able to keep his pitch count down and be able to do a pretty good job of making pitches.”
Chris Johnson had an RBI double for Houston in the ninth. The Astros were 0-for-10 with runners in scoring position before Johnson’s at-bat.

NOTES: St. Louis right fielder Allen Craig bruised his right knee when he crashed into the fence on the right field line chasing a foul ball in the first inning. He was replaced by Jon Jay. ... Houston RHP Brandon Lyon, pitched an inning on his rehabilitation assignment with Triple-A Oklahoma City. Mills said Lyon felt good after throwing 10 pitches in the inning. Lyon is on the 15-day DL with right biceps tendinitis and a partial right rotator cuff tear.

Do or die time in NHL Finals

BOSTON (AP) — Michael Ryder and Keith Ballard both realize the Stanley Cup finals have reached a tipping point, and they’ve each got a chance to push the series in their club’s favor.
Either Ryder’s Boston Bruins will ride the momentum from their blowout victory and even the finals in Game 4 on Wednesday night, or Ballard’s Vancouver Canucks will rediscover their dominance with a third victory, earning the chance to parade the Stanley Cup around their own rink two days later.
“It’s a big game, a big point in the series,” said Ballard, a healthy scratch in the first three games. “Both teams know what’s at stake in this one.”
Ryder and Ballard are likely to be thrust into important roles when the clubs return from a combustible Game 3 in Boston.
Nathan Horton, the Bruins’ top-line right wing, has

a season-ending concussion after a late hit from Vancouver defenseman Aaron Rome, giving the Bruins and their fans a deep well of injury and insult from which to draw motivation for a crucial game.
Ryder is thought to be coach Claude Julien’s most logical candidate to replace Horton alongside center David Krejci, while Ballard is likely to fill in for Aaron Rome, who is suspended for four games.
“I’m not sure what’s going to happen,” said Ryder, who had a goal and two assists in Boston’s 8-1 rout on Monday. “I played with Krejci before, and with (Milan) Lucic on and off at times. Yeah, I feel comfortable there. I’m not sure what Claude has planned, but if I get put in that position, I’ll have to step it up and make sure I help those guys out as much as I can. I’m not Nathan Horton, but I can try to do what I can out there.”
Nobody is sure what to

expect — except slushy ice — when the teams return to TD Garden on what’s expected to be a 90-degree day in downtown Boston.
Rome’s hit changed the tenor of a tight, defense-dominated series that featured just six total goals in the first two games — and just two by the Bruins in the first seven periods.
Boston returned from the first intermission determined to win big for Horton, scoring eight goals in the next 40 minutes as the game degenerated into a prolonged brawl with nine misconduct penalties and 118 penalty minutes in the third period alone.
“The times we play the best are when there’s been a lot of emotion in a very physical game,” Bruins defenseman Andrew Ference said. “(That’s) what our sport is all about — finding that line, playing hard. We’re allowed to be physical. That’s part of the fabric of our sport.”

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Play It Again, Sam

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 8 6 3
♥ A Q 8
♦ J 10
♣ A K 8 2
WEST
♠ Q 7 2
♥ J 7 3 2
♦ 6 3 2
♣ 9 5 3
EAST
♠ J 10 4
♥ K 10 9 5
♦ Q 8 7 5 4
♣ 10
SOUTH
♠ K 9 5
♥ 6 4
♦ A K 9
♣ Q J 7 6 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
Opening lead — two of hearts.

There’s many a slip ’twixt the cup and the lip, and this is especially true in the slam contract.
This deal occurred in a match between Great Britain and Norway. When the Norwegians held the North-South cards, they reached six clubs with minimum fanfare as shown.
Certainly the contract was not bad; in fact, it was rather good. The slam depends at worst on a heart finesse, and without a heart lead,

South would make 12 tricks if the opposing spades are divided 3-3.
But West did lead a heart, nullifying the possibility of establishing dummy’s fourth spade. With declarer immediately confronted by the heart situation, he finessed the queen, lost to the king and later lost a spade trick to go down one.
No one will ever know whether South would have made the slam had he played differently, but there is no doubt that he misplayed the hand. He erred when he played the queen from dummy on the opening lead. Instead, he should have played the eight!
To appreciate the advantage of this play, imagine you’re East and the eight is played from dummy. What would you do? Remember — you see only the dummy’s cards and your own. It might not be so easy to play the nine instead of the king. South could have the jack — especially in view of his failure to finesse the queen. And if you do decide to play the king, South then has 12 iron-clad tricks.
Declarer loses nothing by trying the eight. If West has the king, the finesse can be taken just as advantageously later on. Playing the eight gives East a chance to go wrong and therefore is the right play.
There’s many a slip ’twixt the cup and the lip!”

Tomorrow: An unusual defense.
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- Barbecue _____
- Best Service _____
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- Buffet _____
- Burritos _____
- Caterer _____
- Chicken _____
- Chinese _____
- Coldest Beer _____
- Donuts _____
- Fish _____
- French Fries _____
- Friendly Staff _____
- Hamburgers _____
- Margaritas _____
- Mexican Food _____
- Pizza _____
- Sandwiches _____
- Steaks _____

Grocery Stores

- Cleanliness _____
- Deli _____
- Friendly Staff _____
- Meats _____
- Produce _____

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- Bank _____
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- Cellular Dealer _____
- Cleaning Service _____
- College _____
- Construction _____
- Credit Union _____
- Crop Insurance _____

Businesses

- Day Care _____
- Drinking Water Company _____
- Dry Cleaning _____
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- Family Fun Center _____
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- Fencing Company _____
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- Furniture Store _____
- Gift Shop _____
- Hardware Store _____
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- Hearing Aid Ctr. _____
- Heating/Cooling Service _____
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

It's not for the big things. It's for the little things — all the chatter and noise that fills up your life. Record it now, and appreciate it later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have pulled yourself up by your own bootstraps in life, and you're the best one for that job. But there comes a time when everyone needs a little help. Grab the hand offering it to you now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). With all you have going on in your life now, it's a small miracle that you show up where you're supposed to be on the right day and on time. This is also a testament to your excellent organizational system.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will grow in power and love as you assess what is important to you and become aware of the price you are willing to pay to make this area of your life conform to your ideals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You seldom wish you were another sign of the zodiac, and yet you'll try on some of Capricorn's powerful attributes today,

namely a certain ease with managing people and money.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will work on problems from all angles now, including a subconscious angle. What you don't acknowledge in your waking life, you'll work through in your dreams.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be in a reflective mood. New reserves of energy open up as you tap into inner resources. These reserves can be accessed through mediation, dance, prayer, exercise or song.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your best is usually good enough. Now it will be more than good enough. In fact, somebody will do a little jig in response to your efforts. It will feel terrific to bring about such happiness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may encounter some frustration because your sense of timing does not match the timing of another person or the world at large. In the end, your effort to relax and get in sync will be successful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The setting in which you see someone will have a significant impact on how you perceive and subsequently approach this person. Be bold, unfazed by glamorous illusions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because your influences and interests are so wide, you have a special knack for connecting with others on their own topics of interest. Share your relevant story, and you'll be a hit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll take control of a situation that is not technically your responsibility. You'll do this because the one in charge seems unsure of what to do next, or because no one seems to be in charge at all.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 8). You'll be grateful when one of your birthday wishes comes true in June, and that attitude is precisely what makes another wish come true in July.

There will be an addition to your family in August. Artistic or athletic endeavors bring

social status in October and May. November brings a windfall. Sagittarius and Pisces people adore you.

Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 22, 39 and 35.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: He rose to fame as a producer of such artists as Alicia Keys and Janet Jackson, but Kanye West quickly became a superstar in his own right.

Fans eagerly await his latest creation with Jay-Z, "Watch the Throne." West is a Gemini with Mercury, Venus and Mars in Taurus, the sign of "bling" and the voice. His Saturn, the lessons planet, is in Leo, the sign of entertainment.

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

don't want to criticize her when she feels so overwhelmed. But watching their lives disintegrate isn't an option. What can I do? — Frustrated Friend

Dear Frustrated: We're surprised Bob's caregiver hasn't called the authorities to report the filth. There's not much you can do for someone who refuses help. Perhaps you or a group of friends can offer to send over a cleaning service if Jamie is amenable and you can afford it. Beyond that, please talk to her and express your concern without judgment or accusation. Suggest that she look into low-cost counseling for herself so she can develop better coping skills. Tell her to do it for the sake of her children.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Gone to the Gym," who complained about the overweight nurses in the cardiologist's office.

Most nurses I know never dreamed of becoming overweight.

Unfortunately, they have horrendous schedules that don't benefit their health. Many work long hours with breaks too short to do anything but grab a quick bite. Some nurses work 12-hour shifts and then go home to take care of a spouse, children and household responsibilities. Sleep is a luxury. Numerous studies have pointed to the effects of rotating shifts on metabolism, as well as the effects of lack of sleep on our weight.

Most people are aware of the punishing schedules of medical residents in training. But that only lasts a few years. Working conditions for nurses last for decades. — No Name Nurse

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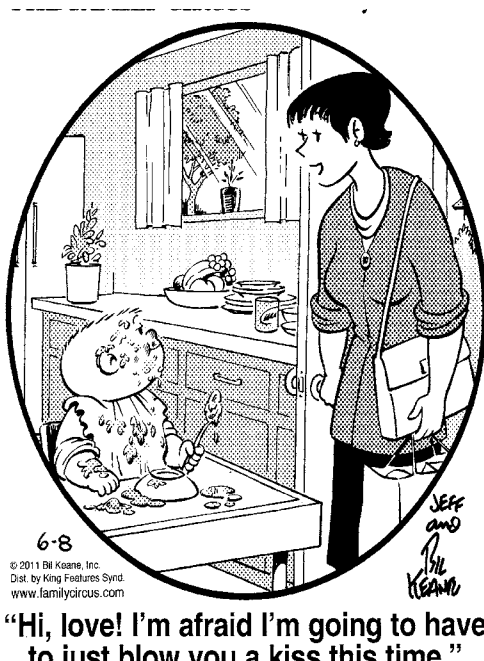
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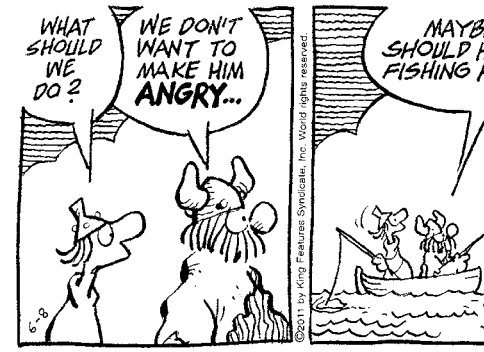
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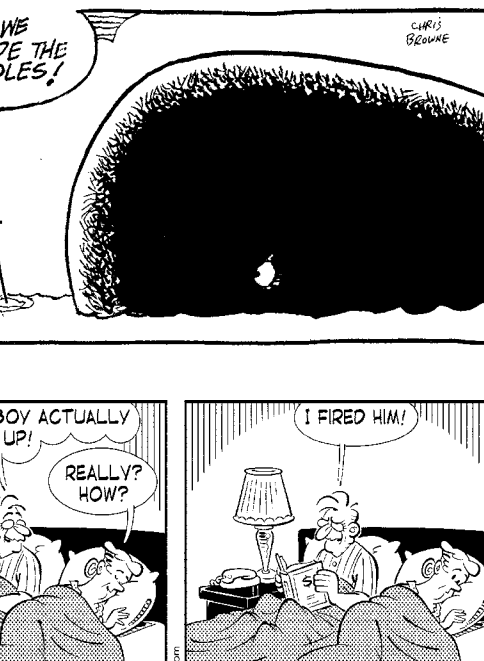
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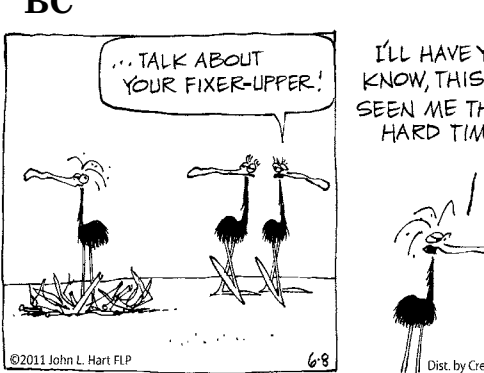
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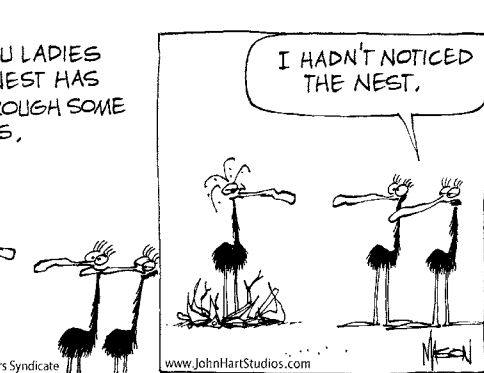
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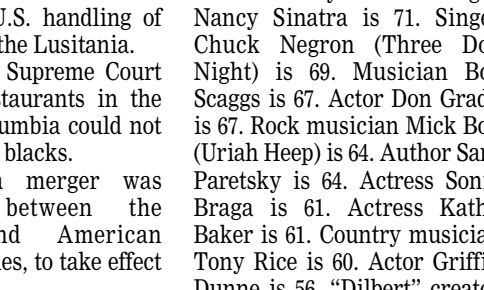
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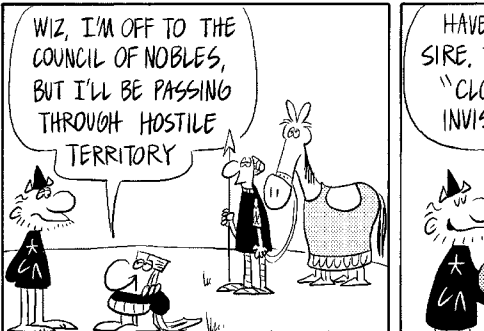
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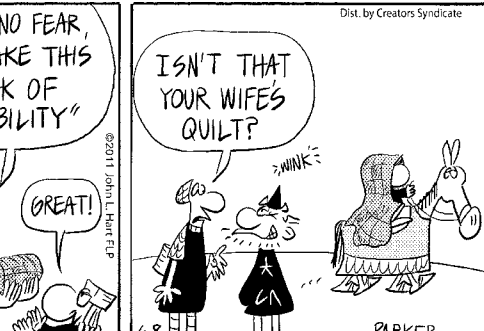
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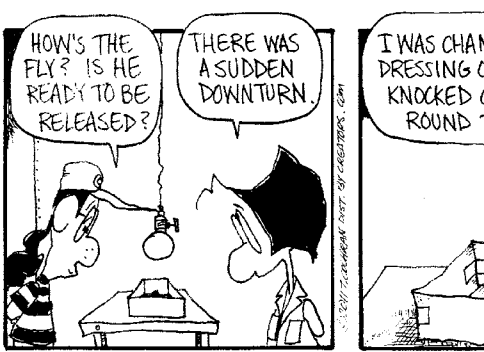
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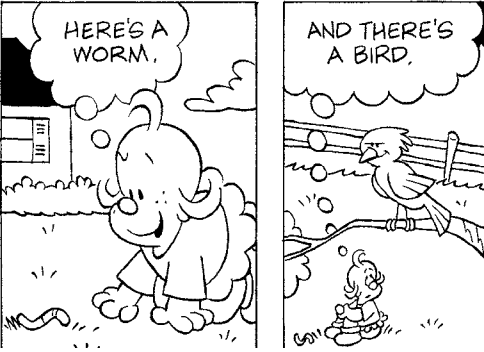
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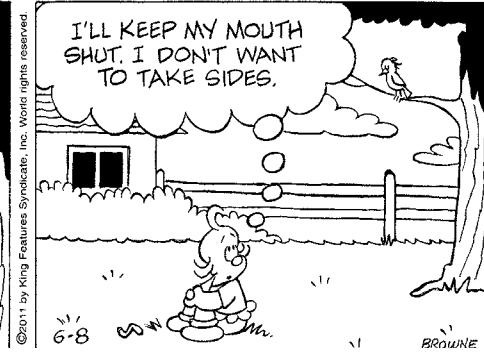
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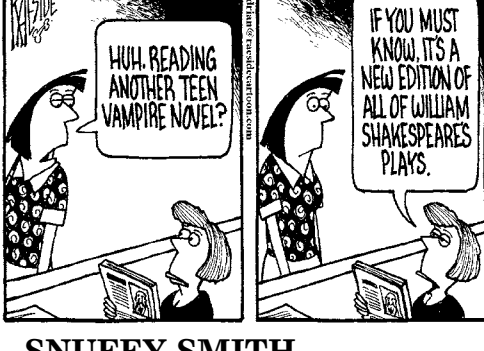
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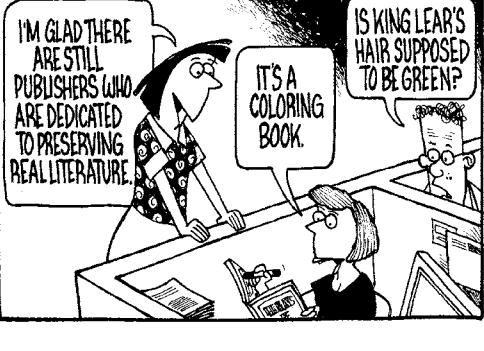
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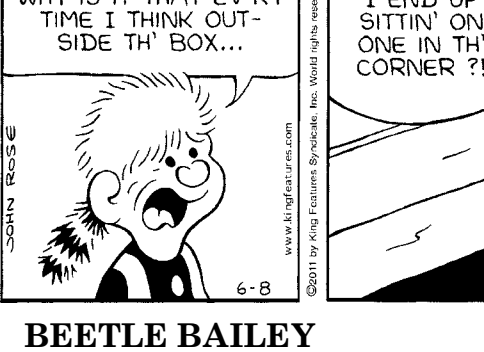
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Louisiana inlet, 6 Fossil fuel, 10 Marcher's flute, 14 Computer-screen displays, 15 Zero, in tennis, 16 GI offense, 17 Place to jot notes, 20 Is plenty angry, 21 Lack of sound, 22 Min. fraction, 24 Autumn bloomer, 25 Skier's lodging, 30 Wallpaper unit, 33 Cowboy, at a roundup, 34 Greek sandwich, 35 Feudal laborer, 39 A, M, or Z, 42 Tiddlywinks piece, 43 Keen about, 44 Math comparison, 45 Lady (pop singer), 46 Family-friendly, as a film, 47 Get started, 51 Be deceitful, 53 Archaeological period, 56 Hoops headliner, 62 Computer-store buy, 64 Aroma, 65 Sherlock Holmes prop, 66 Polynesian carvings, 67 Infamous Roman emperor, 68 Penn of film, 69 Tuckered out.

Down crossword clues: 23 Figurine material, 25 Gunk, 26 Pueblo Indian, 27 Smartphone programs, 28 Onion kin, 29 Be off the mark, 31 Triple-decker snack, 32 Online chuckle, 34 Criminal group, 35 GNP, e.g., 36 Miniaturizing suffix, 37 Harry of the Senate, 38 Tadpole's parent, 40 Cloak-and-dagger org., 41 Noteworthy time, 45 Chew like a beaver, 46 Country singer McEntire, 47 Image on an old nickel, 48 Wear down, 49 Attempt to get, 50 Opening words, 52 How contracts are signed, 54 Empty spaces, 55 Sandusky's lake, 57 Treads the boards, 58 Decide not to attend, 59 Help oneself to, 60 Opposed to, nonstandardly, 61 Musical pause, 63 Air quality org.