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Crews work to repair a main water line break near the intersection of Johnson and Third streets Monday morning that left much of Big Spring City Hall without water during the morning hours. According to city officials, water services have been restored, however, the intersection — turning from Third or Fourth streets onto Johnson — will be closed until the repairs are completed.

Structure fire said suspicious

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The fire that destroyed a home in the 400 block of Lancaster late Saturday night has been ruled suspicious, according to Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray, but the cause remains under investigation.

Condray said the home, which was located at 404 Lancaster and had been vacant for several years, was a total loss.

"The home was unoccupied at the time of the fire. There had been transient activity through the home for several years," Condray said. "It's

being treated as a suspicious fire at this time."

No injuries occurred as a result of the blaze, which was reported at 11:52 p.m.

"We haven't been able to put a dollar amount to the loss yet," Condray said. "It took firefighters about an hour to get the fire out. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. All we know for sure right now, however, is there was definitely a human factor involved."

While there was still a power line running from the pole to the home, Condray said the meter had been removed

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Bonura steps in as interim SWCID provost

By **CINDY SMITH**
Howard College

Longtime friend and supporter of SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, Dominick "Dom" Bonura, will be stepping in as the interim provost at the SWCID campus effective immediately.

Bonura will be taking the reigns from current Provost Dr. Mark Myers as Myers begins his search for new career opportunities with plans to return closer to his family by the fall of 2012, if not sooner. While Myers stays on the HC campus he will work in the position of development officer for the SWCID campus to pursue some fund-raising efforts relative to specific projects as well as finish some tasks relative to advancement of the institution with federal and state funding agencies.

"As Mark pursues new ca-



Bonura

reer opportunities for himself, he will be solidifying some projects already under way and I have asked Dom Bonura to return to our SWCID campus to provide interim leadership," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, Howard College president. "Dom knows and loves SWCID and I am confident he can lead us through this time of transition with the support from our SWCID faculty and students."

Howard College administrators will immediately begin the search for a new provost.

"It is important we keep our momentum moving forward," said Sparks. "We will begin looking for a new provost to take SWCID to the next level just as Mark has accomplished this during his time with us and those who came before him."

Bonura is no stranger to SWCID as he served the campus as the dean of students from 1981-1986 and has

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Crossroads youth get chance to learn about Webb patches

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Lessons in history don't only take place in the classroom or from a book.

Hangar 25 Air Museum is hosting a patch workshop, "Emblems of Webb," for children of all ages, will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Feb. 18.

During that time, there will be a 10-15 minute segment on what patches were used for and the displays at the museum, according to Genevieve Stockburger, administrator.

"I wanted to do something to reach out to the kids in the community," Stockburger said. "This is not just school tours. Getting the community involved is important to the

"This is not just school tours. Getting the community involved is important to the Hangar."



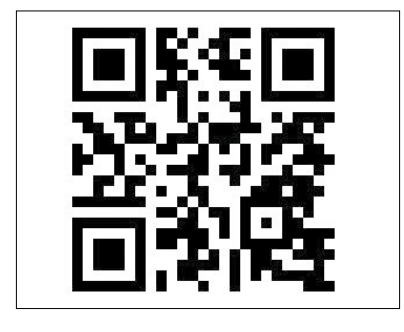
Stockburger

Hangar."

There will also be time for the children to make their own patches and view the new exhibit, "Insignia of the Past." Patches will be made from craft supplies and blank cloth patches.

"This will give them an opportunity to make something meaningful to them. What went on at Webb is important to our community, as part of its history and teaching it to our young people is important," said Stockburger, speaking of Webb Air Force Base, which was closed in 1977. "I enjoy teaching kids about history and giving them

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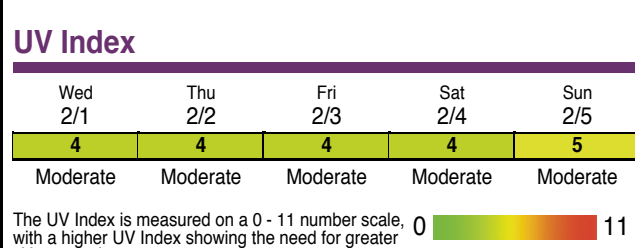


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Austin	74	55	pt sunny	Longview	72	51	t-storm
Beaumont	75	60	cloudy	Lubbock	66	34	sunny
Brownsville	85	66	pt sunny	Lufkin	73	56	pt sunny
Brownwood	74	49	mst sunny	Midland	72	45	sunny
Corpus Christi	80	63	pt sunny	Raymondville	84	63	pt sunny
Corsicana	69	49	t-storm	Rosenberg	77	61	pt sunny
Dallas	69	49	t-storm	San Antonio	76	59	pt sunny
Del Rio	75	54	mst sunny	San Marcos	75	55	pt sunny
El Paso	66	39	sunny	Sulphur Springs	68	48	t-storm
Fort Stockton	71	47	sunny	Sweetwater	69	42	pt sunny
Gainesville	64	42	t-storm	Tyler	70	49	t-storm
Greenville	66	45	t-storm	Weatherford	67	44	t-storm
Houston	75	61	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	66	39	t-storm

National Cities

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Chicago	43	32	pt sunny	Phoenix	71	45	mst sunny
Dallas	69	49	t-storm	San Francisco	63	46	rain
Denver	52	33	mst sunny	Seattle	46	35	rain
Houston	75	61	pt sunny	St. Louis	55	36	pt sunny
Los Angeles	69	45	mst sunny	Washington, DC	67	44	rain
Miami	80	67	pt sunny				



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Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:
 Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

- JACQUELINE KAY RAINER, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for driving while license invalid and failure to appear.
- CHRISTOPHER NEWTON VINES, 28, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and open container in a motor vehicle-driver.
- CASSIE CHRISTINE CANTU, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for theft and assault causes bodily injury.
- ROBERTO RENTERIA, 48, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- GARY MONTEZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for theft.
- RICHARD ELISHA NELSON, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- GLENN JOE THOMPSON, 40, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.
- TINA AUSBIE, 24, was arrested Tuesday on warrants by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces in drug free zone.

Obituaries

Donald Herff McGonagill

Donald Herff McGonagill, 84, of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012, in San Angelo. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 1 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Mark Lindsey and the Rev. Mike Couch of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012, at the funeral home.

Don was born Feb. 16, 1927, in Melvin, Texas, to Herff and Floy (Farnsworth) McGonagill.

Don graduated from San Angelo Senior High School in 1944 and attended San Angelo Junior College. He joined the United States Naval Reserve in February 1945 and was honorably discharged July 28, 1946. He graduated from Northern Illinois College of Optometry in 1950 as a doctor of optometry.

He practiced optometry in San Angelo and Dallas before moving to Big Spring in 1957. He closed his office and The House of Frames in July 2011 but continued to do eye examinations at FCI Big Spring until his passing.

He was a member and deacon at First Baptist Church. He was a member of Kiwanis from 1972 and a Life Member since 1980. Over the years, he served as director, secretary, vice president and president of the Big Spring Kiwanis Club. He was a member of the Texas Association of Optometrists and served as its president in 1981-1982. He also served as Team Optometrist for Howard College Athletics.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy McGonagill; his sons, Dennis McGonagill and wife Olivia of Corpus Christi, and Barry McGonagill and wife Deana of McKinney; his daughter, Karen Porter and husband Tommy of Moses Lake, Wash.; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; stepdaughter, Sandy Lawlis and husband Steve of Midland; and two step grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 44 years, LaVerne; his sisters, Wilene Lockett and Alice Brancel; and granddaughter, Angela Smallwood.

Pallbearers will be Barry McGonagill, Dennis McGonagill, Dustin McGonagill, Tommy Porter, Cory Cates, Jesse Garcia, Dr. Andy Grasso, and Dr. Darrell Herrington. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. J. Gayle Kilgore and the members of the Big Spring Kiwanis Club.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association, 10900-B Stonelake Blvd., Suite 320, Austin TX 78759 or First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring TX 79720.

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

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EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported at VAMC. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of S. Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
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Donald Eugene Smith

Donald Eugene (Don) Smith, 81, of Seguin formerly of Big Spring, passed away Jan. 30, 2012. Visitation will begin Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012, at 10 a.m., followed by funeral services at 11 a.m. at Tres Hewell Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Robert K. Odom officiating. Interment will follow at San Geronimo Cemetery.

Don was born May 13, 1930, in Big Spring, Texas, to John Henry and Clara Elma Page Smith. His wife Geri Smith and his parents preceded him in death.

Survivors include his sons, Don Smith and wife Sandy, and Edward Smith and wife Linda; daughter, Susan Flickinger and husband Terry; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; family by marriage, daughter, Sherry Lessner and husband Ron; sons, Dave Odom and wife Jill and Bob Odom and wife Cindy; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lifegate Ministries, 395 Lifegate Lane, Seguin, Texas, 78155. You are invited to sign the guestbook at www.treshewell.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Tres Hewell Mortuary, 165 Tor Dr., Seguin, Texas, 78155, 830-549-5912.

Police

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

- JACQUELINE KAY RAINER, 21, of 1900 Martin Luther King Boulevard 108, was arrested Monday on warrants for driving while license invalid and fail to appear.
- ROBERT RENTERIA, 48, general delivery, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- GARY MONTEZ, 21, of 1018 Ridgeroad St., was arrested Monday on a warrant for theft less than \$50.
- RICHARD ELISHA NELSON, 18, of 914 Angela Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces.
- CHRISTOPHER NEWTON VINES, 28, of 5323 S. 17th Terr, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication and open container in a motor vehicle/driver.
- GLENN JOE THOMPSON, 40, of 1111 Jeffrey Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of assault/family violence threat or offensive touch.
- THEFT was reported:
 In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
 In the 1600 block of S. Lancaster Street.
 In the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 2600 block of Dow Drive.
- BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported in the 600 block of W. 17th Street.

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State Briefs

Prison for ex-Houston-area banker in theft cases

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Houston-area bank executive who stole from customer accounts has been sentenced to 1½ years in prison.

A federal judge in Houston on Monday also ordered 57-year-old Kim Arnold of Tomball to repay more than \$141,000, plus barred Arnold from jobs in the banking business.

The former senior vice president at Sterling Bank pleaded guilty in November to bank theft.

Investigators say Arnold, between October 2007 and December 2008, made several dozen unauthorized withdrawals from customer accounts for her personal use.

No date has been set for Arnold to report to prison.

Tyler police say man fled from water heater closet

TYLER, Texas (AP) — An East Texas man who allegedly was on drugs has been accused of falling from the attic space of his home and getting into a neighbor's water heater closet.

Tyler police say 30-year-old Kyle Garrett Williams apparently was chasing an "imaginary person" into his attic.

The Tyler man was jailed Tuesday on a trespassing charge, with bond set at \$10,000. Online records did not list an attorney for Williams, who was captured Monday afternoon.

Police early Monday answered a call from a woman about noises in her water heater closet and a man who fled when she opened the door. Police found a wallet and went to the man's apartment, where his girlfriend was arrested on a drug charge.

Investigators believe that Williams had been doing drugs with his girlfriend.

Texas town relying on tanker trucks for water

SPICEWOOD, Texas (AP) — Tanker trucks loaded with water have become the lifeline for a Texas lakefront village that came precariously close to becoming the state's first community to run out of drinking water during a historic drought.

Spicewood got its first delivery of water Monday under dark clouds and rain. The 8,000-gallon water delivery arrived after it became clear the village's wells could no longer produce enough water to meet the needs of the Lake Travis community's 1,100 residents and elementary school, said Clara Tuma, spokeswoman of the Lower Colorado River

Authority.

The town uses wells, not the nearby lake, for its drinking water. Ryan Rowney, manager of water operations for the authority, said it plans to truck water into the Central Texas town for several more weeks while exploring alternatives, including drilling a new well or piping water from Lake Travis. But the agency doesn't want to rush into any project, and prefers for now to pay \$200 per truckload of water while ensuring the tens of thousands of dollars it will cost to find a permanent solution are well spent.

Several towns and villages in Texas have come close to running out of water during the driest year in Lone Star State history, but until now none has had to truck in water. Most found solutions to hold them over, often paying tens of thousands of dollars to avoid hauling water, a scenario that conjures up images from the early 1900s, when indoor plumbing was a novelty.

"The hauling of water is just a Band-Aid approach. It's just a short-term approach," said Joe Don Dockery, a commissioner in Burnet County that oversees the Spicewood area.

Texan allegedly made daughter, 14, be prostitute

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-area man and his girlfriend have been accused of forcing her 14-year-old daughter into prostitution at truck stops and apartments.

Court documents indicate Reynaldo Alaniz of Pasadena and the girl's mother are jailed on charges of compelling prostitution and human trafficking, in alleged incidents last summer.

Prosecutors on Monday said both adults were arrested Jan. 26 when a neighbor called police after noticing the girl, who was barefoot and seemed hungry, near a street.

Alaniz has been denied bond. The mother, who allegedly also was a prostitute, faces bond of \$60,000. No details were immediately available on attorneys for the pair.

Further details on the girl, who had been living with her mother and her grandfather, weren't immediately available.

The Associated Press does not identify alleged sexual assault victims.

2 men hurt in East Texas biomass plant accident
SACUL, Texas (AP) — Emergency personnel say two workers have been critically hurt in an apparent electrical explosion and fire at a biomass power plant in East Texas.

A dispatcher with the Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Department says the accident was reported around 8 a.m. Tuesday at a facility in Sacul, about 165 miles northeast of Houston.

A spokesman for Fagen Inc. of Granite Falls, Minn., which operates the unit, declined comment.

Dispatcher Jerry Heilmann says the accident apparently involves some type of electrical explosion, but the cause remains under investigation. Heilmann says the fire has been extinguished.

Heilmann says two men were critical when being transported to a hospital. A message left Tuesday morning at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital was not immediately returned.

Further details were not immediately available.

Tyler: 3 teens held after 2 hurt in darts attack

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Three teens have been charged in an attack in which two people at an East Texas parking lot were struck by darts.

Tyler police say darts and a blow gun were recovered Monday night in a vehicle carrying the suspects.

Police say aggravated assault with a deadly weapon charges have been filed against two 17-year-olds and a suspect who's 18 years old.

Officers around 9 p.m. Monday responded to reports from two females that they had been shot with darts while standing in a retail store parking lot.

One victim was struck in the leg. The other was wounded in the arm. Both were treated at the scene.

Witnesses followed a truck, carrying the suspects, until officers located the vehicle.

Police have not said whether the teens know the victims.

Middle school student accused of threats

WACO, Texas (AP) — Waco police have taken a 12-year-old middle school student into custody after the child brought a pocket knife and a pellet gun to a Waco middle school.

The incident happened just after lunch Monday at Woodgate Intermediate School in the southwestern outskirts of Waco. Police Sgt. Patrick Swanton says the student was showing the gun and knife to friends. The friends informed school officials, who confiscated the weapons and called police.

The student was taken to McLennan County Juvenile Detention Center.

SWCID

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worked with the SWCID advisory board for more than nine years, currently serving in his second term as chairman.

He holds two master's degrees, one in special education from Keene

State University in New Hampshire and one in administration from California State University in Northridge, Calif.

After leaving his original stint with SWCID, Bonura went on to serve as the assistant headmaster at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in Philadelphia for six years.

Serving in an interim role also lands in his comfort zone as he came out of retirement once before to serve as an interim headmaster at the Austine School for the Deaf in Vermont for eight months.

"I am proud of my history with SWCID and our original vision but I am really looking forward to working with

the faculty and staff as we expand our future vision for SWCID," said Bonura. "I know we can grow in student numbers and expand what we do for deaf and hard of hearing students and I am excited to be a part of that future for SWCID."

"Students will remain the priority for Bonura and the SWCID faculty.

With recent enrollment growth, the air is ripe for innovative strategies and fresh ideas for program improvement," said Sparks. "Bonura is up for the task."
"We have the history, support and vision to take our SWCID campus to the next level," added Sparks. "We will take this opportunity to capitalize on our strengths as we seek out the next stage of leadership for SWCID."

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FIRE

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for some time, eliminating at least one possible cause for the fire.

"There was no electricity in the home itself, so we know the fire didn't begin that way," Condray said.

A nearby structure — also a home believed to be abandoned — and a car lot were threatened

by the blaze, according to Condray, but neither was damaged by the fire.

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HANGAR

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something fun to do is a great way to accomplish that."

Registration is \$4 for each child and can be handled online or by stopping by Hangar 25. Deadline for registration is Feb. 10. Space is limited to the first 30 registrations.

Stockburger is taking the workshop a step further by extending an invitation to those who were stationed at Webb. With a \$500 donation, classes and other organizations stationed at Webb can get a wooden replica made of their organization or unit patch.

"This is an opportunity for them to get together and put something up in the Hangar that represents them," she said. "It's a good way to honor those who served at Webb and bring in funds for the Hangar."

Stockburger said there are two replicas being made and another is soon to begin. The replicas won't be up in time for the Feb. 17 opening of the exhibit, "Insignia of the Past," but the hopes are to have them up soon.

To register online visit www.hangar25airmuseum.com. For those wanting to register in person, stop by 1911 Apron Drive to register. For more information, call the museum at 264-

1999. "As always, we are always looking for people who are wanting to volunteer," Stockburger said. "There are several opportunities for those wanting to help out."

For those unable to attend this workshop, there will be another children's workshop in August, according to Stockburger. The August workshop will focus on pilot classes and pilot training.

Hangar 25 Air Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and

will be closed Saturdays through February.

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Putting up a defense for good ol' Southern-fried Paula Deen

Celebrity chef Paula Deen lustily massages salt into "a mighty fat hog," as the dogs circle the cooking island. For the yams, "I'm only using half a stick of butter," she drawls before breaking into high laughter. Deen's popular Food Network show does Southern cooking with no brakes on the pork fat, butter, sugar or other dietarily incorrect ingredients.

Deen is plenty of woman in a land of plenty, and it has come as little surprise that she has Type 2 diabetes, a disease tied to high-fat diets. What has jarred some observers is that she's also become a spokeswoman for a diabetes drug — with no apparent show of repentance for, or change in, cooking style. Selling both unhealthy eating habits and drugs to deal with their consequences would seem to be working both sides of the street, would it not?

Perhaps, but so what? Here's the barbecue rub: Nothing on Deen's menu consumed now and then, and in reasonable portions, would hurt most otherwise careful eaters. After all, Deen's Southern-fried chicken using four eggs for the coating (and browned in "heart-healthy" peanut oil) employs considerably less "bad" fat than does Julia Child's French chicken fricassee. For a dish serving four, Madame Child throws in

five tablespoons of butter, two egg yolks and half a cup of heavy cream.

Like Julia Child, Paula Deen honors a cooking heritage nurtured by the land. When it comes to vegetables — and Deen does do vegetables — the picks are turnip, mustard and collard greens growing in the local Georgia soil. And she adopts no dainty indirection about where the meat comes from, referring to the "big old ham" as "him," not "it." Deen would seem a hero to the locavore and slow-cooking (though not vegan) movements: The first prizes local ingredients, and the second, traditional foods.

Neither Child nor Deen has apologized for the fats and sugars in their traditional cooking.

Which leaves their health-conscious fans where?

The answer is, on their own. And on their own is where they should be. The health crises of obesity and related diseases stem from more than occasional servings of pecan pie under ice cream. It has to do with portion size and lack of exercise. It has to do with the decline of the family dinner hour, which teaches children eating discipline, puts their meals on a schedule and keeps them away from Burger King.

As for Deen's diabetes medicine pitch, the only bad message would be that a pill takes care of a dietary problem. A pill cannot cure diabetes, an awful disease that can lead to heart ailments, blindness, kidney damage and infected feet. It only helps manage it.

Having come from near-poverty, Deen may find it hard to pass up a dollar. Her son Bobby Deen now has a cooking show called "Not My Mama's Meals," which lightens up Paula's dishes. Are the Deens now working three sides of the street?

Having built up a restaurant and cooking-show empire from nothing, Paula Deen has shown herself a gutsy, inventive woman. Let's see what she does in that ad.

Meanwhile, many staunch fans may not need alternative versions of her grillades and grits that go easy on the bacon grease. We know perfectly well how to make a light salad. As grownups, we are ultimately in charge of what we eat.

Correction: In a recent column on Mitt Romney's taxes, I erroneously lumped interest income in with dividends as investment income taxed at the 15 percent rate. Interest income is taxed as ordinary income. It is not to be confused with "carried interest," which enjoys the preferential 15 percent rate.

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Let's go ahead and honor, not stretch, the Buckley rule

In the intense heat of the present, it is easy to forget even the relatively recent past, but it seems to me that this GOP primary season is more acrimonious than the past few, probably because the stakes are so high.

When I've noted that this is the most important presidential election of our lifetimes, a few excitability-resistant conservative friends have said, "They have been saying that about every election for more than a generation." My response to that is:

"Yes, and it's probably been true every time. As we march inexorably toward socialism

by incremental steps, the need to elect political leaders to take steps to reverse it increases on a linear plane. But with President Obama, we're advancing not by incremental steps, but by giant leaps, hurtling toward statism with alarming alacrity. Every day that passes before we implement entitlement reform, for example, the geometric accumulation of vested benefits makes reform more imperative — and more difficult. So yes, every national election of the past generation or so has probably been more important than the immediately preceding one, but 2012 is dramatically more urgent. Based on the cavalier manner with which Obama is lawlessly thwarting the Constitution and the people's will, it is hard to imagine what kind of tyrannical executive power grabs he'd try (and accomplish) if re-elected, even with an opposing Congress. We are already on autopilot to national bankruptcy, and if we don't ram it into reverse soon, America as we have known it could be gone, at least for many years."

Conservatives are fighting among themselves about not

just who the best candidate would be but also who is most electable. Sure, electability has always been an issue, but now some are saying that to support someone, it's essential not only that we show he is electable but also that he is the most electable. This amounts to replacing the "Buckley rule" — that "we should support the most conservative candidate who is electable" — with "we should support the most electable candidate, provided he is at least marginally conservative."

We saw a similar political calculus at work during the debt ceiling negotiations. Some argued that we couldn't buck Obama on his specious smoke-and-mirrors cuts, because to draw a line in the sand, even though correct in principle, could have been interpreted by the electorate as uncompromising and enhanced Obama's re-election efforts.

Everything had to be focused on 2012.

Now many of the same people are telling us that we have to compromise on 2012, as well, that we can't support a candidate who is more conservative, even during the primary, because it would reduce our chances of defeating Obama.

I appreciate the concern, but the logical extension of this kind of thinking is that we all have to become mini political operatives, always engaging first in strategic political calculations and never voting our hearts. Such is the formula for sacrificing one's dreams and aspirations; such is the avenue toward fatalistic resignation, compromise and settling for less without even trying to push for your real goals; such is the formula for guaranteeing that we never elect another Ronald Reagan conservative.

I am the first to say that once the GOP nominee is chosen, we must unite around the candidate to defeat Barack Obama. Until then, I refuse to surrender to pressure to abandon my passion for true, reliable

conservatism, especially from those whose idea of electability is highly debatable and from others whose assessment is hopelessly skewed by their own preferences.

In this volatile season, dark horses have skyrocketed to lead the field, and some might have remained there but for alleged scandals or other factors. I don't believe that the science of electability is as certain as those promoting it would have us believe. We can't even agree on whether the key is wooing the center or igniting the base. It is complex and fluid and largely unknowable. Even current polls hypothetically matching Obama against different candidates tell us very little, because the Democratic attack machine has yet to unleash its \$1 billion assault on, say, Mitt Romney.

I reject the conventional wisdom that Rick Santorum could not win the general election, because I believe he represents the best contrast to Obama and is the least vulnerable to attack, among other reasons. I have varying concerns about the other candidates, but I respect their respective supporters and realize that some of them even believe their candidate is the most conservative of the group, though I disagree. I will support whoever emerges as the Republican nominee, but I do not apologize for supporting Rick Santorum.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

To achieve success, Lord, we need You.

Amen

World Briefs

Florida primary offers a big prize for winner, with polls showing that's likely to be Romney

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Florida's time has come. The state hosts its pivotal primary Tuesday as Mitt Romney seeks to tighten his grip on the Republican presidential nomination.

Newt Gingrich reset the race by scoring an overwhelming victory in South Carolina. But in the 10 days since, the GOP contest has turned increasingly hostile. And the polls have swung decidedly in Romney's direction.

The former Massachusetts governor enters the day as the heavy favorite in the winner-take-all primary, the final contest in a month of high-stakes elections in which Romney claimed one win and two second-place finishes so far. The path to the Republican nomination — and the right to face President Barack Obama this fall — shifts to a series of lower-profile contests in February.

The polls open at 7 a.m. across Florida, where Romney offered an increasingly optimistic tone while campaigning in recent days.

'Super' PACs, campaigns set to disclose big donors Tuesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Get ready to find out who the millionaires are behind this year's presidential election.

Shadowy outside groups funded by anonymous donors and working on behalf of candidates they support have pummeled Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich and others for the past two months by spending millions of dollars on mostly negative TV ads that have had an enormous impact on the fight for the Republican presidential nomination.

Now, for the first time since they started shaping this campaign in earnest, many of those "super" political action committees are set to disclose just who is financing their pseudo-campaign operations. Many took advantage of a change in federal rules that essentially let them shield their donors' identities until after key primary elections in January. But they still must submit their financial reports to the Federal Election Commission by Tuesday.

Only a handful of donors are known, including Las Vegas billionaire casino owner Sheldon Adelson. His two checks for \$5 million apiece to Winning Our Future, a pro-Gingrich group, essentially kept the former House speaker's White House campaign afloat at critical junctures just before the South Carolina and Florida primaries.

Bain Capital executives and Romney friends have lined the bank accounts of the pro-Romney group Restore Our Future. Former Bain executive Edward Conrad donated \$1 million last spring and Marriott International Inc. CEO J.W. Marriott Jr. gave the group \$500,000, seed money spent to successfully hammer Gingrich in Iowa late last year as he started to rise.

Hawaii-based Marine pleads guilty to assault in hazing case, gets 30 days in jail, lower rank

KANEHOE BAY, Hawaii (AP) — A Hawaii-based Marine lance corporal accused of hazing in Afghanistan is going to jail for 30 days and will have his rank reduced to private first class for punching and kicking a fellow Marine who killed himself shortly afterward.

Navy Capt. Carrie Stephens, the judge in Lance Cpl. Jacob Jacoby's special court-martial, handed down the sentence after Jacoby, 21, pleaded guilty to assault.

The Marine admitted he punched and kicked Lance Cpl. Harry Lew of Santa Clara, Calif. As part of the plea deal, prosecutors withdrew charges that Jacoby humiliated and threatened Lew.

Stephens said she found no evidence that Jacoby's abuse of Lew caused Lew to kill himself, and she didn't take the suicide into account when determining the sentence.

Two other Marines have also been accused of hazing Lew and face courts-martial.

Officials trying to learn what happened at Illinois reactor

CHICAGO (AP) — Officials are investigating the events surrounding a power failure at a nuclear reactor in northern Illinois, where steam was vented to reduce pressure after it shut down.

After the shut down Monday morning at Exelon Nuclear's Byron Generating Station, op-

erators began releasing steam to cool the reactor from the part of the plant where turbines are producing electricity, not from within the nuclear reactor itself, officials said. The steam contains low levels of tritium, a radioactive form of hydrogen, but federal and plant officials insisted the levels were safe for workers and the public.

Diesel generators were supplying the reactor with electricity, though it hasn't been generating power during the investigation into what happened. One question is why smoke was seen from an onsite station transformer, though no evidence of a fire was found when the plant's fire brigade responded, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokeswoman Viktoria Mitlyng said.

Exelon Nuclear officials believe a failed piece of equipment at a switchyard at the plant about 95 miles northwest of Chicago caused the shutdown, but they were still investigating an exact cause. The switchyard is similar to a large substation that delivers power to the plant from the electrical grid and from the plant to the electrical grid.

The commission declared the incident an "unusual event," the lowest of four levels of emergency. Commission officials also said the release of tritium was expected.

Splitting Great Lakes, Mississippi may cost up to \$9.5 billion

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — Groups representing states and cities in the Great Lakes region on Tuesday proposed spending up to \$9.5 billion on a massive engineering project to separate the lakes from the Mississippi River watershed in the Chicago area, describing it as the only sure way to protect both aquatic systems from invasions by destructive species such as Asian carp.

The organizations issued a report suggesting three alternatives for severing an artificial link between the two drainage basins that was constructed more than a century ago. Scientists say it has already provided a pathway for exotic species and is the likeliest route through which menacing carp could reach the lakes, where they could destabilize food webs and threaten a valuable fishing industry.

"We simply can't afford to risk that," said Tim Eder, executive director of the Great Lakes Commission, which sponsored the study with the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. "The Great Lakes have suffered immensely because of invasive species. We have to put a stop to this."

The report's release is sure to ramp up pressure on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which is conducting its own study of how to close off 18 potential pathways between the two systems, including the Chicago waterways. The corps plans to release its findings in late 2015, a timetable it says is necessary because of the job's complexity and regulatory requirements. A pending federal lawsuit by five states — Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio and Pennsylvania — demands quicker action.

"This study shows that hydrological separation is both technically and economically feasible," said Rep. Dave Camp, a Michigan Republican.

Fla. officials defend decision to reopen highway minutes before accident that killed 10 people

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A split decision between two pastors regarding when to return to the Atlanta area from Florida was the difference between life and death.

They'd just finished a religious conference in Florida on Saturday night and debated when they and their accompanying parishioners would return home.

Senior pastor Arao Amazonas said he wanted to wait until the next morning to leave. But pastor Jose Carmo Jr. wanted to be back in time for the suburban Atlanta church's Sunday morning service and led two vans up Interstate 75 toward Georgia.

A few hours later, Amazonas received an early-morning call: Both vans had crashed in the highway's fog- and smoke-shrouded darkness near Gainesville, Fla. Carmo, his wife and their daughter were among five church members killed in two deadly pileups along the always busy six-lane interstate.

"We couldn't have imagined such tragedy would come to us," said Amazonas, senior pastor at the Igreja Internacional de Restauracao, or International Church of the Restoration.

A loss in Florida would challenge Gingrich to engineer yet another comeback in GOP race

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Can Newt Gingrich come back a third time?

If he loses Tuesday in Florida's primary — polls predict he will —Gingrich will spend the next month trying to prove the answer is yes.

"We were dead in June and July . but we came roaring back and we will again," Gingrich said at a rally Monday in Tampa.

Still, the former House speaker, who has pledged to fight on until the GOP convention this summer, faces a tough road out of Florida. He plunges next into a scattershot series of state contests where he has little organization.

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W O M E N ' S H I S T O R Y M O N T H

Maya Angelou

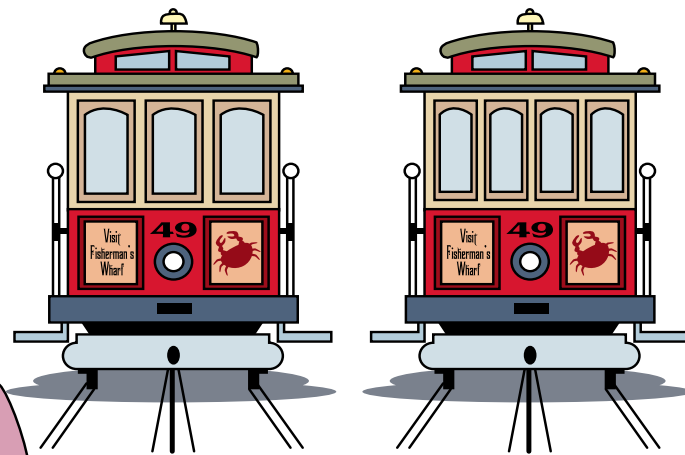


Maya Angelou was born Marguerite Ann Johnson on April 4, 1928 in St. Louis, Missouri. Today she is one of the most honored women in the world, recognized as a poet, memoirist, novelist, educator, dramatist, producer, actress, historian, filmmaker and civil rights activist. She has won three Grammys for her spoken-word albums, and in 2011, President Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom for inspiring young people with her words.

she was moved from home to home for many years, living in turn with her mother, her grandmother and her father. For a while she was homeless.

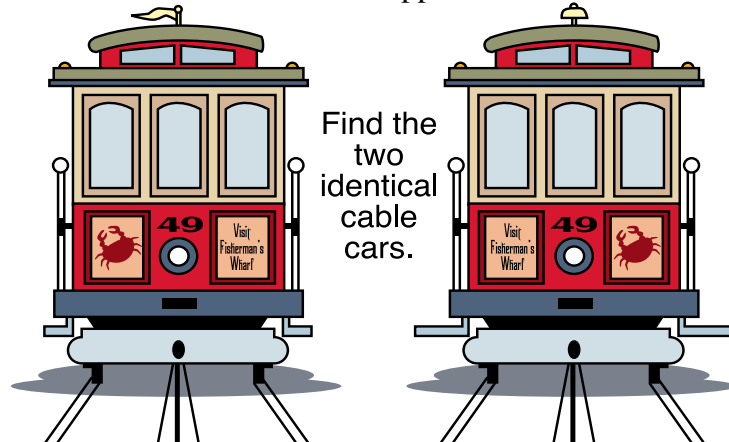
But she didn't let the poverty, pain or suffering of her childhood destroy her. In response, she created works of art.

Maya's life didn't have an easy start. After her parents' divorce,



Cable Car Conductor

As a young woman, Maya was San Francisco's first African-American female cable car conductor. She worked hard to support herself and her son.

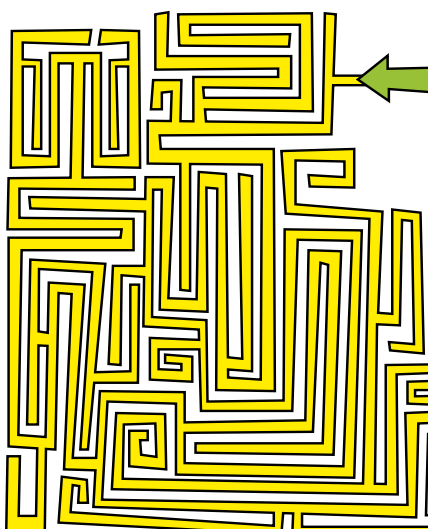


Find the two identical cable cars.

Look at the list of art forms. Circle the ones with even numbers. These are art forms that helped Maya become famous.

- 16 + 16 = Feature film
- 6 + 2 + 14 = Poetry
- 6 + 8 + 10 = The novel
- 9 + 9 + 6 = Dance
- 18 + 9 + 3 = Acting
- 14 + 8 + 6 = Singing
- 13 + 13 = Spoken word

Standards Links: History: Students understand that specific individuals can have a great impact on history.



Singer and Dancer

Maya loved to perform. She started singing and dancing in nightclubs and changed her name to Maya Angelou. *Maya* came from her brother's nickname for her, "my-a-sister." *Angelou* came from her first husband's name, *Angelos*.

After Maya was cast in the opera *Porgy and Bess*, she traveled throughout Europe performing in the show. While on tour, she learned the languages of the countries she visited. Follow the maze to see which languages she learned.

- SPANISH, ITALIAN, ARABIC, FANTI*, FRENCH
- GERMAN, RUSSIAN, ARABIC, FANTI*, GREEK

* A West African language

Standards Links: Behavioral Studies: Understand that people learn about each other in different ways.

Let's Talk About It

Maya's first book was an autobiography. Based upon what you know of Maya's life, what do you think the title means to her?

Standards Links: Comprehension: Respond to questions citing evidence.

JOURNALIST

In 1960, Maya moved to Cairo, Egypt and became the editor of an English language weekly newspaper.

What was the name of the newspaper that hired Maya as an editor? Use the code to find out!

- Red square = A
- Blue square = B
- Green square = E
- Yellow square = H
- Black square = I
- Orange square = O
- Red diagonal = R
- Blue diagonal = S
- Red circle = T
- Green triangle = V

Writer

To date, Maya has published more than 30 bestselling books. She wrote a series of books about her life. To discover the name of her first book, hold this page up to a mirror.

I know why the
Caged Bird sings

Extra! Extra!

Create a Maya Angelou Poster

From the newspaper, select images and words that represent Maya Angelou. Use these to make a poster about her.

Standards Links: Visual Art: Know a range of subject matter in the arts.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Maya is one of only three poets in U.S. history to read a poem at a presidential inauguration (the others being Robert Frost and Elizabeth Alexander). The poem Maya read is "On the Pulse of Morning." Here is the last stanza. Can you replace the missing vowels?

Here _n the p_lse of th_s new d_y
You m_y have the gr_ce to look _p and o_t
And int_yo_r s_ster's _yes, int_
Y__r br_ther's f_ce, your c__ntry
And s_y s_mply
V_ry s_mply
With h_pe—
G__d m_rning.



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Standards Link: Art: Know that ideas are used to communicate meaning.



Hear Maya Angelou recite part of the text of the poem she read at President Clinton's inauguration: www.kidscoop.com/kids

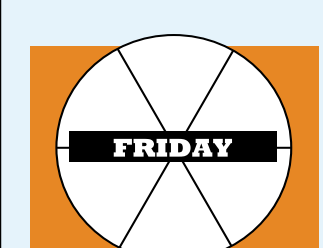
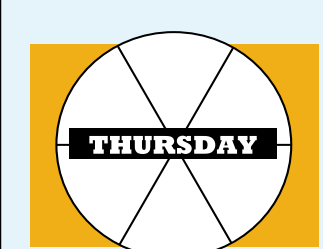
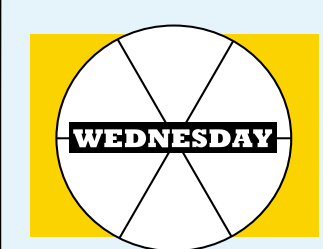
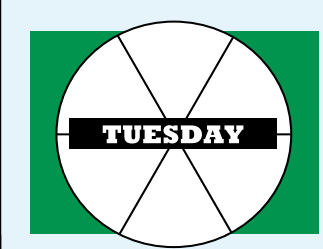
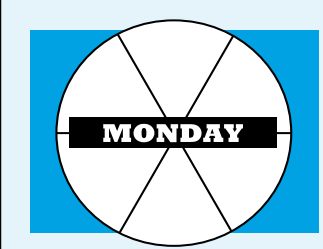
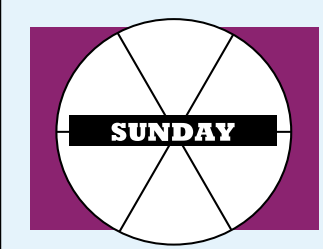
Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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LANGUAGES
CONDUCTOR
PERFORM
POVERTY
HISTORY
POETRY
EDITOR
PULSE
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CABLE
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ART

T	S	I	L	A	N	R	U	O	J
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R	R	S	T	R	I	A	E	N	C
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F	P	C	A	B	L	E	S	P	G
R	O	T	C	U	D	N	O	C	E
E	I	R	P	E	N	I	A	P	D
P	L	A	N	G	U	A	G	E	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word POETRY in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

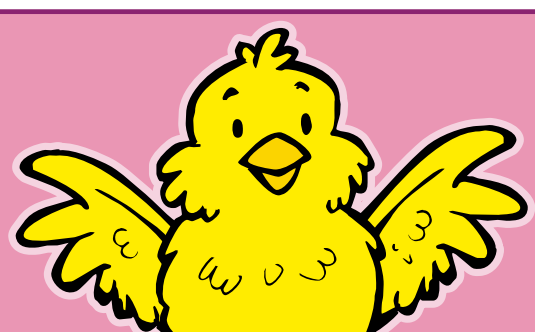
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Write On!

Future Hope
What would you like to happen in your future? Write about it. Is there anything you can be doing now to help you prepare?

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Picture Details
Good writing includes lots of interesting details. Practice being a detail detective by carefully studying a photograph of the newspaper. Then, make a list of all of the details you observe. Can you list 25 or more?
Standards Links: Investigation: Know that understanding comes from detailed investigation.



When is the best time to buy canaries?

ANSWER: When they're going cheap!

The demise of Dublin Dr. Pepper

Most of us out here in West Texas are familiar with Dublin Dr Pepper. Dublin, Texas, has been producing its Dr Pepper drink for more than 120 years. It is made with cane sugar instead of corn syrup, using vintage 1920s equipment, from a small-town plant run for three generations by the Kloster family.



DARRELL RYAN

The Dublin bottler has been described as the "world's smallest" Dr Pepper bottler and accounted for less than one-tenth of 1 percent of Dr Pepper's total annual sales. However, this tradition came to a conclusion Jan. 12. It appears that the Plano, Texas, based Dr Pepper/Snapple Company filed a lawsuit last summer claiming the Dublin bottler infringed on its trademarks and sold soft drinks outside its prescribed territory.

Part of the settlement was the Dublin plant will no longer make Dr Pepper and the sales and distribution operations, as well as the distribution rights to a six-county territory that had previously been served by the local bottler, would be lost. Other terms of the settlement were not released.

Mr. Kloster commented that Dr Pepper/Snapple may have been within its legal rights, but what is legal isn't always what's right. Its tactics show it to be a company that has lost sight of its customers, of what makes its product special and of the value of its own history. It may have won the legal battle, but it has lost something intangible, something that made its product unique in the beverage world and you can't take away the history and the facts.

The day Dublin Dr Pepper died, 14 people, mostly those of the warehouse and some of whom had worked at the plant all their

lives, lost their jobs. The former Dr Pepper bottler will reopen as the Dublin Bottling Works Inc., (which was actually the name the company started with in 1891) and will continue to operate the Old Doc's Soda Shop and museum, and will continue to bottle a variety of soft drinks such as NuGrape and Triple XXX Root beer.

It will be remembered Dublin Dr Pepper had that rarest of qualities among consumers which is mystique. For years, Dublin Dr Pepper's cult following was encouraged by the corporate office, which approved the Dublin plant's unique bottle design and Internet sales. Former and current corporate executives praised the beverage and as recently as early last year, directed visitors to the Dublin plant's separate web page, according to documents filed in the case.

Kloster, whose grandfather began working at the plant at age 13 and later inherited it from the Prim family, which founded the company in 1891, commented, "Everything we did, we did with their understanding and agreement. We realize the people who bought Dublin Dr Pepper in some cases drove miles just to drink it. Dublin Dr Pepper was the iPhone of soft drinks."

There is currently a customer backlash brewing on the Internet. One online petition calling for a boycott of all Dr Pepper/Snapple products — which include A&W Root Beer, 7UP, Snapple, Canada Dry and RC Cola — had more than 19,000 signatures as of Jan. 16. There's also a "boycott Dr Pepper" on Twitter, and reports of at least one store as far away as California pulled Dr Pepper/Snapple products from its shelves in protest. This could get interesting; remember what happened to New Coke?

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Bird Poop: Rehab after a crash

Across the two-lane county road, her neighbor's home was being highlighted by the first hint of morning. As the sun shared both its warmth and light, the woman was more than grateful for the family next door. Both their homes and barns were the only structures among seemingly endless, barren sections of plowed fields and rangeland.



BEBE MCCASLAND

Suddenly her customary, morning "look see" at her friend's house changed. Noticing a large bird perched on top of their chimney, she watched as the morning light crept across the rooftop and reached the stately being. In another few minutes, a golden hue covered the bird's white breast and face. Then she saw it coming.

Gracefully, and with little effort, it rose from its brick perch and extended its lengthy wings. From its lofty position, it had readily gained speed as it crossed the road. With each wing beat, its strength had propelled it through the crisp, January morning. Before the woman could react, it hit her living room window.

Alerted by the unusual sound of the impact, the woman's outdoor guardian raced to the front porch as the bird fell to the concrete. Realizing what the dog might do if it reached it first, she hurried out the door to intervene, if possible.

Caught by the dog, the dazed raptor was face down and helpless. Standing on top of one wing, the canine barked at its prize as it strug-



Courtesy photo

A nocturnal bird of prey, the barn owl is easily identified because of its heart-shaped face. It has phenomenal eyesight and hearing. Due to the disappearance of wooden barns and frame houses, owls have chosen hangars, recessed areas in bluffs, attics of new homes under construction and chimneys as possible nest sites.

gled to break free.

With its owner screaming as she approached, the dog was startled when jerked from the bird. Even as her pet strained to break away and go back to the porch, she led it to the barn by a convincing hand and collar.

Walking back to the porch, the woman was fearful of what she might find. Standing upright, the large bird had its back to her.

For a moment, she stopped to appreciate its tawny, almost golden back and wings. Grayish hues, and bits of black and white mottling lent even more elegance to the moration of this night creature.

Hearing her footsteps, the bird turned its head toward its unknown danger. Its black eyes watched her every movement.

Then as it faced her completely, she noticed its long, heart-shaped face rimmed with a dark border around white facial disks. Mostly white underneath, it had small, black spots on its breast and belly.

"Another barn owl," the woman said, as she reminded me of another

raptor I had removed from her fireplace. "It was about two years ago," she added.

Not only did I recall freeing the owl from its sooty captivity, but its release. Since evening was approaching, we had taken the bird of prey outside. Gently tossing it upward and forward encouraged the owl to fly to a mesquite some 300 yards to the south. After landing, it appeared statuesque as it perched near the massive trunk of the ancient survivor. The owl's coloration and the fading light had enabled it to blend in with the tree's rugged bark. Soon, it was hard for anyone to tell it was in the tree.

Since her dog had attacked this owl, she wanted to examine it thoroughly. As we started to leave, the woman said she could not understand why the bird had flown into her window. In the early morning light, we thought maybe the

reflection on her glass had led the owl to think it was continuing over open land.

Once home, we extended the male's broad wings. With a nearly four-foot wingspan, the barn owl was a master at sustained and silent flight. Although the dog had stood on one of his wings, its paw had been atop feathers and not on any bones. No breaks or marks were found.

A small, superficial wound on the bird's chest was the only clue to the morning's misadventure. During the following two evenings, the barn owl dined readily on a platter of mice.

To make sure the raptor was releasable, we took him to Midge Erskine at the Eos Wildlife Sanctuary in Midland. Even though she could not find anything further as far as injury, she took the owl to her veterinarian.

With a go-ahead for release, the barn owl gained its freedom. Word of its success reminded me of the unique area from which it had come.

Before this woman's two barn owl encounters, we had been called to her neighbor's home. Inside a large doghouse was the first "barnie" from that location north of Big Spring.

To have three rescues of the same specie from that area meant the two families were blessed with mousers that would control scavenging mice and rats. Living in owl country was a blessing in disguise.

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

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Howard College's Shavon Coleman (23) attempts a shot during the Hawks' game against South Plains Monday.

2 close calls

No. 1 South Plains hold off Hawks; Howard women drop defensive battle

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

LEVELLAND — Howard College Men's Basketball Coach Mark Adams isn't one much for moral victories, but even he saw a little bit of a silver lining in the Hawks' nail-bitingly close loss to top-ranked South Plains Monday night.

The Hawks pushed South Plains down to the wire — almost to the last second, actually — before finally dropping a 65-62 decision in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action.

Howard (14-5 overall, 3-2 in conference play) battled severe foul trou-

ble most of the second half, yet were able to play even with the Texans. Neither team dominated the final 20 minutes — South Plains never led by more than seven points, while the Hawks' biggest advantage came when Calvin Godfrey nailed a three-pointer to make the score 51-48 with 7:48 remaining.

But it was at the foul line the game was decided — the Hawks were 16 for 21, while the Hawks sank less than half (5 of 12) of their free throws.

"Free throws were a huge factor in the outcome of the game. That was

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Kelli Merrick (23) grabs a rebound during Howard College's game vs. South Plains Monday evening.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Girl's basketball

Sweetwater at Big Spring, 6 p.m.

Coahoma at Slaton, 6:30 p.m.

Denver City at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.

Boy's basketball

Sweetwater at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma at Slaton, 8 p.m.

Denver City at Forsan, 8 p.m.

Softball

Howard College at Ranger College (DH), 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Softball

Howard College at Weatherford College (DH), 1 p.m.

THURSDAY

Baseball

Frank Phillips College at Howard College (DH), noon.

Women's basketball

NMJC at Howard College, 5:45 p.m.

Men's basketball

NMJC at Howard College, 7:45 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com

Super Bowl XLVI: Does 2008 matter?

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — That was then. This is now.

That's what players on the Giants and Patriots are saying about their previous Super Bowl meeting, New York's 17-14 stunner over the then-unbeaten Patriots four years ago.

To hear them talk, it has little or no relevance to Sunday's matchup at Lucas Oil Stadium.

"Honestly, for us, that '07 thing was kind of like us coming together as a football team," defensive end Justin Tucker said Monday when the NFC champions arrived in Indy. "We just said we wanted to kill a dynasty, and that's what they were. But now, we've been here before and we felt as though all that is secondary. We just want to come in here and have our mind focused on playing a great football game, and not really getting caught up in all the hoopla around the game."

Or the hoopla still attached to the 2007 NFL



championship. Replays of David Tyree's incredible ball-against-helmet catch or Plaxico Burress' winning TD reception in the final minute seem to be shown around the clock — along with the Giants sacking Tom Brady five times.

The Giants (12-7) might need to replicate that performance to stop New England (15-3) from winning its fourth Super Bowl under Bill Belichick and Brady at quarterback.

"We had a lot of hits on him," Tuck said. "Even when we didn't hit him, he didn't have the time to sit back there and allow some of the routes to develop. We know that as a D-line, we

put a lot of pressure on ourselves to make sure that we are in his face. He is a hell of a quarterback, and he is going to do a lot of things to throw us off our rhythm.

"You are going to get your shots because they are an explosive offense and they like to take shots downfield, too. We are going to have our chances, and we just are going to have to do a great job of taking advantage of them."

New England didn't take advantage in that Super Bowl, the last time both teams got this far. Dredging up what went wrong not only is painful but, the Patriots say, it's useless.

"Every time you get to this level, it's a special level. You have to enjoy it," defensive tackle Vince Wilfork said. "This is something that is going to stick with you for the rest of your life. 2007 was 2007, now we're in 2012. Both teams are different. I don't think we're looking for revenge."

Belichick is playing

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Carter, West lead Dallas rout of Nash-less Suns

By BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — The Dallas Mavericks, with their offense rolling in high gear, gave Phoenix fans a glimpse of how ugly life could be without Steve Nash.

With the Suns' 37-year-old star point guard sidelined with a bruised left thigh, the Mavericks routed Phoenix 122-99 on Monday night, the third victory in a row and sixth in seven games for the reigning NBA champions.

"We caught a break with Nash not playing," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "I don't think you can overlook that as a big factor in the game. We played and I thought our effort was even and consistent. We were able to keep fresh guys on the floor. We moved the ball well and made shots and our defense was good enough to win."

Nash is certainly no defensive stopper, though, so his absence could not explain the Mavericks' onslaught in Dallas' eighth straight victory over Phoenix.

"They've always been tough for us," the Suns' Jared Dudley said. "It's just a tough team to guard and once they start hitting shots, the flood gates really opened."

A drained right calf sidelined Dallas point guard Jason Kidd for the second night in a row, but the Mavericks were just fine without him, amassing a season-high in points for a half (66) and for a game.

Delonte West scored a season-high 25 for Dallas on 9 of 12 shooting, including 5 of 6 3-pointers. Vince Carter, still being paid by Phoenix after the Suns waived him before the season began, scored 21 for the second night in a row.

"We have so many playmakers, so many guys who can put the ball in the hole," West said. "We just have to trust each other and that was on display tonight. We didn't have our leader, Jason Kidd out in the mix. He can knock down 3-pointers. We hope we can build on this and get him back as soon as possible and get him back in the flow of things."

The Mavericks were 13-5 in January, wrapping the month up with wins on consecutive nights over San Antonio and Phoenix.

Carter was waived by Phoenix when the lockout ended, but his contract still guaranteed him \$4 million.

He would have made \$18 million had he stayed with Phoenix. He had missed five games with a sprained left foot before returning two games ago. He has matched his season high with 21 points in each of his last two appearances.

"Just getting into the flow," he said. "With the injury, I had some time to get my body right and focus on getting healthy. I was trying to do all the things I could to just to get back and step back in and continue to play."

The 122 points surpassed Dallas' 116 against Utah two games ago. It also was the highest score for a Phoenix opponent this season, topping the Bulls' 118-97 victory at Chicago on Jan. 17.

Longtime Sun Shawn Marion scored 20 for the Mavericks, winners of three straight and six of seven.

Dirk Nowitzki had 10 points in his second game back after missing four games to rest his sore right knee.

Marcin Gortat had 17 points and 10 rebounds for Phoenix. Dudley added 15 points, Sebastian Telfair 13 and Grant Hill 12.

Dallas shot 55 percent, including 14 of 27 on 3-pointers.

Phoenix had cut Dallas' lead to 55-47 on Gortat's 9-footer with 1:56 left in the half, then the Mavericks finished the half with an 11-1 run, taking a 66-48 lead on West's layup at the buzzer. Officials reviewed the play and called it good. West had a pair of 3-pointers to start the run.

Notes: Nash needs seven assists to pass Kevin Johnson as the Suns' career assists leader. ... Dallas had never beaten Phoenix eight times in a row until Monday night. ... Phoenix last beat Dallas on Jan. 28, 2010. ... The Mavericks have scored 116, 101 and 122 in their last three games after reaching the century mark four times in their first 19 games.

In brief

Little League baseball signups

Big Spring Little League will have signups from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the following Saturdays — Feb. 4, 11 and 18 — and Feb. 13-17 at the Big Spring Mall.

Little League baseball is open to youths ages 4 through 15. Registration fee is \$80 and a birth certificate is required.

The league will furnish jerseys, pants, belts and socks.

For more information, call Paige Jackson at 213-2066.

Coahoma softball signups Feb. 11

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Girls' Softball League will hold "early bird" registration for players from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Coahoma Junior High School gym.

The league is open to girls ages 3 to 18. Cost is \$50 per child.

For more information, call Billy Newton at 325-207-2640 or Amy Overton at 432-816-1968.

Last-minute layup sinks Longhorns

AUSTIN (AP) — Michael Dixon's flagrant foul down the stretch nearly cost his team the game. About 40 seconds later, he won it.

Dixon's layup with 31 seconds left gave No. 4 Missouri the lead and Marcus Denmon's rebound after a final miss by Texas' Myck Kabongo sealed a tough 67-66 victory for the Tigers on Monday night.

Texas has rallied from 13 down to take the lead on J'Covan Brown's jumper with 56 seconds left. The Tigers had held a three-point

lead when Dixon, dribbling away time at midcourt, was whistled for a flagrant when he swung an elbow at Julien Lewis' head.

Lewis' free throws and Brown's basket had Texas in position for its biggest win of the season.

Then Dixon made up for his blunder with a high, floating bank shot layup over Jaylen Bond that put the Tigers back on top to stay.

"In the heat of battle things happen," Dixon said. "You just have to look at the next play."

Dixon's layup capped a sparkling game. He was 9 of 10 shooting in a matchup against Brown, dished out four assists and consistently hit the big shots for the Tigers (20-2, 7-2 Big 12) all night.

Missouri continues its impressive season under first-year head coach Frank Haith, who was a Texas assistant under Longhorns coach Rick Barnes from 2002-04 before taking over the University of Miami program.

Haith was with Barnes during a three-year stretch that ranks among the best

in school history. The Longhorns advanced to the round of 16 twice and made the Final Four in 2003. The Texas crowd gave him a welcome round of applause when he was introduced before the game.

"It was a great win for us," Haith said of his homecoming. "I felt we showed toughness down the stretch."

For Texas', it was another crushing loss for a team in desperate search of a big win. The Longhorns (13-9, 3-6) are 0-7 in games decided by six points or fewer and dropped

their fifth loss in six games, all to ranked teams, two of them to Missouri.

After the game, Barnes and Kabongo were left complaining that a foul wasn't called on the Tigers' Matt Pressey on the final play.

Pressey appeared to catch Kabongo's non-shooting left arm when he went up for the final shot on the baseline. Kabongo short-armed the shot, which then fell to Denmon.

"He did get fouled," Barnes said. "(But) what we needed was to get a stop on the other end and we didn't get it."

Adelman wins return to Houston as T-wolves prevail

HOUSTON (AP) — Rick Adelman has mostly good memories from his years in Houston, and his new team delivered one more on Monday night.

Michael Beasley scored 34 points, Ricky Rubio had 18 points and

11 assists and the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Rockets 120-108 in Adelman's return to Houston.

Kevin Love had 29 points for the Timberwolves, who blew open a close game with a franchise-record 42 points in

the third, also a season high for any quarter.

The 6-foot-10 Beasley, in just his third game back after missing 11 games with a sprained right foot, set a franchise record for single-game points by a reserve. He went 10 for 14 from the field and 12 for 12 from the free-throw line to finish just eight points shy of his career high.

"That's what I've got to do," Beasley said. "I've got to penetrate, use my

athleticism."

Minnesota shot a season-best 58 percent (43 of 74) from the field and eclipsed its previous high point total for the season by 14.

And it could've hardly happened on a better night for Adelman, who turned down the Rockets' offer to renew his contract after last season because of philosophical differences with owner Leslie Alexander and general man-

ager Daryl Morey.

"We didn't try to attack on one pass, we moved the ball from side to side," Adelman said. "I thought we could get to the basket if we did that. It was a really good team win. A lot of guys played and a lot of guys contributed."


Adelman revealed more about the reasons for his departure before the game, half-joking that he was still awaiting a phone call from

Alexander.

The Timberwolves opened the second half with a 12-4 burst, capped by Love's second 3-pointer for a 66-60 lead. Kyle Lowry and Kevin Martin answered with 3-pointers, and Lowry turned a steal into a breakaway layup to tie it at 68.

Minnesota then pushed the tempo and poured it on, finishing the quarter with a 19-6 spurt.

Contract Bridge



By Steve Becker

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Tomorrow: A lucky grand slam.
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HAWKS

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pretty much the difference, Adams said. "When shooting under 50 percent from the free throw line in a game as big as this, you're not going to win."

Shavon Coleman's three-pointer with 3:35 remaining tied the game at 56-all, but South Plains never trailed again — although the Texans (20-0, 5-0) weren't able to finally ice matters until Marshall Henderson sank a pair of free throws with 2.3 seconds remaining.

Coleman led Howard with 15 points — 12 of which came on three-point shots — while Godfrey and Jacob Thomas each scored 14 points.

Despite being disappointed in the final result, Adams did see

some things he liked in his team's performance.

"I thought there were several areas we improved in," Adams said. "I was disappointed with our play in the final five minutes — we didn't execute that well — but the guys played hard and we had a chance to win the game at the end."

Howard returns to action Thursday when the Hawks host New Mexico Junior College at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Both teams are tied with identical 3-2 WJCAC records.

"New Mexico is one of the best teams in the conference right now," Adams said. "It will be a huge game for us. We are going to have to protect the home court if we're going to have a chance to win this conference."

Game time is 7:45 p.m. Thursday.

Women's game South Plains 43, Howard College 36

In a defensive battle, the South Plains Lady Texans found a few more shots than Howard College Monday night.

South Plains canned only 30 percent of its shots from the field, but that was enough to claim a 43-36 victory over the Hawks Monday.

As tough as it was for the Lady Texans to find a field goal, it was even worse for Howard, which made less than 20 percent of its field goal attempts in the game.

"I was really disappointed in our shot selection," HC Coach Earl Diddle said. "Coming off our loss to Odessa (Friday), I thought we hung in there and were in a position to take the lead, but we just couldn't get any momentum going

offensively or defensively."

Porche Young and Marion Lemonnier each scored seven points to lead Howard, which fell to 14-7 overall and 1-3 in WJCAC action with the loss.

Stephanie Moore scored 16 points to pace South Plains, which improved to 5-16 and 2-3 with the victory.

Things won't get any easier for the Hawks in their next game — a Thursday battle with conference leader New Mexico Junior College at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"It will all come down to concentration and execution," Diddle said. "We've got a lot of young players on this team and their execution isn't what it should be right now."

Game time Thursday is 5:45 p.m.



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down that angle, too — even if some believe he's constantly reminding his players that the Giants not only beat them in the Super Bowl four years back, but beat them at home in November.

"I've been asked about that game for several days now. All of the games in the past really don't mean that much at this point," said Belichick, 3-1 in NFL championship games. "This game is about this team this year. There aren't really a lot of us coaches and players who were involved in that game, and very few players, in relative terms, between both teams. We are where we are now, and we're different than where we were earlier in the season. The Giants are where they are now, and I think they're different than where they were at different points of the season. To take it back years and years before that, I don't think it has too much bearing on anything."

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CANCER (June 22-July 22). Negotiations and compromises are the outward manifestations of inner security. You know how safe another person really feels by the way he or she sorts out the details of a deal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may feel a strong pull toward positions of leadership and power. You like to be in control and may even feel that you need to be in charge or everything will not get done the detailed way you prefer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will put aside your need to have

everything unfold as it's "supposed to," and you'll embrace the spirit of drama that colors this day. It will feel right to let your emotions lead you into a highly creative state of mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Get the contact info of anyone you find interesting. You're likely to come into contact with a wide array of characters, most of whom you may not meet again unless you make the effort to do so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Have no fear of failure. If you can't make something work now it just means that you were meant for a different kind of challenge. Besides, you do a stellar impression of a glorious phoenix rising up from the ashes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You feel rich within. Your self-confidence is deep, and you know you have much to give. You're almost ready to merge your assets and share your confidences with another person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even when you feel you have enough to survive and be happy,

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The contrast between your laid-back style and the preferences of a tidy, logical and overly detailed person may be a source of friction. If you can find a compromise, what you accomplish together will be absolutely brilliant.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will feel like you've been left in the dark on a certain topic and the unknown is daunting. But you're too courageous to let that stop you. Shine your mental flashlight, start poking around and you'll find your way.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 31). It will be as though you have the golden touch. It's not important to you to win all of the time, but you'll revel in the victory that comes in the next six weeks. You bring harmony to your family and other groups. There will be a happy change in April. Your work will be prominently featured in

June. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 25, 1, 12 and 15.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Grammy Award-winning, superstar Aquarius Justin Timberlake loves the challenge of expressing himself in several mediums. This musical Aquarius was born when the moon was in expansive and lucky Sagittarius. Mercury in Pisces indicates natural acting talent, and Timberlake will continue to build on his big screen successes and soon add "A-list movie star" to his long list of hypheens.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: My mother-in-law, "Mary," is a demanding, conceited, freeloading, depressed 60-year-old witch. She has made our lives miserable for the five years I've been married.

Mary used to work as a nurse, owned her own home and paid her own bills. Shortly after we married, she quit her job, saying she was too depressed, and let her house go.

She became an appendage to our sofa for two years. It affected our marriage so much that my husband finally asked her to leave. Not only did she call me every name in the book, but she proceeded to post fliers around town calling me a family wrecker.

She then moved in with my parents for another two years. She still tells everyone that we threw her to the wolves and left her for dead.

This woman is convinced that her depression started the year my husband was born. Her parents were extremely wealthy, and even though she left

home at age 16, she still thinks the red carpet should be rolled out every time she shows up. She makes plans with friends and expects to borrow our car and our cash.

Mom has doctors and therapists provided to her by the state, but she is getting worse and refuses to apply for disability. Now she is staying at our local rescue mission so she won't "burden anyone," but as awful as it sounds, knowing that she is still living is a burden.

We want to start our own family, but the stress is overwhelming. How do we deal with her? — *Ready To Throw in the Towel*

Dear Ready: We were sympathetic until you said that "knowing she is still living is a burden." We realize she is difficult, but Mary also sounds mentally ill. Healthy, well-adjusted people do not behave like this. Please contact the National Alliance on Mental Illness (nami.org) at 1-800-950-NAMI (1-800-950-6264) and ask for help.

Dear Annie: I was divorced 18 years ago. I do not have a good relationship with my ex-wife, who left me for another man.

Over the years, she has encouraged our children to dislike my current wife, to whom I have been married for 17 years and who helped raise my kids.

Here's the problem. For Christmas, my son gave us an album with photos of our new grandson. The album also contains many pictures of my ex-wife, but only one of my wife and me, and it's the size of a postage stamp.

Could they not have created an album without all the photos of their mother? (I think it's even possible that my ex-wife put the album together.)

Should I ignore this? Should I ask that they consider our feelings in the future? We don't want to display an album with pictures of my ex. — *Insulted Parents*

Dear Insulted: This was insensitive of your son, but probably not ill intended, so try to forgive

him. You can choose whether or not to display any gift, but please don't complain about it. If there is a way to remove the photos of your ex-wife or to have the pictures re-set to exclude her, do so. Then ask your son for a picture of his family so you can display it in a prominent place in your home. If he mentions that you already have one in the album, you can tell him why you would prefer another.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. © 2012 CREATORS.COM

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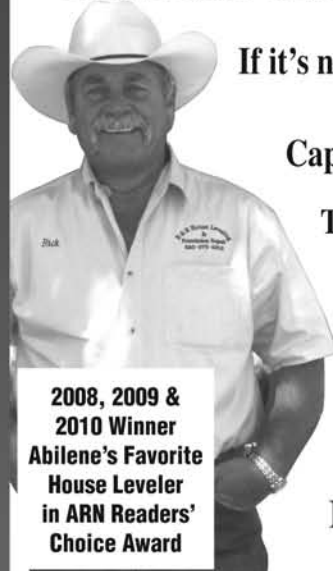
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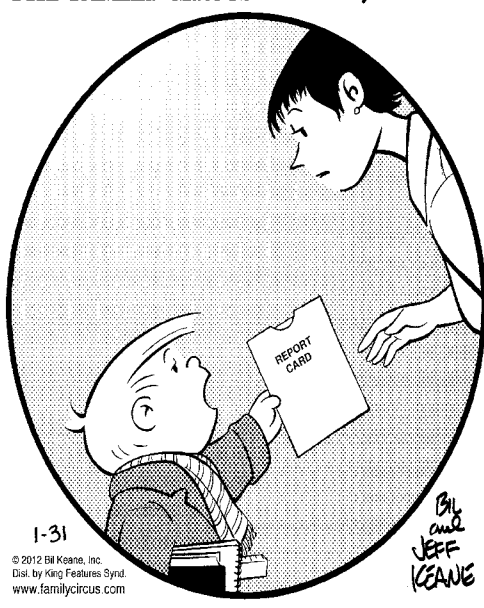
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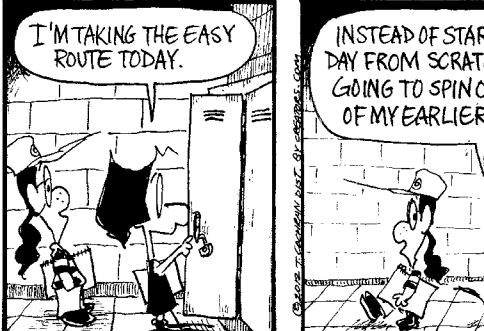
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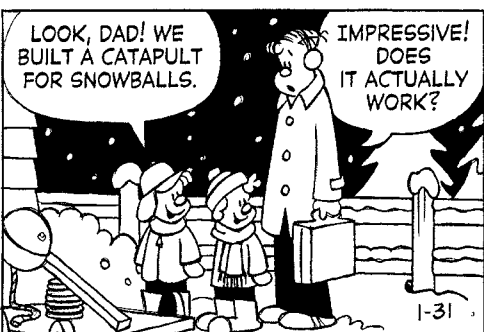
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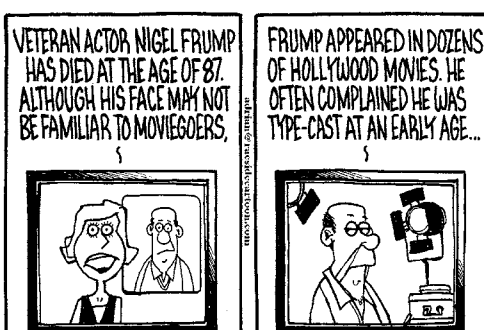
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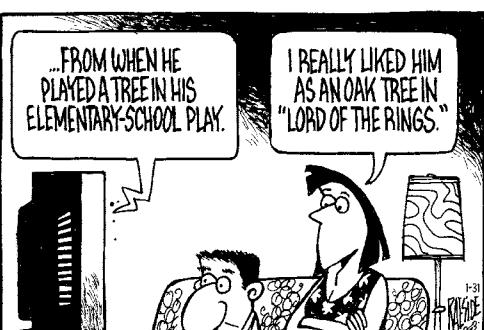
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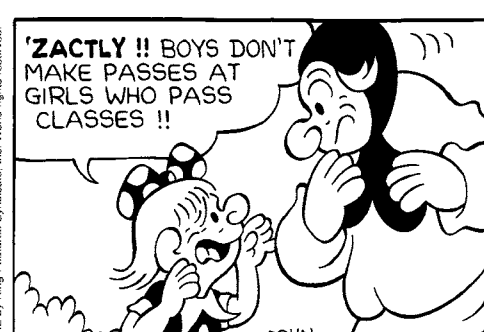
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 31, the 31st day of 2012. There are 335 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 31, 1961, NASA launched Ham the Chimp aboard a Mercury-Redstone rocket from Cape Canaveral; Ham was recovered safely from the Atlantic Ocean following his 16-9-minute suborbital flight.

On this date:

In 1606, Guy Fawkes, convicted of treason for his part in the "Gunpowder Plot" against the English Parliament and King James I, was executed.

In 1797, composer Franz Schubert was born in Vienna.

In 1865, Gen. Robert E. Lee was named general-in-chief of all the Confederate armies.

In 1917, during World War I, Germany served notice it was beginning a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

In 1929, revolutionary Leon Trotsky and his family were

expelled from the Soviet Union.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began a successful invasion of Kwajalein Atoll and other parts of the Japanese-held Marshall Islands.

In 1945, Pvt. Eddie Slovik, 24, became the first U.S. soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion as he was shot by an American firing squad in France.

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman announced he had ordered development of the hydrogen bomb.

In 1958, the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite into orbit, Explorer I.

In 1971, astronauts Alan Shepard, Edgar Mitchell and Stuart Roosa blasted off aboard Apollo 14 on a mission to the moon.

In 1992, leaders of the U.N. Security Council's member states held an unprecedented summit, after which they issued a declaration on collective security, arms control and nuclear non-proliferation.

In 2000, an Alaska Airlines jet spiraled into the Pacific Ocean off Port Hueneme, Calif., killing all 88 people aboard.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Carol Channing is 91. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Ernie Banks is 81. Composer Philip Glass is 75. Former Interior Secretary James Watt is 74. Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands is 74. Actor Stuart Margolin is 72. Actress Jessica Walter is 71. Former U.S. Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., is 71. Blues singer-musician Charlie Musselwhite is 68. Actor Glynn Turman is 66. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Nolan Ryan is 65. Singer-musician Harry Wayne Casey (KC and the Sunshine Band) is 61. Rock singer Johnny Rotten is 56. Actress Kelly Lynch is 53. Actor Anthony LaPaglia is 53. Singer-musician Lloyd Cole is 51.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

REALLY RELAXING by Gail Grabowski

- Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Full amount
 - 6 Hazard
 - 10 Fixes, as a fight
 - 14 Chicago airport
 - 15 Prefix for freeze
 - 16 Much-admired person
 - 17 Loosen, as laces
 - 18 Basic part of speech
 - 19 Lavish celebration
 - 20 Fast-moving motorsport
 - 22 Installed, as carpet
 - 23 Military no-show: Abbr.
 - 24 Annoying ones
 - 25 More intelligent
 - 29 Elevator entryway
 - 31 Ballet costume
 - 32 Acknowledge applause
 - 36 Molecule part
 - 37 Theater offerings
 - 39 Not even one
 - 40 Road Runner sound
 - 42 Checkers or chess
 - 43 Ladder crosspiece
 - 44 Supplied party food for
 - 47 Pizza topping
 - 50 One of the Great Lakes
 - 51 One of the Three Bears
 - 52 Critic's endorsement
 - 58 Puts frosting on
 - 59 Neighborhood
 - 60 North Pole resident
- DOWN**
- 1 "Guided" vacation
 - 2 Words of dismay
 - 3 British "Bye-bye!"
 - 4 Dry as a desert
 - 5 Ogle
 - 6 Ill will
 - 7 How fries are fried
 - 8 Surprise greatly
 - 9 Princess' dad
 - 10 Target-practice place
 - 11 Creative thoughts
 - 12 "I understand"
 - 13 Coasters on snow
 - 21 Dazzle
 - 24 Edgar Allan
 - 25 Wild guess
 - 26 Remote-control button
 - 27 Stick ___ in the water
 - 28 Beef cuts
 - 29 Calendar square
 - 30 Gives a thumbs-up to
 - 32 Touch on the shoulder
 - 33 Male hog
 - 34 "My treat!"
 - 35 Garden nuisance
 - 37 Contract signing need
 - 38 Chair part
 - 41 Hot-dog holder
 - 44 Old-floor sounds
 - 45 Tire filler
 - 46 Prepares to start a golf round
 - 47 Forgets to mention
 - 48 Mexican chip
 - 49 "That is to say..."
 - 50 Major happening
 - 52 Poison-ivy reaction
 - 53 Opera solo
 - 54 Barn-top device
 - 55 Monogram part: Abbr.
 - 56 Suffix for major
 - 57 Methods

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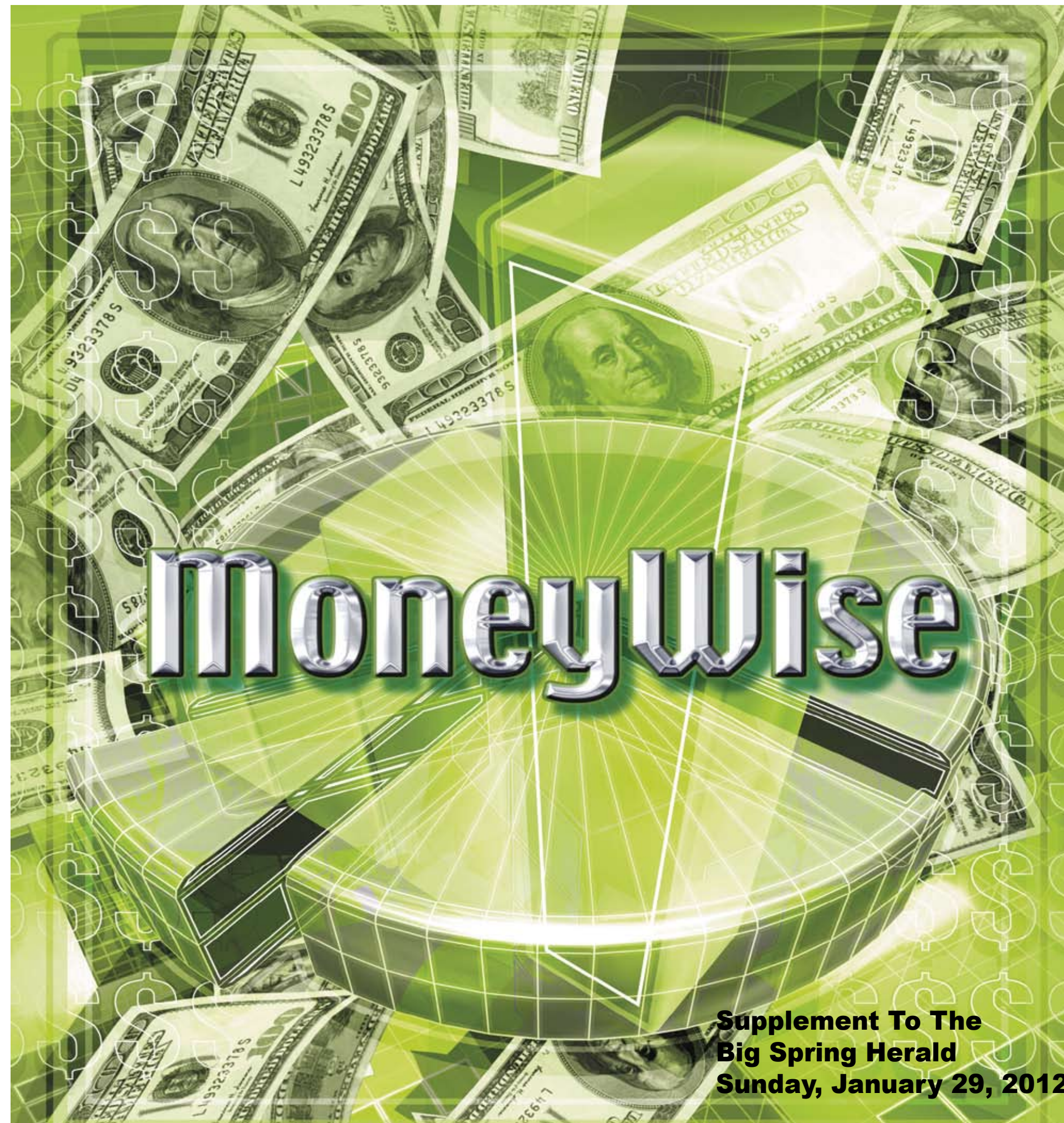
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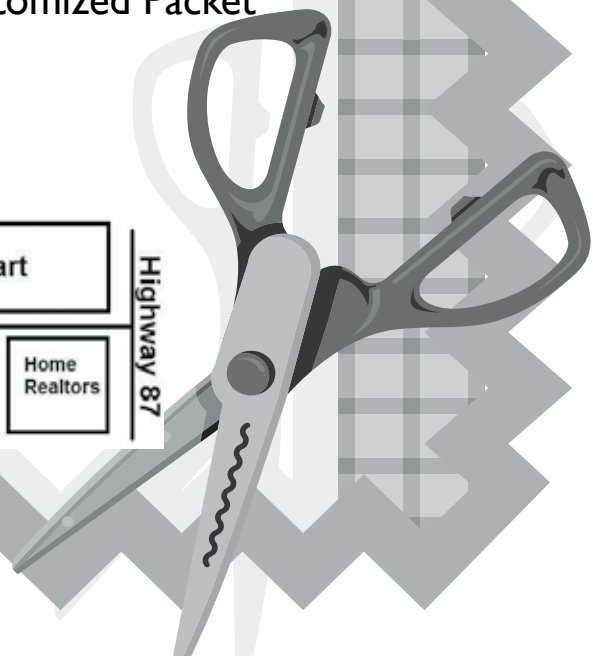
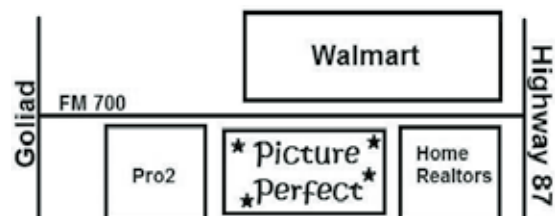
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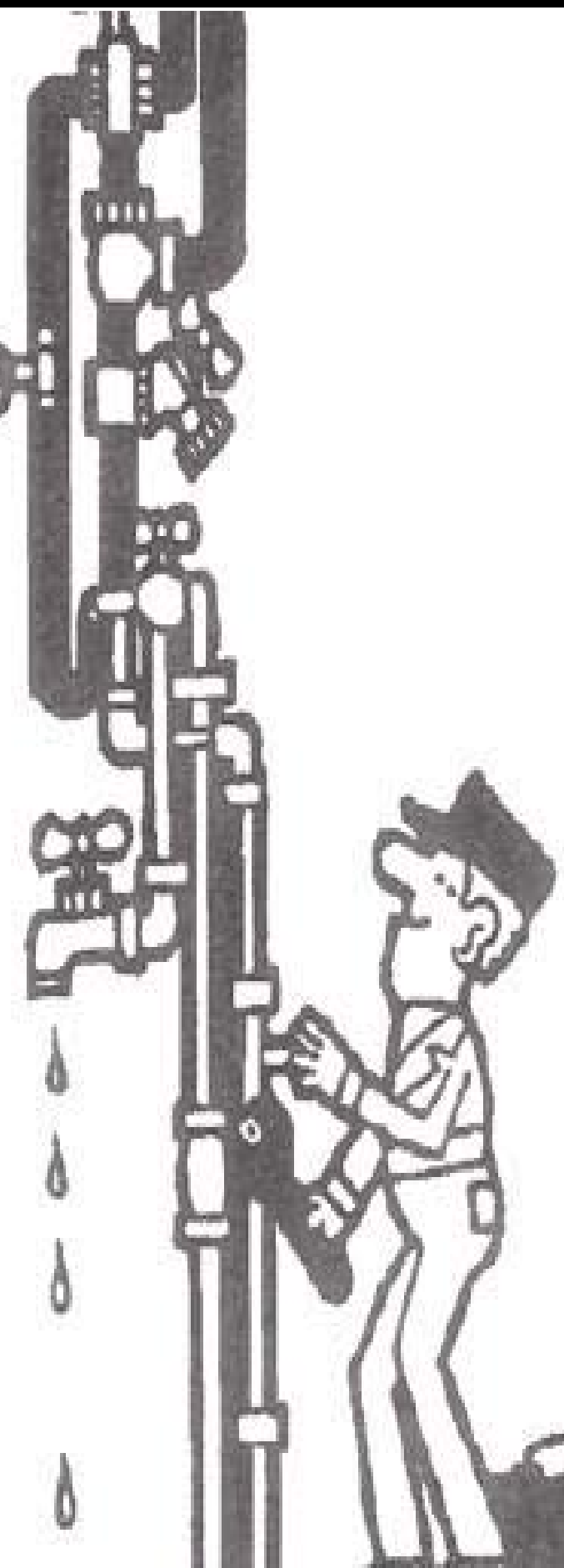
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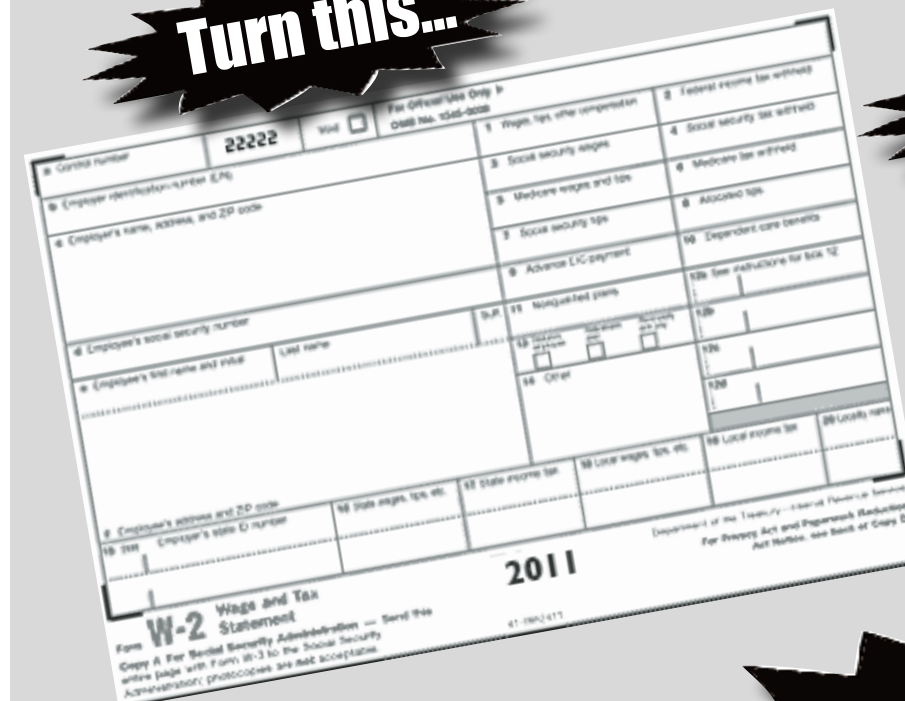
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