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# Warrant roundup coming

*Pay your fines now, or get cuffed, Judge tells the Herald*

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

If you have unresolved warrants in the Crossroads area, you have plenty to fear this week and next, as law enforcement agencies in Howard County and the surrounding areas get ready to conduct a warrant roundup Saturday.



Green

Part of a state-wide effort to help municipalities and other government agencies tackle the growing number of arrest warrants being issued, Big Spring Municipal Judge Tim Green said every effort has been made to contact those with warrants and get the matters cleared

up before the handcuffs get slapped on.

"We had letters sent out last week to those people who have warrants, so this shouldn't come as some big surprise," Green said. "The simple truth of the matter is this: They can either take care of their fines and warrants in the time leading up to the warrants, or they can risk it and possibly end up with a pair of handcuffs snapped on them when Saturday rolls around."

Having already wrapped up their first week of dealing with the warning letters, Green said it's been hectic around the municipal court.

"You basically don't see any of the employees without a

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

**Almost 15 youngsters attended the Emblems of Webb workshop at Hangar 25 Air Museum Saturday morning. They had the opportunity to tour the museum, learn about the history of patches and view the new exhibit, Insignia of the Past. The children were also able to make their own patches.**

# SMMC to celebrate Press Ganey award selection; public invited

**Herald Staff Report**

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is inviting Crossroads area residents help them brag just a bit — and enjoy some goodies as well.

Late last year, Press Ganey Associates Inc. named SMMC a 2011 Top Improver® Award winner. To recognize the achievement, CEO Larry Rodgers wants residents to join with SMMC staff in celebrating the award by at-

tending a "Quality Open House" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday. The festivities, scheduled for the main SMMC Lobby, will feature light refreshments, door prizes and drawings.

"I am extremely proud of our entire staff in receiving this national recognition," said Rodgers. "It reflects our commitment to strengthening clinical results and our focus on meeting the needs of the community

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# EDC to convene this evening

**By AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

An executive session will be the focus of a Big Spring Economic Development Corporation meeting Tuesday at 5:15 p.m.

The BSEDC will hold the closed-door session to discuss or deliberate commercial or financial information that has been received from a business prospect

seeking to locate, stay or expand, according to the Texas Government Code, Section 551.087. During the session, the board will also discuss the proposed expansion of an existing business.

Open-door items on the agenda include:

- action to approve minutes of the Jan. 17 regular meeting and the minutes of Feb. 13 special meeting.
- directors report

- public comment
- board comment

To find out more, contact the EDC at 264-6032. The meeting will be held in the chamber board room, located at 215 W. Third and is open to the public.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at [life@bigspringherald.com](mailto:life@bigspringherald.com)



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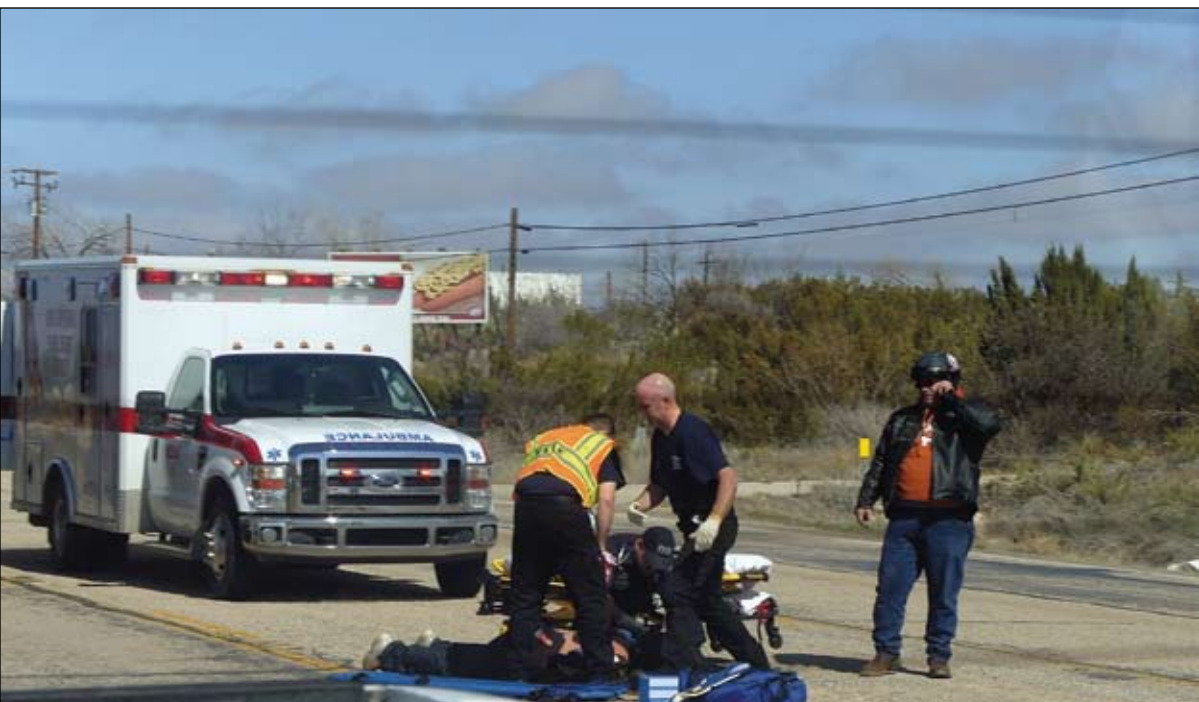
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**Emergency responders prepare a motorist involved in a motorcycle accident on S. Highway 87 Sunday afternoon to be transported to a medical facility. According to witnesses at the scene, the man was airlifted to an emergency facility with unknown injuries. Emergency teams were dispatched to the scene at approximately 1:15 p.m.**

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## Obituaries

## Leland Calvert

Leland Calvert, 81, passed away Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012. He was born April 9, 1930, to Willie and Thelma Calvert in Spur, Texas.

Leland served in the U.S. Army, farmed in Spur, Texas, and retired from the postal service, where he was a supervisor in Big Spring, Texas. He moved to South Texas after retiring to Lakewood to pursue his interest in fishing, gardening and hunting. He enjoyed his retirement, traveling and being with his family, especially his grandson.

Leland was a loyal Presbyterian and served as an elder in the churches in Big Spring and Goliad.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Lynn Porter-Calvert; one daughter, Joyce Ashley Villarreal and husband Joe Villarreal; one grandson, Joe Michael Villarreal; and three sisters, Strelsa Greene, Mary Jo Williams and Jean Hamblet.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

Graveside services will be held in Big Spring at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, at Mount Olive Cemetery with George Klett officiating. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2012, at Goliad Presbyterian Church in Goliad.

Memorials may be made to Goliad Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 617, Goliad, Texas 77963. Goliad Funeral Home, located at 414 W. Ward St., is in charge of arrangements.

*Paid obituary*

## Gary Shane Ringener

Gary Shane Ringener, 36, of Lubbock died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, in a Lubbock hospice facility. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Gerald Parsons officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Shane was born Feb. 26, 1975, in Lamesa, Texas.

Survivors include his mother, Letha Ringener of Madill, Okla.; brother, Larry Wayne Ringener of Lubbock; and four aunts.

Shane was preceded in death by his father, Gary Ringener; and his grandparents, J.C. and Maurine Ringener and Whitt and Thelma Carroll.

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

## Bertram Warner

Bertram Warner, 91, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 17, 2012, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, 2012, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Juanita Marquez

Juanita Marquez, 86, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 20, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- JASON EDWARD FRENCH, 30, of 1705 Purdue, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- PATRICK ALEXANDER LEAHY, 22, of 1313 Robin, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- TRENTON PATRICK MULLIN, 13103 Priet Lane in Cypress, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- GILBERT RECIO, 38, of 1007 Wood, was arrested Monday on charges of driving while intoxicated – second offense, open container in a motor vehicle – driver and driving while license invalid.

- JOHNNY LEE RHODES, 25, of 807 Carolina in Graham, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- FLAVIO SERRANO GARCIA, 26, of 3609 Hamilton St., was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication, open container in a motor vehicle – driver and assault causing bodily injury – family violence.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1100 block of E. Third Street.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 4200 block of W. Highway 80.

- ASSAULT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1800 block of S. Goliad.

## Take Note

- State Rep. Jim Landtroop of Plainview, who serves House District 85 in the Texas Legislature, will be in Big Spring at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus to conduct a Town Hall meeting. The main purpose of the meeting is to address the concerns of constituents regarding redistricting in Texas.

- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

- As the 8th annual Powwow is coming near, organizers are seeking people interested in native American culture. The group is a family oriented organization that is looking to expand. You do not have to be native American to join. For comments, questions and answers, call Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Connie Lesser at 432-816-6772.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

- American Cancer Society will have its board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.






- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

- Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The re-registration period began Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.

- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

## Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 2/21	Wed 2/22	Thu 2/23	Fri 2/24	Sat 2/25
 <b>67/33</b> Sunny and windy. High 67F. Winds WSW at 20 to 30 mph.	 <b>70/40</b> Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	 <b>72/45</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	 <b>77/37</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 30s.	 <b>59/36</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:24 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:36 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:23 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:37 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:22 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:38 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:21 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:39 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:20 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:39 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	69	38	sunny	Kingsville	76	59	cloudy
Amarillo	53	27	windy	Livingston	66	51	cloudy
Austin	66	44	pt sunny	Longview	65	47	pt sunny
Beaumont	65	57	cloudy	Lubbock	58	26	windy
Brownsville	78	61	cloudy	Lufkin	66	53	cloudy
Brownwood	70	40	pt sunny	Midland	67	36	sunny
Corpus Christi	73	60	cloudy	Raymondville	78	59	cloudy
Corsicana	62	42	cloudy	Rosenberg	67	55	cloudy
Dallas	63	42	cloudy	San Antonio	69	48	pt sunny
Del Rio	70	44	pt sunny	San Marcos	67	45	pt sunny
El Paso	63	37	windy	Sulphur Springs	63	43	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	71	37	windy	Sweetwater	68	36	sunny
Gainesville	59	37	windy	Tyler	64	45	pt sunny
Greenville	61	40	windy	Weatherford	62	38	pt sunny
Houston	66	56	cloudy	Wichita Falls	66	35	pt sunny

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	58	38	sunny	Minneapolis	44	32	mixed
Boston	42	24	pt sunny	New York	45	31	pt sunny
Chicago	44	35	pt sunny	Phoenix	64	44	mst sunny
Dallas	63	42	cloudy	San Francisco	56	49	rain
Denver	39	20	sn shower	Seattle	48	44	rain
Houston	66	56	cloudy	St. Louis	52	41	pt sunny
Los Angeles	65	45	mst sunny	Washington, DC	51	33	pt sunny
Miami	77	63	sunny				

## Moon Phases



## Support Groups

**TUESDAY**  
• Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

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

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

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

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# News briefs

## SKorea conducts live-fire drills near disputed sea boundary; no NKorea action on attack threat

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea conducted live-fire military drills near its disputed sea boundary with North Korea on Monday despite Pyongyang's threat to respond with a "merciless" attack.

North Korea did not carry out the threat as it focuses on internal stability two months after the death of longtime leader Kim Jong Il and prepares for nuclear disarmament talks with the United States later this week. But with American forces scheduled to conduct additional military exercises with ally South Korea over the next few months, tensions are expected to remain high in the region.

Washington and North Korea's neighbors are closely watching how new leader Kim Jong Un, Kim Jong Il's son, navigates strained ties with rival South Korea, the planned U.S.-South Korean military drills and a long-running standoff over the country's nuclear weapons programs.

South Korea's drills took place Monday in an area of the Yellow Sea that was the target of a North Korean artillery attack in 2010 that killed four South Koreans and raised fears of a wider conflict. North Korea didn't threaten similar South Korean firing drills in the area in January, but it called the latest exercise a "premeditated military provocation" and warned it would retaliate for what it considers an attack on its territory.

A North Korean officer told an Associated Press staffer in Pyongyang on Sunday that North Koreans would respond to any provocation with "merciless retaliatory strikes."

## UN inspectors in Tehran for key talks over nuclear allegations

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — U.N. nuclear inspectors arrived in Iran on Monday in the latest push to hold key talks with Iranian officials about how far the country's controversial nuclear program has come.

The trip is the second in less than a month by the International Atomic Energy Agency team, reflecting growing concerns over alleged weapons experiments — something Iran has so far both denied and refused to discuss.

Herman Nackaerts, a senior U.N. nuclear official, said in Vienna before the team departed on Sunday that he hoped for progress in the talks but his careful choice of words suggested little expectation the meeting will be successful.

The West suspects Iran's nuclear program is geared toward making weapons, a charge Iran denies, insisting it's for peaceful purposes only, such as power generation.

Iran's state TV said the IAEA team arrived early Monday morning for a two-day visit. The state radio, meanwhile, said the inspectors hope to meet Iranian nuclear scientists and pay a visit to the Parchin military complex.

## NYPD monitored students at colleges across Northeast; sent agent on rafting trip, noted prayer

NEW YORK (AP) — One autumn morning in Buffalo, N.Y., a college student named Adeela Khan logged into her email and found a message announcing an upcoming Islamic conference in Toronto.

Khan clicked "forward," sent it to a group of fellow Muslims at the University at Buffalo, and promptly forgot about it.

But that simple act on Nov. 9, 2006, was enough to arouse the suspicion of an intelligence analyst at the New York Police Department, 300 miles away, who combed through her post and put her name in

an official report. Marked "SECRET" in large red letters, the document went all the way to Commissioner Raymond Kelly's office.

The report, along with other documents obtained by The Associated Press, reveals how the NYPD's intelligence division focused far beyond New York City as part of a surveillance program targeting Muslims.

Police trawled daily through student websites run by Muslim student groups at Yale, the University of Pennsylvania, Rutgers and 13 other colleges in the Northeast. They talked with local authorities about professors in Buffalo and even sent an undercover agent on a whitewater rafting trip, where he recorded students' names and noted in police intelligence files how many times they prayed.

## Transgender kids get puberty-blocking drugs, sex-changing hormones

CHICAGO (AP) — A small but growing number of teens and even younger children who think they were born the wrong sex are getting support from parents and from doctors who give them sex-changing treatments, according to reports in the medical journal Pediatrics.

It's an issue that raises ethical questions, and some experts urge caution in treating children with puberty-blocking drugs and hormones.

An 8-year-old second-grader in Los Angeles is a typical patient. Born a girl, the child announced at 18 months, "I a boy" and has stuck with that belief. The family was shocked but now refers to the child as a boy and is watching for the first signs of puberty to begin treatment, his mother told The Associated Press.

Pediatricians need to know these kids exist and deserve treatment, said Dr. Norman Spack, author of one of three reports published Monday and director of one of the nation's first gender identity medical clinics, at Children's Hospital Boston.

"If you open the doors, these are the kids who come. They're out there. They're in your practices," Spack said in an interview.

## Winter storm heads out to sea after dumping snow on parts of South, causing power outages

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A winter storm that dumped several inches of snow across parts of the South, causing power outages, slippery roads and numerous accidents during the Presidents Day holiday weekend, moved out to sea Monday.

Crews were working to restore power to tens of thousands of households that lost electricity as a result of the storm.

The storm brought as much as 9 inches of snow to some areas on Sunday as it powered its way from Kentucky and Tennessee to West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina. The storm system was expected to push off the coast early Monday, with the nation's capital getting only snow flurries, according to the National Weather Service.

The storm hit toward the end of what has been an otherwise mild winter in the region.

In northern Tennessee, about 20 vehicles were involved in crashes along a three-mile stretch of Interstate 75 near the Kentucky border on Sunday afternoon.

## High court considers whether false boasts about military exploits are a crime

WASHINGTON (AP) — Xavier Alvarez was in good company when he stood up at a public meeting and called himself a wounded war veteran who had received the top military award, the Medal of

Honor.

Alvarez was lying about his medal, his wounds and his military service, but he wasn't the first man to invent war exploits.

He was, however, one of the first people prosecuted under a 2006 federal law aimed at curbing false claims of military valor.

Concerns that the law improperly limits speech and turns people into criminals for things they say, rather than do, are at the heart of the Supreme Court's review of his case and the Stolen Valor Act.

Veterans groups have come to the aid of the Obama administration, which calls the law a narrowly crafted effort to protect the system of military awards that was established during the Revolutionary war by Gen. George Washington. The high court will hear the case Wednesday, which is Washington's 280th birthday.

## Avalanche swept 4 skiers far down mountain, killed 3 of them

STEVENS PASS, Wash. (AP) — Well-equipped and familiar with the terrain, about a dozen expert skiers were making their way through a foot-and-a-half of fresh snow when an avalanche hit them in an out-of-bounds area near a popular Washington ski resort.

Three men were killed Sunday when they were swept about a quarter-mile down a canyon, and a fourth skier caught up in the slide was saved by a safety device, authorities said. The large group had split into three smaller groups before the avalanche, but all the backcountry skiers were buried to some extent. Those who were able to free themselves rushed to dig out the victims and unsuccessfully performed CPR on the three, believed to be in their 30s and 40s.

"Most of the people involved in this were well-known to the ski community up here, especially to the ski patrol," said Deputy Chris Bedker of the King County Sheriff's search-and-rescue unit. "It was their friends who they recovered."

The Stevens Pass fatalities were part of a deadly Sunday on Washington ski slopes. A male snowboarder was killed in a separate avalanche incident at the Alpentel ski area east of Seattle, authorities said.

The men who died on Stevens Pass tumbled approximately 1,500 feet down a chute in the Tunnel Creek Canyon area, King County Sheriff's Sgt. Katie Larson said.

## 'Colbert Report' to return Monday, mother of comedian ailing

NEW YORK (AP) — A representative for Stephen Colbert says "The Colbert Report" will return Monday after a sudden break due to the ailing health of the star's mother.

The Comedy Central show last week substituted repeats for scheduled shows on Wednesday and Thursday. At the time, the network said only that the cancellations were because of "unforeseen circumstances."

Colbert is expected to address his absence on Monday. His 91-year-old mother, Lorna Colbert, is ill.

Earlier on Twitter, Colbert thanked those who had offered "thoughts and prayers."

Colbert's father, James Colbert, and two of his brothers were killed in an airplane crash in 1974.

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phone to their ear, and that's from the time we come in until the time we leave," Green said. "It's really amazing how many warrants and fines we've been able to take care of since the letters went out earlier this week."

"Monday alone we

took in \$10,000 in fines. Throughout the week, we've been able to collect approximately \$40,000. Last year, from beginning to end, we collected about \$70,000, so I'd say we're doing really well with this roundup."

Green said those with warrants can come in and pay their fines without fear of being arrested on site. However, those who aren't willing to

pay their fines may find themselves in a much stickier situation.

"If you come in and have the money to pay your fines, you don't have to worry about being arrested here in the office," said Green. "However, if you're unable to clear up your fines, it's pretty likely you're going to end up behind bars. My advice is to get these matters taken care of as soon as

humanly possible."

Green said the roundup is a collaborative effort between the Big Spring Police Department and the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

For more information on the roundup, contact Municipal Court at 264-2531.

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

## SMMC

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we serve."

Press Ganey partners with more than 10,000 health care facilities — including 50 percent of all U.S. hospitals — to measure and improve the quality of care that providers deliver to patients and, ultimately, to improve the overall health care experience. This award recognizes hospitals that have shown continuous improvement over two years. SMMC is one of 36

Press Ganey facilities to receive the honor. It's one of 13 to receive it for improved Core Measures performance. Core Measures, a set of evidence-based treatments that improve the condition of patients with certain medical di-

agnoses, are followed by all U.S. hospitals to give patients the best care possible for their particular condition.

"We seize every opportunity to educate the members of our team — administrators, physicians and staff. Our pri-

mary focus is to ensure that every individual at SMMC understands the basics of core measures and is working toward full compliance," said Amy Miramontes, quality management and regulatory compliance director for SMMC.

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Calvin "Rusty" Hamilton, 79, died Thursday. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Juanita Marquez, 86, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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## ► Something different

### N.M. woman heads to trial for stealing \$2 pumpkin

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A 23-year-old college student from New Mexico is scheduled to go to trial for allegedly stealing a small pumpkin worth two dollars.

KOAT-TV in Albuquerque, N.M., reports that Lauren Medina will go before a jury and Moriarty Magistrate Judge Steve Jones on Tuesday. She is accused of taking the pumpkin in October 2011 from McCall's Pumpkin Patch in Moriarty.

Her sister, Annette Atencio, says Medina spent \$75 on food that day but forgot to pay for the pumpkin she picked up as she was leaving. Atencio says her sister offered to pay but was refused and then handcuffed.

Atencio says she's in disbelief that the theft charge against her sister was not dropped.

She says her sister could have pleaded guilty and been given probation, but refused.

### Polish folk art society defends its 'Oskar' award

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The head of a Polish folk art society is defending the name of its main award, the "People's Oskar," against a legal protest by the U.S. film group that awards the Oscars of

Hollywood fame.

Waldemar Majcher of the Association of Folk Artists says the "People's Oskar," honors Oskar Kolberg, a 19th century Polish ethnographer who wrote down some 10,000 Polish folk songs.

In its 10-year history, the "People's Oskar" — a plaque with an engraved image of Jesus — has been given to museums, folk festivals and even a bread fair.

Majcher said Monday that he has received a letter from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences protesting the use of the name "Oskar," which is the Polish spelling.

He says his group's lawyers are writing a response to defend its use.

### CEOs' clash roils company behind comic hero Archie

NEW YORK (AP) — The past three years have been upbeat ones for Archie, the everyteen hero of one of America's most enduring comics. He's gotten married — twice, no less. He's even appeared on a postage stamp.

But behind the scenes, a bitter and sometimes bizarre feud has brewed at the company that produces the more than 70-year-old comic.

In lawsuits, Archie Comic Publications' co-CEOs Jon Goldwater and Nancy Silberkleit (SIL'-bur-

klayt) are accusing each other of all sorts of funny business.

He's asked a court to strip her of her role at the company. She's sued him for defamation and \$100 million in damages.

A judge vows to appoint a temporary receiver to protect the company's assets amid the fight if the two sides can't choose someone on their own by Wednesday.

### Famed NYC boardwalk may get plastic makeover

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City's Coney Island boardwalk may be getting a makeover — from wood to plastic.

The New York Times reports the city parks department is proposing to replace stretches of the aging, 2.7-mile boardwalk with a combination of concrete and a type of recycled plastic that looks like wood.

Rob Burstein, chairman of the Coney-Brighton Boardwalk Alliance, says the plan would amount to "putting a piece of plastic into a diamond ring."

But Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe says the plastic composite can last 75 years and is cheaper to build with than wood.

The parks department says some natural woods last just eight years.

## "Classic" Ann Landers®: Kicking the nicotine habit

*Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.*

**Dear Readers:** Several readers have written to say it was easier to get off cocaine than to give up cigarettes. I recently came across these tips written by Linda Greenhow, coordinator of the nicotine addiction program at the St. Helena Health Center in Deer Park, Calif. They may be helpful if you want to quit smoking. The information sounded good to me, and I would like to share it with you.



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### Staying Smoke-Free:

- Make the decision to quit.
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- Become aware of your patterns of use, identifying trigger places, people and activities. Plan alternative responses.
- Explore on paper your motivations for quitting.

Carry a list of your top three reasons with you.

- Start an exercise program to help manage stress, offset depression, combat urges and control weight.
- Set up a social support system (a trusted individual who understands addiction, Nicotine Anonymous or an online support group).
- Commit to "doing what it takes" to get through the short-term discomfort. Pharmaceutical support may be a consideration.
- Smoke your last cigarette, and say goodbye:
- Dispose of all tobacco products and paraphernalia.
- Drink lots of water to help eliminate nicotine from your system.
- Take deep breaths to keep you centered.
- Take action whenever an urge presents itself. Call your support people. Pray. Take a walk. Stretch. The urge WILL pass.

### Envision yourself already smoke-free.

- Modify your lifestyle to support your smoke-free status:
- Change your daily routines to avoid old triggers.

- Develop a schedule of rewards for yourself to offset any sense of deprivation. Avoid high-risk situations, such as use of mood-altering drugs, being with smokers, being alone with tobacco present or getting too hungry, angry, lonely, tired, anxious or bored.

- Develop new interests to give your life a positive focus, and re-direct your energy.

- Commit time and energy to activities that reinforce and reward your new, non-smoking lifestyle. It is one of the toughest battles of all, and you deserve a pat on the back.

*Looking for an uplifting, quick read? "A Collection of My Favorite Gems of the Day" contains hand-picked jokes and witticisms from the world over. Send a self-addressed, long, business-sized envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Collection, c/o Ann Landers, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).*

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Aquarius moon sets our sites on the future. Maybe it's an idealized version of tomorrow. Then again, no one will know until it's upon us. Better to be too optimistic than to have a low expectation that becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. It's the eve of the spiritual Pisces new moon and the perfect opportunity to let go of yesterday and cling to hope.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your eyes and heart will be wide open. In some small, tangible and immensely satisfying way, you'll understand the difference you've made in other people's lives.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your happiness depends to some degree on the amount of control you believe you have over your environment. How much control you actually have isn't nearly as relevant as the amount you believe you have.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You have only so much attention to give others and still take stellar care of yourself. It will be necessary to pick your battles and to allow others to take care of their own responsibilities.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You are not a product of your circumstances, though you certainly are choosing some challenging and influential environments to hang out in. You are bigger than the moment, and you'll find a way to prove that.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Boldness is one of your talents. One thing that helps on the subject of boldness is not to take things too seriously. It is much easier to be bold when you see the lions as the kitty cats they really are.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some people are just earnest. You'll appreciate that and shine in the stark honesty of it. This is your preferred mode, as well. You'll be sure to relate in a way that is true to who you are.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People repeat patterns because it feels natural to do so. It may not, however, be the healthiest way. You'll be brave enough to perform a "pattern interrupt," thereby changing the course of history.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll

be attracted to just the people who will shine a light on a different side of you, a side you did not even know existed before. The new vista of insight will bring pure delight.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't be shy. If you feel shy, take it as a sign that you're being challenged to buck your fear. Do the opposite action to the one you feel like doing. Go over and introduce yourself.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Not only are you doing the best you can; you're doing the best that has been done by anyone who recently applied themselves to the task. So don't underestimate your contribution.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll broaden your horizons in a small but significant way. You will have a feeling about what you're good at, and you'll follow that feeling into a particular area of interest.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Remember that you're a dancer. So when the chance comes to dance (and it's there every day, you just have to recognize it), you need to take hold of the other person's hand and dance.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 20). Because you always keep your end of a bargain, you gain a stellar reputation this year. You can take that to the bank in March, June and October. Save for future renovations. Extroverted energy helps your personal and professional life in May. A lucky conversation leads to a once in a lifetime opportunity. Leo and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 39, 25, 12 and 40.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Pisces pop star Rihanna was born when the moon, Venus and Jupiter were all in the passionate warrior sign of Aries. This energetic blend of old soul and young passion infuses her music with mass appeal. The Barbados-born pop star is one of the best-selling artists of all time. Saturn, Uranus and Neptune in Capricorn show business savvy and career longevity.

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### Sports Calendar

#### TODAY

##### Women's basketball

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

##### Men's basketball

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

##### Boy's basketball

Garden City vs. Trent, Class 1A Div. II bidistrict playoffs, 8 p.m., Westbrook.

##### Baseball

Big Spring at Monahans, 7 p.m.

##### Softball

Coahoma at Big Spring, 6:30 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

##### Girl's basketball

Garden City vs. Wink, Class 1A Div. II regional quarterfinal playoffs, TBA.

##### Boy's basketball

Big Spring vs. Burkburnett, Class 3A bidistrict playoff, 6 p.m., Eastland.

Stanton vs. Tornillo, Class 2A bidistrict playoff, 8 p.m., Sul Ross University, Alpine.

##### Softball

Forsan at Wall, 4:30 p.m.

##### Baseball

Coahoma at Lamesa, TBA.

Jim Ned at Forsan, 8 p.m.

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

## Howard squads in action tonight



Howard College's Kali Jerrell battles for a loose ball during action earlier this season. The HC women's and men's teams will face Odessa College tonight at the OC Sports Center. Game times are 5:45 p.m. for the women and 7:45 p.m. for the men.

# It's Lin-sane: Knicks knock off Mavs

**BRIAN MAHONEY**

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Linsanity lives.

Forget the off night that had NBA fans worldwide wondering if the Jeremy Lin story was too good to be true. It's still plenty good, all right.

The Harvard sensation was back at his whirling ways Sunday, and the stage couldn't have been better — against the defending champions on national TV.

Lin was Lin, and that was good enough for the New York Knicks to win.

Hours after the opening of "Saturday Night Live" spoofed the Lin phenomenon, the point guard had 28 points

and a career-high 14 assists to carry the Knicks to a 104-97 victory that ended the Dallas Mavericks' six-game winning streak.

"Looking back, it's like I was watching them win the championship last year, and that's obviously where this team wants to go," Lin said.

"This is helpful to us, not just to me but to us, just to be able to see where our team can go and what we can become, and I think that's the biggest takeaway from tonight," he said.

Lin already owns the highlights and headlines, and now he has some new admirers after bouncing back from a nine-turnover performance

against lowly New Orleans by dominating a Dallas defense that made even LeBron James look ordinary in the NBA finals.

After the final buzzer, Lin got a hug from a fellow Bay Area product, and someone who knows a thing or two about playing the point — Mavs star Jason Kidd

"He looks a little bit like Steve Nash out there," Kidd said, referring to the two-time MVP of the Phoenix Suns.

In a game of wild momentum swings, the Knicks reeled off 17 straight points in the first quarter, fell behind by 12 in the third, then pulled it out to beat the Mavericks for only the third time in the

last 20 meetings.

"I think they found something in Lin, and they're starting to piece together a team that can beat anyone," Mavs guard Jason Terry said.

Steve Novak also delivered for the Knicks. He scored all 14 of his points in the fourth quarter, including four 3s. J.R. Smith scored 15 points in his Knicks debut as New York won for the eighth time in nine games.

Dirk Nowitzki scored a season-high 34 points for the Mavericks, who had been playing championship-level defense but became the latest team who couldn't stop Lin.

"I was talking to them before the game and they were

saying they had an answer for Lin," said Knicks center Tyson Chandler, who played for the Mavs last season, "I guess they were dead wrong on their scouting report."

Playing for the seventh straight game without the injured Carmelo Anthony, the Knicks got a huge lift from Smith, signed just Friday after returning from China.

Coach Mike D'Antoni had previously said Smith wouldn't play Sunday since he hadn't practiced yet. But when swingman Bill Walker also had to sit out with an injury, D'Antoni needed someone at that position, and

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## Competition wide open as Astros begin spring training

**By NOAH TRISTER**

AP Sports Writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — In 113 major league at-bats, Houston pitcher Bud Norris has never hit a home run.

Now he feels like he's running out of time.

"I've got one year to get it done," Norris said. "Hopefully I can just get one and say I did it."

Norris and the Astros are entering their final season before moving to the American League in 2013 — and adjusting to the designated hitter a year from now isn't the only transition this franchise is facing. After 106 losses last year, Houston has a new owner, a new general manager and a bit of a clean slate as spring training begins.

"There's not very many guys with guaranteed spots. Everybody's going to be fighting," left-hander J.A. Happ

said. "There's competition throughout — no matter what camp you're in — but you know this one, especially this year, is going to be exciting."

Houston's pitchers and catchers have their first workout Monday, and the Astros are eager to put last season behind them as quickly as possible. They'd never lost 100 games before 2011, when they finished 15 games behind the fifth-place Chicago Cubs in the NL Central.

Change has been swift since then. After the season, the sale of the team from Drayton McLane to Jim Crane was completed, and the Astros agreed to move eventually to the AL West.

Jeff Luhnow was then brought in to be the team's general manager. Players haven't learned too much yet about the new regime, but manager Brad

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## Haas wins stunner at Riviera

**By DOUG FERGUSON**

AP Golf Writer

LOS ANGELES — Bill Haas knows anything is possible from even the most dire positions. Remember, this is the guy only five months ago saved par with his ball partially submerged in a lake and won the FedEx Cup.

Not even Haas could have imagined such a stunning conclusion Sunday at Riviera.

In thick rough behind the 10th green, the second hole of a three-man playoff with Phil Mickelson and Keegan Bradley, Haas smartly played away from the flag with hopes of making par and going on to the next hole.

He wound up holing a 45-foot birdie putt across the green to win the Northern Trust Open.

"A part of me was saying,

"I've done this once, let's do it again," Haas said. "Another part of me was saying, 'Don't screw this up.'"

Mickelson and Bradley worked their own heroics just to get into the playoff.

Haas, who closed with a 2-under 69, was on the practice range at 7-under 277 as he warmed up for a playoff only he thought might happen. He was trying to convince himself that Mickelson or Bradley — maybe both — would make birdie on the 18th hole, even though it had yielded only six birdies all day.

With tournament executive director Jerry West — "Mr. Clutch" from his days with the Los Angeles Lakers — looking on, Mickelson rammed in a birdie putt from just outside 25 feet, pointing his

putter and slamming his fist as the gallery packed into the hill below the stately clubhouse let out a cheer that could be heard down Sunset Boulevard.

Mickelson bumped fists with Bradley and told his protege, "Join me."

That he did. Bradley's birdie putt from just outside 12 feet took one last, slow turn at the cup and disappeared, setting off another enormous cheer. No one had to tell Haas what was happening.

"You heard the cheers," he said.

They started the playoff on the 18th, and Bradley had the best look at birdie with a 15-footer from just off the back of the green that touched the right side of the cup.

It was decided on the 312- See **HAAS**, Page 10

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www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.575833&lng=-101.558333&zoom=13&type=r. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 19, 2012. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Borden County Courthouse, 117 East Wassom Avenue, Gail, Borden County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

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According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

**A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following:** (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. **If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to**

**request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.**

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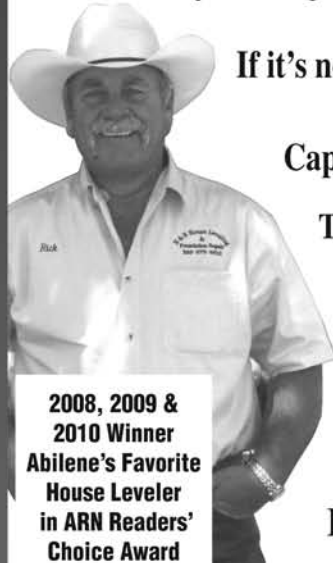
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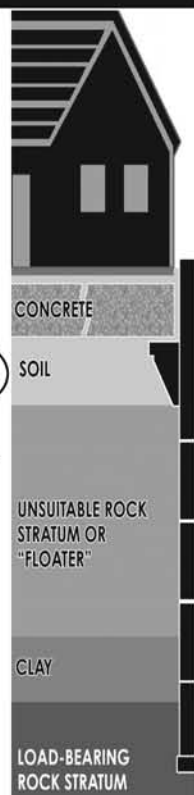
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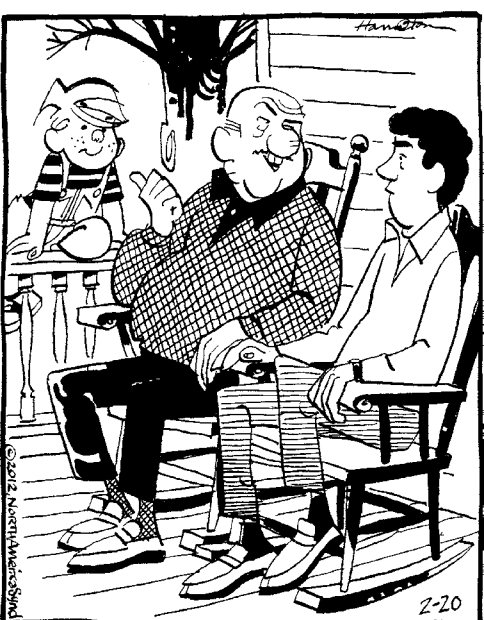
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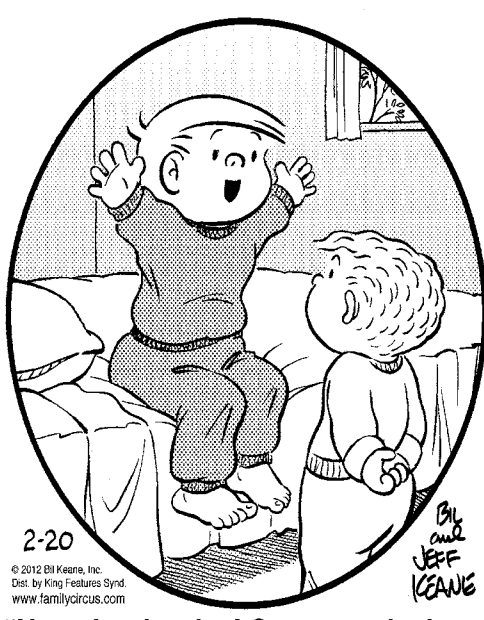
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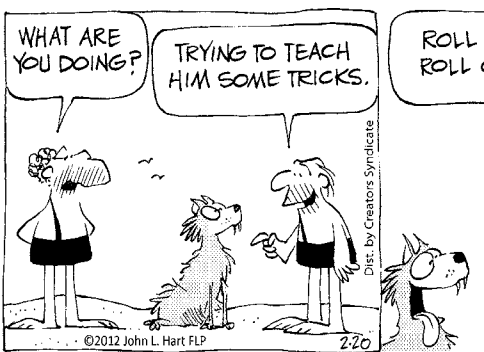
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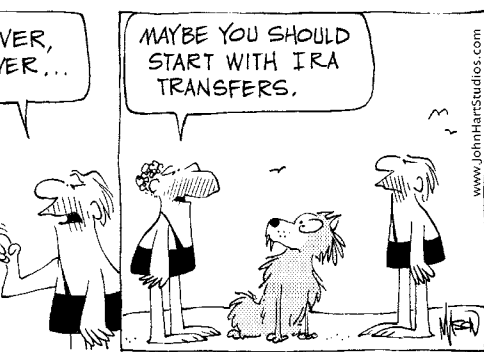
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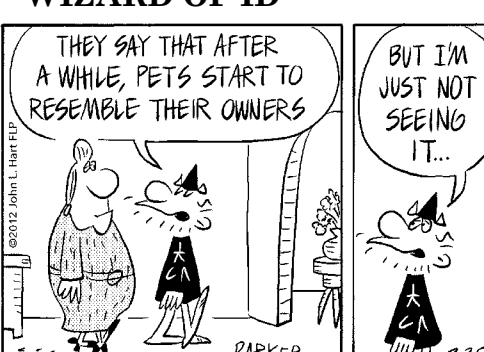
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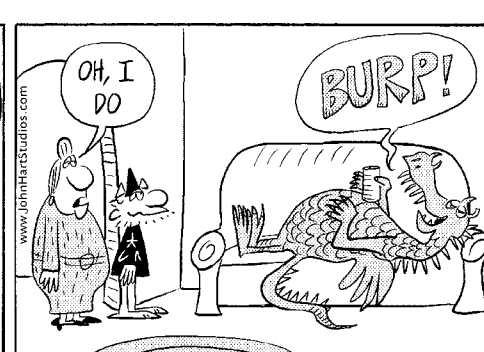
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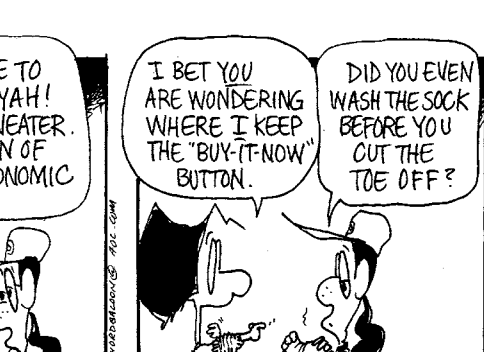
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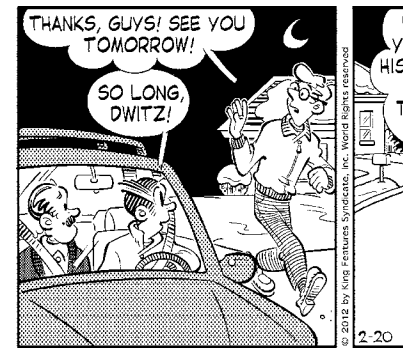
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## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 2012. There are 315 days left in the year. This is Presidents' Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Project Mercury's Friendship 7 spacecraft.

On this date:

In 1790, Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II died.

In 1792, President George Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.

In 1809, the Supreme Court ruled that no state legislature could annul the judgments or determine the jurisdictions of federal courts.

In 1839, Congress prohibited dueling in the District of Columbia.

In 1862, William Wallace Lincoln, the 11-year-old son of President Abraham Lincoln and first lady Mary Todd Lincoln, died at the White House, apparently of typhoid fever.

In 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an immigration act which excluded "idiots, imbeciles, feeble-minded persons, epileptics, insane persons" from being admitted to the United States.

In 1938, Anthony Eden resigned as British foreign secretary following Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's decision to negotiate with Italian dictator Benito Mussolini.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers began raiding German aircraft manufacturing centers in a series of attacks that became known as "Big Week."

In 1965, the Ranger 8 spacecraft crashed on the moon, as planned, after sending back thousands of pictures of the lunar surface.

In 1971, the National Emergency Warning Center in Colorado erroneously ordered U.S. radio and TV stations off the air; some stations heeded the alert, which was not lifted for about 40 minutes.

In 1987, a bomb left by Unabomber Ted Kaczynski exploded behind a computer store in Salt Lake City, seriously injuring store owner Gary Wright. Soviet authorities released Jewish activist Josef Begun.

In 2003, fire broke out during a rock concert at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, R.I., killing 100 people and injuring about 200 others.

Today's Birthdays: Fashion designer Gloria Vanderbilt is 88. Author-screenwriter Richard Matheson is 86. Actor Sidney Poitier is 85. Racing Hall of Famer Bobby Unser is 78. Actress Marj Dusay is 76. Jazz-soul singer Nancy Wilson is 75. Racing Hall of Famer Roger Penske is 75. Singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie is 71.

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## ACROSS

- 1 Dictation-taking pro
- 6 Make a trade
- 10 Lengthy story
- 14 Diet-food label
- 15 Florist's vessel
- 16 Nest-eggs held at S&Ls
- 17 Take as one's own
- 18 Fix up, as prose
- 19 Tennis-court dividers
- 20 Approximately
- 22 Leg joint
- 23 Wrestling surfaces
- 24 Breakfast bread that's browned
- 25 Before the match starts
- 29 Wedding-cake level
- 31 Peaceful protest
- 32 Evade
- 36 Eastern European
- 37 Leaks slowly
- 39 Surfer's challenge
- 40 Put on the air
- 42 Green citrus fruits
- 43 Rowboat propellers
- 44 Nepon or nickel
- 46 Intelligent
- 49 At no cost
- 50 Toward sunset
- 51 Economic-cycle extremes
- 57 "\_\_\_ boy!" ("Way to go!")
- 58 Polite request
- 59 Somewhat, informally

## DOWN

- 1 Shut forcefully
- 2 Commotion
- 3 Get an \_\_\_ effort
- 4 Back of the neck
- 5 Footstool
- 6 Gracefully slender
- 7 Strolls through a stream
- 8 Auction-goods condition
- 9 Poodles and parakeets
- 10 Success-vs.-failure choice
- 11 Sports stadium
- 12 Fence openings
- 13 Balance-sheet plus
- 21 Lamb's dad
- 24 Golfer's prop
- 25 Hushed "Hey!"
- 26 Stir up
- 27 List-ending abbr.
- 28 Approximately
- 29 Waiter's reward
- 30 Driver's licenses and such, briefly
- 32 Get a look at
- 33 Domesticated
- 34 Tied, as a score
- 35 Annoying person
- 37 Respectful title
- 38 Letter before tee
- 41 Winery vessel
- 42 Ogles
- 44 Luxurious fur
- 45 August zodiac sign
- 46 Attacks, as a fly
- 47 Paris subway
- 48 Late-blooming flower
- 49 Entrance hall
- 51 Mercedes alternatives
- 52 Honolulu's island
- 53 Dog-biscuit shape
- 54 Strongly recommend
- 55 Flower stalk
- 56 Fixes a driveway, perhaps

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# ASTROS

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Mills has been working with the front office.

"With any different group, it seems like you're going to have, maybe some different ideas in certain areas. ... A lot of their ideas might come from looking at numbers, which is because they haven't seen the guys," Mills said. "Maybe a different mindset that they have coming in, and that's all good. There's nothing wrong with that."

The Astros have been dismantling their team for the last couple years. They traded stars Lance Berkman

and Roy Oswalt around the deadline in 2010 and dealt outfielders Hunter Pence and Michael Bourn during last year's downward spiral.

"A lot went on last year that kind of hampered away from playing baseball — living in limbo-land with the ownership," Norris said. "Finally we got that settled. I'm sure Crane's going to have an opportunity to talk to us, and we're going to have an opportunity to talk to him. It's a fresh start. It's what we needed, and we've got to roll forward."

Norris went 6-11 with a 3.77 ERA last season and has struck out just under a batter an inning in his three-year

career. Wandy Rodriguez was also solid in 2011, going 11-11 with a 3.49 ERA. Right-hander Brett Myers returns for his third season.

Happ struggled last season, going 6-15. Houston signed Zach Duke and Livan Hernandez, two more starters with experience, to minor league contracts.

First baseman Carlos Lee — one marquee name the Astros have kept — hit .275 last season but had only 18 home runs, his fewest since his first year in the majors. In December, Houston acquired shortstop Jed Lowrie from Boston in a trade that sent reliever Mark Melancon to the Red Sox.

Infielder Brett Wallace, still trying to establish himself after hitting .259 in 336 at-bats last year, was already at the team's spring training complex Sunday, even though the first full squad workout isn't until next weekend.

"I think we're all excited to get going. It's an opportunity to get down here and get on the field and work with the coaches and just kind of get adjusted a little bit early," Wallace said. "You can only do so much in the cage or at home. You've got to get down here."

After what the Astros went through last year, there's a sense that pretty much everyone has an opportunity.

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# HAAS

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yard 10th hole, regarded as the best short par 4 in America, certainly among the most interesting holes in all of golf. It can be reached with a drive, but it's all about position — and none were in a particularly good spot.

Haas went long into thick rough, with enough of the back bunker in his way that he smartly played out to the right and left himself a long birdie putt that at least would assure him par.

Mickelson and Brad-

ley each came up short, a horrible angle. Mickelson's flop shot landed near the hole and rolled into the back bunker. Bradley was in the bunker, and did well to blast out to 15 feet, just through the green.

Haas ended the suspense with his putt.

"I never expected to make a 40-footer, especially in that situation," Haas said. "A little luck was involved. I guess it was meant to be."

Bradley, who closed with a 71, missed his birdie putt after Mickelson, who also had a 71, failed to hole his bunker shot.

"I didn't think he was

going to make that one," Bradley said. "I should have known, though, because he's a great putter and a great player."

Mickelson, who rallied from six shots behind with a 64 to win last week at Pebble Beach, was trying to become the first player since Tiger Woods in August 2009 to win back-to-back on the PGA Tour.

"Bill hit a tremendous putt," Mickelson said. "We're thinking it's a very difficult 3. It's a defensive hole. You're just trying to make 4, believe it or not."

Haas went one better with his putt across the green.

"That's going to do it," Mickelson said.

Mickelson missed three straight putts from just inside 10 feet on the back nine — two for par, one for birdie — but atoned for it with his birdie on the 18th, the longest putt he made all day.

"I kept fighting, and I was giving away shots and was trying to let it go and move on and see if I could capture one, and I finally got one to

go on 18," Mickelson said. "It felt great."

The feeling only lasted two holes.

Haas captured his fourth career PGA Tour title and moved to No. 12 in the world.

"To beat guys of that caliber is amazing, something I will never forget," Haas said.

Mickelson seized control early with the best shot he hit all week. With pin tucked in the back right corner on a new green at the fifth hole — a deep swale behind it and to the right — Mickelson hooked a 9-iron that started out toward the gallery and wound up 4 feet away for birdie.

That put him at 9 under, two shots clear of Haas, who had birdied the par-3 sixth two groups ahead. Jonathan Byrd, who had been tied for the lead, made double bogey on No. 5 with a hooked tee shot into the hay.

All it took was a pair of mistakes by Mickelson to turn the back nine into a shootout, with a half-dozen players in the mix.

He missed the dual fairway on the eighth and couldn't reach the green, chipped 6 feet by the hole and missed the par putt. Then, he failed to clear the fairway bunker on No. 9 and had no chance of getting home. His wedge was 20 feet short, leading to another bogey.

The game was on.

Haas started the back nine with a birdie to take the lead, only to give it back with consecutive bogeys when he came up short on the 12th and missed the fairway left on the 13th. Bradley and Mickelson each made birdie on the 11th to reclaim a share of the lead, then took turns falling out of the lead — Bradley missed the green to the left on No. 13 for bogey, Mickelson with a three-putt from 50 feet on No. 14.

Mickelson three-putted again from 70 feet on the 15th, but Bradley also missed a 7-foot par putt on the same hole.

Four players had at least a share of the lead throughout the final round. Dustin Johnson was not among them,

though he stayed in the hunt until the end. Needing a birdie to match Haas, he leaked his approach to the 18th and then bladed his chip across the green. He had to scramble for bogey and a 71, putting him in a tie for fourth.

Garcia never had a chance to win, though the Spaniard sure made it interesting.

He hit 3-wood to 10 feet for eagle on No. 11, holed a 4-iron from 207 for eagle on No. 15 and birdied the 18th for a 30 on his opening nine. When he holed a birdie putt across the third green, he was 8 under for the day through 11 holes, and only three shots behind.

His momentum ended with a bogey on the par-3 fourth, and he had to settle for a 64, the best round of the tournament.

Winning never entered his mind, he said after the tournament.

"Everything had to be absolutely perfect for me," Garcia said. "I obviously couldn't make any bogeys. It's not that easy."

# sudoku

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# MAVS

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Smith hit three of the Knicks' 12 3-pointers.

"First five minutes was really mind blowing," Smith said. "First thing I was thinking was don't airball your first shot. You never live that down in New York City. So once I made my first one, that really got me going."

Lin's turnovers Friday night matched the most in the NBA this season Friday in an 89-85 loss to New Orleans that stopped a seven-game winning streak. He had seven more Sunday and has committed six or more in six straight games, but D'Antoni said Saturday he wanted Lin to keep taking risks.

That paid off Sunday, when Lin got the Knicks

back into a game that had seemed to be getting away in the third quarter, before shooters all around him got going in the fourth.

"I thought we had the game under control," Nowitzki said. "And then the fourth quarter, that really got the crowd back into it."

Novak made four 3-pointers in about 4½ minutes of the fourth quarter, then Lin buried one to give the Knicks a 90-81 lead with 6:51 remaining. The Mavs got it back down to two on Terry's 3-pointer with 3:26 left, but Lin answered with a 3, and the Mavs couldn't get closer than three again. Lin shot 11 of 20 overall.

Chandler capped it off with a dunk and finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Mavs came in holding opponents to an NBA-low 41.4 per-

cent shooting. They were limiting teams to 39.2 percent during the winning streak, but the Knicks carved them up for 54 percent in the first quarter as Lin ran the offense flawlessly.

Lin actually started his NBA career with the Mavs' summer league team in 2010. But owner Mark Cuban said Lin preferred to play closer to home, and he signed with the Warriors, who cut him, as did Houston in December. The Knicks claimed him off waivers.

"It wasn't luck because there were how many other teams that could have signed Jeremy and the Knicks were the ones who went out and got him," Cuban said. "So they saw something and they were smart enough to go out and get him."

Friday's loss may have ended the Knicks' win-

ning streak, but certainly not the buzz around Lin. Sunday's crowd included Kevin Costner, Eva Longoria, Spike Lee — wearing Lin's No. 4 Harvard jersey — and another famous Harvard product, Facebook head Mark Zuckerberg. Lin's high school coach from Palo Alto (Calif.) High School also made the trip.

Notes: Baron Davis was in uniform for the Knicks but didn't play. He expects to make his season debut this week.

... Cuban, on the decision not to re-sign Chandler, whose left wrist was hurting a bit after a hard fall: "We wouldn't have been champions without Tyson. He's a phenomenal player, he's got incredible heart, he's amazing in the locker room and that's why we went out and got him. But the CBA changed everything and you have to adjust how you build and grow and maintain a team and try to win championship. So we did what we felt we had to do, not because we wanted to do it."

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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♦ K J 8 5 3  
♣ K Q J

**WEST**  
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♦ 9  
♣ 10 8 7 6 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ 8 6 5 3  
♥ J 10 9 6 5  
♦ Q 7 6  
♣ 9

**SOUTH**  
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♦ K Q 7  
♠ A 10 4 2  
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