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## BSISD eyeing budget

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials are already thinking about their next budget, but few of those thoughts are pleasant. Continued cuts in state revenue have educators across the state scrambling to balance educational needs with decreased funds, and Big Spring ISD is no exception.

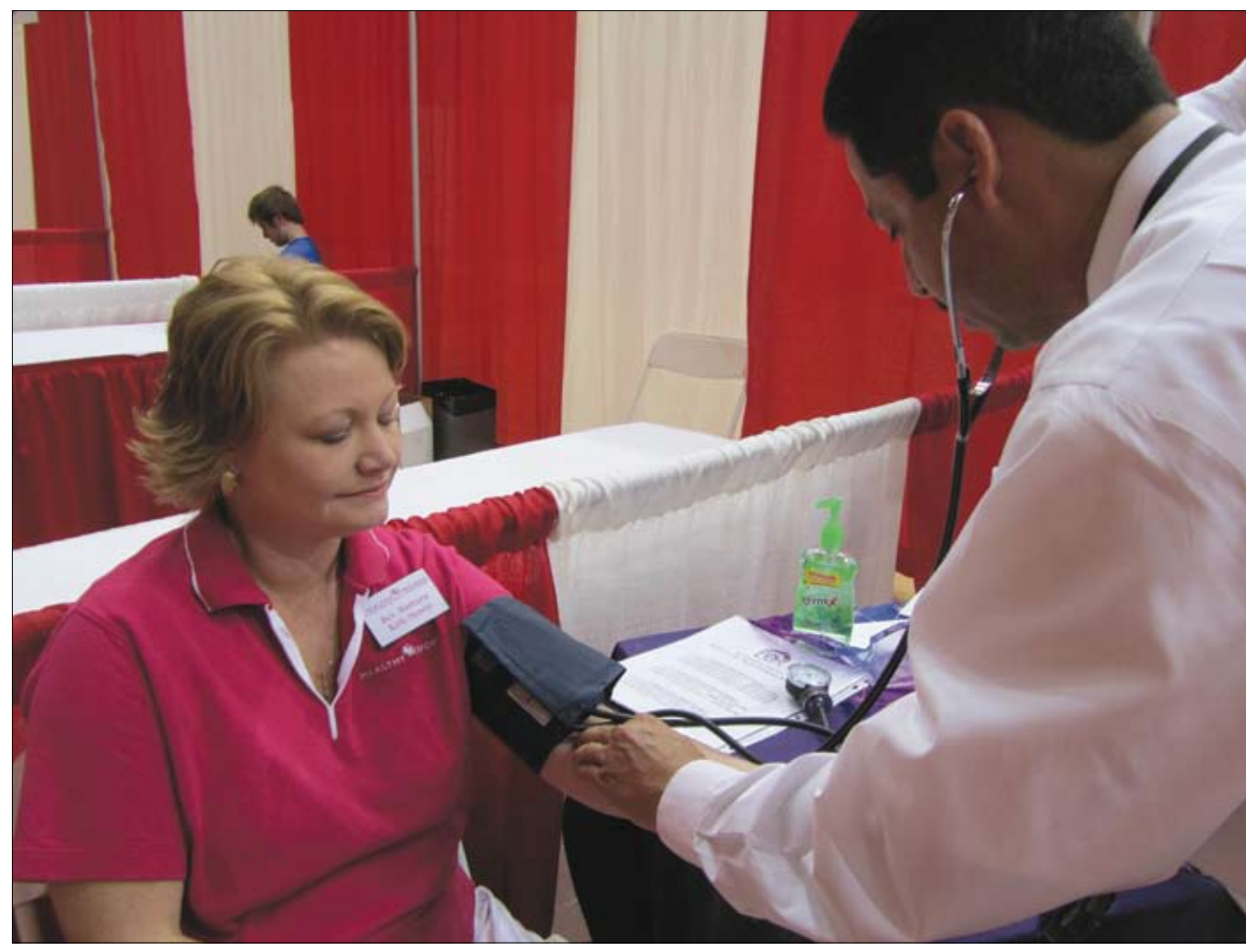


When Texas legislatures crafted the state's biennial budget in 2010, they cut more than \$5 billion from education expenditures. That meant local school districts would have to make do with less — in Big Spring's case, about \$3 million less — over a two-year period.

The first half of that \$3 million cut took effect during the current school year, and officials were able to weather that decrease without firing personnel and still submitting a balanced budget in the process. However, another \$1.5 million in state revenue will be slashed in 2012-2013, and officials are understandably concerned about the effect that will have on the upcoming budget.

Business Manager Debbie Green said preliminary figures show school district expenditures,

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In the above photo, the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal and Health Woman volunteer, finds out her blood pressure is excellent from CVA Marketer Alfonso Diaz of St. Joseph's Health Inc. of Midland during the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair held Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The annual event brought out a plethora of health agencies whose representatives handed out health information and provided certain medical tests for the public. At right, Department of Public Safety officer Sparky Dean of Abilene places three-year-old Vivianna Gonzales in new child car seat during the health fair. The seat swap was part of the Safe Kids Buckle Up program sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman, Safe Kids of San Angelo and Howard College.

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## Big gaps found in nursing homes' disaster preparation

By **RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tornado, hurricane or flood, nursing homes are woefully unprepared to protect frail residents in a natural disaster, government investigators say.

Emergency plans required by the government often lack specific steps such as coordinating with local authorities, notifying relatives or even pinning name tags and medication lists to residents in an evacuation, according to the findings.

That means the plans may not be worth the paper they're written on.

Nearly seven years after Hurricane Katrina's devastation of New Orleans exposed the vulnerability of nursing homes, serious shortcomings persist.

"We identified many of the same gaps in nursing home preparedness and response," investigators from the inspector general's office of the Health and Human Services Department wrote in the report being released Monday. "Emergency plans lacked relevant information. ... Nursing homes faced challenges with unreliable transportation contracts, lack of collaboration with local emergency management, and residents who developed health problems."

The report recommends that Medicare and Medicaid add specific emergency planning

and training steps to the existing federal requirement that nursing homes have a disaster plan. Many such steps are now in nonbinding federal guidelines that investigators found were disregarded.

In a written response, Medicare chief Marilyn Tavenner agreed with the recommendation, but gave no timetable for carrying it out.

Nationally, more than 3 million people spent at least some time in a nursing home during 2009, according to the latest available data. Nearly 40 percent of them, 1.2 million, were in the top 10 disaster-prone states. The typical nursing home resident is a woman in her 80s or older, dealing with physical and mental limitations that leave her dependent on others for help with basic daily activities.

Investigators pursued a two-track approach. First they looked at the number of nursing homes that met federal regulations for emergency planning and training. Then they went into the field to test how solid those plans were, in a sample of homes drawn from 210 facilities substantially affected by floods, hurricanes and wildfires across seven states during 2007-2010.

On the surface, things appeared to be in good shape. Ninety-two percent of the nation's

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## HC dance troupe to take stage

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

Time may have sprung forward recently, but the Howard College Dance Department is taking things back with its spring concert Thursday and Friday. Students will take to the stage of the Hall Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. to perform "Movin' with the Movies."

"There is a lot of history in this show," Eulaine McIntosh, Howard College dance instructor, said. "You start seeing a lot of connection to the future when you start researching."

The dance troupe will open the show with a Titanic-themed performance, with some hip-hop and traditional jazz num-

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## Obituaries

Billy Wayland 'B.W.'  
Cunningham

Billy Wayland "B.W." Cunningham, 78, of Big Spring died April 13, 2012, in Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, April 16, 2012, at the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ with Ralph Anderson officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

B. W. was born May 4, 1933, in Big Spring to Floyd Raymond and Edna (Hudgins) Cunningham and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1951. He married Media Meek on Aug. 5, 1948, and began working for the Permian Basin Gas Company.

After working only a short period for the gas company, he started work with Texas and Pacific Railroad and within a few months he transferred to Fort Worth. Working for the railroad only a few short years, he searched and found a job with Cosden Oil Refinery in Big Spring. He retired from American Petrofina in the spring of 1974.

Cunningham served as an elder at the Anderson Street Church of Christ from 1980 until 2005. He began serving as an elder at the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ in 2007. He remained a strong member and elder until his death.

Except for a few years in Fort Worth, Cunningham was a member of the Big Spring community his whole life. Asked many times why he didn't move somewhere with more opportunity, he answered, "I never lost anything there."

Cunningham was proud to be a member of the Big Spring community and especially enjoyed meeting and worshipping the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ among members of the Big Spring Churches of Christ. Known as a strong Christian and Bible teacher, he was liked and loved by all who knew him.

His favorite activities — Bible studies, family, Texas history, West Texas history, military history, world history, firearms and sports — took his leisure time. Raising cattle on land north of Big Spring after moving from 14th Street in the city was a favorite pastime. He spent most, if not all, of his charitable and social time with the members of the Churches of Christ.

Cunningham leaves this life with many achievements and few, if any, disappointments. If asked about his finest achievement, he would no doubt say, "Raising and providing for my family, from sons, daughter, grandsons, granddaughters, great-grandsons and great-granddaughters, and their families in the Christian Church and according to God's will, is my finest achievement."

His humor often included many stories about his ancestors, those he know as well as those remembered by the Cunningham, Hudgins and Dangler families of West Texas.

Bill Cunningham is survived by his wife, Media Meek Cunningham of Big Spring; two sons, James Cunningham and wife, Florinda of Virginia and Danny Cunningham and wife, Debbie of Midland; a daughter, Brenda (Cunningham) Lawson and husband, Doyle of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Brian and Rick Cunningham and Stephen Lawson and Theresa Lawson Thompson; and four great-grandchildren, Avery, Rylan and Colton Cunningham and Emily Thompson; and too many friends to mention.

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

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Christina Louise Stallings  
Garrard

Christina Louise Stallings Garrard, 39, of Big Spring died Friday, April 13, 2012, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born June 19, 1972, in Hollis, Okla. She had been a resident of Big Spring for 21 years, coming from Tye, Texas. In addition to a homemaker, she was a bookkeeper and office manager for Four Seasons.

She is survived by her husband J.R. Garrard of Big Spring; two sons, Marcus Stallings and Harley Gray, both of Big Spring; her parents, Darlene and Ken Stallings of Big Spring; one brother, Kenny Stallings and wife Renea of Big Spring; one sister, Bena Damgaard and husband Travis of Big Spring; parents-in-law, Lenard and Jo Garrard of Anna, Texas, and Frances and Robert Reagan of Big Spring; one nephew; three nieces; several nieces and nephews by marriage; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by one niece; and her maternal and paternal grandparents.

The family suggests memorials to the Big Spring Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring, TX 79721.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Tommy Liedtke

Tommy Liedtke, 86, of Amarillo, died Friday, April 13, 2012, in Big Spring. Private family memorial services will be held at a later date. Internment will be at Llano Cemetery, Amarillo, Texas.

Tommy was born July 11, 1925, in Paducah, Texas. He married Naomi Boykin Feb. 28, 1944, in Paducah, Texas. She preceded him in death Jan. 31, 1983.

The couple moved from Paducah to Amarillo in 1952 and lived there for 60 years. Mr. Liedtke served in the United States Army during World War II in the European theater.

Survivors include two daughters, Lana Moon of Andrews and Joy Banks of San Angelo; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Tommy was also preceded in death by one daughter, Cathy Muszynski; one sister; and three brothers.

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

## William M. 'Bill' Skiles

William M. "Bill" Skiles, 95, of Big Spring, died Sunday, April 15, 2012, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

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

- VICTOR JOE TODD, 47, of 1301 Mt. Vernon, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- KEVIN LEE DUNLAP, 34, of 3312 Auburn, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MARK MATTHEW LINDEM, 34, of 2506 Kelly Circle, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
- THEFT was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street.

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## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.

• JEREMY JOHN MILLER, 34, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

• MICHAEL ZUBIATE, 29, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

• CHRISTOPHER WAYNE CLAXTON, 27, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of service — more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

• JOHN SOLIS, 26, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction.

• CYNTHIA TREVINO, 28, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.

• JOHN CHRISTOPHER HILARIO, 34, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• ANA GARCES RAMIREZ, 30, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• LAPAUL ERIC SCAGGS, 35, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of assault — family violence.

• SAMMY FERRELL, 50, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• LARRY ALLAN HARGRAVE, 43, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• JAMES THOMAS SMITH, 57, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• DUSTIN JAMES SAUCEDO, 23, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of failure to identify — giving false information.

• DARRELL DAVID BROWN, 39, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear — possession of a controlled substance.

• MARK MATTHEW LINDEM, 34, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• KEVIN LEE DUNLAP, 34, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• VICTOR JOE TODD, 47, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

## Fire/EMS

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

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of Auburn. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Jim Long Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Driver Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of S. Benton. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Dugoin. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of S. Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. Service refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the west part of Blagrave Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter. One person was transported to SMMC.

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# Take note

• An account has been opened at the Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union for Orlando and Jessica Olague who lost their home last Tuesday in the tornado that hit Arlington, Texas. They have two small children, Bella and Eli. They were born and raised in Big Spring where their parents and family still reside. The account is under the name of Jessica Sanchez Olague and any help is appreciated. God bless.

• An account has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray medical cost for Brittney Phillips Smith. Brittney will be undergoing a kidney transplant in San Antonio on June 14.

Brittney is a graduate of BSHS and is the daughter of Karan and Gary Phillips.

• An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident.

• The Lone Star District will be holding its Spring School Night for Scouting signups from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 26 in the First Baptist Church Gymnasium.

• 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. 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. A training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 18. 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.

• 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. For information, call 432-267-2963.



Herald Photo/Lyndel Moody

**A strong, windy morning and the chatter of busy adults failed to disturb the sleep of 19-month-old Bianca Johnson Saturday morning. The child rested while her mother, Tracy, and her 16-month-old sister, Aaliyah visited with a Texas Department of Health employee who installed new child car seats for the trio at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair.**

# DANCE

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bers as well. The second part of the show will lean toward the historical side.

The second part will feature students performing a special adaptation of Gene Kelly's "Ring around the Rosy."

The number was part of the motion picture, "Invitation to the Dance," which was released in 1956, according to McIntosh.

The concert will also include a variety of swing music, early forms of jazz dance — based on ballet and tap dancing — and pantomime.

"The riotous, foot-stomping jazz music and dance will

make you want to jump out of your seat and join the dancers on the stage," McIntosh said.

The rendition will include the basic theme, but also include six other pieces from the 1930s through '50s genres of music. McIntosh said those pieces are higher tempo and reflect the sound of early swing.

"This performance will in-

clude a wide variety of music through the ages," she said.

"Through the attendance of the shows, the community is showing support for the students as well as the college," McIntosh said. "Seeing a full audience provides great motivation to the students and shows them the community supports them."

Tickets can be purchased at

the door, the night of the performance. General admission is \$5 and students with ID are \$3. Hall Center for the Arts is located at 1001 Birdwell Lane on the Howard College campus.

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# HOMES

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16,000 nursing homes met federal regulations for emergency planning, while 72 percent met the standards for emergency training.

A different story emerged when inspectors showed up at 24 selected nursing homes and started pulling files and interviewing staff.

The specific facilities in California, Louisiana, Minnesota, North Carolina, North Dakota, Tennessee, and Texas were not identified in the report. All had been affected by disasters; 14 had evacuated and the remainder sheltered in

place.

A detailed, well-rehearsed emergency plan is a basic requirement for disaster preparedness. But at one home, the emergency plan was in several boxes. At another one, it was on a legal pad.

Of the 24 emergency plans, 23 did not describe how to handle a resident's illness or death during an evacuation. Also, 15 had no information about specific medical needs of patients, such as feeding tubes and breathing equipment. Seven plans were silent on how to identify residents in an evacuation, such as by attaching wristbands or name tags. Inspectors said 15 made no provi-

sion for including medication lists.

None of the nursing homes met a government recommendation for a seven-day supply of drinking water if residents had to shelter in place and their regular source of water was unsafe or unavailable.

Twenty-two had no backup plans to replace staff members unable to report for work during a disaster.

Transportation was an Achilles' heel. None of the nursing homes had planned to ensure transportation of adequate food and water for evacuated residents, while 19 had no specific plan for transporting wheelchairs and similar equipment. Twenty-two

of the plans did not describe how the nursing home would transport medications.

Seventeen had no specific plan for working with local emergency coordinators to decide whether to evacuate or shelter in place.

Not surprisingly, administrators and staff from 17 of the nursing homes told investigators they faced substantial challenges in responding to the disasters that hit their areas. A common problem was that transportation contracts were not honored after an evacuation was called. Four nursing homes that did evacuate said they had problems trying to keep track of residents and supplies,

in some cases temporarily losing patients.

The vulnerability of nursing home patients became a national issue when 35 residents of St. Rita's Nursing Home just outside New Orleans perished during Katrina. Some drowned in their beds.

Prosecutors charged the owners of the facility with negligent homicide, saying they should have evacuated the home.

But a jury acquitted them of all charges. Some jurors said afterward that Louisiana authorities should have taken responsibility for the safety of nursing home residents ahead

of the monster storm.

A Houston Chronicle investigation found that, all told, at least 139 nursing home residents died during the hurricane or its aftermath.

The top 10 disaster-prone states, as ranked by historical statistics on major disaster declarations, are Texas, California, Oklahoma, New York, Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, Kentucky, Arkansas, and Missouri.

# BUDGET

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which exceeded \$30 million during the 2010-2011 budget year, will be around \$26.5 million during the coming fiscal cycle.

BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar said the district will do everything it can to balance the new budget while maintaining current staffing levels and services, but stopped short of providing any guarantees.

"Our goal is to have a balanced budget while not cutting personnel," Saldivar said. "Now, can I promise you that? Not today. My goal is to not bring (school trustees) a deficit budget, but our No. 1 goal is the education of our students." Personnel costs, which comprise almost 80 percent of the BSISD

budget, is the biggest area of concern, but Saldivar said reductions in staffing levels is the last thing school officials want to contemplate.

"Last year, we were able to get by through attrition, freezing salaries and eliminating some positions," Saldivar said. "One of our goals this year is not to cut staff positions ... We cannot afford for our class sizes to get any bigger."

Saldivar said building the district's next budget promises to be a mammoth task.

"The major question is: How can we be wise with the money we have coming in?" he said. "We are very aware that every penny will have to be put in the right place, and if that takes us 20 hours a

day to figure out, we'll take 20 hours a day. We have to make sure our funds are used wisely, and they're used to best meet our needs."

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## News in brief

### Norway killer Breivik admits to massacre of 77 but pleads not guilty, citing self-defense

OSLO, Norway (AP) — The right-wing fanatic behind a bomb-and-shooting massacre that killed 77 people in Norway admitted to the “acts” on Monday but pleaded not guilty to criminal charges, saying he was acting in self-defense.

Anders Behring Breivik defiantly rejected the authority of the court as he went on trial for the July 22 attacks that shocked the peaceful nation and jolted the image of terrorism in Europe.

Dressed in a dark suit and sporting a thin beard along his jawline, Breivik smiled as a guard removed his handcuffs in the crowded court room. The 33-year-old then flashed a closed-fist salute, before shaking hands with prosecutors and court officials.

“I don’t recognize Norwegian courts because you get your mandate from the Norwegian political par-

ties who support multiculturalism,” Breivik said in his first comments to the court.

He remained stone-faced and motionless as prosecutor Inga Bejer Engh read his indictment on terror and premeditated murder charges, with descriptions of how each victim died. Eight were killed in a bombing in Oslo’s government district and 69 in a shooting massacre at the left-leaning Labor Party’s youth camp on Utoya island outside the capital.

### Afghan official says arrested insurgent claims Haqqanis behind Kabul attacks; 45 dead in all

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A militant arrested in the attacks on the Afghan capital and three other cities has confessed that the 18-hour assault was carried out by the Haqqani network, a lethal group of fighters with ties to the Taliban and al-Qaida, a top Afghan security official said Monday.

Thirty-six insurgents were killed during the brazen attacks that also claimed the lives of eight policemen and three civilians and proved that militants can still penetrate Afghan security after 10 years of war, said Interior Minister Besmillah Mohammadi.

The violence showed the Taliban and their allies are far from beaten and underscored the security challenge facing government forces as U.S. and NATO forces draw down. The majority of international combat troops are scheduled to leave by the end of 2014.

It was the most widespread attack in the Afghan capital since an assault on the U.S. Embassy and NATO headquarters last September — an assault also blamed on the Haqqani network, which commands the loyalties of an estimated 10,000 fighters considered one of the most serious threats to NATO in Afghanistan.

Afghan and U.S. officials are trying to coax the Taliban — who are not as closely linked with al-Qaida as the Haqqanis — to negotiate a political resolution to the 10-year-old war. If the Haqqani faction of the insurgency is behind the recent attacks, it could be easier to sell the idea of making peace with the Taliban to skeptical Afghans and Americans who say it amounts to making a deal with the enemy.

### Activists report shelling, shooting in Syria as first team of UN monitors begins mission

BEIRUT (AP) — An advance team of U.N. observers on Monday was working out with Syrian officials the ground rules for monitoring the country’s 5-day old cease-fire, which appeared to be rapidly unraveling as regime forces pounded the opposition stronghold of Homs with artillery shells and mortars, activists said.

Even though the overall level of violence across Syria has dropped significantly, government attacks over the weekend raised new doubts about President Bashar Assad’s commitment to special envoy Kofi Annan’s plan to end 13 months of violence and launch talks on the country’s political future.

The advance team of six U.N. monitors arrived in Damascus Sunday night. Annan’s spokesman said the team led by Moroccan Col. Ahmed Himmiche met Monday with Syrian Foreign Ministry officials to discuss ground rules, including what freedom of movement the observers would have. Ahmad Fawzi said the remaining 25 observers are expected to arrive in the coming days.

Fawzi said in a statement issued in Geneva on Monday that the mission “will start with setting up operating headquarters, and reaching out to the Syrian government and the opposition forces so that both sides fully understand the role of the U.N. observers.”

### Early warnings credited with limiting death toll in Midwest tornado outbreak

WOODWARD, Okla. (AP) — When a tornado shrouded in darkness and wrapped in rain dropped quickly from the sky above this northwest Oklahoma town, many residents relied on television weathermen to warn them of impending devastation. Others learned of the monster twister from neighbors or calls from frantic relatives.

One backup they couldn’t count on was the town’s 20 outdoor tornado sirens, which were knocked out when lightning struck a tower used to activate the

warning system.

The storms, which caused multiple outbreaks of severe weather most of Sunday from Kansas to Minnesota, were part of an exceptionally strong system tracked by the National Weather Service’s Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla., which specializes in tornado forecasting. The center took the unusual step of warning people more than 24 hours in advance of a possible “high-end, life-threatening event.”

In the end, only the Woodward tornado proved fatal. While it’s unknown whether the disabled sirens contributed to the toll in Woodward, residents and officials in hard-hit areas of Kansas, Iowa and elsewhere credited days of urgent warnings from forecasters for saving lives.

### 4 congressional hearings this week to delve into federal agency’s spending scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A culture of wasteful spending by the General Services Administration, the real estate agency for federal buildings, comes under scrutiny at four congressional hearings this week.

Two House and two Senate committees are expected to range well beyond revelations that the federal agency spent some \$823,000 for a conference in 2010 at a Las Vegas resort.

The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will conduct the initial hearing on Monday.

One GSA executive who is a focus of the investigation, Jeffrey Neely, has refused to testify voluntarily and has been subpoenaed to appear at Monday’s hearing. His lawyer said the witness will assert his constitutional privilege to remain silent.

Internal GSA memos, obtained by the committees from GSA inspector general Brian Miller, indicate that lavish spending was part of a pattern and became the subject of insider jokes among GSA employees.

### C. Guard calls off search for 4 missing yacht racers, after 5,000 square mile sea search

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Coast Guard suspended its search Sunday night for four yacht crew members who went missing off the Northern California coast after a weekend racing accident and has no plans to resume it, officials said.

Petty Officer Caleb Critchfield said the search was reluctantly halted at sundown Sunday after aircraft and boats searched more than 5,000 square miles of ocean over more than 30 hours.

“There’s a window of survivability and we searched well beyond that window,” he told The Associated Press.

The crewmembers — Alan Cahill, of Tiburon, Calif.; Jordan Fromm, of San Rafael, Calif.; Elmer Morrissey, of Ireland; Alexis Busch, of Larkspur, Calif. — were thrown into the 50-degree waters when a series of disastrous events caused their sailboat to run aground during a race Saturday near the Farallon Islands, about 25 miles offshore.

The body of 46-year-old Marc Kasanin of Belvedere, Calif., was pulled from the water hours after the accident.

### Big gaps found in nursing homes’ plan to protect frail residents in event of natural disasters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tornado, hurricane or flood, nursing homes are woefully unprepared to protect frail residents in a natural disaster, government investigators say.

Emergency plans required by the government often lack specific steps such as coordinating with local authorities, notifying relatives or even pinning name tags and medication lists to residents in an evacuation, according to the findings.

That means the plans may not be worth the paper they’re written on.

Nearly seven years after Hurricane Katrina’s devastation of New Orleans exposed the vulnerability of nursing homes, serious shortcomings persist.

“We identified many of the same gaps in nursing home preparedness and response,” investigators from the inspector general’s office of the Health and Human Services Department wrote in the report being released Monday. “Emergency plans lacked relevant information. ... Nursing homes faced challenges with unreliable transportation contracts, lack of collaboration with local emergency management, and residents who developed health problems.”

### 6 studios participating in Wal-Mart’s ‘Disc to Digital’

LOS ANGELES (AP) — DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc., the maker of “Shrek,” “Madagascar” and “Kung Fu Panda,” is teaming up with Wal-Mart Stores Inc. to help people convert their old DVDs into an online movie library.

Jeffrey Katzenberg, DreamWorks’ chief executive, says that the new “Disc to Digital” service will help consumers adapt to technological change. The service launches Monday at Walmart stores nationwide.

DreamWorks joins five other participating studios: Viacom Inc.’s Paramount, Sony Corp., Comcast Corp.’s Universal, News Corp.’s 20th Century Fox, and Time Warner Inc.’s Warner Bros.

Consumers who bring in physical DVDs and Blu-ray discs can pay \$2 per disc to be able to access the movies through Wal-Mart’s Vudu online movie service on computers and mobile devices.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 10 8 7 5 2  
♥ A 9 3 2  
♦ K 9  
♣ A 10

**WEST**  
♠ A 3  
♥ 7 5  
♦ A Q J 10 8 2  
♣ Q 8 5

**EAST**  
♠ Q 9 4  
♥ K J 4  
♦ 7 6 5 3  
♣ 7 4 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 6  
♥ Q 10 8 6  
♦ 4  
♣ K J 9 6 2

The bidding:  
East South West North

Pass Pass 1 NT Pass  
Pass 2♦ 3♦ 4♦  
Pass 4♥

Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

This deal from the U.S.-Great Britain match at the 1991 world team championship brought together two pairs noted for their aggressive bidding styles. North-South were Americans Eric Rodwell and Jeff Meckstroth, pitted against Britain’s Tony Forrester and Andy Robson. Both pairs lived up to their advance billing.

Robson began by opening an off-shape one notrump (12-14 points in the partnership style). When this rolled around to Meckstroth, he bid two clubs for takeout. Robson then showed his true colors by leaping to

three diamonds. This did not silence Rodwell, who cuebid diamonds to ask his partner to choose a major suit, and Meckstroth’s four-heart bid ended the auction.

Robson led the ace and another diamond, declarer discarding a spade on the king. Meckstroth then had to resolve the problem of how to tackle the trump suit.

Meckstroth decided to delay playing trumps until he could learn a little more about the opponents’ holdings in the other suits. So at trick three he led a spade to the jack and was gratified to see this force the ace.

Declarer won West’s spade return with the king and reviewed what he had learned up to this point. West had to have six diamonds for his three-diamond bid, so he could not hold more than three clubs (more than three clubs would give him a singleton not consistent with his original notrump bid). So Meckstroth next played the A-K and another club, ruffing the third round in dummy without fear of being overruffed by East.

Declarer was now ready to tackle the trump suit. Since West had already shown up with the ace of spades, queen of clubs and a strong diamond suit headed by the ace, he could not hold the heart king. So Meckstroth played the ace and another heart, and when East produced the king, the game was home.

Tomorrow: Unreliable generalizations.

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4	9	6	3	5	8	2	7	1
3	8	7	6	2	1	4	5	9

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# Howard College Rodeo thrills community

The Howard College cowboys and cowgirls displayed their skill in front of a local crowd at the 2012 Howard College Rodeo Thursday through Saturday at the HC Rodeo Bowl.

The participants are part of the Southwest Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association — a highly competitive league that's no place for greenhorns.

HC Rodeo Coach Greg Kernick thought his squad of buckaroos stepped up to the challenge throughout the event.

"I thought our kids did great," Kernick said. "It's hard to be the host team. There is a lot of work to be done, but they came back and performed well. It's a great community to have a rodeo in. There is a lot of support here."

The rodeo team participated in several events including bull riding, barrel racing, tiedown roping, steer wrestling, goat tying, team roping, breakaway roping, saddle bronc riding and bareback riding.

The final rodeo of the 2011-2012 season will be against Trelton State University in Stephenville April 19-21.

The 2012 College National Finals Rodeo is slated for June 10-16 in Casper, Wyo.

**Individual Standings from the HC Rodeo are as follows:**

- Steer Wrestling — 3., K.C. Fryar.
- Team Roping — 3., Lane Siggins.
- Barrel Racing — 3., Kaci Smith.
- Breakaway Roping — 2., Maila Leando.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

**Howard College's Maila Leando competes in breakaway roping during the 2012 Howard College Rodeo Saturday. Leando finished second in the event. The annual three-day affair was part of the Southwest Region's National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.**

## Rangers rally past Twins 4-3, Nathan earns save

DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Pitching, fielding, baserunning and timely hits. That all fell into place for the surging Texas Rangers this weekend.

Just like the fast-ball Glen Perkins left over the middle for Josh Hamilton. Hamilton's two-run homer in the eighth capped a three-run inning for the Rangers and set up Joe Nathan for the save against his former team in a 4-3 victory on Sunday over the Twins, their first series sweep in Minnesota since 1999.

"I'm not trying to do too much. It's 'do what the situation asks for,'" said Hamilton, who leads the American League with 16 hits and is tied at the top with four home runs.

Perkins (0-1) walked Ian Kinsler to start the eighth, and Elvis Andrus followed with a triple to bring the Rangers within one. Then Hamilton hit the first pitch he saw from Perkins an estimated 449 feet into the upper deck above right field.

"He's locked in. He's doing everything. He's using all the fields. He's not missing mistakes. He's playing tremendous defense. We certainly needed that big hit he gave us today, and that's what he's been doing for us," manager Ron Washington said.

Hamilton is 6 for 12 in his career with two homers and five RBIs against Perkins.

"That's what they do when you make a mistake, and he did what he should've done with that," Perkins said.

The Rangers won their fourth in a row and raised their AL-best record to 8-2. The Twins have the worst mark in the league at 2-7.

Robbie Ross (2-0) struck out three in relief of Neftali Feliz over two scoreless innings for his second win in as many days. Then Nathan pitched a perfect ninth for his third save in four tries with his new team.

"We've got an unbelievable team that can hit, get runs whenever it seems like they want to," Ross said. "It's pretty cool. It makes pitching a lot easier."

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## Astros lose to Marlins 5-4, in extra innings

STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — The Houston Astros had the bases loaded in the 11th inning and failed to score. Then the Miami Marlins loaded the bases in the bottom of the inning and took advantage.

Missed opportunities on Sunday doomed the Astros, who went 0 for 9 with runners in scoring position and lost 5-4.

Omar Infante and Hanley Ramirez hit the Marlins' first homers in their new ballpark, activating the much-discussed home-run sculpture. Ramirez tied the game in the eighth against Wilton Lopez with a two-run homer that cleared the 418-foot sign in center field, then singled home the winning run with one out in the 11th.

Meanwhile, the Astros squandered chance after chance. They left the bases loaded three times in the final six innings and stranded 13.

"We're struggling," right fielder Brian Bogusevic said. "We aren't coming up with the hits we need. We've been one or two at-bats from pulling ahead or busting it open."

Bogusevic tapped out to end the 11th. The Astros had a runner at second with one out in the 10th, but Chris Johnson was doubled off when second baseman Infante retreated to catch Jose Altuve's looping liner.

The Marlins stranded 12 but finally cashed in. John Buck singled to start the 11th against David Carpenter (0-1). Pinch runner Brett Hayes advanced on a sacrifice, Jose Reyes was intentionally walked and both runners advanced on a wild pitch.

Emilio Bonifacio was then intentionally walked to load the bases, and Ramirez drove a 1-2 pitch over the head of right fielder Travis Buck for the victory.

"I was just trying to hit it hard somewhere," Ramirez said.

The Marlins failed to sweep the three-game series only because they blew a three-run ninth-inning lead to lose Saturday.

"This was a tough series," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "We just have

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## Sports Calendar

TODAY

- Golf**
- Big Spring (Boys) at Regional Championship, Bentwood Country Club, San Angelo (Through Tuesday).

TUESDAY

- Baseball**
- Big Spring at Andrews, 7 p.m.
  - Coahoma at Colorado City, TBA.
  - Forsan at Slaton, 7 p.m.

- Softball**
- Coahoma at Colorado City, TBA
  - Forsan at Slaton, 5:30 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com

## Mavericks fall to Lakers in OT

GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Sure, Pau Gasol and the Los Angeles Lakers are well aware a regular-season sweep means nothing compared to a playoff sweep.

The Lakers are still pleased they're controlling this rivalry with the Dallas Mavericks heading to another postseason in which they just might meet again — and they even did it without Kobe Bryant.

Andrew Bynum had 23 points and 16 rebounds, Gasol made back-to-back 3-pointers in overtime, and the Lakers won their fourth straight game without the NBA's leading scorer, 112-108 over the Dallas Mavericks on Sunday.

Ramon Sessions scored 22 points, and Gasol had 20 points and 10 rebounds as Los Angeles rallied from a fourth-quarter deficit before finishing off a four-game season sweep of the defending champion Mavericks, who swept the two-time champion Lakers out of last season's playoffs.

"This team eliminated us last year, and they're

the champs right now," said Gasol, who buried his sixth and seventh 3-pointers of the season in OT. "If we face them again, I don't know if this 4-0 in the regular season will be worth a whole lot. We'll have to start over and make sure we play as hard as we've been playing lately."

Coach Mike Brown thought the Lakers put together a remarkable team effort in Bryant's absence, with everybody on the floor in overtime contributing a key play. Matt Barnes' cagey defense capped the OT effort against Jason Terry, who missed what should have been an easy tying layup with 5 seconds left.

With the Lakers holding the No. 3 spot in the West playoff picture and the Mavs at No. 6, both teams realize they could meet again in two weeks. The Lakers boosted their lead over the Clippers atop the Pacific Division to 1½ games with six to play. The Lakers also have the tie-breaker edge on their next-door rivals.

"We're excited about the playoffs, but we're still going to have that bitter taste in our mouths until then," Barnes said.

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**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Sometimes you have time to entertain those who behave in overly dramatic ways. Right now, you're simply too busy to pay attention. Later, you'll be impressed at how these people solve their own problems.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Dishonesty causes stress in your body. That's why lie detectors are so effective. You'll dare to be truthful even when you don't know how others will take it, and you'll keep your stress level low as a result.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll be taking part in an obstacle course of sorts. Vaulting over hurdles and jumping through hoops might not be your idea of fun, but it sure is good exercise and will keep your mind and skills sharp.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Everyone knows you are playful. Highlight your serious side today. Your ability to hunker down and focus for many hours at a time will be the reason you get an assignment and another person doesn't.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You handle a tricky situation for your team, and you might even wonder, "What would they do without me?" It all points to one thing: You should ask for a raise in the near future!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Leadership is your calling today. Constructive comments take a little more thought to phrase, but the loyalty you gain will be well worth your effort in this regard.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You never expect the kindness you show others to be immediately repaid. Right now, you're building up karma, and it will come back to you in a big gesture later this month.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Feeling uptight? Let your shoulders descend from their upright and locked position. Your job becomes much less stressful when you trust others to do theirs.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll join with others to work toward a

shared cause. Charitable activities appeal to your sense of duty and your community-oriented mindset. You'll have less time to worry about your own life when you're helping others.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Projects get complicated, causing you to reassess your level of commitment. Nothing gets done if you're half in or half out. Your luck, especially financial, will improve when you decide one way or another.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The people you love don't always "act normal." As for the new people coming into your life, they may not be so "normal," either. But you learned long ago to tolerate a little weirdness in the name of friendship.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 16). There's a certain goal that eluded you in the past no matter how hard you tried to make it happen. Well, this is your lucky year. You'll see the first signs of progress by the end of May. Friendships lead to moves and promotions in June. Family will make you proud in August. September brings a development in your love life. Cancer and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 14, 39, 20 and 11.

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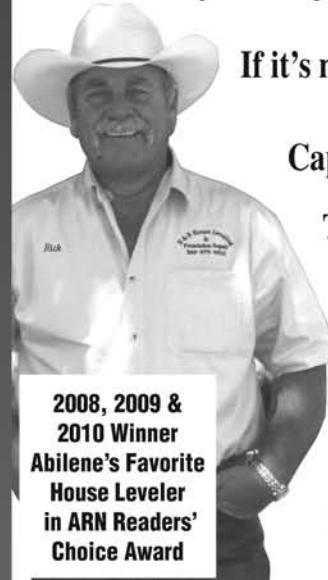
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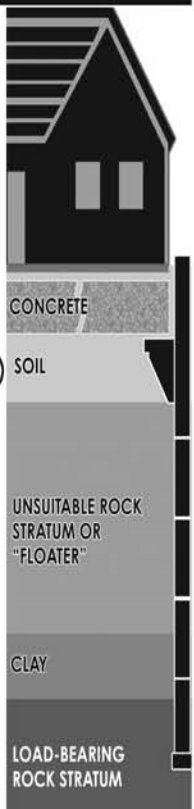
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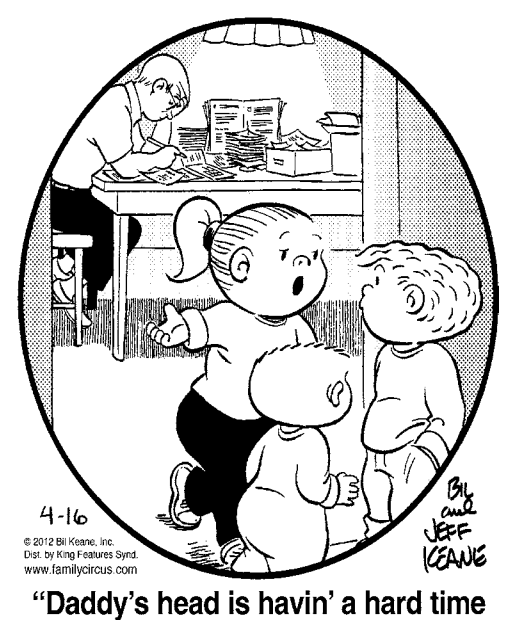
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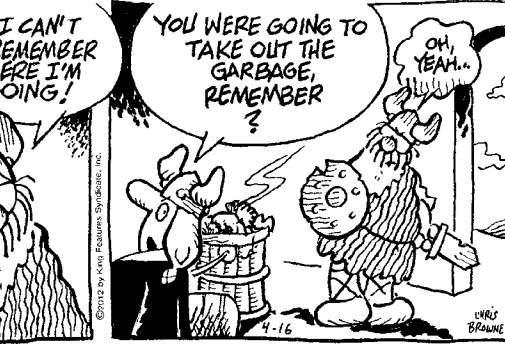


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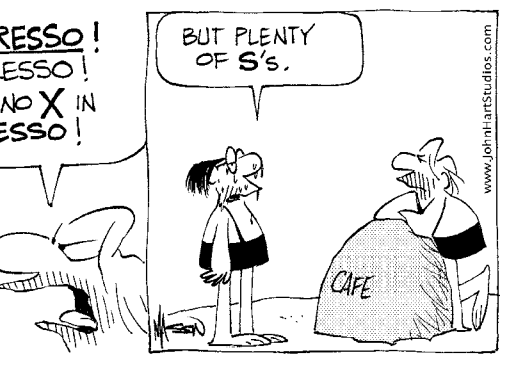
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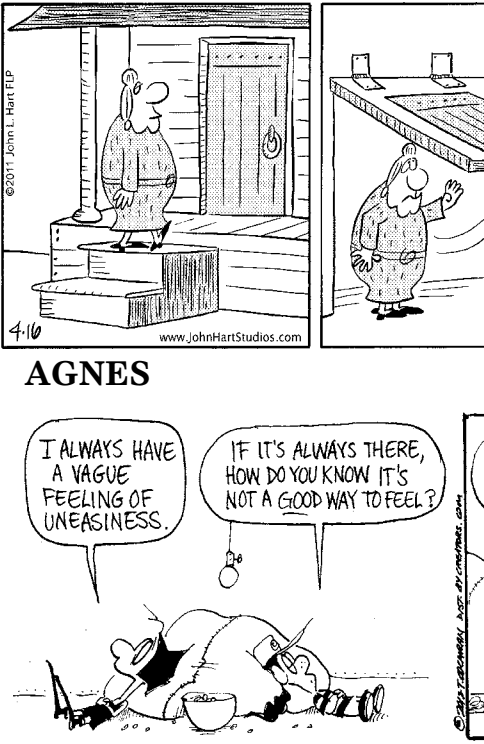
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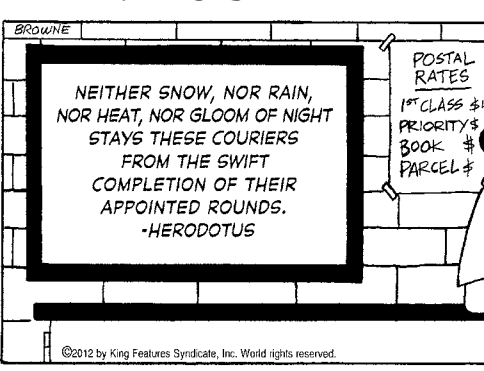
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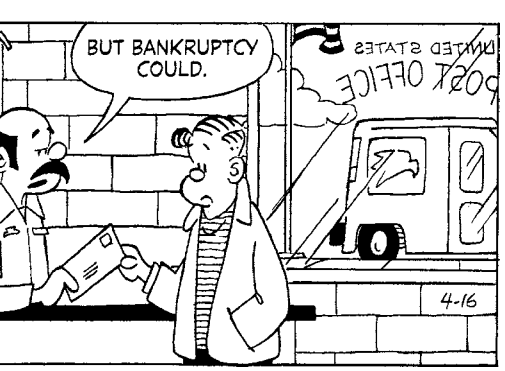
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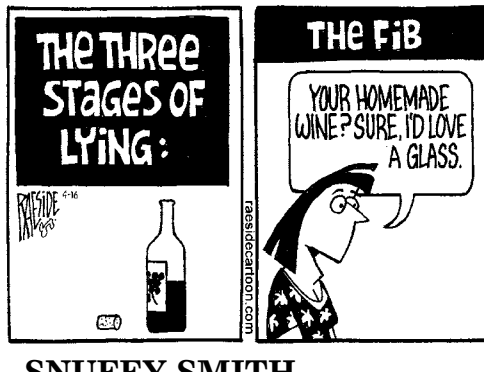
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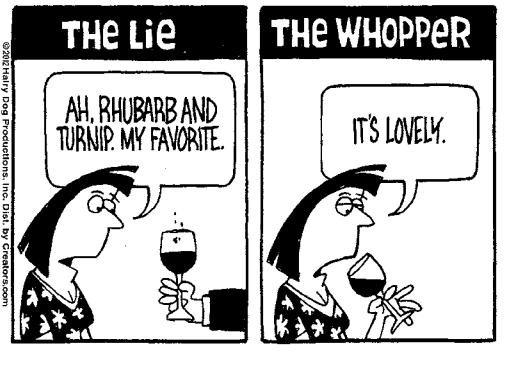
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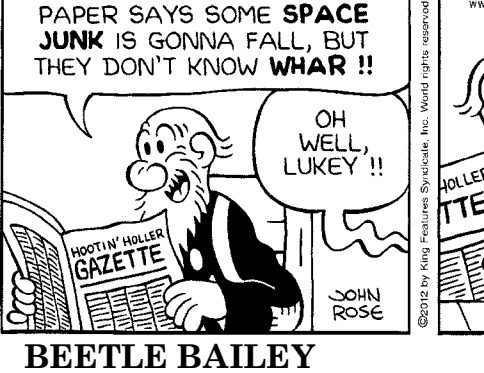
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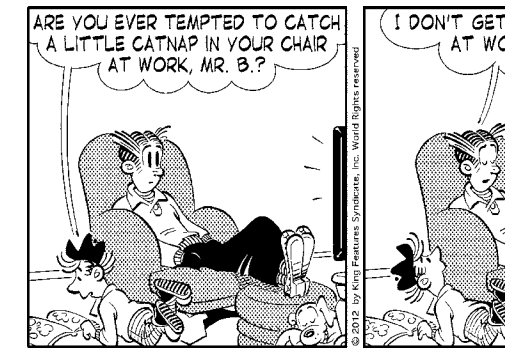
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## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, April 16, the 107th day of 2012. There are 259 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 16, 1912, American aviator Harriet Quimby became the first woman to fly across the English Channel, traveling from Dover, England, to France in 59 minutes, an accomplishment that was overshadowed by the Titanic disaster the day before.

On this date:

In 1789, President-elect George Washington left Mount Vernon, Va., for his inauguration in New York.

In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia. The Confederacy conscripted all white men between the ages of 18 to 35.

In 1879, St. Bernadette, who'd described seeing visions of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes, died in Nevers (neh-VEHR),

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  - 15 Castle protection
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  - 17 Went by bus
  - 18 Otherwise
  - 19 James Bond foe
  - 21 Evening, in ads
  - 22 Hospital areas: Abbr.
  - 23 Dozed, with "off"
  - 25 Pebbles and boulders
  - 29 Prom goes
  - 31 Read closely (over)
  - 32 Minimum amount
  - 33 Car-tank filler
  - 36 Indigestion-proof organ
  - 40 "Without further..."
  - 41 Attended
  - 42 Female choir voice
  - 43 Command to a guard dog
  - 44 Take into custody
  - 46 Give the meaning of
  - 49 \_\_\_ carte menu
  - 50 Snake-like swimmers
  - 51 Venomous snake
  - 58 "Spoiled" tot
  - 59 Share a border with
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  - 3 Happy
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  - 7 Be an omen of
  - 8 Most strict
  - 9 Modifies, as a law
  - 10 Not hollow
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  - 24 Not fooled by
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  - 26 Frog relative
  - 27 Approximately
  - 28 Tennis-court divider
  - 29 Two hrs. before noon
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  - 48 Airborne distress signal
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  - 52 Woodwind instrument
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  - 54 Angel's topper
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  - 56 Swiss peaks
  - 57 Poor grade

## BIO-METALLIC

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In 1889, comedian and movie director Charles Chaplin was born in London.

In 1910, Boston Arena (now Matthews Arena) first opened.

In 1917, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin returned to Russia after years of exile.

In 1935, the radio comedy program "Fibber McGee and Molly" premiered on NBC's Blue Network.

In 1945, U.S. troops reached Nuremberg, Germany, during the Second World War.

In 1947, the French ship Grandcamp blew up at the harbor in Texas City, Texas; another ship, the High Flyer, exploded the following day (the blasts and fires killed nearly 600 people). Financier Bernard M. Baruch said in a speech at the South Carolina statehouse, "Let us not be deceived — we are today in the midst of a cold war."

In 1962, Bob Dylan debuted his song "Blowin' in the Wind" at Gerde's Folk City in New York; New Orleans Archbishop Joseph Rummel excommunicated three local Roman Catholics for fighting racial integration of parochial schools; Walter Cronkite suc-

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# Feds add prosecutors, gun for Clemens

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department, embarrassed by blundering into a mistrial of Roger Clemens last year, has added more prosecutors as it tries again to convict the famed pitcher of lying to Congress when he said he never used performance-enhancing drugs.

Jury selection in the new trial begins Monday.

The legendary former pitcher, who famously reveled in staring down hitters, will face a prosecution lineup of five lawyers — more than double the two from the first trial.

Last July, U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton declared a mistrial on only the second day of testimony, after prosecutors showed jurors evidence that had been ruled inadmissible. Walton also will preside over the new trial, which is expected to last four weeks to six weeks.

The Clemens team won't be out-gunned. It has six lawyers working on the case, led by Houston lawyer

Rusty Hardin, whose Rusty Hardin & Associates has represented sports stars such as quarterback Warren Moon, baseball star Wade Boggs and NBA great Scottie Pippen, each a Hall of Famer.

Both Hardin and the U.S. attorney's office for the District of Columbia, which is prosecuting the case, declined to comment for this story, citing Walton's gag order.

Michael McCann, a law professor and director of the sports law institute at Vermont Law School, said it was unusual to have so many prosecutors "for a perjury case that isn't terribly complicated."

McCann said the department has extra motivation to convict Clemens, given the amount of money spent on the case and the underwhelming outcome of its more-than-seven-year investigation of Barry Bonds over steroids.

Bonds, baseball's career home run leader, was found guilty last year on

just one count, obstruction of justice, for giving an evasive answer to a grand jury when asked about drug use. He received a sentence of 30 days confinement at his estate in Beverly Hills. Prosecutors dropped three other counts charging Bonds with making false statements after the jury deadlocked on those charges. Bonds has appealed his conviction.

The essence of the Clemens case remains the same: The seven-time Cy Young Award winner is charged with perjury, false statements and obstruction of Congress for telling a House committee under oath, in both a public hearing and in a deposition with committee staff, that he hadn't used steroids or human growth hormone during his 24-season career.

The key witness for the government will be Clemens' former strength trainer, Brian McNamee, who says he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone, and even kept the used needles that will be en-

tered as scientific evidence at trial.

Clemens' lawyers will seek to discredit McNamee, who provided drugs to several professional baseball players and has acknowledged he hasn't always told the truth about Clemens' drug use and other matters. McNamee initially denied giving Clemens drugs, before admitting to federal agents he injected the pitcher. The defense team has said that the trainer fabricated the evidence.

Harder to discredit will be another prosecution witness, Andy Pettitte, a former Clemens teammate who recently came out of retirement to mount a comeback attempt with the New York Yankees.

Pettitte says that Clemens, in a private conversation in 1999 or 2000, acknowledged using HGH. Clemens has said Pettitte "misremembers" their conversation.

Under U.S. sentencing guidelines, Clemens probably would face up to 15 months to 21 months in prison.

# Harrell named featured speaker at FCA banquet

NFL QB Graham Harrell, a former Texas Tech Red Raider, will be the featured speaker at the 2012 Fellowship of Christian Athletes Victory Banquet on April 22 at the Abilene Civic Center.

The banquet will begin at 4 p.m. A limited number of tickets for the Victory Banquet are available to the public and can be purchased by contacting the Big Country FCA office at 325-795-0020. Tables of 10 are available for a donation of \$500 and individual

tickets are \$50.

Harrell, who spent the last two seasons, including the Super Bowl year, with the Packers, will also help introduce this year's class of players, cheerleaders and coaches for the 13th Annual Myrtle Greathouse Big Country FCA All-Star Classic.

The 2008, ATT All-America Player of the Year was also named the Sporting News Co-National player of the year.

Harrell finished his career atop the NCAA record books in several passing categories and was the first player in NCAA history to pass for more than 5000 yards in two different seasons.

Harrell had a storied high school career at Ennis HS, where his dad Sam was the Head Football Coach. The two time All-State Selection won a state championship and was named the Gatorade Texas Player of the Year.

## Astros

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to stay positive and focus on the fact that we've been competitive."

Altuve had two hits and two RBIs for the Astros, but they struck out 11 times and failed to score in the final three innings against Chad Gaudin (1-0).

A bird fell from the closed retractable roof in the eighth inning and landed dead near Marlins center fielder Bonifacio.

"It scared me," he said. "I was getting ready for the hitter and I saw that — boom."

Thus jolted, the Marlins began their comeback in the bottom half of the inning.

The rally cost Houston's J.A. Happ a victory. He allowed two runs in six innings, struck out eight and twice stranded a runner who reached third with one out.

"There were a few times I struggled to get the ball down," he said. "But I was able to make adjustments and hit some spots, especially in a few key situations, so I think I did OK for the most part."

Leading off the 31st inning in the ballpark, Infante hit a milestone homer for the Marlins when he pulled a 1-0 pitch into the second row of the night-club area beyond the left-field fence. The 73-foot-tall

sculpture lit up and squirted water as the artwork's blue marlins rotated.

Gaudin watched from the bullpen.

"It's nice," he said. "It's a good piece of the park. It has got a lot of moving parts to it. It's very entertaining."

"As long as those fish are swimming, that means we're winning."

The ball carried well for Sanchez, too. He was shaken up when he fouled a pitch that bounced and hit him in the right temple. After being checked by the trainer, he lined a triple over the head of center fielder Jordan Schafer — his first extra-base hit in 207 career at-bats.

## RANGERS

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The Twins stretched their lead to 3-1 after a triple by Denard Span — who is 10 for 18 in his last four games — and a single by Jamey Carroll. Joe Mauer walked, but Ross retired three in a row.

"We thought we had a pretty good opportunity there, but the kid made some pitches and got us out," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

Then in the eighth, Span started with a single but Carroll popped his bunt attempt up and Mauer grounded into a double play.

Feliz, the converted closer who joined the rotation to replace C.J. Wilson and make room for Nathan

this season, has made the transition look relatively smooth. He retired the first 10 batters he faced and got Justin Morneau to ground into an inning-ending double play with runners at first and second in the fourth. The Twins lead the major leagues by grounding into 13 double plays this year.

Texas starters have yet to drop a decision, and their 2.42 collective ERA is the best in the league.

"Just because we won a series doesn't mean we're going to stop on the last day," Kinsler said. "We want to make sure we continue to play good baseball. Our pitchers did a heck of a job today to keep us in that game and not let it get out of hand and giving our offense a chance."

Clete Thomas, a waiver claim the day after being let go by Detroit, hit a two-run homer off Feliz

in the fifth to give the Twins the lead. Then in the top of the sixth, Michael Young doubled down the right-field line with two outs and Adrian Beltre on first. Thomas put his relay right on target, and second baseman Alexi Casilla threw a strike, too, to get Beltre at the plate.

Liam Hendriks, who hadn't pitched yet because of food poisoning in Baltimore, gave up seven hits without a walk in six innings for his first start of the season for the Twins. Mike Napoli's homer in the fifth was the only run allowed by the 23-year-old Australian right-hander, who struck out four.

Napoli, playing first base for Mitch Moreland, who missed his second straight game because of an abscessed tooth, was 2 for 20 this season before that.

## MAVS

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Barnes had 11 points, 11 rebounds, eight assists and Los Angeles' key defensive play, and Metta World Peace scored 18 points for the Lakers, who are 4-1 while Bryant rests his bruised shin. Bryant is still contributing to the Lakers by shouting out instruction and encouragement from the bench, but his teammates are figuring out how to win when they can't count on Kobe to take the big shot.

"Metta, Andrew, myself, we all feel we have to step up in Kobe's absence," Gasol said. "A different guy can do it every game."

Dirk Nowitzki had 24 points on 9-of-28 shooting and 14 rebounds for the Mavericks, whose three-game winning streak ended. Delonte West scored 20 points, and Terry had 21 before overthinking his drive and jamming a layup into the underside of the rim while trying to avoid Barnes' defense.

"I solely take the blame for it," Terry said. "I command and ask for the ball in that situation, and to not be able to deliver for the team is an utter disappointment. ... Give (Barnes) credit, it was a savvy

defensive play, but if I do it again, I know what kind of play I'm going to make."

Gasol added two free throws with 0.5 seconds left in the Lakers' fifth straight regular-season win over Dallas.

Both teams had chances to win near the regulation buzzer, but Sessions missed an awkward shot with 1.5 seconds to play, and Nowitzki clanged a 3-point attempt off the back rim.

While the Mavericks claimed Barnes goaltended one of the Lakers' overtime baskets, they also blamed themselves for a middling effort.

"I just have to make some shots," said Nowitzki, an unimpressive 36 for 95 over his last five games. "I was more of a volume shooter, and that's not the way I want to play. I want to be an efficient scorer. I've got some work to do."

Gasol gave the lead back to the Lakers on consecutive corner 3's, with Nowitzki's third 3-pointer sandwiched between them. World Peace put the Lakers up 110-106 with a fadeaway jumper with 1:04 to play.

Bynum has been fighting a respiratory infection, but coach Mike Brown described him as "an absolute beast" against Dallas. After a slow start in the first half, Bynum returned to the dominant form he showed while getting 30 rebounds and scoring 30 points in consecutive games, a feat last accomplished by Moses Malone in 1982.

During a midgame interview with ABC, Bryant said his shin feels much better, and he intends to return to the Lakers well before the playoffs. Bryant is walking without discomfort, but the 28.1-points-per-game All-Star hasn't played since April 6.

Bryant has missed just 100 games in his 16-season NBA career, including the past five. If Bryant plans to return soon, Los Angeles has just five games remaining, including Tuesday's visit from San Antonio, before the postseason.

"That's Coach Bryant now," Sessions said. "He's over there drawing stuff up on the board. He's pulling us over to the side and helping us out tremendously."



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