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## Show of support

*Citizens speak out in favor of 4B project during public hearing*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

If Tuesday night's public hearing is any indication, Crossroads residents are firmly behind the 4B project to overhaul the municipality's water and wastewater facilities using up to \$13 million in economic development funding set to go before voters next month.

More than a half-dozen area residents spoke in favor of the project during Tuesday night's meeting of the Big Spring City Council, which held a public hearing regarding the proposed project.

The project calls for the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation to provide \$750,000 a year for the first two years, and then 40 percent of its sales tax revenue — with a floor of \$500,000 and a ceiling of \$750,000 for the following 18 years — with the city of Big Spring picking up the remainder of the tab on the renovations, which are expected to total up to \$13 million.

Local resident Bo Fryar supports the initiative because she believes an improved infrastructure will help attract new businesses and residents to the Crossroads area.

"I am in favor of the 4B project. In

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The Big Spring City Council listens to public comment during a hearing on a proposal to use economic development funds to finance street and water-treatment renovations during its Tuesday meeting.

## City, Alon OK water pact

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

After more than a month of negotiations, it appears the city of Big Spring and Alon USA — owner of the Big Spring Refinery — have been able to reach an agreement on raw water costs and price structures, as the city council voted unanimously Tuesday to approve a new contract between the two entities.

The contract — which was originally signed in 1957 — has been up-

dated during the years, with the most recent revision in 1997, when it was agreed the oil company would reimburse the city the same price it paid to the water district, plus 5 cents.

However, the expenditure weighing over the proceedings during the past several weeks is the fixed cost the city pays to the Colorado River Municipal Water District, overhead that totals more than \$3 million a year.

"Alon is planning to put in some water wells, decreasing the amount

of water they use from the city," Walker said. "That sounds good at first, however, it could have some drastic effects on our fiscal situation. They pay 25 percent of the overhead cost, which is based on how much water they use. However, if they decrease that amount drastically and cause that percentage to drop — say from 25 percent to 10 percent — the city will still have to pay the same

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Area job seekers attended the community wide job fair Tuesday afternoon at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

## SWCID site for job fair

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

Local job seekers and employers gathered in the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf activity center for a job fair Tuesday afternoon.

This is the second year for the community job fair at SWCID and 25 businesses

took part. Some of those businesses included Travel Centers of America, city of Big Spring and more.

"SWCID is a unique place where several businesses joined together to learn about the college and contribute to community growth while working together as a team and family," Nancy Bonura,

campus dean of student affairs, said.

Last year, 32 businesses took part with 150 job seekers attending.

In addition to the job fair, employers were able to hear presentations from Leading EDG, CAAG and Workforce Development Board during a lunch-and-learn.

## Veteran of the month to be honored

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

A new veteran of the month has been named.

Alexandre "Sandy" Betus, retired United States Marine Corps and United States Air Force member, has been named the April Veteran of the Month.

"The veterans are nominated by the public," Genevieve Stockburger, museum administrator, said. "It is important for the community to recognize the history that is still living among them, as well as recognizing the service our military provides."

Betus, also a veteran of the Vietnam War, will have a reception in his honor at Hangar 25 Air Museum on Thursday. The reception will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the briefing room of the museum. During the event, Be-

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# Obituaries

## Richard V. Platzer



A memorial service for Richard V. Platzer, who died March 24, 2012, will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 26, 2012, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring.

He was born Nov. 25, 1944. He is survived by his significant other, Cynthia "Kandi" Clanton of Big Spring; two daughters; a son; and other family members and friends.

# Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.

- CALEB LEE HALLFORD, 18, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for indecency with a child – sexual contact.
- KYLER RAY CANNADY, 22, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JUSTIN JAMES TETER, 25, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a Glasscock County warrant for reckless driving – serious bodily injury.
- DONNA ROXANNE ZAMARRON, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on Ector County warrants for aggravated sexual assault of a child (two counts).
- CHESTER COY MORRIS, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of speeding and violation of a promise to appear.
- CHRISTOPHER LANCE ROBERTS, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid, violation of a promise to appear and municipal warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection, driving while license invalid, violation of a promise to appear and failure to appear.
- JESSE ROGER OLGUIN, 28, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid, violation of a promise to appear and municipal warrants for child not secured by safety belt, violation of a promise to appear (two counts) and driving while license invalid.
- JONATHAN DAVID ARISPE, 20, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of service – more than \$20 and less than \$500.
- ERICK SHEROD FRANKS, 37, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

# Police blotter

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

- ERICK SHERROD FRANKS, 37, of 1425 E. Sixth St. Apt. 34, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JESSIE RAGELIO GAMEZ, 28, of 1605 Lincoln, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for safety belt – child under 17 years of age, failure to appear (two counts) and driving while license invalid.
- JONATHAN ARISPE, 20, of 1325 Pine St. in Colorado City, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft of service – more than \$20 and less than \$500.
- CHAD ALLEN MUSGROVE, 44, of 405.5 N. Moss Lake Rd., was arrested Tuesday on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and possession of a controlled substance.
- CHESTER COY MORRIS, 31, of 3024 Yuma in Odessa, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failure to appear and speeding.
- DONNA ROXANNE ZAMARRON, 24, of 205 S. Gray Ave. in Monahans, was arrested Tuesday on two warrants from other agencies.
- CHRISTOPHER LANCE ROBERTS, 25, of 3619 Boyd in Midland, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts), failure to appear (three counts) and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.
- ASSAULT was reported:  
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.  
In the 2600 block of Dow.  
In the 1600 block of Lincoln.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block of Courtney Place.
- THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of E. Third Street.

# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 4/26	Fri 4/27	Sat 4/28	Sun 4/29	Mon 4/30
<b>104/68</b> Intervals of clouds and sunshine in the morning with more clouds for later.	<b>102/65</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 60s.	<b>95/62</b> Sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 50s.	<b>89/56</b> Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	<b>65/51</b> Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.
Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 8:23 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 8:26 PM



## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	102	70	mst sunny	Kingsville	92	69	pt sunny
Amarillo	99	60	pt sunny	Livingston	87	64	pt sunny
Austin	92	65	windy	Longview	86	65	windy
Beaumont	83	68	pt sunny	Lubbock	103	63	sunny
Brownsville	90	71	sunny	Lufkin	89	65	pt sunny
Brownwood	99	67	pt sunny	Midland	105	68	sunny
Corpus Christi	87	71	sunny	Raymondville	93	68	sunny
Corsicana	87	65	windy	Rosenberg	85	69	pt sunny
Dallas	89	67	windy	San Antonio	94	67	pt sunny
Del Rio	100	69	sunny	San Marcos	92	65	windy
El Paso	96	70	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	85	66	windy
Fort Stockton	103	67	sunny	Sweetwater	103	69	sunny
Gainesville	90	65	mst sunny	Tyler	86	65	windy
Greenville	86	64	windy	Weatherford	92	65	pt sunny
Houston	85	68	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	96	67	pt sunny

# Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

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• Ameriacn Legion Post 506, located at 3202 W. Hwy 80, is having its 8th annual Fajita Cook-Off on Saturday. Each entry is \$10 for beef or chicken.

Three pounds must be prepared of each. Cookers can start at 9 a.m. and judging will take place at 11 a.m. Serving takes place at noon and winners will be announced at 2 p.m. Plates are \$10 each. To register or for more information, call 263-2084.

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

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tus will make a presentation regarding his time in the military and his service.

"So often the military and their experiences are lumped in to a generic statement to include everyone. Veteran of the month allows individuals to tell their story and give a different perspective on the life of a soldier," Stockburger said. "As a military history museum part of our mission is to honor all veterans present and past, so by having this program we

are fulfilling that." Veterans are residents of Big Spring or the surrounding area. To nominate a veteran, call the Hangar.

The reception is open to the public. "Having the public attend these events shows our veterans who live here not only do we appreciate their service to our country, but we also value them as individuals and important members of society," Stockburger said.

For more information, call the Hangar at 264-1999 or send email to hangar25@crcom.net.

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our neighbor city of Coahoma, their voters voted for the same kind of project in 2010 where funds could be used to build city infrastructure, as well as to attract new businesses," Fryar said. "They are doing a great job with that. In my opinion, the best thing you can do to draw new businesses into your community is to have good schools, good water, good streets and low taxes."

Norma Garcia echoed those remarks, saying the city must be ready to provide for the basic needs of a business.

"The infrastructure in our community has been ignored for far too long," Garcia said. "We can not expect to attract businesses, industry or even residents if we can not provide for the basic needs of our community, like a reliable water treatment and delivery system and good streets."

Local resident Loretta Farquhar also offered up her support for the 4B project.

"What is all this fuss about? Can't we all agree that we need good water and streets without potholes?" Farquhar said. "To clean up this decaying infrastructure is economic development in its truest form ... I support the decision to let our citizens vote on this issue."

Local resident and former mayor Cotton Mize said he has no problem with using the EDC funds for the project.

"When I look at the history of our economic development, I'm not really sure we're getting our money's worth," Mize said. "There have been businesses that have come in and there have been some to leave, but I can't help but think some could have stayed if our water and streets had been a little more accessible to the people. If we use the money to (renovate the

water treatment plant, I can't help but believe our money is going to be a lot better spent. The water treatment plant will still be here, it won't be gone like some of the businesses will be."

Oscar Garcia, a former member of the Big Spring City Council, also spoke in favor of the project, saying area residents have a right to better water.

"This is a quality of life issue, above all else," Garcia said. "We have drinking water now that nobody drinks. This is water that should be accessible to everyone in the community, whether your income is \$1 million a year or you're just above the poverty level. You have the right to have good tasting water. You have the right to have a life that is healthy and comfortable and a future for future generations."

Not everyone who offered up an opinion Tuesday night was in favor of using EDC funds for the project.

"I'm for the 4B project but I'm against the way we're paying for it," local businessman Bobby McDonald said. "We're scuttling what I know we need. I've spent 10 years in conferences and seminars and I have never heard any company say they were going to a particular city because it had good water. They come for other purposes. I want good water and I want good streets ... but I'm not sure it attracts industry the way we want it to."

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**WATER**

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amount to CRMWD."

According to Walker, the contract approved by the council Tuesday will place a 20 percent floor on the amount of overhead Alon is required to pay.

"The contract stipulates Alon will pay a minimum of 20 percent of that fixed cost ... if, in fact, they have used 25 percent of our total purchases for that month, they will pay 25 percent of the fixed cost," Walker said. "If they use 30 percent, they will pay 30 percent."

"They are also going to pay the given water district delivery rate plus 25 cents per 1,000 gallons. We will review the contract annually to see if there are changes that need to be made. It will be a long-term contract, but we will review it annually to see if there are revisions that need to be made, and, if so, we'll be bringing those back to the council at that time."

Walker said the city's goal throughout the negotiations has been to reduce the municipality's risk if Alon should fall below the 20 percent mark in paying the fixed cost levied by CRMWD, a cost that must be paid before a single gallon of water is purchased by the

city. "What we've tried to do through these negotiations is try to mitigate some of the risk of Alon's consumption going down so much that they are no longer paying between 20 and 25 percent of that fixed portion of our water usage," Walker told the council. "Mr. (Jimmy) Crosby has been very courteous and cordial to work with. Obviously, he's looking at Alon's profit margins while the city, on the other hand, is across the table looking at ways to mitigate our risk and keep from going up on the rates we have to pass along to our citizens."

Walker said she feels the new contract will allow the oil giant to see a reduction in its production costs if it manages to cut its water usage without hamstringing the city in the process.

The city of Big Spring — along with numerous other cities in drought-stricken West Texas — has been faced with drastic cuts in water deliveries from CRMWD, forcing the municipality to enact water-use restrictions as part of its Drought Contingency Plan, which is currently in Stage 3.

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Using interviews and testimony from survivors, David M. Brown and Michael Wereschagin have written a

meticulous account of the tragedy. "Gone at 3:17: The Untold Story of the Worst School Disaster in American History" (373.764 BRO D) is chilling.

If you were/are a Baby Boomer (at least that is what I think I am) you will remember Carly Simon with a great deal of fondness. Songs like "You're So Vain," "Anticipation" and others bring back memories of the 1970s and '80s music.

Stephen Davis has written "More Room in a Broken Heart: The True Adventures of

Carly Simon" LP B SIM C), the first full-length biography of an American icon.

Tapping personal archives and family interviews plus a 40-year friendship with Carly, Davis has written a mesmerizing account of a wonderful musician.

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While not a "new" book, just now in large print, "The Shadow of Your Smile" (LP F WAR S) by Susan May Warren is the story of a couple barely hanging on together.

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Or has erasing the past given them a chance for a future?

On "Dateline," I think, there was an episode on the new "rules" for grandparents today. Nowadays, you swaddle your grandchild, you lay them on their backs to go to sleep in the crib; there is nothing in the crib — no toys, bumpers, blankets, or anything — which the baby might get caught up in.

Dr. Georgia Witkin has written "The Modern Grandparent's Handbook" (LP 306.874 WIT G) and it brings you up to date on how to relate to the youthful parent of today.

One thing that perhaps you might want to read first is the three things you should never say to your sons- or daughters-in-law.

Last week I was in Houston at the Texas Library Association annual convention. There were about 7,000 librarians and vendors gathered at the George R. Brown Convention Center to review the latest technology trends, inspect new materials, meet colleagues from other libraries, attend sessions on various subjects and meet authors like Harlan Coben, Lisa Scottoline and John Green.

Sessions I attended were Joint Libraries: Models that Work; Being an Effective Library Advocate: Working with Your State Legislators; Customer Service on the Frontline; From Librarian to Archivist of the United States; and Publisher Dish the Latest Buzz in Books for Adults.

As a public librarian, I must earn 10 continuing education hours each year and in many cases do this at TLA or at other conferences or meetings I attend.

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# Supreme Court takes up Ariz. immigration law

By MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press  
WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court is questioning Arizona's tough "show me your papers" law aimed at driving illegal immigrants out of the state, amid objections from the Obama administration that states have a limited role to play in immigration policy.

The court's review of the Arizona law includes a provision that requires police, while enforcing other laws, to question a person's immigration status if officers suspect he is in the country illegally. In the final argument of the term Wednesday, the justices will explore whether lower federal courts were right to

block that and other key provisions.

The administration challenged the law in federal court soon after Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signed it two years ago. Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, South Carolina and Utah passed similar laws, parts of which also are on hold pending the high court's decision.

The court hearing comes as presumptive Republican nominee Mitt Romney is trying to find a way to cut President Barack Obama's strong support among Latino voters.

Romney was drawn to the right on issues like immigration as he fought off other Republicans in state GOP primary elections.

On Monday, Romney signaled he was consid-

ering a wide range of immigration policies, including a proposal from Florida Sen. Marco Rubio that would allow some of the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants a chance at visas to stay in the U.S.

A decision in the high-profile immigration case is expected in late June as both camps will be gearing up for the general election.

Other blocked provisions of the Arizona law require all immigrants to obtain or carry immigration registration papers, make it a state criminal offense for an illegal immigrant to seek work or hold a job and allow police to arrest suspected illegal immigrants without warrants.

Arizona argues that

with its 370-mile border with Mexico, it has paid a disproportionate price for illegal immigration. It says its 2010 law is consistent with federal immigration policy.

The administration says the law, and Arizona's approach of maximum enforcement,

conflict with a more nuanced federal immigration policy that seeks to balance national security, law enforcement, foreign policy, human rights and the rights of law-abiding citizens and immigrants.

Civil rights groups that back the adminis-

tration say Arizona's and the other states' measures encourage racial profiling and ethnic stereotyping. California, New York and nine other states with significant immigrant populations support the Obama administration's stance.

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# Big Spring's Tannehill projected to go in first round of NFL draft at QB position

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

If you are a fan of NFL football, you know that Stanford's Andrew Luck and Baylor's Robert Griffin III are projected to be picked early in the first round of the NFL draft. If you are a Big Spring Steers fan, you know that Ryan Tannehill, who just completed an impressive college career with Texas A&M, may just make as big a splash as Luck or Griffin.

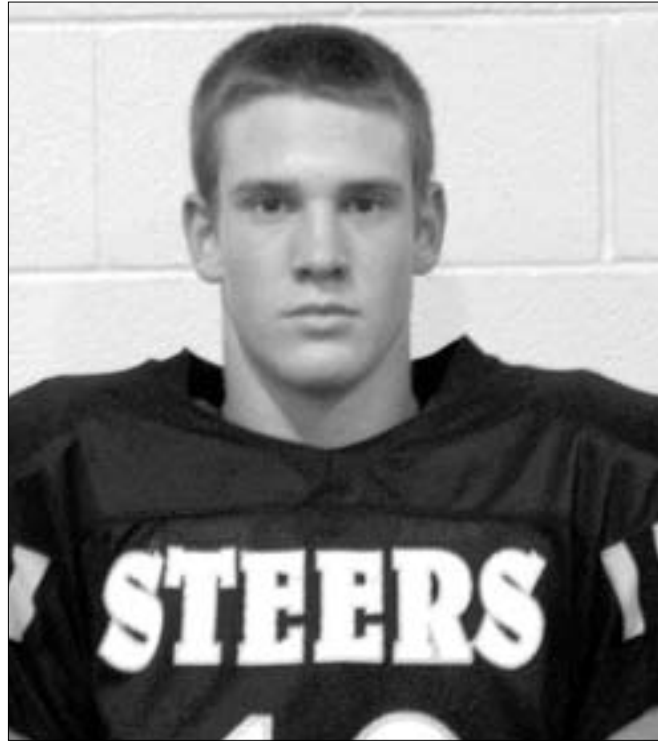
That is not just hometown chatter either. According to national sports sources, Tannehill is widely viewed as the third most sought-after quarterback prospect in the 2012 draft. Some projections have him going as quickly as the third pick in the first round.

Whether or not the media is playing a role in hyping the young star up remains to be seen, but teams such as the Miami Dolphins, the Cleveland Browns, the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles have all been mentioned as possible takers for the 6'4", 222 pound Tannehill.

During his time in Big Spring, Tannehill helped guide the Steers to BSHS contention. In his senior year (Class of '06), BSHS went three deep into the Class 4-A playoffs, with Tannehill racking up 1,258 passing yards and 617 rushing yards.

Tannehill's parents, Tim and Cheryl are both Texas Technical University alumni. Growing up a TTU fan, that's where Tannehill had hoped to play college ball, but the Red Raiders didn't recruit him. He was looked at by several schools including TCU, Houston and UTEP, but decided Texas A&M was a good fit.

Originally, the Aggies played Tannehill at wide receiver for his first two years at, but he was converted back to quarterback midway through his junior year, and finished with an overall record of 12-7 as starting quarterback. He also appeared in three bowl games, earning a win for A&M when they defeated Northwestern by a score of 33-22 at



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**Former Big Spring High School athlete Ryan Tannehill is expected to go in the first round of the 2012 NFL draft.**

the Meineke Car Care Bowl of Texas last season.

Tannehill is more than just a football player.

According to BSHS Principal and avid football fan Mike Ritchey, Tannehill is a class act on and off the field.

"I have watched (Tannehill) grow up," Ritchey said. "He epitomizes the student athlete. He was third in his class. He went about his business academically. He was a well-rounded kid."

Tannehill received a bachelor's in biology from A&M and plans to attend medical school to become

an orthopedic surgeon.

When asked if Tannehill deserves all the national attention he has received surrounding the draft, Ritchey said Tannehill is worthy of it all.

"He's got everything you would want in an NFL quarterback," Ritchey said. He belongs in the top three. The league is transitioning from a running power league to a passing league. The buzzword these days is the franchise label. And I think a lot of teams wouldn't want to miss an opportunity to draft someone like Tannehill."

Ritchey compares Tannehill to another great Texas quarterback — Troy Aikman — the former gunslinger for the Dallas Cowboys.

"I liken him to Aikman," Ritchey explained. "He has that type of physical look and a strong arm. And I have had the opportunity to see him play, and I've seen the intangibles he can bring."

The Tannehill family is a family of athletes. But Ritchey believes that in addition to raising stellar competitors, Tim and Cheryl Tannehill have raised great kids.

Ryan's younger brother, Tyler, shined for the Steers during his time on the varsity squad. He may have had a chance to play college ball if it weren't for multiple knee injuries that hampered his prospects. Tobbyn, a freshman is the youngest of the three brothers and like his brothers, is involved with sports also.

"From a school administrators point of view, the Tannehills get involved," Ritchey said. "There's not a better set of parents. You got to give them credit. You can see the difference between kids whose parents get involved and those who don't."

Round One of the 2012 NFL Draft will begin Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and will end Saturday evening. Coverage will be provided by ESPN and the NFL Network.

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or email sports@bigspringherald.com

## In brief

### 2012 Cancer Scramble tourney set at country club

The 2012 Cancer Scramble tournament will be held at the Big Spring Country Club on April 28-29. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The tourney will be four-person format with the option to form a team or be assigned to one. Field will be flighted by the first-round score. Prizes in the form of BSCC golf shop gift certificates will be awarded for longest drive, closest to pin and for the top three scores. Individual entry fee is \$80 plus a \$26 cart fee. Private carts are welcome. To enter call 267-5354.

### Gaines County Golf Course to hold scramble

The Gaines County Golf Course will host a three-person scramble April 28-29. Participants may choose either 8:30 a.m. or 2 p.m. to tee off. Sunday

start time will be based on Saturday's scores. Entry fee is \$80 plus cart fees. Please call (432) 758-3808 to sign up.

### Girl's select summer seague seeking donations

The Big Spring area girl's select summer league basketball squad is seeking donations to help pay for its traveling expenses as the hoopsters hit the road to play ball. The cost of the uniforms has been covered but the team will need additional funding to defray lodging, meals and other necessities. If you are interested in helping out contact Patrick Shellman at (325) 864-2811.

### Howard College's Earl Diddle basketball camps to hold registrations

The 2012 Earl Diddle boys and girls basketball

camp are just around the corner.

The girl's Shooting and Position Camp (grades 7-12) is set for June 4-7 between the hours of 9-11 a.m., with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. the first day; the boy's Shooting and Position Camp (grades 7-12) will be held the same days, but from 1-3 p.m. Registration will be held at 12:30; The girls and boys Little Hawk Camp (grades K-3) is scheduled for June 11-14 between the hours of 9-10:15 a.m. Registration will be from 8:30-9 a.m.; The girls Individual Skill Camp (grades 4-6) is slated for June 11-14 with registration 10-10:30 a.m. on June 11. Hours of the camp will be from 10:30-noon. Lastly, the boys Individual Skill Camp (grades 4-6) is set for June 11-14, with registration slated for 1-1:30 p.m. on June 11.

All registrations and camps will be held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the campus of Howard College.

Pre-registration is encouraged. All camps are \$50 per child.

## Darvish, Rangers down Yankees

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Yu Darvish is getting better each time out for the Texas Rangers.

The Japanese standout may already be getting to a point when he will have a hard time topping himself, after striking out 10 and pitching into the ninth inning of a 2-0 victory over the New York Yankees on Tuesday night.

"After my last start, I mentioned my command is starting to come together. Stuff-wise, there wasn't much difference," Darvish said through his interpreter. "I still like to think that there's still more in me."

Ian Kinsler put the Rangers ahead to stay when he led off the first with a deep homer to left center off Hiroki Kuroda (1-3), who limited Texas to two runs and five hits over 6 2-3 innings.

Only his fourth major league start, and the seventh-ever MLB matchup of Japanese starters, Darvish (3-0) worked out of some early jams and got through 8 1-3 scoreless innings even while allowing seven hits.

Effective with his large array of pitches, including a fastball in the upper 90s and several biting breaking balls, the 25-year-old right-hander had a season-low two walks, and the 10 strikeouts were the most by a Texas pitcher this season.

"He just keeps getting better every time he takes the ball. Tonight, he used everything he had, and he was effective, very effective. He's getting more and more comfortable," manager Ron Washington said. "He

was pounding the strike zone. That's what you have to do against that team. He threw everything but the kitchen sink at them."

Washington was going to give him a chance to finish the game but pulled Darvish after Nick Swisher's one-out single on his 119th pitch, his 82nd strike.

Joe Nathan needed only one pitch to coax a game-ending double-play grounder by Raul Ibanez.

It was his fifth save in six chances, closing out the Rangers' first shutout victory over the Yankees since Aug. 16, 2000.

The 37-year-old Kuroda, a righty in his fifth season in the majors, struck out five and walked one.

Of the Rangers other 15 outs against him, 12 came on grounders and there were two popups.

But he was still outpitched by Darvish, who had the longest scoreless outing by a Rangers pitcher against New York since Bob Tewksbury's complete game shutout in July 1995.

"You hear a lot of guys get hyped and he was everything that you'd heard," Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira said.

"We had a gameplan to make him throw strikes, and he definitely did that. If you tried to be patient you're down 0-1, 0-2. If you tried to be aggressive every pitch seemed like it started in the zone, then moved out of the zone."

Darvish struck out the side in the seventh.

## Weeks leads Brewers over Astros

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A good night quickly turned into a nightmare for Bud Norris and the Houston Astros on Tuesday.

Rickie Weeks capped a five-run ninth inning with a three-run homer — one of four Brewers' homers in the game — as Milwaukee beat Houston 9-6.

"I felt good, I was pitching well," Norris said. "Ran into one really bad inning and I felt I made a couple good pitches, a couple bad ones to a ball club that can hit the ball out of the yard. That's something I need to get better at and move on."

Corey Hart, Travis Ishikawa and Carlos Gomez also homered for Milwaukee, which moved back to .500 (9-9) and beat Houston for the 11th straight time. The Astros have lost eight of 10.

Norris (1-1) surrendered seven runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings — with Weeks sending his 102nd and last pitch deep above the Brewers bullpen.

"Bud threw the ball real well," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "Shoot, his pitch count was down and he was throwing the ball well, and they got the seven runs off him via the long ball. Two two-run homers and the three-run blast, that's the one that hurt."

Randy Wolf (1-2) struggled over six innings, giving up four hits and four walks, and striking out four. Alex Gonzalez added three hits, including an RBI single in the seventh, for Milwaukee.

John Axford allowed a single in the ninth but picked up his fourth save and 47th straight dating to last season, tying him with Brad Lidge for the fourth-longest streak all-time. The streak started a year ago Tuesday against the Astros.

Milwaukee blew it open with a five-run sixth behind two home runs. Ramirez singled to start the inning, and Hart followed with a 435-foot homer into the camera box just below the center-field scoreboard. George Kottaras walked, and Gonzalez singled. Then, with two outs, the slumping Weeks homered. Weeks came in hitting .182 with two homers and just three RBIs.

Mills said he had no problem keeping Norris in as long as he did.

"His pitch count was down, he was throwing the ball well, his velocity was up," he said. "I think that the way he was throwing and the whole situation, we wanted him to try to get out of it."

Houston's Jose Altuve homered in the second to make it 1-0.

The Brewers made it 2-1 on Ishikawa's first homer of the season in the fifth. An RBI single by Carlos Lee in the sixth made it 2-2 before Milwaukee's five-run explosion.

The Astros closed the gap with three runs in the eighth on an RBI single by Chris Johnson, a sacrifice fly by Justin Maxwell and an RBI single by Jed Lowrie, but Francisco Rodriguez, after a wild pitch, got the final out of the inning, giving way to Axford.



# In the NFL, free agency helps but draft is key

NEW YORK (AP) — The haul in free agency and through trades has strengthened the Broncos, Bills and Bears. Now comes the lifeblood of any NFL team: the draft.

Denver merely landed the best quarterback ever to hit free agency, Peyton Manning. Buffalo homed in on one player to be a difference maker, 2006 top overall draft pick Mario Williams, and signed him before his only visit to a team ended. Chicago dealt for the No. 1 receiver it lacked, getting Brandon Marshall, and bolstered its roster by signing running back Michael Bush and even a quality backup quarterback behind the injury-prone Jay Cutler in Jason Campbell.

With Manning aboard, the Broncos are in a win-now mode.

"I think the bottom line is we want to do the best thing to surround him with a team that's going to give him an opportunity to win," Broncos boss John Elway said. "We want to come out of every draft ... with players that are impact players. As I said last year, you have a lot more misses in my mind when you draft to need, so we're going to find the best players in positions of need, but also try to find those impact players that are going to come in and help us right away."

"We're talking about now. Impact doesn't necessarily mean a starter, but one that can come in and help us win."

Unquestionably, Manning is the major addition, as influential a newcomer as you can get. Denver could use an upgrade at receiver, and the Broncos just might target one at No. 25 overall.

The style of defense in Buffalo will be aggressive, with Williams as the focal point. Coming off a torn chest muscle that cost him the final 11 games of last season, the defensive end/linebacker still got the biggest contract in NFL history for someone on that side of the ball: \$100 million for six years, with \$50 million guaranteed.

Bills general manager Buddy Nix, however, always has emphasized that building a competitive team is done through the draft, and there's no shortcut to that approach. Nix's goal from the beginning has been to compile experienced depth — through the draft.

"My point is we've said from Day 1 that if there's a guy there that we think can make the difference we'll be aggressive and go after the guy," Nix said. "So this just plugs up a piece of the puzzle and he'll get us over the hump. He's a position of need that we were able to fill, but the same philosophy will

hold through in the draft.

"I think it had a lot of impact on us really," Nix added of putting Williams, end Mark Anderson (another free agency signing), and incumbent tackles Kyle Williams and Marcell Dareus together. "Therefore, we're a little freer as far as who we pick (10th overall)."

"We got better," star linebacker Brian Urlacher said. "On paper we're a better football team than we were last year at the end of the season, so I'm excited about that."

And Chicago hasn't even made a draft pick yet.

Free agency also strongly helped the Cowboys and Buccaneers retool weakened rosters, freeing them to concentrate on quality over need early in the draft. That most benefits Tampa Bay, which chooses fifth and could have available the top receiver (Oklahoma State's Justin Blackmon), the best pass rusher (North Carolina's Quinton Coples), most proficient running back (Alabama's Trent Richardson) or a shutdown cornerback (LSU's Morris Claiborne).

"I think there's value throughout this draft that fits the needs of our team," GM Mark Dominik said. "I don't truly believe a draft board is ever really set. You're always tweaking your board."

# Middleweight fight blocked at El Paso's Sun Bowl

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A June 16 fight between WBC world middleweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. and Andy Lee will not happen in El Paso as scheduled after the University of Texas System chancellor blocked the use of the Sun Bowl, promoters said Tuesday.

Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa contacted Texas-El Paso officials one

hour before Top Rank was to hold a news conference to announce the fight, Top Rank vice president Carl Moretti said.

Citing security concerns over border violence, Cigarroa told UTEP officials the bout could not take place with UTEP facilities, Moretti said.

Moretti said Top Rank is searching for another venue for the June 16

fight. Houston and San Antonio are being considered, and arrangements should be made by the weekend, he said.

Moretti said the move was unique in his experience in boxing promotions, "and I've been in it for 25 years. I can tell you the people from UTEP were as amazed as we were and as shocked as we were."

The directive was the result of "a specific-event risk assessment," according to a UT System statement.

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# Romo feels he is getting stronger as Dallas' quarterback

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Tony Romo still wakes up thinking about how he can get better at football, not if he is running out of chances with the Dallas Cowboys.

The quarterback and first-time father also gets a smile on his face being around his newborn son each day.

"Yeah, I think it's definitely a good change and as you continue to grow, you obviously go through the different life changes," Romo said Tuesday after a workout at Valley Ranch, three days after his 32nd birthday. "We're lucky enough to have everyone be healthy and through the process and it just makes you smile every morning. It really does."

While Romo is just getting starting in fatherhood and has been married less than a year, he is heading into his 10th season since joining the Cowboys as an undrafted free agent.

There are only two years left on his contract, and he's got only one playoff victory in his six seasons as the starting quarterback.

Romo threw for 4,184 yards with 31 touchdowns and 10 interceptions last season, but the Cowboys were 8-8 and missed the playoffs for the second year in a row.

"It's frustrating whenever you don't accomplish your goal each season and obviously that's to win the Super Bowl," Romo said. "The thing I can control is how hard I work, how much better I'm getting every single year and am I bringing these guys along to make them as good as they can be. Because that's part of my job and I think that that's part of what it takes to win a Super Bowl. And that's what we're doing."

The three-time Pro Bowler said the exciting part personally is that he still thinks he is getting better every year.

When asked how much longer he wants to play, Romo smiled and responded, "15 more years, maybe." He later said he'd probably stop only when he feels he is regressing, but he doesn't feel that is close to happening yet.

Still, he has to be taking better care of himself since he's getting older. Right?

"Nah, that's probably not accurate yet. I think that I didn't start playing in the league at 22, 23. A lot of that's the hits that you take over time," he said. "So I think I'll probably have a lot of that stuff later on. That probably starts creeping in about 34, 35. Hopefully I'll be able to make it until a little later than that before you start feeling that."

Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman, who won three Super Bowls for the Cowboys in the 1990s, recently made comments about Romo already being a better quarterback than he ever was during his 12 seasons with the Cowboys.

When Cowboys owner Jerry Jones was asked about those comments at the NFL meetings last month, Jones said he had three Super Bowl rings because of Aikman.

"We have many things I think that we agree on. His assessment that Romo is a Super Bowl-caliber quarterback is one that we really agree on," Jones said. "But I have a little hard time making the same comparison he did."

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4	8	9	6	5	7	1	3	2
6	5	7	3	1	2	4	8	9
1	3	2	4	8	9	6	5	7
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury and Pluto bring the differences between young and old to light. If you're in the first group, it's hard to envision the older generation as people who were once your age. But try. If you're in the latter group, think of how you used to cringe at your parent's suggestions. That should give you an ounce of compassion for the under-experienced.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Living large is a frame of mind, as well as a matter of economics. Adventures aren't cheap, but you'll continue on because you have a feeling that in the end, the experience will be worth the cost.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You are creative, and your whims will bring magic into your world. So dare to take a flight of fancy. You'll wind up in a fascinating place because you went off on this tangent.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Let people know how you really feel. Be specific. Expressing yourself in euphemistic terms won't communicate what you need from others. Exactness gets your needs met.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). What you believe about life may be true, and it may not be true. Either way, those beliefs are essential to your daily actions, habits, behaviors and attitudes. Decide which beliefs are getting in your way.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't always feel the need to take full credit for the marvelous outcomes you create. Sometimes you even give others more credit than they deserve in order to raise morale. This will be one of those times.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're slightly

concerned about getting your work done in a timely manner, and friendly distractions abound. Don't let your worries get the best of you or make you edgy. All will unfold perfectly when you relax.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll have a vivid vision of what your life should be, taking into account your desires and inclinations. This may be the idealized version, but it's certainly something to shoot for.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know enough to continue a project on your own, and yet you do what only the truly savvy would do: ask for more opinions and information. The more you learn the better your work will be.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't usually need a lot of outside motivation, but occasionally it makes all the difference. This is one of those occasions. You'll do your best when you're with someone who inspires you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even though your to-do list is approximately a zillion items long, you're able to approach things with a jovial, fun-loving mood. It takes a high level of emotional intelligence to maintain this stellar attitude.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You like getting feedback because you know it helps you improve in ways you couldn't have seen on your own. Being able to accept feedback and use it constructively gives you an advantage over your competition.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be near someone you admire, and you'll take notes,

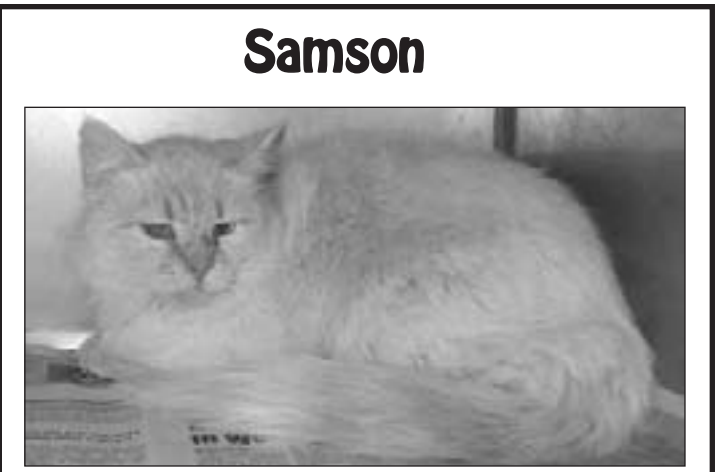
probably without realizing it. You'll learn from this person's mannerisms and approach to life, but mostly you'll absorb the general essence of this person.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 25). Enjoy all the fawning and presents you get today! Through the next six weeks, you'll be recognized for your unique qualities and truly novel approach to relationships. You'll bring zesty energy to your work and be noticed and promoted for this. Improvements in your health and fitness happen through June and July. Aries and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 15, 20, 5, 16 and 32.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Renee Zellweger will soon bring her loveable characterization of Bridget Jones to the big screen again, this time as a mother in the upcoming "Bridget Jones's Baby." Zellweger, who has also showcased her singing chops in many movies, was born when the sun and Mercury were in determined Taurus, ruler of the vocal cords. Her moon is in Leo, the sign of the entertainer.

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Available for Adoption  
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Samson

Domestic medium-hair  
Small Adult Male

Samson is an affectionate fellow who loves to be held. He has beautiful blue eyes and a light-orange and white striped, medium-hair coat.

Available for adoption until May 2.

Annie's Mailbox

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have an 11-year-old son, and though Harvey is nice to him and a good neighbor to us, should we keep our son from any association with Harvey? My husband doesn't seem to think there's any problem, but one can never be too safe when it comes to protecting your children. — Sleepless in Seattle

**Dear Seattle:** Harvey should be treated no differently than any adult neighbor who has frequent overnight guests, male or female, presumably for intimate purposes. You wouldn't want his casual promiscuity (if that's what it is) to be something your son emulates in his own life, but we assume you would discuss such things with your child as a normal part of transmitting your values and morals. It has nothing to do with Harvey's sexual orientation, nor does it make him a greater risk to your son's welfare. And if your real worry is whether association with Harvey will make your son gay, the answer is no.



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

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**Dear Chris:** Good advice for the baby-averse. Thanks.

**Dear Readers:** Today is Administrative Professionals Day. If you have assistants who make your job easier, let them know how much they are appreciated. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to [anniesmailbox@comcast.net](mailto:anniesmailbox@comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. © 2012 CREATORS.COM

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Forsan (hereinafter called the OWNER) will receive Bids for WATER FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE IV, TCDBGP Contract No. 711191, until 5:00 PM, TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012 in person at City Hall, 106 E. Main Street, Forsan, Texas or by mail to Mayor Roger Hudgins, City of Forsan, P.O. Box 714, Forsan, Texas 79733-0714. All Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at: 5:00 PM, TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012. Consideration for award of the Bid will be made at 7:00 PM, TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012. City Council Meeting, City of Forsan, 106 E. Main Street, Forsan, Texas 79733. Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows:

Base Bid:

Furnish and install 4,600 L.F. of 6-inch C-900 PVC water line, 425 L.F. of 1-inch CTS polyethylene service line, 11 Each 6-inch gate valve and box, 4 Each 6-inch tapping sleeve and tapping valve and box, 4 Each 6-inch fire hydrant, 17 Each residential service connection, miscellaneous fittings, and 50 S.Y. of pavement patch.

Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at the office of Burgess & Niple, Inc., 1030 Andrews Highway, Suite 211, Midland, Texas 79701.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be purchased for \$150.00 from Burgess & Niple, Inc. for each set of documents obtained. No refunds will be made.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the OWNER, negotiable U.S. Government bond (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable Surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total Bid shall be submitted with each Bid.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs, and as set forth in the Contract Documents, must be paid on the project, and the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin on the entire project.

Attention is also called to General Condition 148 "Restrictions on Public Buildings and Public Works Projects." The Bidder certifies by the submission of its bid that the Contractor, Subcontractors, and materials used on this project are not of a foreign country included on the USTR list.

The Prime Contractor will review the equal employment opportunity section under the General Contract Conditions - Part I and will take affirmative action to meet minority and female participation goals in each task. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informalities in the Bidding.

If the Bid is not awarded at the previously mentioned meeting of the Forsan City Council on TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012, then the Bids may be held by the OWNER for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders. Date April 13, 2012 By: Roger Hudgins Mayor, City of Forsan #7339 April 18 & 25, 2012

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of COAHOMA ISD, Texas: (a los votantes registrados ISD del COAHOMA Texas): Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, on May 12, 2012, for voting in a general election to elect Three Board Members (Notifiquese, por las present, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abiran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12 de Mayo de 2012 para votar en la Eleccion General par elegir) On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote. (El Dia de Eleccion, los votantes deberan votar en su precincto donde estan inscritos para votar.) Location of Election Day Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Ubicacion de las casillas electorales el Dia de Eleccion) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Direccion) COAHOMA COMMUNITY CENTER 306 NORTH AVE., COAHOMA COAHOMA CENTRO COMMUNITARIO 306 NORTH AVENUE, COAHOMA PRECINCT NUMBER(S) (NUMERO DE PRECINTO) ALL TODOS LOS RECINTOS For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below: (Para Votacion Adelantada, los votantes podran votar en cualquier de las ubicaciones nombradas abajo.) Locations for Early Voting Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Ubicacion de las casillas electorales de votacion adelantada) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Direccion) HOWARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE ELECTIONS OFFICE 300 S. MAIN ROOM 303 Days and Hours of Operation Dias y Horas Habiles Howard county courthouse oficina de elecciones Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas de votacion adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:) SAUNDRA BLOOM (Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votacion Adelantada) PO BOX 1069 (Address) (Direccion) BIG SPRING, TX 79721 (City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal) Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el) APRIL 21, 2012 21 de ABIL, 2012 (date) (fecha) Issued this the 21st day of APRIL, 2012. (Emitada este dia 21st de ABRIL, 2012.) Tommy Duncan Mayor #7350 April 25, 2012

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To the Registered Voters of the City of BIG SPRING, Texas: (a los votantes registrados del Ciudad de BIG SPRING, Texas) Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, MAY 12, 2012, for voting in a general election to elect, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4. (Notifiquese, por la presente, que las casillas electorales citados abajo se abiran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12 de MAYO de 2012 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir, COUNCILMEN DE LA CIUDAD BIG SPRING DISTRICTO 4.) LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES) Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at (La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en) HOWARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE ELECTIONS OFFICE (location) (sitio) Oficina de elecciones de Howard county courthouse between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. beginning on (entre las 30 de la mañana y las April de la tarde empezando el April 30, 2012 and ending on (y terminando el) May 8, 2012 8 de Mayo, 2012. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran em aismcoa por correo deberan enviarse a:) SAUNDRA BLOOM (Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votacion Adelantada) PO BOX 1069 (Address) (Direccion) BIG SPRING, TX 79721 (City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal) Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el) MAY 4, 2012 (4 de Mayo, 2012) (date) (fecha) Issued this the 21st day of APRIL, 2012. (Emitada este dia 21st de ABRIL, 2012.) Warren Wallace Mayor #7352 April 25, 2012

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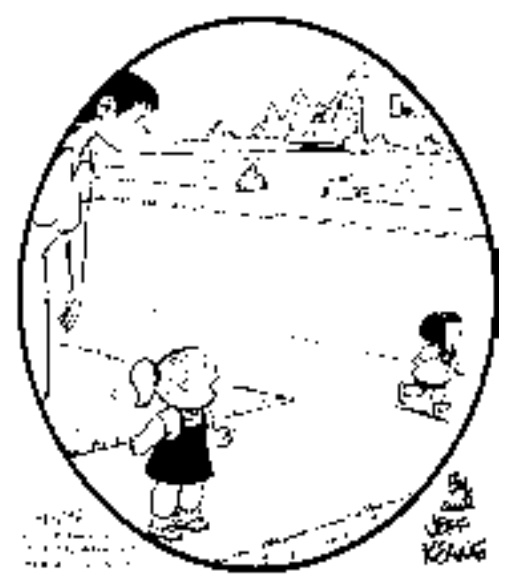
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5:PM :30	News ABC	La Mujer Notic.	Two Men CBS	News CBS	Noticias Noticiero	News CBS	King House	Swallow House	Charlie Rose	King House	American Guns	CSI: Miami	Auction	Law & Order	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Shake It Good	NFL32	SportsCenter
6:PM :30	Jeopardy!	Una Familia con Suerte (SS)	Big Bang American Idol	News Ent	Caso Cer-rado	News Millionaire	Seinfeld	Dr. Diana CCM	PBS News-Hour	Seinfeld	Sons of Guns	CSI: Miami	Auction	Law & Order		Jessie	MLB Baseball: Teams TBA.	NBA Basketball: Clippers at Knicks
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9:PM :30	Revenge	La Que No	Simpsons How I Met	CSI: Crime Scene	Relaciones Peli	Law & Order: SVU	Big Bang		America Revealed	Cops 'Til Death	American Guns		Am Dig	Law & Order		Jessie	Baseball Tonight	NBA Basketball: San Antonio Spurs at Phoenix Suns.
10:PM :30	News Nightline	Impacto Noticiero	Raymond Letterman	News	Noticias Sin Senos no	News Jay Leno	Conan	McGee L. Moore	Charlie Rose	'70s	Sons of Guns	Movie: Legends of the Fall, Aidan Quinn	Am Dig	CSI: NY	Game	Wizards	SportsCenter	
11:PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Hasta-Dinero	Law Order: CI	Late	Decisiones (SS)	Late Night	Office	Yohanan	World	South Pk	Sons of Guns		Auction	CSI: NY	Wendy Williams	Wizards	SportsCenter	
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"WE CAN ASK MY FATHER OR I CAN GO OVER HIS HEAD AND GO DIRECTLY TO MY MOM."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"There goes Elizabeth, but we call her Liz or Beth or Lizzy or Elie or Lisa or Betsy or ..."

HAGAR



KNOW ANY GOOD JOKE?

BC



I HAD THE SAME DREAM AGAIN LAST NIGHT.

THE SAME ONE AS BEFORE?

YES.

DOESN'T THAT MEAN I SHOULD GET A DISCOUNT?

OR THE DREAM WOULD BE BETTER THAN THE REALITY.

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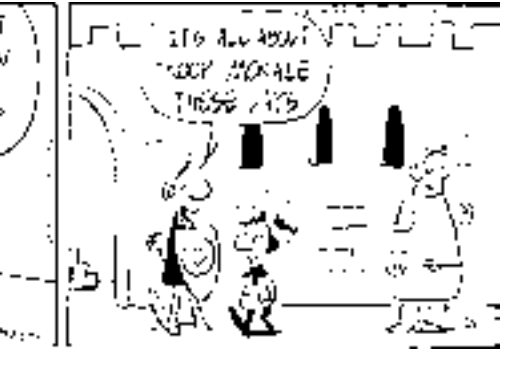
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WIZARD OF ID



IS THAT YOUR NEW SHIELD, KRESP?

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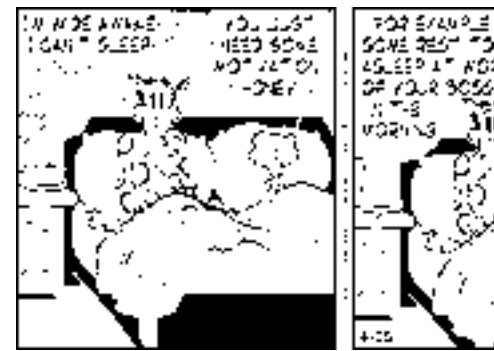
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BLONDIE



IN A DREAM I CAN SLEEP.

YOU JUST NEED SOME NOZZLES.

FOR EXAMPLE IF YOU DON'T GET SOME NOZZLES YOU'LL BE ASLEEP AT WORK AND MISS MOST OF YOUR BUSINESS PRESENTATION.

YOU HAVE TO BE A LOT BETTER THAN ME, DAWG.

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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, April 25, the 116th day of 2012. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 25, 1862, during the Civil War, a Union fleet commanded by Flag Officer David G. Farragut captured the city of New Orleans.

On this date:

In 1507, a world map produced by German cartographer Martin Waldseemueller contained the first recorded use of the term "America," in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci (vehv-POO'-chee).

In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.