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A display at Heritage Museum honors Patricia McCormick, a Big Spring resident who achieve fame as a female bullfighter in Mexico and South America. McCormick died last Wednesday in Del Rio.

## McCormick to always be revered as the first female bullfighter

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

In a day and age when women weren't expected to do "men's work," Patricia McCormick made a name for herself in one of the most macho endeavors you can imag-

ine. While millions of other women were expected to stay at home and raise families, McCormick, a former Big Spring resident who died last Wednesday in Del Rio, had different goals in mind.

Fascinated since her youth with the sport of bullfighting, McCormick earned fame south of the border as "the American matadora," the first American woman

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## The oil boom and you: What does it mean?

*Public meeting slated Thursday at the DRCC*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Beneath the surface of Howard County — and numerous other West Texas communities — lies the source of an expected oil boom that could change the face of Texas forever.

The underground boon — known as the Cline Shale formation — will be the subject of a meeting slated for 6 p.m. Thursday at the Dora Roberts Community Center, as local residents and officials prepare to learn more about the oil play the U.S. Geological Survey is saying could be largest oil-related discovery in the Permian Basin in the last 50 years.

According to surveys, the shale formation sits beneath Fisher, Nolan, Sterling, Coke,

Glasscock, Tom Green, Howard, Mitchell, Borden and Scurry counties and runs about 140 miles north to south and about 70 miles wide through Howard, Glasscock, Reagan and Sterling counties.

Early estimates for the Cline Shale formation — based on Oklahoma City-based Devon Energy's exploration in the area — put the estimated recoverable reserves at 30 billion barrels of oil. By comparison, the U.S. Geological Survey estimates the Eagle Ford holds up to 7 billion to 10 billion in recoverable reserves, while the Bakken Shale could hold as much as 4.3 billion barrels of recoverable oil.

As oil companies look to See **OIL**, Page 3

## Appearance index goes hand in hand with Trash Off

Herald Staff Report

With the Great American Clean-up on the immediate horizon, Keep Big Spring Beautiful conducted a Community Appearance Index last Wednesday to get a better understanding of what the city is facing.

The index is a tool designed

by Keep America Beautiful to assess the overall appearance of communities through indicators such as litter, illegal signs, graffiti, abandoned/junk vehicles and outside storage.

A team of community, business and government representatives conducted the analysis using a scoring system ranging from 1-4, with "1" being the best and "4" being the worst. The Litter Index for Big Spring rated 2.13. A separate team scored Optional Indices and gave a rating of 2.06 for illegal signs,

1.25 for graffiti, 2.06 for abandoned/junk vehicles and 1.81 for outside storage.

"The Community Appearance Index is designed to gather data annually and the results are used to develop a local plan to change attitudes and behaviors regarding litter and related community improvement issues," ex-

plained Keep America Beautiful President & CEO Matthew McKenna. "The Index helps direct the local education and litter prevention, beautification, and waste reduction and recycling programs. Keep America Beautiful uses the information to identify

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## No more Exemplary: Education head will order Texas to rate schools A-F

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The state's top education official said Tuesday he plans to order Texas to begin rating schools based on letter grades A through F starting next year — without waiting for high-profile bills proposing to do the same thing to work their way through the Legislature.

The current system features classifications ranging from "Exemplary" to "Academically Unacceptable," but key conservative lawmakers have supported a series of measures to replace it with grades A, B, C, D, or F and used in states like Florida. They say such a system

*"... when you have a system that has five differentiating grades you can give much clearer, I think, information to parents to taxpayers, even kids about where their school stands."*

—Michael Williams, education commissioner

would make it easier for parents and students to understand and increase classroom transparency.

But Education Commissioner Michael Williams told the Senate Education Committee that he had planned to simply order the change unilaterally beginning in academic year 2014.

Williams has for months

been working on an overhaul of school accountability ratings, and said he had planned to unveil it last week — but held off when the Senate panel summoned him to appear. Asked if he had the authority to do so without legislative approval, Williams said, "I believe I do."

Sen. Royce West, a Dallas Democrat, worried that

schools with poor grades could hurt real estate prices in urban areas, and Williams promised not to formally announce the change until his agency had researched that. Still, he defended letter grades.

"When you have a pass-fail kind of system you can be academically unacceptable and be just barely below the line," Williams said. "But when you have a system that has five differentiating grades you can give much clearer, I think, information to parents to taxpayers, even kids about where their school stands."

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## Obituaries

## Sheila Bennett



Sheila Bennett, 73, of Big Spring died Monday, April 1, 2013, at San Angelo Community Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4, 2013, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Sheila was born Sept. 11, 1939, to Aletha and Shelton Holmes in Snyder, Texas. She grew up in Snyder but lived in Big Spring most of her life. She lived in Austin from 1981 until 2004, returning to Big Spring in 2004. She worked 18 years for the Austin comptroller's office.

She is survived by two sons, Kyle Bennett and wife Michelle of Andrews and Scott Bennett and wife Tonita of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Nicci Grigg and husband Casey, Amber Newell and husband Seth, Chase Bennett and wife Casie, Jessie Campbell and husband Zachary, Kyla Bennett and Wyatt Bennett; and five great-grandchildren, Jacob and Barrett Grigg, Kyler and Brailee Bennett and Reid Campbell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Dennis Holmes; and her beloved dog, Buster.

Memorials may be made to the Big Spring Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring, TX 79721-0823; or other favorite charity.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Myrtle Banks



Myrtle Banks, 93, of Big Spring died April 1, 2013, at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Breckenridge. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Coahoma Church of Christ with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Sept. 17, 1919, in Blanket, Texas, to Katie and Malon Hardwick. She moved to Big Spring from Blanket in 1933. She married O.R. "Pete" Banks on May 13, 1942, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death May 14, 1993.

She was a registered nurse at Malone-Hogan Hospital, now Scenic Mountain Medical Center, for 23 years. She was a member of the Coahoma Church of Christ.

She is survived by two daughters, Judy Woodward and husband Charles of Breckenridge and Donna Reefsneider and husband Asa of Clyde; four grandchildren, Brandy Candelaria and husband Alee of Vega, Barrett Bloomer and wife Mashelle, Amanda Neal and husband Shane and Clint Reefsneider, all of Odessa; seven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by five brothers and sisters.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Dunamis Griffith

Dunamis Griffith, 62, passed away Saturday, March 30, 2013, in San Angelo. Graveside services will be held at Grape Creek Cemetery in Grape Creek, Texas, on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at 11 a.m.

He was preceded in death by his father, M.O., and mother, Glennie Griffith; and a sister, Jackie Rupyard.

He is survived by a brother, Dustin Griffith of Fort Worth; and two sisters, Dawn Powell of Coahoma and Jan Hyden of San Angelo.

Services will be affiliated by Chaplin Art Taylor of Intrim Hospice. Services are entrusted to Heritage Family Funeral Home of Ballinger, Texas.

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## Police blotter

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

- JAMIE RAE NELSON, 36, of 1301 Lindbergh, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for possession of a controlled substance, theft of service – more than \$20 and less than \$500 and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- RIANNON HENSON MELTON, 28, of 1206 E. 16<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for striking fixture or landscape.
- DIMITRI ANDREW LEOS, 21, of 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. 301, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failure to appear (two counts) and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- RODOLFO GONZALES JR., 51, of 1601 S. Johnson, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- JEREMIAH RAY FRANK, 27, of Winslow, Ariz., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RONNIE DEARL SUTTON, 45, of Ovalo, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- MATTHEW AARON SALGADO, 19, of 1005 N.W. Second St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for sexual assault of a child.
- THEFT was reported in the 2700 block of N. Birdwell Lane.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

- RIANNON LEE HENSON, 28, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of duty on striking landscape or fixture.
- JEREMIAH RAY FRANK, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- JAMIE RAE NELSON, 36, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of theft of service – more than \$20 and less than \$500, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- DIMITRI ANDREW LEOS, 21, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on municipal *capias* warrants for violation of a promise to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- BILLY CRAIG HEAP, 62, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.
- RONNIE DEARL SUTTON, 45, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- RODOLFO GONZALES JR., 51, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- MATTHEW AARON SALGADO, 19, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a warrant for sexual assault of a child.
- JOSHUA LEE JUNKIN, 25, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Dow. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 7000 block of Roberts Drive. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of Old Colorado City. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
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- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Refinery Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 3100 block of S. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

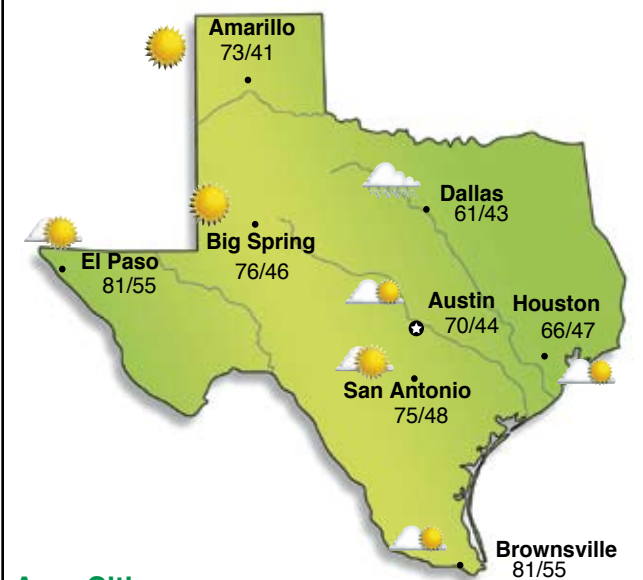
## Today's Weather

## Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 4/4	Fri 4/5	Sat 4/6
<b>76/46</b> Sunny skies. High 76F. Winds light and variable.	<b>83/54</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	<b>91/58</b> Sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:30 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:08 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:29 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:09 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:28 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:09 PM



## Texas At A Glance



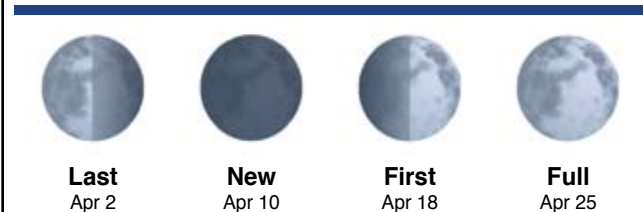
## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	67	42	pt sunny	Kingsville	81	53	pt sunny
Amarillo	73	41	sunny	Livingston	64	42	cloudy
Austin	70	44	pt sunny	Longview	59	41	rain
Beaumont	64	47	cloudy	Lubbock	74	42	pt sunny
Brownsville	81	55	pt sunny	Lufkin	63	44	t-storm
Brownwood	69	43	pt sunny	Midland	77	49	sunny
Corpus Christi	77	54	pt sunny	Raymondville	83	55	pt sunny
Corsicana	60	41	rain	Rosenberg	68	46	pt sunny
Dallas	61	43	rain	San Antonio	75	48	mst sunny
Del Rio	79	54	sunny	San Marcos	71	44	pt sunny
El Paso	81	55	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	59	41	rain
Fort Stockton	78	52	sunny	Sweetwater	71	44	mst sunny
Gainesville	58	38	rain	Tyler	60	42	rain
Greenville	58	39	rain	Weatherford	61	39	rain
Houston	66	47	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	63	39	rain

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	46	44	rain	Minneapolis	51	31	pt sunny
Boston	55	38	sunny	New York	53	42	sunny
Chicago	58	34	pt sunny	Phoenix	88	63	pt sunny
Dallas	61	43	rain	San Francisco	60	56	rain
Denver	68	45	mst sunny	Seattle	57	51	rain
Houston	66	47	pt sunny	St. Louis	55	39	cloudy
Los Angeles	72	56	pt sunny	Washington, DC	57	44	mst sunny
Miami	86	73	pt sunny				

## Moon Phases



## UV Index

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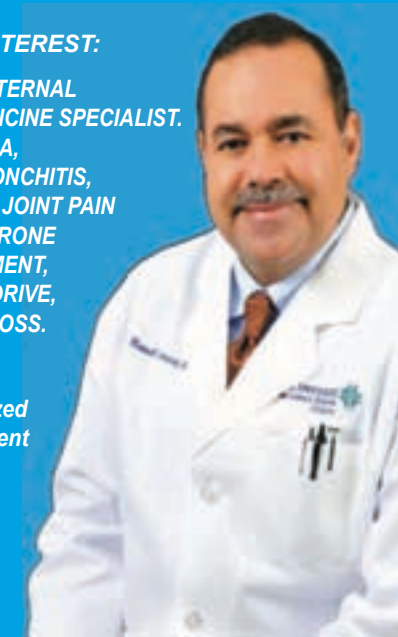
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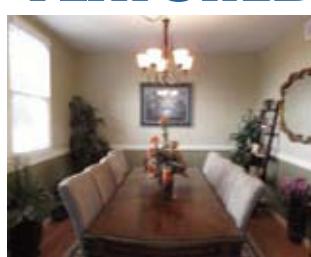


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utilize the formation — which includes organic-rich shale, with a total organic content (TOC) estimated at 1 percent to 8 percent — the impact the expected oil boom could have on Howard County and sur-

rounding communities will be the focus of the meeting, according to Terry Wegman, executive director of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation.

“It’s certainly something everyone has been talking about. However, it can be really tough for officials and residents to get real information on what the discovery

could and will mean for the Howard County area,” Wegman said.

Enter the Eagle Ford Consortium, a group made up of officials and business owners living in the 20-county, South Texas area where the Eagle Ford Shale formation is currently being cultivated.

Members of the consortium will be at the Dora Rob-

erts Community Center for Thursday’s presentation on what effects counties can expect from the Cline Shale exploration.

“Right now, most people in the Permian Basin are wondering how the Cline Shale will affect them and their cities,” Wegman said. “By looking at what the Eagle Ford Consortium has experienced

and gone through, we can try to get an idea of what’s to come. It can also help us figure out what we can be doing to ready ourselves for it in the meantime.”

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**McCORMICK**

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to fight bulls professionally. McCormick, 80, fought more than 1,000 bulls during her career, which took her from the border towns of Mexico to South America. Along the way, she picked up some scars — a goring in Villa Acuna, Mexico, almost proved fatal — but also plenty of fans.

“We’ve had some famous people come from Big Spring,” said Bob “Tumbleweed Smith” Lewis, a local columnist and radio show

host. “But on an international basis, anyway, I think she was at the top of the list. She was on the covers of magazines and on the front pages of newspapers throughout the 1950s.”

She developed her love for the brutal sport when she saw her first bullfight while on vacation with her family in Mexico City when she was 7.

Born in St. Louis, McCormick moved at an early age with her family to Big Spring. She attended schools locally, graduating from Big Spring High School, then enrolled at Texas Western College (now the University of Texas-El

Paso). There, her dreams of entering the bull ring were finally realized.

She killed her first bull in 1951 and soon gained fame with Latin American fans as the “Yanqui” matadora. During her career, which spanned a little more than 10 years, she fought in arenas from Mexico to Venezuela.

Her career in the bull ring had its dangerous moments, however — she was gored six times, the worst incident coming in 1954.

“The horn went right up my stomach,” she said in a 1989 Los Angeles Times article. “The bull carried me around the ring for a minute, im-

paled on his horns. They gave me the last rites there. The doctor said, ‘Carry her across the border and let her die in her own country.’”

McCormick eventually recovered and continued her career for several more years before retiring from the arena. Among her post-bullfighting interests were writing — she published a book on her exploits in the bull ring — and painting.

She lived for many years in California, before returning to Texas and settling in Del Rio. It was there, in 2007, that Smith, who had been commissioned by the Heritage Museum to produce a feature

on the famous matadora, met her.

“Well, she was beginning to get a little frail ... but it was a thrill,” he said. “To be able to sit down with her and be able to talk with her about everything she had done was definitely a major thrill.”

Heritage Museum has a permanent display honoring McCormick and Lewis’ feature, “Texas Torera,” can be obtained through either the museum or Lewis.

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**BEAUTIFY**

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national trends regarding community improvement issues.”

“Involving community representatives in the process is important to achieve partnership solutions and to promote individual responsibility, ownership and

pride in results,” said Keep Big Spring Beautiful President Jan Hansen.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be conducting the Great American Clean-up/Don’t Mess With Texas event in Big Spring from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday and volunteers are greatly encouraged.

“You can pick up in your neighborhood or

anywhere you see that has trash that needs to be picked up,” suggested Hansen.

Volunteers are invited to obtain free trash bags Friday at the Chamber of Commerce before 2 p.m. Participants should fill their trash bags and bring them to Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring at or before noon Saturday. A hot dog lunch will be

served to volunteers.

Participants should also be aware that prize bottles have been placed in areas that need to be cleaned. Anyone finding a prize bottle should go to the Heart of the City Park with a bag of trash to receive a prize.

“If you can’t pick up trash but would still like to be a part, there are other activities that you would be able to help

make our community a better place,” Hansen added.

For those wanting to learn more about Keep Big Spring Beautiful, members meet the first Monday of every month at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Everyone is invited.

Keep America Beautiful Inc., established in 1953, is the nation’s largest volunteer-based

community action and education organization. With a network of nearly 1,000 affiliate and participating organizations, Keep America Beautiful forms public-private partnerships and programs that engage individuals to take greater responsibility for improving their community’s environment. To learn more, visit www.kab.org.

**SCHOOLS**

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Since being appointed commissioner by Gov. Rick Perry last year, Williams has promised to place extra emphasis in accountability ratings on how well schools and school districts are closing achievement gaps between white and minority students, and improving educational outcomes for youngsters from low-income families.

He said Tuesday he

considers that “job one” of the state’s educational system, and that new accountability standards will evaluate schools and districts on it, as well as three other areas: student achievement on standardized tests, students’ academic improvement as they move through school, and how ready they are for college or a career upon graduating from high school.

Williams said he was still determining what each letter grade would mean, but that he believes schools and districts who pass all four standards would get an A, while others would go down one letter grade for each area where their students fall short.

Currently his agency determines school ratings based on a formula, and that presumably wouldn’t change under the new system, though the new formula it would use hasn’t been established.

Williams said having

55 percent of economically disadvantaged and minority students reading at a grade level could be considered acceptable in the achievement gap category, while perhaps having 75 percent of students graduate from high school with “recommended” or “distinguished” diplomas could meet passing standards in college and career readiness category.

When West noted that schools in predominantly Hispanic and black areas have often been issued failing grades in states with letter grade scales like Florida, Williams responded that placing more emphasis on closing the achievement gap will “give a fair break to those schools that are largely populated with hard-to-reach kids.”

**Senate toughens punishment on fleeing an accident**

The Texas Senate has toughened the punishment for leaving an accident that causes an injury.

The measure by Austin Democratic Sen. Kirk Watson passed unanimously Tuesday.

Senate Bill 275 makes fleeing the scene of an accident a second degree felony. That’s the same as intoxication man-

slaughter for hitting someone while driving under the influence.

Watson said that because leaving the scene of an accident was only a third degree felony, some drunk drivers were driving away to avoid tougher punishments.

The bill now goes to the House for consideration. If passed, fleeing an accident that causes an injury could result in up to 20 years in prison

and a \$10,000 fine.

**Push for debt implications stalls**

Voters in Texas apparently won’t see major changes to their ballots when deciding local bond proposals.

A push by Republican Comptroller Susan Combs to require ballots in local bond elections to spell out debt ramifications has been removed from a key House transparency bill.

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OTHER VIEWS

### Finally! Wasteful attack of Open Meetings Act ends

The U.S. Supreme Court doesn't have time for speciousness and frivolity. We wish we could say the same for public officials from 15 Texas cities, including Rockport. They spent nearly nine years trying to undermine the Texas Open Meetings Act until the court put an abrupt stop to it Monday by declining to review their case.

The plaintiffs argued that this cherished bulwark of the principle of open government violated another cherished right — theirs to free speech. How? Well, apparently the notion that two Alpine city councilwomen shouldn't have emailed each other and two other council members privately to discuss official city business, and that they could have faced criminal penalties for having done so, was a tyrannical threat to the First Amendment.

The two councilwomen were indicted but, as is typical of enforcement of the act, never were prosecuted. This law does a lot of good but public officials violate it too often and suffer no real consequence. The criminal penalties, in practice, amount to window dressing.

But those few blunt teeth in the act were the plaintiffs' primary objection. They saw their indictment ordeal as “suppression of speech,” detrimental to the need for a “robust conversation” on government matters, according to their attorney, Craig Enoch, a former Texas Supreme Court justice.

The act doesn't prohibit speech. It prohibits public officials from whispering behind the public's back, out of earshot, when they're doing the public's business. It requires quorums of public bodies to meet in public, after having given proper notice to the public they have been entrusted to serve.

We know the First Amendment. The First Amendment is a friend of ours (we're exercising it now, robustly). Allowing the public to overhear public officials' speech in public is no violation of First Amendment rights.

That's pretty much how the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals saw it last year. The court ruled that Texas' law against sneaky governing doesn't limit speech; it just promotes the public's trust and discourages corruption, is all. The plaintiffs' argument to the contrary amounted to discouraging the public's trust and promoting corruption. They should be ashamed of themselves and voters should remember who they are.

We're also curious how much of the public's money was wasted on this case. The tally should include the state's time and effort defending the Open Meetings Act.

Speaking of the state's time and effort, defense of the act falls under Attorney General Greg Abbott's job description. So we think it's only fair that he should have the last word. Here's the statement he issued the day of the decision, with which we agree robustly:

“Open, transparent government is fundamental to our democratic system of government. Today's decision ensures that the Texas Open Meetings Act will continue holding elected officials accountable to conduct the taxpayers' business in the light of day and in a manner that informs the public about government decision-making. Texans have a right to know about their government, their elected representatives and the policies that are being adopted on the public's behalf and, thanks to today's ruling, that openness will continue.”

—THE CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER-TIMES

## DAILY PRAYER

May we put you first in our lives, dear Lord, and encourage others to do so as well.

Amen

# We all have the choice

I never dreamed that in my lifetime, or anyone else's for that matter, I would ever see the ignominious level of depravity the human race has descended to. To me, it's absolutely inconceivable that humankind can be so apathetic about the consequences of their moral and social sickness. Our nation is in serious trouble and unless things change radically, we haven't seen the worst of it.

I can hear all the positive thinkers decrying my attitude and denouncing me as a pessimist and an intolerant ignoramus. If that's what you think, you're wrong on all counts. I am none of those things. What I am is a realist and someone who doesn't fear the truth but embraces it as our only hope for survival. It doesn't take a genius to see what is happening in our nation and our society, and yet unchecked corruption and the exploitation of the honest and upright people continue at an insane rate.

It baffles my imagination that people with any intelligence at all will put stock in anything an actor or celebrity, such as the ridiculous Canadian Jim Carrey, says about what is right or wrong. I can assure you that my convictions about anything of value will not be determined by someone who makes their living, and has spent basically their entire life, pretending to be someone they aren't while living a life of unbridled extravagance and narcissism. What incredible nonsense that people can be so naïve as to accept and be influenced by the word of people with such a resume.

A portion of the Declaration of Independence says, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the

people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their safety and happiness.”

This Declaration was made on July 4, 1776, to emancipate us from Britain. Our country was fed up with the King of Britain and the authority that he was misusing. This declaration was signed by many honorable men, including Thomas Jefferson and John Hancock. These brave men understood how decadent England had become and yet our country is following in their immoral steps. I want to briefly take a closer look at a part of this invaluable document.

1. “We hold these truths” — This statement clearly implies that everything proceeding is indeed truth and should not be considered anything but fact. Here is the first stepping stone in a long line of problems. Countless people, including many in leadership of our country, do not believe or accept all of this declaration.

2. “Endowed by their Creator” — It is clear that this country is divided on the belief that an Almighty God can exist. Some believe in no God at all or in multiple gods. Some don't think any of us have the right to believe anything other than what they believe about God, or the absence of such, and they don't hesitate to adamantly impinge their beliefs upon us.

3. “Certain unalienable rights” — Unalienable is defined as “Incapable of being repudiated (denied or rejected).” If our government abolishes the right to bear arms, they are in violation of this because the Constitution of the United States guarantees us that right.

4. “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness” — Murderers do not accept this. Abortion doctors do not execute this. Thieves do not uphold this. Bullies do not believe this. Like so many other things, arrogant radical people think their opinion is all that matters. They are so wrong.

5. “That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.” — Our government clearly does not care about the governed (the American people)



EDDY PRINCE

## Cruelest month — for taxpayers

When you're president, every day is a holiday. This April is National Financial Capability Month, as declared last week in a presidential proclamation. “I call upon all Americans to observe this month with programs and activities to improve their understanding of financial principles and practices,” quoth President Obama.

If April is the cruelest month, as T.S. Eliot wrote, then April as National Financial Capability Month could be the cruelest joke. It's as if every day is April Fools' Day, especially tax day, the dreaded 15th.

This also is the host month of this year's Tax Freedom Day. Every year, the Washington-based Tax Foundation computes the trademarked day when “the nation as a whole has earned enough money to pay off its total tax bill for the year.”

Tuesday, the Foundation will announce that Tax Freedom Day 2013 will fall on April 18. After that date, you'll be working for your paycheck, not for the government.

What does “financial capability” mean in Washington? It's an odd term that departs from the usual money lingo — like

financial planning and financial literacy, two terms mentioned in the proclamation. There are some financial planning tips on the aptly named government website, Mymoney.gov.

While financial planning entails saving and investing, “financial capability” seems to be about — what else? — borrowing and spending. No wonder Obama wants to give the idea an ovation.

The proclamation promotes the administration's College Scorecard and Financial Aid Shopping Sheet. Then it talks about more borrowing: “Financial capability also means helping people avoid scams and demand fair treatment when they take out a mortgage, use a credit card or apply for a student loan.”

Given the president's record, the White House might want to rename April “Financial Audacity Month.” It goes with the president's memoir, “The Audacity of Hope,” and his record of adding more than \$4 trillion to the national debt while giving lip service to deficit reduction.

It's rather bold for this White House to believe it is in a position to counsel anyone — except maybe Cyprus — on “how to budget responsibly,” as the proclamation promised.

As Tax Foundation chief economist Will McBride put it, Washington's borrowing binge is fueled by two groups — “boot-

leggers and Baptists coming together to make really bad policy.”

The bootleggers, McBride explained, are “a bunch of people who are basically profligate and run up the deficit to spend money on their cronies. But then there's a whole set of people who believe that it's a good economic policy.” As an example of the Baptist variety, McBride named economist and New York Times columnist Paul Krugman.

On the spending side, the White House recommended “high-quality preschool and early education that gets every child on the right track early” as “ladders of opportunity” that lead to a solid middle-class life.

Financial capability then must be all about spending what you don't have, putting more faith in education programs than they merit and heeding the sage advice of Washington politicians. It should start with this disclaimer: “Do as I say, not as I do.”

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If the United States of America stays on this path I fear that God will take His almighty hand of protection off of it like He has so many times before, such as in Sodom and Gomorrah.

We all have the choice to live for “self” or for God. It is obvious where the choice for “self” has led us and I, for one, am ready to see righteousness restored in America. The truth is still the only thing that sets men free.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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DEBRA SAUNDERS



# Why not check this out? At the library!

Here is some new fiction that has just come in: "The Painted Girls" (F BUC C) by Cathy Marie Buchanan is a heartrending, gripping novel about two sisters in Belle Epoque Paris. The scene is 1878



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Paris. Following their father's sudden death, the van Goethem sisters find their lives upended. Without his wages, and with their mother disappearing into the absinthe bottle, eviction from their lodgings seems imminent. With few options for work, Marie is dispatched to the Paris Opera, where for a scant 17 francs a week, she will be trained to enter the famous ballet. Her older sister, Antoinette, finds work as an extra in a stage adaptation of Emile Zola's naturalist masterpiece, L'Assommoir.

Marie throws herself into dance and is soon modeling in the studio of Edgar Degas. There, she meets a wealthy male patron of the ballet, but might the assistance he offers come with strings attached? Meanwhile Antoinette, derailed by her love for the dangerous Emile Abadie, must choose between honest labor and the more profitable avenues open to a young woman of the Parisian demi-monde. "The Painted Girls" is a tale of two remarkable sisters rendered uniquely vulnerable to the darker impulses of "civilized society." In the end, each will come to realize that her salvation, if not survival, lies with the other.

At the other end of the spectrum, in the New World, is Louise Erdrich's "The Round House" (F ERD L). She magically transports readers to the Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota with an exquisitely told story of a boy on the cusp of manhood who seeks justice and understanding in the wake of a terrible crime that upends and forever transforms his family. Riveting and suspenseful, argu-

ably the most accessible novel to date from Erdrich, it is a page-turning masterpiece of literary fiction — at once a powerful coming-of-age story, a mystery, and a tender, moving novel of family, history and culture.

Award-winning author Louise Erdrich has been named the 39th recipient of the North Dakota Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award, an award given to North Dakotans. Governor Jack Dalrymple announced Monday he will present the award to Erdrich during a ceremony April 19 in Wahpeton. Erdrich, who was born in Little Falls, Minn., in 1954, and lives in Minneapolis, grew up in Wahpeton, N.D. She is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

Two books on soldiers of color who fought for the United States even when they did not enjoy the same equal rights as their white brethren: "The Double V: How Wars, Protests and Harry Truman Desegregated America's Military" (355.008 JAM R) written by Rawn James Jr.; tells how Executive Order 9981, issued by President Harry Truman on July 26, 1948, desegregated all branches of the United States military by decree.

EO 9981 is often portrayed as a heroic and unexpected move by Truman. But in reality, Truman's history-making order was the culmination of more than 150 years of legal, political and moral struggle. Beginning with the Revolutionary War, African Americans had used military service to do their patriotic duty and to advance the cause of civil rights. The fight for a desegregated military was truly a long war — decades of protest and labor highlighted by bravery on the fields of France, in the skies over Germany and in the face of deep-seated racism on the military bases at home. Today, the military is one of the most truly diverse institutions in America.

Phillip Thomas Tucker is the author of "James C. Robinson: Father of the Tuskegee Airmen" (B ROB J). Robinson made other important contributions that predated the Italo-

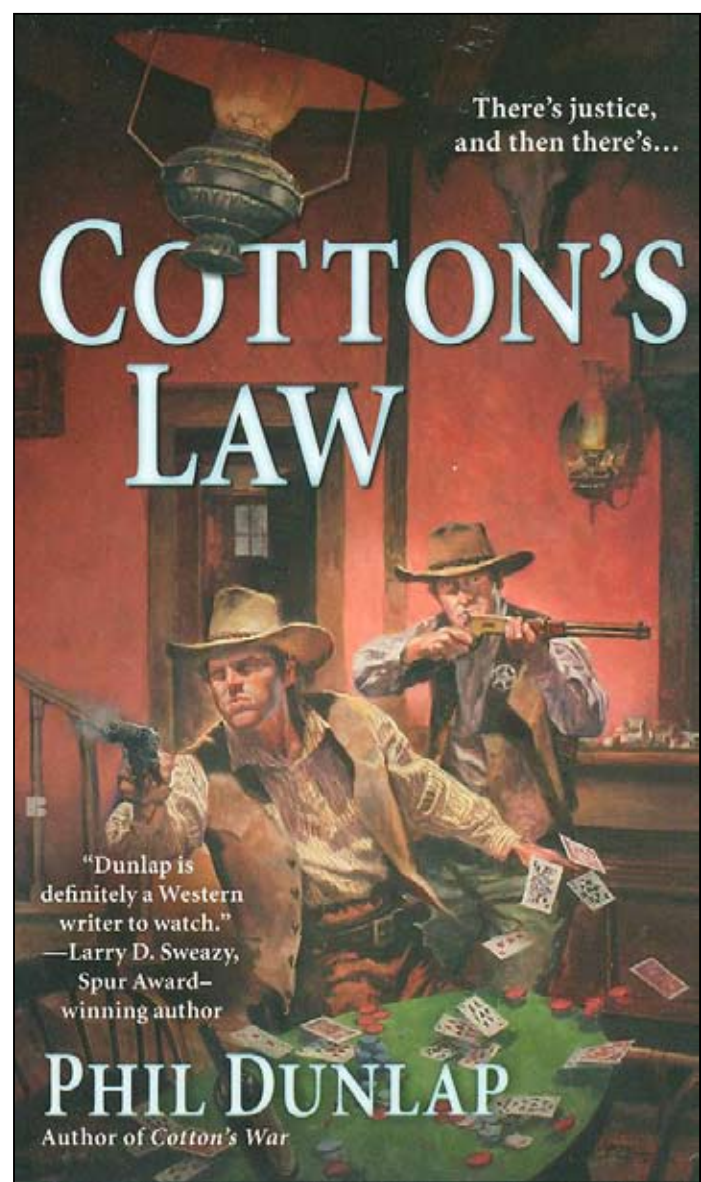
Ethiopian War. After graduating from Tuskegee Institute, Robinson led the way in breaking racial barriers in Chicago, becoming the first black student and teacher at one of the most prestigious aeronautical schools in the United States, the Curtiss-Wright Aeronautical School. In May 1934, Robinson first planted the seed for the establishment of an aviation school at Tuskegee Institute. While Robinson's involvement with Tuskegee was only a small part of his overall contribution to opening the door for blacks in aviation, the success of the Tuskegee Airmen — the first African American military aviators in the U.S. armed forces — is one of the most recognized achievements in 20th-century African American history.

Western fans, we have some new books for you! From John Hunter, comes "Death in the Mountain" (LP W HUN J), a story about what would happen to a man in the gold and silver madness of Virginia City; "Cotton's Law" (LP W DUN P) by Phil Dunlap pits Sheriff Cotton Burke against Bart Havens, a thieving banker that Cotton had run off once before — who will win this time? Ranger Jim Hatfield is back to help the local ranchers in "Gun-smoke Empire" (LP W COL J) by Jackson Cole; other authors on hand are Luran Paine with "Shepler's

Spring" (LP W PAI L); a perennial favorite, William W. Johnstone's "The Last Gunfighter: Sudden Fury" (LP W JOH W) and Frank Leslie's "The Last Ride of Jed Strange" (LP W LES F).

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## News in brief

### North Korea bars South workers from entering border factory that is last symbol of detente

PAJU, South Korea (AP) — North Korea on Wednesday barred South Korean workers from entering a jointly run factory park just over the heavily armed border in the North, officials in Seoul said, a day after Pyongyang announced it would restart its long-shuttered plutonium reactor and increase production of nuclear weapons material.

The move to block South Koreans from going to their jobs at the Kaesong industrial complex, the last remaining symbol of detente between the rivals, comes amid increasing hostility from Pyongyang, which has threatened to stage nuclear and missile strikes on Seoul and Washington and has said that the armistice ending the 1950s Korean War is void.

Seoul's Unification Ministry spokesman Kim Hyung-suk said Pyongyang was allowing South Koreans to return home from Kaesong. Three workers returned Wednesday morning; dozens more were scheduled to return later. But Kim said about 480 South Koreans who had planned to travel to the park Wednesday were being refused entry.

North Korean authorities cited recent political circumstances on the Korean Peninsula when they delivered their decision to block South Korean workers from entering Kaesong, Kim said without

elaborating.

It's the latest sign of deepening tensions on the Korean Peninsula. North Korea said Tuesday that it will quickly begin "readjusting and restarting" the facilities at its main Nyongbyon nuclear complex, including the plutonium reactor and a uranium enrichment plant. Both could produce fuel for nuclear weapons. Analysts saw the statement as Pyongyang's latest attempt to extract U.S. concessions by raising fears of war. Experts estimate reactivating the reactor could take anywhere from three months to a year.

### U.S. military moves on North Korea aimed at deterring its new leader and reassuring the South

WASHINGTON (AP) — The parading of U.S. air and naval power within view of the Korean peninsula — first a few long-range bombers, then stealth fighters, then ships — is as much about psychological war as real war. The U.S. wants to discourage North Korea's young leader from starting a fight that could escalate to renewed war with South Korea.

Worries in Washington rose Tuesday with North Korea's vow to increase production of nuclear weapons materials. Secretary of State John Kerry called the announced plan "unacceptable" and stressed that the U.S. is ready to defend itself and its allies. But he and other U.S. officials also sought to lower the rhetorical temperature by holding out the prospect of the North's reversing course and resuming nuclear negotiations.

At a joint news conference with visiting South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se, Kerry said the U.S. would proceed "thoughtfully and carefully" and in consultation with South Korea, Japan, China and others.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, in a call late Tuesday to China's defense minister, called the North's development of nuclear weapons a "grow-

ing threat" to the U.S. and its allies.

Hagel, citing North Korea's pursuit of nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles in his phone conversation with Chang Wanquan, said Washington and Beijing should continue to cooperate on those problems, according to a Pentagon statement describing the call.

### In Colorado, Obama will press Congress to pass gun measures, place focus on background checks

WASHINGTON (AP) — In danger of losing congressional momentum, President Barack Obama is drawing attention to Colorado's newly passed gun control laws as he applies public pressure on Congress to pass similar federal measures.

Obama was traveling to the Denver suburbs Wednesday, stepping up his call for universal background checks for gun buyers as well as his demands for Congress to at least vote on an assault weapons ban and limits on large-capacity ammunition magazines.

The trip is heavy with political symbolism. Colorado expanded background checks and placed restrictions on magazines despite being a state with a deep-rooted hunting tradition, where gun ownership is a cherished right. Moreover, Obama will meet with law enforcement officials and community leaders at the Denver Police Academy, not far from the Aurora suburb where a gunman last summer killed 12 people in a movie theater. The president's trip is occurring in the same week that prosecutors announced they would seek the death penalty for James Holmes, accused of carrying out the Aurora rampage.

With Congress due to return to Washington after a two-week Easter break, Obama has been scheduling high-profile events on gun legislation to push lawmakers and sustain a drive for some kind of action aimed at curbing gun violence more than three months after the massacre at a Newtown, Conn., elementary school.

Last week Obama called for legislation while flanked by 21 mothers who have lost children to gun violence. "I haven't forgotten those kids," he declared then.

### SC's Sanford, seeking to make political comeback, faces Colbert Busch for open House seat

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. (AP) — The race for a vacant South Carolina congressional seat has turned into the big-name contest that political junkies were hoping for.

Former South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford, a Republican trying to make a comeback after his political career was derailed by his admission of an extramarital affair, faces Democrat Elizabeth Colbert Busch, the sister of political satirist Stephen Colbert, in a May 7 special election.

Sanford defeated former Charleston County Councilman Curtis Bostic in the GOP primary runoff Tuesday, clearing another hurdle in his quest for political redemption. He finished first last month in a 16-candidate field in the primary in the state's 1st Congressional District, which runs northeast along the coast from Hilton Head Island through Charleston and to the Georgetown County line.

Colbert Busch — who once worked in Washington as an intern for then-U.S. Senator Ernest "Fritz" Hollings, D-S.C. — has had a lifelong dream of running for public office. The businesswoman has said jobs is a top priority for her campaign. Colbert Busch has worked in the shipping industry for years and is now on a leave of absence from her position as the director of business development for Clemson University's Wind Turbine Drive Testing Facility.

Last month, she easily defeated perennial candidate Ben Frasier to win the Democratic nomination in the Republican-leaning district.

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# So close: Darvish one out from perfection



HOUSTON (AP) — Yu Darvish literally came within inches of perfection.

Darvish was one out from a perfect game when Marwin Gonzalez grounded a clean single through the pitcher's legs, and Texas beat the Houston Astros 7-0 on Tuesday night.

A screen shot of the play showed the ball sail what looked to be less than a foot below the pitcher's glove and into the field.

"That was impossible to catch," Darvish said through a translator.

The celebrated right-hander from Japan struck out a career-high 14 and was in complete control before Gonzalez smacked the first pitch he saw up the middle. Darvish was unable to get his glove down in time and the ball skittered into center field well beyond a desperate dive by shortstop Elvis Andrus.

At that moment, one thought went through Darvish's mind.

"I can now go back to the dugout," he deadpanned. "Even if I got

the complete game today, it's not going to translate to three or five wins. It's a win. A win's a win."

Darvish smiled and put up his hands — as if to say, "Oh well, it happens." Texas' infielders quickly came to the mound, and manager Ron Washington joined them.

"I didn't want to be the last out," Gonzalez said. "I was trying to look for a good pitch to hit and put it in play. That's all I was thinking."

Washington patted Darvish on the chest and then signaled for a reliever. A crowd of 22,673 that included plenty of Rangers fans cheered Darvish as he walked off after 111 pitches. He stopped and tipped his cap before getting high-fives from teammates in the dugout. He sat on the bench to watch the rest of the game then joined the handshake line after the final out.

And if Darvish was upset about coming oh so close, he didn't

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AP photo  
Texas' Yu Darvish delivers a pitch during Tuesday's 7-0 win over the Astros. Darvish came within one out of a perfect game against Houston, but it was broken up with a single by Marwin Gonzalez.

## Sports Calendar

### FRIDAY

- Baseball**
- Frank Phillips College at Howard College (doubleheader), Jack Barber Field. Game One begins at noon.
  - Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 4:30 p.m.
  - Coahoma at Lamesa, 7 p.m.
  - Miles at Forsan, 7 p.m.

- Softball**
- Frank Phillips College at Howard College (doubleheader), Foundation Field, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
  - Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 4:30 p.m.
  - Coahoma at Lamesa, 6:30 p.m.

- Golf**
- Big Spring (boys) at Abilene, Maxwell Golf Course.

### SATURDAY

- Softball**
- Clarendon College at Howard College (doubleheader) Foundation Field, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
  - Trent at Forsan, 1 p.m.

- Baseball**
- Frank Phillips College at Howard College (doubleheader), Jack Barber Field. Game One begins at noon.

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

## Kobe's triple-double pushes Lakers past Mavericks, 101-81

LOS ANGELES (AP) — While the Los Angeles Lakers retired Shaquille O'Neal's jersey at halftime, Kobe Bryant stayed in the locker room.

Kobe meant no offense to Shaq, his longtime teammate and former rival. He's just busy doing everything and playing nearly every minute to keep the Lakers in the playoff race.

Bryant had 23 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists in his 19th career triple-double, and the Lakers beat the Dallas Mavericks 101-81 Tuesday night in a key game for the two teams struggling to get into the Western Conference postseason picture.

With former coach Phil Jackson in attendance for O'Neal's honors, Bryant put on a virtuoso performance while playing more than 47 minutes. Bryant has rested for

just 79 seconds in the past two games, but he's keeping the Lakers afloat during the latest round of injuries and setbacks in their roller-coaster season.

"I wish I could (have seen it), but this is a huge game for us," Bryant said of the ceremony for O'Neal, his teammate on three championship teams. "I had to stay back here and get ready for the second half. We talked when I came in at halftime. We stopped and chopped it up for a couple of minutes."

O'Neal liked what he saw from his court-side seat next to his mother. With the win, Los Angeles moved back into an eighth-place tie in the West with the Utah Jazz (39-36), who hold the tiebreaker edge on the Lakers.

Dwight Howard had 24 points and 12 rebounds while

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## McCoy eager to get started with San Fran

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In Cleveland one day of offseason conditioning, in the Bay Area the next studying his new San Francisco playbook.

What a whirlwind 24 hours for Colt McCoy. McCoy's trade from the Browns to the 49ers was finalized Tuesday after the quarterback passed a physical.

"I actually showed up in Cleveland yesterday to start the offseason," McCoy said on a conference call between meetings at his new team headquarters. "I didn't really know what was going to happen. I think there was a lot of speculation. At the end of the day yesterday I was a 49er, and

I couldn't be more happy."



McCoy will have the chance to win the backup job behind Colin Kaepernick for the NFC champions, who had a spot to fill after trading 2005 No. 1 overall draft pick Alex Smith to Kansas City at the start of the NFL's free agency period.

"We are pleased to add another high-character player like Colt to our roster," 49ers general manager Trent Baalke said. "He is a young, competitive player who we are looking forward to working with."

McCoy showed up in Cleveland on Monday to participate in the team's offseason training regimen only to learn he was headed West to play for ex-NFL quarterback Jim Harbaugh and the two-time reigning NFC West champion Niners.

"It's good to get a fresh start, fresh opportunity, and to do it with a team that's well established," McCoy said. "I've heard nothing but great things about this place. ... It's a blessing."

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## Local briefs

### Chicano Golf Association set to hold membership tourney

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold a membership drive at Comanche Trail Golf Course on Sunday.

Sign-ups will be from 8 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. and the tournament will begin at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place as well as closest to the pin on par 3s.

For more information, contact the pro shop at 264-2366.

### Last Pony League registration will be held Saturday

Pony League sign-ups will be held Saturday, April 6 at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex in Big Spring.

Ages 13-16 are welcome. Cost will be \$80 per child and a birth certificate must be shown at time of registration.

For more information, contact Bryan Kligora at 816-2582.

### Big Spring Country Club to host 2013 Cancer Scramble

A tournament benefiting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held at the Big Spring Country Club beginning Saturday, April 27 and continuing through Sunday, April 28.

It will be a four-person scramble format. Form your own team or be assigned. Field is flighted by first round scores. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin. First through third place will receive BSCC Golf Shop gift certificates.

Entry fee is \$80 per person plus a \$26 cart fee. Private carts are welcome.

For more information, contact BSCC at

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### Guys & Girls Scramble slated for May at C.C.

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting a Guys & Girls Scramble from Saturday, May 4 through Sunday, May 5. There will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m. both days.

Lunch will be served Saturday and appetizers will be served at the conclusion of the event Sunday. Field will be flighted according to first round scores, while the number of flights will be determined by entry.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Give a Little, Gain a Lot**

West dealer. North is declarer. The contract is 3NT. The cards are:

**WEST**  
♠ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2  
♥ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2  
♦ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2  
♣ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2  
♥ K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2  
♦ K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2  
♣ K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2  
♥ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2  
♦ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2  
♣ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

The bidding:  
West: 1♣, 2♣, 3♣, 4♣, 5♣, 6♣, 7♣, 8♣, 9♣, 10♣, 11♣, 12♣, 13♣, 14♣, 15♣, 16♣, 17♣, 18♣, 19♣, 20♣, 21♣, 22♣, 23♣, 24♣, 25♣, 26♣, 27♣, 28♣, 29♣, 30♣, 31♣, 32♣, 33♣, 34♣, 35♣, 36♣, 37♣, 38♣, 39♣, 40♣, 41♣, 42♣, 43♣, 44♣, 45♣, 46♣, 47♣, 48♣, 49♣, 50♣, 51♣, 52♣, 53♣, 54♣, 55♣, 56♣, 57♣, 58♣, 59♣, 60♣, 61♣, 62♣, 63♣, 64♣, 65♣, 66♣, 67♣, 68♣, 69♣, 70♣, 71♣, 72♣, 73♣, 74♣, 75♣, 76♣, 77♣, 78♣, 79♣, 80♣, 81♣, 82♣, 83♣, 84♣, 85♣, 86♣, 87♣, 88♣, 89♣, 90♣, 91♣, 92♣, 93♣, 94♣, 95♣, 96♣, 97♣, 98♣, 99♣, 100♣.

Observe that the outcome of the hand is a 3-2 split in the suits. West elected to play in 3NT. The score is 3-NT. The cards are:

**Point count** is a method of evaluating a hand. It is based on the number of high cards (aces, kings, queens, and jacks) and the number of suits. The total number of points in a hand is the sum of the points in each suit. The total number of points in a hand is the sum of the points in each suit.

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"In this country, primarily dogs get sarcoptic mange, or scabies," said Dr. Alison Diesel, lecturer at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "It can be transmitted and carried by other wild canids including coyotes and foxes."

Sarcoptes mites are very contagious and can be spread by your pet coming into contact with an infected source.

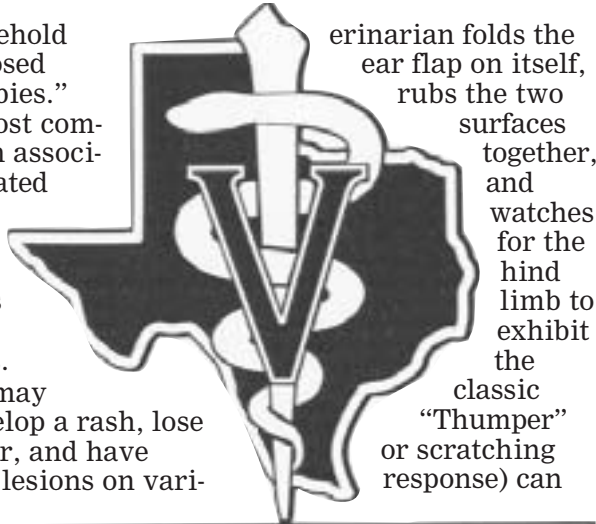
"Sarcoptes mites are spread by direct contact with an infected animal or from an infected environment (e.g. coyote den or fox burrow, even dog parks or grooming facilities)," said Diesel. "It is important that all in-contact animals be treated for mites if one dog in

the household is diagnosed with scabies."

The most common sign associated

with sarcoptic mange is severe itchiness.

"Dogs may also develop a rash, lose their hair, and have crusting lesions on vari-



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ous body regions," said Diesel. "The most common areas include the ear margins, hocks, and elbows; however signs may become generalized very quickly."

Veterinarians often use therapy or the pet's history and clinical signs to diagnose mange.

"Sarcoptes mites can be very difficult to find as they live very superficially on the skin and are typically only present in very small numbers," said Diesel. "Skin scrapings may help to identify the mites, however often we do not find the mites on our patients. A positive "pinnal-pedal response" (where the vet-

erinarian folds the ear flap on itself, rubs the two surfaces together, and watches for the hind limb to exhibit the classic "Thumper" or scratching response) can

be supportive of the suspected diagnosis."

Your dog's veterinarian will recommend the most appropriate therapy given your animal's specific needs and preferences. Typically therapy lasts between 6-8 weeks.

"Thankfully, Sarcoptes mites are pretty wimpy," said Diesel. "Several topical, oral, and injectable treatments are available for treating them. Certain breeds (e.g. Collies, Shetland sheepdogs, Border collies) need to be specially considered as some of the therapeutic options can be toxic and cause severe side effects including seizures."

Unfortunately, sarcop-

tic mange can also be spread from dogs to their owners.

"If a pet owner is concerned they may have contracted scabies from their pet, particularly if their veterinarian diagnoses scabies, they should contact their primary care physician for recommendations and let them know their dog is being treated for scabies," said Diesel.

The best prevention from mange is to keep dogs away from known infested environments including coyote dens and fox burrows.

"If the owner knows their dog has scabies, they should also keep their pet away from other dogs (including staying away from dog parks, doggie day care and groomers) until the infestation is fully resolved," said Diesel.

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

were my own. I understand the need for them to have individual time with their parents, but I'd also like them to learn how to get along with each other. I blame my boyfriend for letting his ex control the situation. Am I overreacting? — *Confused and a Little Sad*

**Dear Confused:** You are on shaky ground when it comes to telling your boyfriend and his ex how to arrange their visitation schedule. It is not unreasonable for the mother to prefer that her kids have time with Dad without your children around.

We think you should try to make friends with the ex so you can work on getting the kids together for holidays and special occasions. They will be less belligerent toward one another (and toward you) if they don't have to compete for their father's attention at every visit.

**Dear Annie:** I am an administrative assistant and am proud of the level of professionalism I have maintained in the office. However, I feel like I am about to go out of my mind.

I share an office with a very rude woman. I do my best to smooth out her rough spots with customers, but she has one horrible habit I cannot fix. She constantly chews gum with her mouth open and looks like a cow.

I find it amazing that our administrators, who deal with her daily, have never mentioned this to her. I purposely turn my music up a bit louder to drown out the sound. She and I do not have a good relationship, so I cannot think of a way to mention this without upsetting her. The stress it causes me is giving me a headache. It is gross and unprofessional. Any suggestions? — *Pro in Pennsylvania*

**Dear Pro:** You have nothing to lose by asking her nicely to please not chew gum when dealing with the customers, because it is unprofessional, as well as unappealing to see and hear. You also could talk to human resources or a supervisor about instituting a behavior and dress code to cover such things. It is often easier than singling out one particular employee.

**Dear Annie:** I'd like to respond to "N.Y., N.Y.," the 34-year-old who found it difficult to visit his ailing grandparents. When our parents' health deteriorated, it wasn't pleasant to visit, but we kept in mind all the times they took care of us when we were babies, cleaning soiled diapers and sitting up all night when we were sick.

Recently, my uncle suffered a stroke. At our first visit, he didn't recognize us. For the next visit, we brought his favorite music and read stories from Reader's Digest. I know those grandparents would enjoy some company. — *MD, Calif.*

**Dear Annie:** My father, my brothers and I all served during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Only my father and I deployed to combat areas.

Dad retired five years ago and is showing drastic symptoms of PTSD. He is stockpiling food and medical supplies and keeps trying to get my wife and me to "prepare" for when "it all hits the fan." He spends hours a day obsessively watching the news and getting angry at the television. Our children used to spend time unsupervised with my parents, but that stopped when I found a loaded handgun in his bathroom cabinet.

My mother has broached the topic of therapy, and I've offered to go with him, as I've been wrestling with some mild PTSD issues myself. But my brothers intercede every time and say Dad's fine and it's no big deal, and they convince him not to go. I believe this is dangerous. I've been unable to find any home counseling services, and even our pastor says this is out of his realm of expertise. What other options are out there? — *New York Son*

**Dear Son:** You may have better luck getting your father to accept help if you approach this as a possible medical problem, rather than a psychiatric issue. We also suggest you ask him to join you for an exercise or yoga class, which can be useful for some PTSD sufferers. Also, please contact the VA's National Center for PTSD ([ptsd.va.gov](http://ptsd.va.gov)) or Military One Source ([militaryonesource.mil](http://militaryonesource.mil)) at 1-800-342-9647, and ask to speak to a counselor or get a referral to local military treatment facilities.

**Dear Annie:** My maternal grandparents passed within months of each other. My mother hated her parents and kept them away from us. I never knew them well.

I'm in my late 20s and have never been an emotional person. I went to my grandparents' funerals out of respect, but my sister went overboard, sobbing and moaning during the service even though she knew them less than I did. For weeks after, she emailed and texted me saying she couldn't sleep and that she'd never "fill the hole" the loss represented.

My sister and my parents say I'm heartless because I didn't respond this way. My mother actually upbraided me for not weeping sufficiently. People grieve in different ways. How do I nicely ask them to please stop crying on me because it's making me uncomfortable? — *Not Grieving That Much*

**Dear Grieving:** Unless someone is crying on you day after day, please try to tolerate what you can, and then gently extricate yourself. Pat them on the shoulder. Get them a seat. Ask if they need a tissue. Then walk away. You don't have to demonstrate such obvious mourning yourself. You are right that everyone grieves differently, and you are not obligated to put on a show. But it would be useful to learn how to convey sympathy to others, whether or not you believe they deserve it.

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Pluto Sings Belafonte

Pisces Harry Belafonte sang of the interconnectedness of the fire, water, mountains and spirit in his interpretation of the African folk song "Turn the World Around." The song suggests that by returning to our elemental selves, we make the world turn. Pluto delivers a similar message as he continues to challenge the sun, Venus, Mars and Uranus.

**ARIES**  
(March 21-April 19). You strive to come at life from a place of abundance and



HOLIDAY  
MATHIS

optimism. You accomplish this by noticing all the cool things around you. You will someday have and do other things. Still, what you have now is pretty amazing.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). "I'm sorry" should not be followed by the word "but." Accept and give only apologies that express a regret and intend a change. Also consider adopting a "no

apologies" policy for a few days.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your job isn't easy, but it's not that hard, either. So push yourself. You'll be amazed at how much more you can do once you pass the first three points of internal resistance.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your tender heart craves a feeling of acceptance. You'll get what you need when you go where you believe you'll fit in. Your contributions will be recognized there.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a certain sequence of actions that you like to follow while getting ready to greet the world. When you don't have time for your usual routine, you'd rather stay in — which may very well be your choice today.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Be wary of the one who paints a selfish picture by talking only in terms of how the world can help him and not at all about how he might help the world.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You do something different from what your competitors do. Highlight that difference now, as there will be people who

respond to your unique approach. You may even be paid handsomely for this.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The gender divide will be a hot topic, and you'll be made all too aware of the behaviors that are deemed acceptable for one gender but not the other. Challenge the status quo.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a kind of rage in you — a fire that burns in your belly and won't let you quit even long after it seems sensible to do so. That rage is part of the reason why you'll reach a goal by sundown.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Matters of identity and presentation can be complicated. There are many facets to your personality, and you don't want to confuse people by showing them too many sides of you at once today.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your delivery will be everything. The way you speak, the tones you use and the spirit of nurturing behind your words will make all the difference in successful communication.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Demonstrate your independence. Your

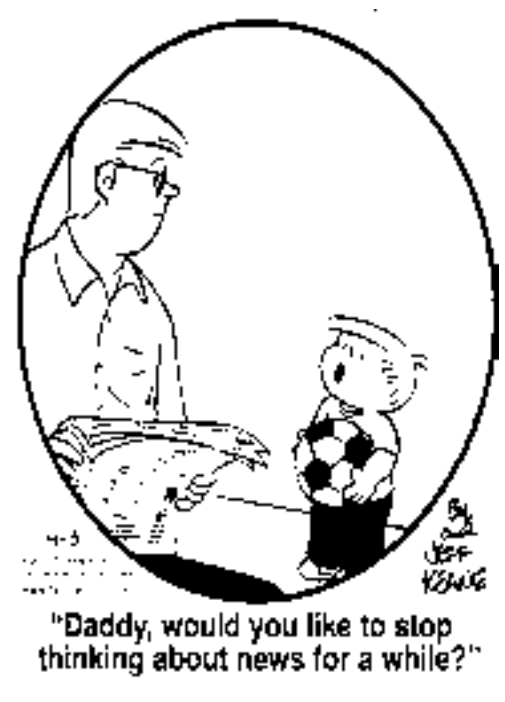


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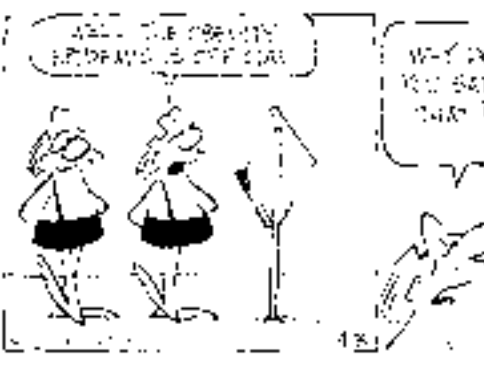
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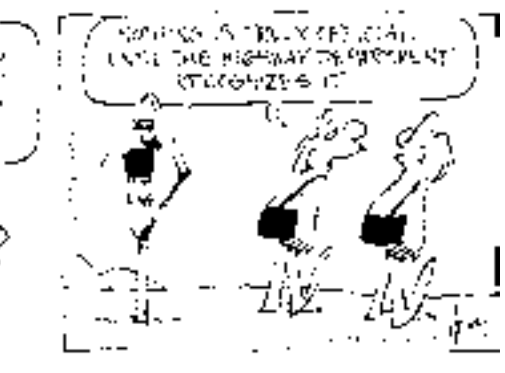
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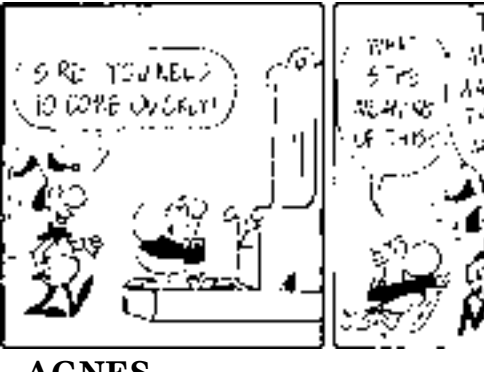
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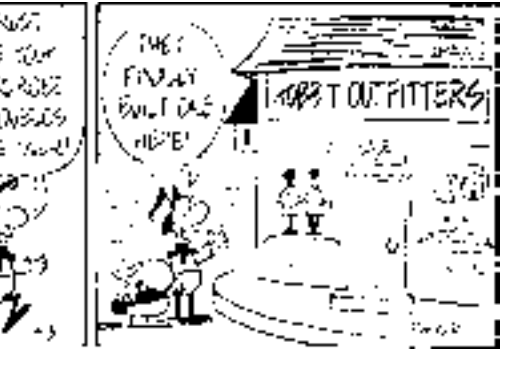
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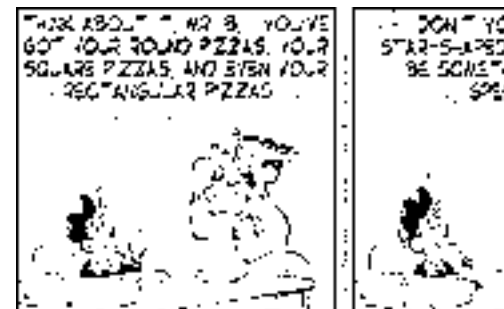
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, April 3, the 93rd day of 2013. There are 272 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 3, 1973, the first handheld portable telephone was demonstrated for reporters on a New York City street corner as Motorola executive Martin Cooper contacted Joel S. Engel of Bell Labs using a Motorola device that, according to an AP story, looked like "a small, domesticated version of military walkie-talkies" and weighed less than three pounds.

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graph.) In 1869, Edvard Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16, premiered in Copenhagen. In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Mo., by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang. In 1913, British suffragist Emmeline Pankhurst was sentenced to three years in jail for inciting supporters to bomb the home of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, David Lloyd George. (Pankhurst, known for staging hunger strikes in prison, was repeatedly released and reincarcerated, serving roughly 30 days total behind bars.) In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, N.J. for the kidnap-murder of Charles Lindbergh Jr. In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces began their final assault on Bataan against American and Filipino troops who surrendered six days later; the capitulation was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March. In 1946, Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, the Japanese commander held responsible for the Bataan Death March, was executed by firing squad outside Manila. In 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed the Marshall Plan, designed to help European allies rebuild after World War II and resist communism. In 1968, the day before he was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "mountaintop" speech to a rally of striking sanitation workers. Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Doris Day is 90. Former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl is 83. Conservationist Dame Jane Goodall is 79. Actor William Gaunt is 76. Actor Eric Braeden is 72. Actress Marsha Mason is 71. Singer Wayne Newton is 71. Singer Billy Joe Royal is 71. Singer Tony Orlando is 69.

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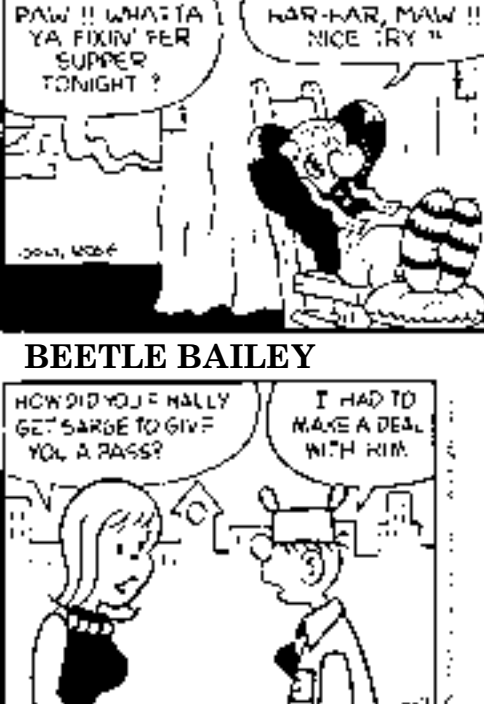
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# McCOY

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San Francisco is sending a pair of undisclosed draft picks to the Browns. A person familiar with the deal told The Associated Press the team got a fifth- and seventh-round pick in this month's NFL draft in exchange for McCoy and Cleveland's sixth-round pick. The person provided details of the trade on condition of anonymity.

McCoy can't wait to get to work alongside Harbaugh, the 2011 NFL Coach of the Year after his rookie season as a head coach. As of Tuesday afternoon, McCoy

was still waiting for the chance to toss the ball around with the coach — though they still had a sit-down scheduled after lunching together earlier in the day.

"They've been very successful. I've watched Coach Harbaugh since he was at Stanford," McCoy said. "I've played with some guys who were with him at Stanford, Owen Marecic, he played both ways for him, one of my good buddies.

"These guys have been around the game for a long time, they know offense like the back of their hand. My job is to come in and learn things as quickly as I can. We do a lot of things similarly. I'll be new to it but I'm excited to get going."

# MAVS

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hitting seven fourth-quarter free throws for the Lakers (39-36), who had lost four of six before jumping to a big early lead on Dallas and hanging on to it throughout the second half.

Dallas (36-38) still has a game in hand on the Lakers and Jazz, but the Mavs' task just got tougher. Chris Kaman scored 14 points and Nowitzki had just 11 points on 4-of-13 shooting for the Mavericks, who had won four of five.

"I thought overall we didn't play well enough," Nowitzki said. "They used their length on our scorers. Coming into this building, I think the only way we beat them is if we shoot well from the floor. I didn't think we were shooting the ball well enough to steal one here."

Although the Lakers aren't at full strength, at least they can get some rest at home. After a road-heavy March schedule, the Lakers must leave Los Angeles just once more in the regular season while playing six of their last eight on their home court.

The Lakers retired O'Neal's No. 34 jersey at halftime, with Lakers luminaries including Jerry West, Elgin Baylor and Jamaal Wilkes assembling for the ceremony. The Staples Center crowd loved Shaq, but the fans adored former Jackson, who attended what was likely his first game since walking away from the team in 2011.

Los Angeles' 15-point halftime lead dwindled to five before Clark led another rally, and Bryant kept the Lakers ahead in the fourth quarter before Dallas resorted to purposely fouling Howard.

# DARVISH

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show it. "I went that far," he said. "I'm really satisfied."

Working from the stretch throughout — even though he never needed to — Darvish became the first pitcher to lose a perfect game with two outs in the ninth inning since Armando Galarraga on June 2, 2010.

Of course, the Detroit pitcher was denied only because of an infamous missed call at first base by umpire Jim Joyce, who later admitted he blew the play.

On the second full day of the major league season, Darvish nearly picked up right where baseball left off last year, when there were a record three perfect games, thrown by Philip Humber, Matt Cain and Felix Hernandez.

"Darvish's 14 strikeouts matched a Minute Maid Park record and were the most by a Rangers pitcher since Hall of Famer and current team CEO Nolan Ryan had 14 in July 1991 against the Angels.

Darvish arrived in the majors last year with much fanfare, having already been a five-time All-Star and two-time MVP in Japan. The Rangers paid more than \$107 million to get him for five seasons.

The 6-foot-5 righty quickly settled in with Texas, becoming an

All-Star last year on the way to going 16-9 with 221 strikeouts. He also once flirted with perfection, retiring the first 17 batters at Kansas City on Sept. 3.

"I think I got lucky today. I felt I pitched better against the Royals last year," Darvish said. "I had better command in that outing."

If he had been able to finish the job Tuesday, it would have been the earliest perfecto in history.

Darvish didn't really need a dazzling play from his defense as he shut down the Astros and chased the 24th perfect game in big league history — including the one Don Larsen tossed in the 1956 World Series, and two in 1880.

Andrus was disap-

pointed he couldn't get to Gonzalez's single.

"He hit the ball really good right up the middle," Andrus said. "I tried really hard to get to it. I think I dove and it was like 10 feet from me. I was praying that at least his glove would touch it and slow it down, but he hit it pretty hard."

It was almost the second time in 10 months the overmatched Astros failed to put a runner on base. Cain's perfect game for the World Series champion San Francisco Giants came against Houston on June 13 last year.

Many expect the Astros to be the worst team in the majors this year, after two straight 100-loss seasons and a major league-low payroll un-

der \$22 million. But they cruised to an 8-2 win over Texas in the major league opener and their American League debut Sunday night.

He began the ninth by getting two easy groundouts before Gonzalez ruined his bid. The 24-year-old Gonzalez made his big league debut last year, hitting .234 in 80 games for Houston.

Darvish, who played seven professional seasons in Japan before joining the Rangers, set rookie franchise records for wins and strikeouts last season. He finished third in AL Rookie of the Year voting behind

winner Mike Trout and Oakland outfielder Yoenis Cespedes.

The win gives Darvish five straight regular-season victories dating to last season.

He took the loss in the Rangers' 5-1 loss to Baltimore in the AL wildcard game.

Using his dizzying array of pitches, including a fastball that topped out at 97 mph, a slider, and 95 mph cutters, Darvish bedeviled the mostly inexperienced Houston hitters.

Darvish (1-0) sailed through the first four innings, striking out nine, including the side in the second and fourth.

Michael Kirkman relieved Darvish after Gonzalez's hit. Jose Altuve followed with a single before Kirkman fanned pinch-hitter J.D. Martinez to end it.

Darvish has never thrown a complete game in the majors.

Lucas Harrell (0-1) allowed six hits and one run with four strikeouts in six innings for Houston.

Lance Berkman had a run-scoring single in the third against his former team. Kinsler hit a two-run homer off Rhiner Cruz in the seventh to make it 3-0. Texas added two runs in the eighth and two in the ninth.

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# Cuban says he would draft Griner

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban says he would consider drafting Baylor All-American Brittney Griner. Cuban told reporters before Tuesday night's game between the Mavericks and the Lakers that if Griner is the best player available, "I will take her." The 6-foot-8 Griner finished her college career as the NCAA leader in blocked shots

and the second-leading scorer in women's college basketball history. Cuban says he has already thought about it and "Right now, I'd lean towards yes, just to see if she can do it. You never know unless you give somebody a chance." Cuban said Griner would have to make the team and he isn't "opposed to giving her the opportunity."

He adds: "That'd sell out a few games." Griner responded with a tweet: "I would hold my own! Lets do it" Ann Meyers Drysdale was the first woman to get a tryout with an NBA team. The former UCLA and U.S. women's Olympic team star signed a contract with the Indiana Pacers in 1979 but didn't make the team.

# Ex-catcher Piazza goes to ballet

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Former Major League Baseball catcher Mike Piazza will be taking center stage with the Miami City Ballet. The Miami Beach-based dance company has tapped Piazza to play the role of a gangster in the May 3 production of "Slaughter on Tenth Avenue." Piazza won't be dancing

in tights. He'll wear a 1920s-era gangster costume, say a few lines and then watch the rest of the performance from a seat onstage. Piazza says his turn with the troupe is his gift to his 6-year-old daughter, a student at Miami City Ballet School. The ballet features gangsters, strippers and an attempted murder plot.

# Rangers, White Sox to play MLB civil rights game next year

CHICAGO (AP) — When Major League Baseball sought a host for its 2013 Civil Rights Game, the Chicago White Sox were quick to volunteer. And as MLB executives such as Frank Robinson, a Hall of Famer and baseball's first black manager, considered a commitment the more sense Chicago made. "Each time we thought about a city it always came back to Chicago," said Robinson, MLB's executive director of baseball development. "The enthusiasm and the rich history of civil rights movement here and the people involved in the civil rights movement and the diversity in this city ... in the end we said we can't do any better than presenting it to the White Sox." On Tuesday, Robinson said the White Sox will host the seventh edi-

tion of the game on Aug. 24 against the Texas Rangers, capping a host of other activities saluting efforts to secure equal rights for Americans. The game debuted with spring training exhibitions in Memphis, Tenn., in 2007 and 2008 followed by regular-season games in Cincinnati (2009-10) and Atlanta (2011-12). Moving the game to Chicago, the largest city so far to host, is expected to have a beneficial impact. "I think it's going to a tremendous boost to the Civil Rights Game and tell people what we are looking for and what we are trying to do," Robinson said. "And what we're trying to do is keep the civil rights movement alive and in people's minds." The decision grew out of discussions last June while executives were

in town for an MLB diversity meeting. While at a White Sox game, Robinson and MLB officials talked with Ken Williams, the White Sox executive vice president, and owner Jerry Reinsdorf. No hard sell was necessary. "We'll take it," Williams simply told Robinson. Robinson then approached Reinsdorf. "I walked over to Jerry's suite and asked him if he'd be interested," Robinson said. "Jerry said: 'You're kidding? Yes, yes we'll take it.'" Williams and Reinsdorf also took part in Tuesday's announcement. "We were scheduled to play one of the games in Memphis and it got rained out," Reinsdorf said. "So we took the entire team to the Martin Lu-

ther King Museum. What suddenly hit me was that our oldest player at the time — Jim Thome — actually was born after King had been killed (in 1968 in Memphis). "This tragic event is something that preceded the lifetime of (many) people in this country," he added. "We cannot allow all of the struggles to be forgotten." Charles Ogletree, a Harvard Law School professor and expert on race and justice, will moderate a discussion on baseball and the civil rights movement. Previous participants have included King's son, Martin Luther King III, and Sharon Robinson, daughter of Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson. The site of next year's game has not been announced.



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