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Voter registration deadline nears

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Local election officials are urging residents who plan to cast a ballot in the municipal and school board elections slated for May to check their voter readiness, as the April 11 deadline to register is right around the corner.

County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom, area residents should avoid procrastinating when it comes to checking to see if they are already registered. "The deadline to register in any election is always 30 days prior to the election," Bloom said. "It doesn't matter if you're voting in For-

You must be registered in order to vote in the Big Spring mayor's race or Forsan ISD bond election.

san, Coahoma or Big Spring, the deadline is the same. Checking your voter preparedness is as easy as picking up the phone and calling our office. We can make sure you're registered, and if you're not, we can get the process started. "When we talk about the upcoming deadline,

it sounds like we have plenty of time so there's no hurry or worry. However, life can sometimes hand us a little more than we can handle and that deadline can sneak up on you. Regardless of which election — city, county, school board — you plan to cast your ballot in, now is the time to go ahead and check

on your voter status and take care of anything that needs to be handled before the deadline." Bloom said early voting in the May 11 elections is set to run from April 29 until May 7, with polls open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily. "On April 30 and May

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Ride 'em cowkids!

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Rodeo of the cutest kind will be celebrated for the 35th straight year here Friday.

The annual Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo, starring up to 80 of the finest pint-sized ropers, riders, singers and dancers one could hope to find, will be held at 9 a.m. Friday in the elementary gymnasium. Admission is free.

The event began in 1978 as the brainchild of famed rodeo clown and long-time Coahoma resident Quail Dobbs and has grown into one of the community's largest annual shows.

The rodeo will feature all the traditional activities — only the actual livestock will be missing. The miniature cowboys and cowgirls instead will brave bucking stick horses (and stick bulls, for that matter) as they compete in such standard rodeo attractions such as barrel racing and bronc and bull riding.



File photo

The 35th annual Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo, featuring about 80 pint-sized ropers, riders and rodeo clowns, will be held at 9 a.m. Friday in the Coahoma Elementary gymnasium. Admission is free.

"We have 80 kindergarteners this year who will be participating in the cutest rodeo in Howard County," Kindergarten Teacher Jennifer Baccarri said. "I'm very excited because my oldest daughter will be in the rodeo this year. This makes the first time in CKR history that a teacher who was in the rodeo has a child in the rodeo." Plenty of rodeo dignitaries

will be on hand Friday, including long-time announcer Ben Clements, rodeo clown Jim Bob Feller, Texas Swing musician Jody Nix and Miss Rodeo Texas, Miss Rodeo Texas Teen and Miss Rodeo Texas Princess. Baccarri also hinted at the appearance of a "special surprise guest," but would not divulge any further details. The biggest star (aside from the children), however, will

be Dobbs, the Hall of Fame rodeo clown who, aside from helping organize the first event back in 1978, has been front-and-center at each stick horse rodeo since then. For more information, contact the elementary school at 394-5000, ext. 2.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com

Teen jailed for child sex assault

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was arrested Tuesday on a charge of sexual assault of a child and is being held in the Howard County Detention Center, according to law enforcement officials.



Matthew Aaron Salgado, 19, of 1005 N.W. Second St., was taken into custody by the Howard County Sheriff's Office on a warrant for sexually assaulting a child, according to law enforcement reports.

Sheriff Stan Parker said the arrest warrant was issued after a family member of the child came forward approximately two weeks ago.

"The victim is a 13-year-old female and the assault occurred in the northern part of Howard County," Parker said. "As of now, we believe the assault was an isolated incident, however, the investigation is still ongoing, so it's really too early to say for sure."

Salgado was arrested at his residence and booked into the county detention center at approximately 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"He was arrested without incident," Parker said. "Bond has been set at \$150,000. He doesn't appear to have any prior convictions at this time, but, like I said, the investigation is still ongoing."

Parker declined to comment further on the situation surrounding the alleged sexual assault, citing the open investigation.

At the time of this report, Salgado remained in custody.

Contact Thomas Jenkins by e-mail at citydesk@big-springherald.com

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Suicide prevention program set

Herald Staff Report

Howard College LVN class will be hosting a suicide prevention program at 11 a.m. Friday in the Fireplace Room,

located in the Student Union Building.

The program is open to the public at no cost.

Correctional Healthcare Companies has partnered with the students to make the

program available.

For more information, contact Candy Arellano, RN, assistant health services administrator with Correctional Healthcare Companies, at 432-268-1227, ext 255

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Obituaries

Janie McCormick



Janie McCormick, 62, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 2, 2013, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. David Harp officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Stanton.

She was born Aug. 15, 1950, in Madera, Calif., and married Bobby J. McCormick Dec. 8, 1968.

A longtime resident of Stanton and Big Spring, Janie worked as a hairdresser, retiring in 1998. She enjoyed riding the Harley with Bobby and being with her family.

Survivors include her husband, Bobby McCormick of Big Spring; one daughter, Julie Atkinson and husband Deno of Hobbs, N.M.; five grandchildren, Cody, Spencer, Kenna, Kate-Lynn and Nelson; five sisters, Wanda, Helen, Sharon, Glenda and Rita; one brother, Dennis; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Brenda; her mother, Lillian; her father, Tuffy; her step-mother, Dorothy; a sister, LaVena, a brother, Bill; and mother-in-law, Marilyn J. Carr.

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

Paid obituary

Emma Ruth Stripling Webb



Emma Ruth Stripling Webb, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, March 28, 2013, at the age of 91. Private services were held in Fort Worth, Texas.

Emma was born Jan. 23, 1922, to Fox and Fannie Stripling in Big Spring. She was a graduate of Big Spring High School and trained to be a registered nurse in Galveston during World War II. She retired after many years of dedicated service from Baylor All Saints.

Emma was a long time member of the Westcliff United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Arthur Darrell Webb Jr.

Survivors include her sons, Darrell D. Webb, John M. Webb and wife Irma and Terry L. Webb and wife Kristin and mother of Wesley Baker and Bryan Roberts; grandson, William R. Webb; brother-in-law, James Webb and wife Norma; nephew, Hayes Stripling Jr. of Big Spring; niece, Jane Jones of Big Spring; and many friends.

Funeral services were under the direction of Brown, Owens & Brumley Funeral Directors.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

- JOSHUA LEE JUNKIN, 25, of Big Spring (address not provided), was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid – no insurance.

- STEPHEN JONES, 39, of 4012 Dixon, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (nine counts) and a warrant from another agency.

- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 66, of 1512 Wood, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- JAMIE RAE NELSON, 36, of 1301 Lindbergh, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

- VIRGINIA DAVILA CORDOVA, 32, of 904 W. Sixth St., was arrested Wednesday on warrants for no safety belt – child, bail jumping – failure to appear (fine only) and a warrant from another agency.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of E. Eighth Street.

- THEFT was reported: In the 1200 block of Harding.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 600 block of E. Fourth Street.

- ASSAULT was reported: In the 1200 block of College Avenue.

- ASSAULT was reported: In the 200 block of W. FM 700.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- TONY MORFIN JACKSON, 30, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a governor's extradition warrant for fugitive operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

- MICHAEL JOSEPH MCNEW, 22, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jump-

ing – failure to appear.

- VIRGINIA DAVILA CORDOVA, 32, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of child without safet belt and municipal copias warrants for failure to appear and animal at large.

- STEPHEN RANDLE JONES, 39, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a Presidio County warrant for failure to appear and municipal warrants for failure to display or expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility, violation of a promise to appear and failure to appear (eight counts).

- JAMIE RAE NELSON, 36, 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.

- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 66, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Take Note

- The County Fair Board is looking for volunteers to cross stitch a square for the Howard County Fair Quilt. Call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674 for information or drop by the Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry to pick up a square.

- The Prom Closet, located at Christy's Salon, 100 E. Third, is making recycled prom dresses available to young ladies who might otherwise not be able to afford one. The closet is open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or you may call contact Christian Fair at 432-816-3537 to make an appointment or for more information.

- Healthy Woman's April event will be "Let's Talk about Feet" following the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Healthy Fair on April 13. Dr. Robert Hayes will be presenting at 12:30 p.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room. The event is free to the public. Call to reserve your seat at 432-268-4842.

- Big Spring residents, past and present, are invited to a reunion picnic on the third weekend in April. On April 19, early arrivals will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Comanche Trail Park Old Settler's Pavilion for a brown bag lunch and visiting. Around 6 p.m., participants will meet at the Wagon Wheel for burgers and more visitation. Saturday, the 20th, the reunion will move to the Eagles Lodge from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Entry fee to the Eagles Lodge event will be a single (more if you wish) non-perishable canned good. Proceeds to be donated to a local food bank and/or folks needing assistance. A silent auction will be going on at the lodge with donated items, proceeds to fund the group's events and assistance fund. There will be some snacks available at the lodge. However, those attending are responsible for their own meals. Bring it or come and go. It is after all a picnic.

- Howard County Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-2236.

- Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432 268-7730.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.

- An account has been established at Wells Fargo on behalf of the Linda Rena Torres family, whose vehicle was destroyed in a fire. A purse lost in the fire contained the family's income tax returns and child support. The vehicle, which was the family's only means of transportation, was not insured except for liability. To help, contact Wells Fargo at 268-6216 and mention account 2266054432.




- An account has been established at Citizens Credit Union to help pay medical expenses for Jodi Schlipf Baird, who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer. For more information, contact the credit credit union at 267-6373 or Donna Whetsel at 432-466-9744.

- Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 4/5	Sat 4/6	Sun 4/7
 77/44 Generally sunny. High 77F. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph.	 84/54 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	 94/58 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 8:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 8:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 8:09 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	66	41	pt sunny	Kingsville	82	53	pt sunny
Amarillo	72	40	sunny	Livingston	63	41	cloudy
Austin	70	43	pt sunny	Longview	56	41	rain
Beaumont	63	46	pt sunny	Lubbock	75	42	sunny
Brownsville	80	55	pt sunny	Lufkin	62	44	cloudy
Brownwood	68	42	pt sunny	Midland	78	49	sunny
Corpus Christi	78	54	pt sunny	Raymondville	82	55	pt sunny
Corsicana	59	41	cloudy	Rosenberg	66	45	pt sunny
Dallas	60	43	cloudy	San Antonio	75	47	sunny
Del Rio	79	54	sunny	San Marcos	71	44	pt sunny
El Paso	81	57	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	56	41	rain
Fort Stockton	77	51	sunny	Sweetwater	70	43	pt sunny
Gainesville	57	38	cloudy	Tyler	57	42	cloudy
Greenville	57	39	cloudy	Weatherford	60	39	cloudy
Houston	65	47	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	62	38	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	65	42	rain	Minneapolis	47	38	rain
Boston	56	32	cloudy	New York	52	41	mst sunny
Chicago	46	37	mst sunny	Phoenix	88	60	sunny
Dallas	60	43	cloudy	San Francisco	60	54	cloudy
Denver	72	43	pt sunny	Seattle	57	51	rain
Houston	65	47	pt sunny	St. Louis	65	50	sunny
Los Angeles	70	55	pt sunny	Washington, DC	66	37	rain
Miami	79	60	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 4/5	Sat 4/6	Sun 4/7
9	9	9
Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

- Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.

- Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.

Coahoma duo region bound

COAHOMA — A pair of Coahoma High School science students will be advancing to University Interscholastic League regional competition after placing at the district meet recently.

Zach Crabtree was the top biology student at the district meet and will be joined by Zach Crabtree, who took top honors in chemistry and was the third-place overall individual.

They were part of a four-person science team which finished in second place and included fellow students Kelli Schaedel and Richie Ewing.

“All of my UIL team member are super Coahoma students,” said Nancy Thornton, CHS UIL instructor. “I enjoyed teaching all of them when they were in my pre-AP biology classes.”

Regionals will be held April 20 at Odessa College.

Coahoma District Results

- Chris Biddison - 2nd place Science Team
3rd place District individual *
Top Chemistry *
- Zach Crabtree - 2nd place Science Team
Top Biology *
- Kelli Schaedel - 2nd place Science Team
- Richie Ewing - 2nd place Science Team

* Region qualifier



Courtesy photo

From left, Chris Biddison, Zach Crabtree, Kelli Schaedel and Richie Ewing were among the students who competed for Coahoma High School in district academic contests.

Briefs

Bail \$500K for teen in eatery DUI crash case

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Bail is \$500,000 for an 18-year-old accused of being under the influence of prescription drugs when he plowed a speeding vehicle into a crowded Las Vegas restaurant.

A judge on Thursday gave prosecutors one week to file a criminal complaint against Gage James Lindsey. His next court appearance is April 11.

A prosecutor says authorities are awaiting a blood test results.

Lindsey is jailed on felony reckless driving, driving under the influence of drugs and leaving the scene of an accident charges in the Monday crash that left 10 people hurt at the Egg & I restaurant on Sahara Avenue.

Lindsey's attorney says he'll plead not guilty.

Police say Lindsey tried to toss a pill away and run from the scene before a witness tackled him.

Philly ready to play Pong on a building

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia is getting ready for a supersized game of Pong.

The classic Atari video game will come to life on the facade of a 29-story skyscraper. Hundreds of built-in LED lights at the Cira Centre will replicate the familiar paddles and ball.

The effort is the brainchild of Frank Lee, a Drexel University game-design professor.

Pong will be played April 19 and 24, to bookend an event called Philly Tech Week.

The black-and-white arcade game introduced in 1972 had no complicated graphics, just geometric shapes. Players controlled digital paddles and tried to hit the ball so their opponents could not return it. A home version paved the way for the game console in-



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Police and emergency medical service personnel were dispatched to the scene of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Sixth and Lancaster streets early Wednesday afternoon. No injury information was available at press time.

dustry.

In Philadelphia, gamers will control their paddles from afar, standing across the Schuylkill River from the building.

Parents outraged that kids were denied lunch

ATTLEBORO, Mass. (AP) — As many as 25 students at a Massachusetts school were denied lunch this week be-

cause they either could not pay or their pre-paid accounts were short on funds, schools officials and parents said.

Outraged parents say some students at Coelho Middle School in Attleboro cried when they were told by a worker for the district's food service provider they could not eat on Tuesday.

The on-site director for the company, Whitsons Culinary Group of Islandia, N.Y., was placed on administrative

leave by Superintendent Pia Durkin, who has also scheduled a meeting with company officials and ordered cafeteria workers not to deny any child food.

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REGISTER

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2, we'll have extended hours at the early voting polls, which will be located at the elections administration office on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse," bloom said. "The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. — the same hours the polls are open on election day — on both dates. As always, our hope is the extended hours will give people who normally work during regular poll hours a chance to cast their ballots early."

Voters planning to take advantage of early

voting will be in for a pleasant surprise this year, according to Bloom.

"We've relocated the elections office to the first floor of the county courthouse, where the sheriff's office used to be," Bloom said. "Voters will no longer have to take the stairs or wait for the elevator when they come in for early voting, which is a big plus, especially for our disabled and elderly voters."

Bloom said her office is also planning to hold branch voting in the Forsan area, as Forsan Independent School District recently called for a bond election to fund

a new elementary campus to replace and relocate Elbow Elementary School and renovations at the secondary campus estimated at \$23.8 million.

According to the Texas Secretary of State's website, voters have until May 3 to request a mail-in ballot.

"Voters who are 65 and older, disabled or will be out of the county and unavailable to vote during early voting or election day can apply for a ballot by mail," Bloom said. "If you want to apply, you need to contact the elections office so we can mail out the form. Voters must request this application, it

won't automatically be sent out."

For more information on registering to vote, contact Bloom at 432-264-2273.

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Myrtle Banks, 93, died Monday. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today at Coahoma Church of Christ with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Sheila Bennett, 73, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Private family services will be held at a later date.

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Take care of us when we feel ill, dear Lord, so that we can gain strength to glorify your name. Amen

AP: 'Illegal' an action, not a person

File this in the overflowing cabinet labeled: No Wonder the Mainstream Media Is Dying. On Tuesday, the Associated Press announced that it is banishing the phrase "illegal immigrant" from its famous stylebook. The world's largest newsgathering outlet now advises reporters that "illegal" will "only refer to an action, not a person."

AP directs writers not to use the terms "illegal alien, an illegal, illegals or undocumented" anymore, except "in direct quotations." It won't be long before illegal border crossers, illegal visa overstayers, illegal deportation evaders, document fraudsters and illegal alien traffickers are all referred to as "our fellow Americans." Without the quotations. Mark my words.

AP explains that it wants to stop labeling people. Hah. This is the same organization that employs journalists who have repeatedly shown naked bias against tea party members, gun owners and pro-life activists. AP's most famous White House correspondent, Jennifer Loven, was such a shameless water-carrier for the Democratic Party that she earned the permanent nickname "Democratic operative Jennifer Loven" on the Internet. In 2010, she left AP to join an official Democratic-run lobbying and communications firm in D.C. Same difference.

I propose that we banish the term "journalist" when referring to members of mainstream news organizations who pose as neutral news-gathers while carrying out a blatantly ideological agenda. From now on, AP's staffers shall be described in my columns as "alleged practitioners of journalism" or "journalists" only when using direct quotations.

But I digress. Just a few years ago, the AP resisted open-borders demands and the pressure of political correctness in favor of pithiness and precision. In 2010, a member of the "Diversity Committee" of the Society of Professional Journalists launched a campaign "illegal

immigrant" and "illegal alien." The crusading "journalist" argued that foreign law-breakers should instead be labeled "undocumented workers" or "undocumented immigrants."

As I told Daily Caller reporter Matthew Boyle at the time, the idea that "undocumented workers" and "undocumented immigrants" are more objective labels than "illegal immigrants" is complete and utter nonsense. The euphemisms that mainstream "journalists" favor are far more politically loaded than the ones they're trying to replace.

It's a farce to call someone an "undocumented immigrant" whose pockets are overflowing with fake, fraudulent documents — and that is usually the case with many of the suspected illegal immigrants featured in AP stories. (Moreover, it is inaccurate to call someone whose employment history, criminal record and welfare status are unknown an undocumented "worker.")

At the time, the AP agreed. AP's deputy standards editor David Minthorn told Boyle three short years ago: "The AP Stylebook created its entry on 'illegal immigrant' in 2004, in response to renewed debate over border security and the enforcement of immigration laws after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Together, the terms describe a person who resides in a country unlawfully by residency or citizenship requirements. Illegal immigrant ... is accurate and neutral for news stories."

So what changed? "Journalist" Kathleen Carroll, AP's executive editor, attributes the move to the "evolving" English language. I attribute it to the "evolving" transformation of once-neutral news organizations into brazenly transparent satellite lobbying outfits for the left. It's not media bias that's the problem, of course. It's the sanctimonious pretense of objectivity to which these alleged practitioners of journalism cling.

Just look at the ABC News coverage of the AP's decision. "Journalist" Cristina Costantini praised the move and patted her own colleagues on the back for their progressivism. "Fusion, the ABC-News joint venture, does not use 'illegal immigrant' because we believe it dehumanizes those it describes and we find

it to be linguistically inaccurate." On her Twitter account, "journalist" Costantini gushed that AP's capitulation came "thanks to the hard work of great people like @joseiswriting."

"@joseiswriting" is Jose Antonio Vargas, the former Washington Post reporter who spearheaded the whitewashing of our language and our laws on behalf of illegal aliens. In 2011, with great fanfare and elite media sympathy, Vargas publicly declared himself an "undocumented immigrant." Except, as he himself confessed, Vargas had documents coming out of his ears — including a fake passport with a fake name, a fake green card and a Social Security card his grandfather doctored for him at a Kinko's.

As I previously noted when Vargas shed his "journalist" costume in favor of full-fledged activist, he had committed perjury repeatedly on federal I-9 employment eligibility forms. An immigration lawyer advised him to take responsibility for breaking the law and return to his native Philippines. Following the rules would have meant a 10-year bar to reentry into America. Making false claims of citizenship is a felony offense. Document fraud is a felony offense. Instead of accepting responsibility, Vargas used a friend's address to obtain an Oregon driver's license under false pretenses and duped his employers until the golden moment to confess — without any fear of punishment under the illegal alien-friendly Obama administration — arrived.

The persistent use of open-borders euphemisms championed by Vargas and Company once again serves as the perfect illumination of the agenda-driven, dominant progressive media. They're as activist inside their newsrooms as Vargas is out in the open. Vargas won't rest until the legal definition of American citizenship is obliterated. And neither will his "journalist" colleagues cheering him on, whitewash brushes in hand.

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Can the GOP dig out of this hole?

There are two Rules of Holes in politics. The first rule is well known: "When you find yourself in a hole, stop digging."

The second rule is less well known: "When you stop digging, you are still in a hole."

The Republican Party is now struggling with both rules when it comes to immigration.

The GOP would not even be considering immigration reform this year if the election of 2012 had not been so psychologically shattering to it.

Mitt Romney's loss has sent the party reeling. You could come up with many reasons for the loss — a weak candidate chosen from a weak field, Romney's "47 percent" gaffe (which was not really a gaffe, but what he truly believed) and a second-rate get-out-the-vote effort are at the top of my list.

But Romney found his own scapegoat: minorities. As Romney told fundraisers and donors shortly after Election Day 2012, Barack Obama had followed the "old playbook" of seeking votes from specific interest groups "especially the African-American community, the Hispanic community and young people."

In each case, Romney said, the Obama people "were very generous in what they gave to those groups."

Obama, in Romney's view, had won re-election by political bribery, pure and simple.

So maybe the Republicans could try some bribery of their own. Not with African-Americans. That would never work. And the young

looked almost as unreachable.

But Hispanics! They were a prize worth going after.

They are the fastest-growing minority group in America, holding 16 percent of the population. Of even greater interest to pols, the number of Hispanics registered to vote has increased by 26 percent in the last four years and numbered 12.2 million in the last election.

Romney got only 27 percent of the Hispanic vote in 2012, compared with John McCain's 31 percent in 2008 and George W. Bush's 44 percent in 2004. So clearly, the Republicans had to stop digging the hole.

And the way to do it was comprehensive immigration reform.

Instead of opposing it, as many Republicans had done in the past, they now would embrace it.

But there is a huge danger. If you grant a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million Hispanics who entered this country illegally, you are probably going to enfranchise millions of new Democratic voters.

So the Republicans want immigration reform, but they want it to take place very, very slowly. This is so Republicans can win over Hispanics on social issues — opposition to abortion and same-sex marriage, for example — a process that could take several years.

That's why Republicans want the pathway to citizenship to be long and bumpy. First, there will be a 10-year probationary period, in which the probationers will have to pay fines and any back taxes, learn English, be fingerprinted and clear criminal background checks. Then they will have to get a green card, after which a person typically has to wait five years before applying for citizenship.

So we may be talking about a 15-year trip down citizenship lane. Or longer. The Republicans are talking about "triggers," which means there would be no path to citizenship unless certain goals are achieved.

One trigger might be a 100 percent apprehension rate on the border with Mexico, meaning everybody trying to cross illegally into the United States would have to be caught. A White House source told me such a trigger would be a "non-starter" with Democrats.

So there may be less of an immigration deal in existence than current headlines would have us believe. Not only are Republicans still thrashing out the issue, but a source told me that Democrats in the Senate are far from having the 60 votes necessary for a filibuster-proof bill. And nobody knows what the even more chaotic House will come up with.

So immigration reform is not just around the corner. Yet it is probably inevitable.

"There is no salvation for the Republican Party except for backing a path to citizenship for the 11 million," a source close to the immigration negotiations told me. "The Republican demographic of older, white voters is shrinking, and they are losing the growing demographic of younger, non-white voters."

The Republicans are not yet ready to climb out of their hole. They just have to stop digging it deeper.

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Texas news in brief

House set to vote on \$93 billion state budget

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas House of Representatives is to begin debate on a \$93.5 billion state budget.

The latest version of the two-year state spending plan is scheduled for a vote on Thursday.

Lawmakers are boosting spending over the last budget passed in 2011, when the recession caused revenue to plummet. The Legislature began the 2013 session with \$101 billion to spend, and they've restored more than \$6 billion to the current year's budget.

The draft 2014-2015 budget would increase spending on education but not enough to make up for \$5.4 billion in cuts made in 2011.

Democrats want to restore all of those cuts by tapping the Rainy Day Fund. Some tea party Republicans want to further limit state spending.

Lawmakers will consider 267 proposed changes to the budget on Thursday.

State Senate panel hears teacher gun training bill

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Senate Education Committee is to discuss 16 bills involving everything from gun training for some teachers to allowing students to leave their home school districts for better-performing ones.

The \$9.3 million proposal by Sen. Dan Patrick would provide firearms training at charter schools and public schools that don't already employ armed guards.

The Houston Republican, who chairs the Education Committee, is sponsoring four bills up for committee debate Thursday. The others relate to teacher pay, state school accountability ratings and a curriculum delivery system used by many smaller districts statewide.

Meanwhile, a bill by Democratic Sen. Judith Zaffirini of Laredo could allow for open public school enrollment, with students and their parents free to apply to change districts.

Perry to speak at memorial for slain DA, wife

MESQUITE, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry and law enforcement officers from as far away as Britain are expected to attend a public memorial for a slain Texas prosecutor and his wife.

Officials with The Honor Network say an overflow crowd is expected Thursday in a suburban Dallas church for the ceremony to honor Kaufman County District Attorney Mike McLelland and his wife, Cynthia. Both were found shot to death Saturday in their house near Forney, about 20 miles east of Dallas.

No arrests have been made.

The public memorial will be at 1 p.m. Thursday

at First Baptist Church of Sunnyvale in Mesquite. The funeral will be 10 a.m. Friday at First Baptist Church in Wortham. Burial will be at Wortham Cemetery.

Wortham, where McLelland grew up, is 75 miles south of Dallas.

2 East Texas jail escapees still on the loose

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — Two East Texas jail escapees have spent a second night on the run as officials investigate whether the men stole a vehicle and have a gun.

The Hopkins County Sheriff's Office says Brian Allen Tucker of Sulphur Springs and John Marlin King of Cumby remained at large Thursday.

Tucker faces a capital murder charge in the 2011 slaying of Bobby Riley of Mahoney. King last month was sentenced to 40 years in prison in a drug case. Both turned up missing Tuesday from the jail in Sulphur Springs, about 75 miles northeast of Dallas.

Investigators want to know if the escapees stole a vehicle Wednesday afternoon in Sulphur Springs. The black 2010 Saturn Vue has Texas license plates CR6-D425. Deputies believe a pistol was in the vehicle.

Texas judge overturns convictions of dead attorney

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A judge has overturned the convictions of a South Texas lawyer whose body was found on the day he was to report to prison in a judicial bribery scandal.

U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen set aside the racketeering, extortion and mail fraud convictions of 56-year-old Ray Marchan. Marchan's appeal was pending at the time of his death.

Marchan's body was discovered Feb. 28 after he jumped from the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway in an apparent suicide. Marchan was sentenced to more than three years in prison for his role in bribing ex-state District Judge Abel Limas. Limas has pleaded guilty to racketeering and awaits sentencing.

Courts have said deaths, before the appeals process has been exhausted, are grounds for throwing out convictions. Hanen vacated the convictions Tuesday.

Ex-pastor in Houston area gets 5 years for assault

HOUSTON (AP) — A former youth minister at a Houston-area church has been sentenced to five years in prison for having sex with a 16-year-old girl.

A judge in Houston sentenced 34-year-old Chad Foster of Cypress. Foster earlier pleaded guilty to sexual assault of a child and online solicitation of

a minor.

Investigators say Foster met the girl in 2011 when he worked at Community of Faith Church. The teen told investigators that Foster texted her numerous times and also told her not to tell anyone that the pair had a sexual relationship. Foster later resigned from the church.

Foster last summer reached a plea agreement and was sentenced Monday in Houston.

3 treated after Tyler house explosion, fire

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Witnesses reported seeing a man on fire after an explosion at an East Texas house being remodeled in an accident that left two rescuers hurt.

The Tyler Fire Department says the critically burned man apparently was using solvents to re-finish the floor when the vapors ignited.

Authorities say two other people who saw the house on fire Wednesday and helped search the structure were treated for smoke inhalation.

3 guilty in Dallas-area, Houston health care fraud

DALLAS (AP) — Three more people have been convicted in a nearly \$3 million health care fraud case involving Houston and Dallas-area companies.

Prosecutors say unlicensed doctors were recruited to treat patients at their homes and then wrongly bill Medicare.

A federal judge in Dallas on Wednesday convicted Godwin Umotong and Comfort Gates of Houston of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and health care fraud. A third person — Vagharshak Smbatyan of Grenada Hills, Calif., — was convicted of making a false statement to an agency.

All will be sentenced in July and face penalties ranging from five to 10 years per count.

Prosecutors say Umotong worked for Eules Healthcare Corp. in Hurst and Medic Healthcare Inc. of Houston. Gates worked for Medic.

Former deputy to appear in court on drug charges

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — A former South Texas sheriff's deputy facing drug conspiracy charges is to appear in federal court to ask a judge for bond.

Former Hidalgo County sheriff's Deputy Jorge Garza is the seventh member of the department accused of helping to steal or protect drugs to be resold by a trafficker. He was arrested Monday.

Two former Mission police department officers also were charged in December in what began as an investigation by a joint drug task force between the sheriff's office and Mission police. One of the officers charged is the son of Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino.

Odds and ends

Pa. sheriff nicknamed 'Duke' to stay on ballot

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A judge says the Republican incumbent can remain on the May 21 primary ballot for sheriff of an eastern Pennsylvania county along with his nickname, Duke.

Tom Lingenfelter, a political activist and Republican challenger in the May 21 primary in Bucks County, wanted incumbent Sheriff Edward "Duke" Donnelly kicked off the ballot for using his nickname.

The Bucks County Courier Times reports Wednesday that Bucks County Judge Gary Gilman found that the nickname isn't confusing to voters, nor does it suggest Donnelly is claiming some "hereditary distinction or nobility title" as Lingenfelter alleged.

Simply put, the judge says, "If strikes me that if George Herman Ruth was running for office, then there would be no objection to him appearing on the ballot as Babe Ruth."

Lingenfelter says he'll appeal.

Police: NM man tried to cut off girlfriend's toe

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A former New Mexico shoe salesman accused of biting off part of his girlfriend's toe has been arrested again, this time for allegedly stalking the woman and trying to cut off her big toe with a cigar cutter.

Santa Fe police say the incident Monday was the third attack by 27-year-old Daniel Anaya on his now ex-girlfriend, who has moved to Albuquerque and had obtained a restraining order against him after two previous toe-biting incidents.

Police say Anaya, who used to work as a shoe salesman at a department store, tracked down the woman at her new home and attacked her, but she was able to fight back with a metal fork and escape.

Anaya was arrested that evening after he returned to Santa Fe and sought emergency medical treatment.

A goat walks into a bar in Butte, taken to shelter

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) — Butte barflies may have thought they had one too many when a goat walked in to one tavern.

A patron called to complain early Sunday that somebody brought the female pygmy goat into an unidentified Butte bar.

The Montana Standard reports an animal control officer picked up the goat outside the bar and took

it to a shelter.

Chelsea Bailey Animal Shelter Supervisor Jacki Casagrande says if the owner doesn't come forward by Wednesday, shelter workers will begin the process to adopt it.

Casagrande says it's the first time an impounded goat has been brought to the shelter.

The shelter workers are calling the goat Shirley, and they say it is sweet and friendly.

PennDOT: Weather, repairs have kept I-81 unlined

HALLSTEAD, Pa. (AP) — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation says road work and cold weather have kept workers from painting new lines on a stretch of Interstate 81 in northeastern Pennsylvania, just across the New York border.

WNEP-TV reports motorists have complained about the lack of lines as they drive into Pennsylvania, saying it can be disorienting and confusing. Alaan Forest, of Quebec, says the lines help guide him when he's towing his camper and says, "if it's not marked, it's very difficult for me to travel."

PennDOT officials say the stretch of highway in Susquehanna County was under construction last fall and that temporary lines painted on the road didn't survive the winter. Now, well, it's still too cold for paint to properly stick to the pavement.

PennDOT plans to paint new lines once it warms up.

All 18 taxis in NH's largest city pulled off road

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Odds are you won't get a cab in New Hampshire's largest city after police sidelined all 18 licensed taxis for inspection

failures or failing to show up for inspection.

Seventeen cabs in Manchester were cited for mechanical violations. The 18th was sidelined for failing to show up.

Police Lt. Maureen Tessier said Tuesday six of the 18 cabs had such severe defects including conditions that could compromise their brakes inspectors pulled their registrations and they had to be towed.

Queen City Taxi has surrendered its operating permits to the city clerk's office. The taxi that wasn't inspected belongs to Manchester Taxi Dispatch. The companies haven't commented.

Tessier says officials appreciate the inconvenience to those among the city's 110,000 residents who rely on taxis and will work with the companies to get the taxis back on the road.

Southern Calif. man stages April Fool's plane joke

YUCAIPA, Calif. (AP) — It's the plane crash that wasn't in Southern California.

The Riverside Press-Enterprise reports a Yucaipa businessman staged an elaborate April Fool's joke on Monday.

Billy Cheesman Jr. used a forklift to arrange a small aircraft on the fence that runs in front of his equipment rental business, as if it had nosedived there.

He also strung yellow caution tape around to make it resemble a crash scene.

Cheesman says someone gave him the two-seat experimental plane and he's been trying to figure out what to do with it.

He notified the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department before he set up the prank at Redlands Yucaipa Rentals.

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News in brief

Conn. Gov. Malloy to sign wide-ranging gun control law in response to Newtown school shooting

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Gov. Dannel P. Malloy was expected to sign a wide-ranging bill that includes sweeping new restrictions on weapons and large capacity ammunition magazines, a response to last year's deadly school shooting in Newtown.

Following a total of more than 13 hours of respectful and at times somber debate, the House of Representatives and the Senate voted in favor of the 139-page bill crafted by leaders from both major parties in the Democratic-controlled General Assembly.

The bill passed 26-10 in the Senate and 105-44 in the House. Both were bipartisan votes.

Malloy's office said he would sign the legislation at noon Thursday during a ceremony at the state Capitol.

"I pray today's bill — the most far-reaching gun safety legislation in the country — will prevent other families from ever experiencing the dreadful loss that the 26 Sandy Hook families have felt," said House Majority Leader Joe Aresimowicz, D-Berlin, referring to the families of the 20 first graders and six educators killed Dec. 14 inside Sandy Hook Elementary School.

SKorea: North moved missile with 'considerable range' to coast, but no signs of major conflict

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea has moved a missile with "considerable range" to its east coast, South Korea's defense minister said Thursday, but he added that there are no signs that Pyongyang is preparing for a full-scale conflict.

The report came hours after North Korea's military warned that it has been authorized to attack the U.S. using "smaller, lighter and diversified" nuclear weapons. It was the North's latest war cry against America in recent weeks, with the added suggestion that it had improved its nuclear technology.

South Korean Defense Minister Kim Kwan-jin dismissed reports in Japanese media that the missile could be a KN-08, which is believed to be a long-range missile that if operable could hit the United States.

Kim told lawmakers at a parliamentary committee meeting that the missile has "considerable range" but not enough to hit the U.S. mainland.

The range he described could refer to a mobile North Korean missile known as the Musudan, which has a range of 3,000 kilometers (1,800 miles). That would make Japan and South Korea potential targets, but little is known about the missile's accuracy.

Officers on lookout for 2 with ties to white supremacist gang in death of Colo. prisons chief

DENVER (AP) — Authorities investigating the death of Colorado's prisons chief told law enforcement officers Wednesday to be on the lookout for two known associates of a white supremacist prison gang.

James Lohr, 47, and Thomas Guolee, 31, aren't being called suspects in the death of Colorado Department of Corrections chief Tom Clements, but their names have surfaced during the investigation, El Paso County sheriff's Lt. Jeff Kramer said. He wouldn't elaborate.

An officer safety bulletin regarding the two was sent out Wednesday. Kramer said Lohr and Guolee are known associates of the 211 Crew. That's the same gang whose members included Evan Ebel, who is a suspect in the death of Clements on March

19 and of Nathan Leon, a pizza deliveryman, two days earlier.

Ebel was killed in a shootout with Texas authorities after the deaths. Investigators have said the gun Ebel used in the shootout was also used to kill Clements when the prisons chief answered the front door of his home.

Ebel is the only suspect that investigators have named in Clements' death, but they haven't given a motive. They have said they're looking into his connection to the gang he joined while in prison, and whether that was connected to the attack.

US is halfway toward Obama's 5-year goal of doubling exports but likely to fall a bit short

WASHINGTON (AP) — Suddenly outsourcing is on the way out and insourcing on the way in as the U.S. trudges unevenly toward President Barack Obama's goal of doubling American exports around the world by the start of 2015.

So far, export levels are about halfway to his mark.

Obama set the five-year target in his January 2010 State of the Union address and recently has hastened his drumbeat, telling his export advisory council last month the nation was "well on our way" to his goal. "The question now becomes: How do we sustain this momentum?"

While economists and industry leaders generally expect the ambitious target to be missed, impressive gains already booked in American manufacturing and exporting suggest such a miss may not be by that much.

Why the optimism toward a manufacturing comeback? Here are five reasons:

Vietnamese vets exposed to Agent Orange seek relief from unproven Scientology 'detox' program

THAI BINH, Vietnam (AP) — North Vietnamese army veteran Nguyen Anh Quoc grimaces as he forces down the last of the 35 vitamins he takes each morning. After decades of suffering from illnesses he believes were caused by exposure to Agent Orange, he is putting his faith in a regime advocated by the Church of Scientology.

"I have to take them," the 62-year-old said at a treatment center established with the help of a Scientology-funded group. "They will clean up my body."

The center, a converted mushroom farm in northern Vietnam, owes as much to Scientology's desire to expand around the world, away from scandal in the United States, as it does to pressure in Vietnam to try to help aging veterans still suffering from the effects of war.

Many medical experts regard the treatment — a 25-day vitamin and sauna regime — as junk medicine or even dangerous. But for now at least, it has found fertile ground here.

The Vietnamese advocacy group overseeing the program in Thai Binh province wants to offer it to all 20,000 people suffering from ailments blamed on dioxins in Agent Orange. U.S. airplanes sprayed up to 12 million gallons of the defoliant over the country during the Vietnam War to strip away vegetation used as cover by Vietnamese soldiers.

Sheriff's official: 1 missing hiker found alive in Calif. forest after 3 days, 1 still missing

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif. (AP) — One of two hikers missing for three days in Southern California's Cleveland National Forest was found alive Wednesday night, but his companion remained missing, a sheriff's spokesman said.

Another hiker found 19-year-old Nicholas Cendoya at about 8 p.m., then told a crew of firefighters where to find him, Orange County sheriff's Lt. Jason Park said.

Cendoya was found severely dehydrated and was talking to paramedics but struggled to answer questions about what had happened and where the second hiker, 18-year-old Kyndall Jack, might be.

"He was extremely confused and disoriented," Park said.

Cendoya was flown to a hospital 20 miles away in Mission Viejo. Television footage showed him walking with help from paramedics.

Crippled cruise ship secured to Ala. terminal after breaking loose; shipyard worker missing

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — The crippled cruise ship whose sewage-filled breakdown in the Gulf of Mexico subjected thousands to horrendous conditions tore loose Wednesday from the dock where it's being repaired, lumbered downriver and crunched into a cargo ship.

Wind gusts near hurricane strength shoved the 900-foot Carnival Triumph free from its mooring in downtown Mobile, Ala., where the ship was brought in a five-day ordeal that began when an engine fire stranded it off of Mexico in February. Hours later, four tug boats used several mooring lines to secure the ship to the cruise terminal.

A 20-foot gash about 2 to 3 feet wide was visible about halfway up the hull from the water and it wrapped partway around the stern. Underneath the gashed area, two levels of railing were dangling and broken. Electric cables that had been plugged in on shore were dangling from the port — or left — side of the ship. Carnival said damage, though, was limited.

The violent weather Wednesday also blew a nearby guard shack into the water. One shipyard worker was rescued and crews were searching for another, a U.S. Coast Guard spokesman said, but the cruise ship's mishap was unrelated.

Some crew members and workers had been staying on the ship while it was being repaired and people could be seen looking out the windows and on the deck of the ship Wednesday. Carnival said all 800 of its crew members and contractors who were working aboard were safe.

Eyes on Facebook mobile event as social network evolves from Web-based roots

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook is unveiling a new Android product Thursday, a move that comes as a fast-growing number of its 1.06 billion users access it on smartphones and tablet computers.

Advertisers are not far behind. Though mobile ads have been a big concern for Facebook's investors since before the company's initial public offering last May, some of that worry has subsided as Facebook began muscling its way into the market.

Last year, the company began showing ads to its mobile audience by splicing corporate sponsorships and content into users' news feeds, which also includes updates from friends and brands they follow. Among the challenges Facebook faces now is showing people mobile ads without annoying or alienating them.

The mobile advertisement market is growing quickly. That's thanks in large part to Facebook and Twitter, which also entered the space in 2012. Research firm eMarketer expects U.S. mobile ad spending to grow 77 percent this year to \$7.29 billion, from \$4.11 billion last year.

As for Thursday's event at the company's Menlo Park, Calif., headquarters, speculation has centered on a mobile phone, made by HTC Corp., that deeply integrates Facebook into the Android operating system. The move comes as Facebook works to evolve from its Web-based roots to a "mobile-first" company, as its mantra goes.

After a couple of lousy transitions, NBC tries to make Leno-to-Fallon work

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC's recent personnel transition in morning television was a disaster. Executives hope their luck is better late at night, and they have a year to try and make it a smooth handoff from Jay Leno to Jimmy Fallon at the "Tonight" show.

The network announced Wednesday what has been rumored for the past several weeks: Leno will leave the job he's had most of the time since 1992, to be replaced by "Late Night" host Fallon. The late-night franchise is also returning to its roots, leaving California for a New York studio.

The thinking is clear: Leno is 62, his hair graying. The eager Fallon is 38, looks younger, hangs with his ultra-hip house band the Roots and slows jams the news with President Obama.

All Leno does is consistently rank No. 1 in his field, a status not many people at NBC can claim these days.

The "Today" show was tops a year ago, too, or at least running neck-and-neck with ABC's "Good Morning America." Then the toppling of co-host Ann Curry spread a black cloud. Ratings tumbled, executives lost their jobs, Matt Lauer's popularity plummeted and "GMA" is now the most popular morning show.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Charting Your Course of Play

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 9 7
♥ J 9 8 4
♦ 2
♣ A Q 8 6 4

WEST
♠ 8 5
♥ K 10 6 5
♦ J 10 9 6
♣ J 9 3

EAST
♠ 4
♥ 7 3 2
♦ 8 7 5 4 3
♣ K 10 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 6 3 2
♥ A Q
♦ A K Q
♣ 7

The bidding:
South West North East
2♣* Pass 3♣ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
4NT Pass 5♦ Pass
7♣

*artificial, strong
Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

One of the best ways to decide whether you have the values to open with a forcing two-bid is to imagine that you open with one of a suit instead and partner passes. If your immediate reaction is that you want to be in game even though partner has less than six points, you should open with a forcing two-bid.

Here South, looking at 11 solid tricks, had a clear-cut opening two-bid. When partner had enough to make a positive response and later showed the ace of clubs in response

to Blackwood, South very reasonably undertook a grand slam. His next problem was how to play the hand after West led a diamond.

South has one potential loser to take care of — the queen of hearts — and there are three possible ways to take care of it. Two are obvious: He can try a heart finesse, or he can try a club finesse. If the finesse he chooses succeeds, he makes the grand slam.

But if the finesse loses, South does not get a second chance. Furthermore, there is no compelling reason to prefer one finesse over the other. Each has a 50 percent chance of success.

The third approach, not quite as easy to see, substantially increases declarer's chances. For starters, South gives up on the club finesse. This leaves him no worse off, since he still has the heart finesse in reserve.

But he gains something valuable in exchange — a chance to establish a club trick without risking a finesse. So he wins the opening diamond lead, plays a club to the ace and ruffs a club high.

A low trump to dummy's nine and another club ruff high are followed by a low trump to the ten and still another club ruff. This establishes dummy's queen of clubs as a trick on which South can discard his queen of hearts, with dummy's remaining spade as the entry, and the grand slam is home.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Hawks come home



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Howard College's Keegan Sanford fields a ground ball in left field during a recent game against Midland. After playing their entire season on the road, the Hawks will return to the newly renovated Jack Barber Field on Friday. HC will begin a four-game series with Frank Phillips College, who Howard (20-12, 10-6) is currently in a three-way tie for second place in WJAC play along with New Mexico Junior College. The trio are one game behind Odessa College and Midland College (11-5). If you have been wanting to see the 2013 Hawks, they are slated to play 14 straight home games.

Area 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

Rangers get 4-0 win over Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros opened the season by scoring eight runs.

They haven't been able to hit much of anything since.

A day after Yu Darvish came within one out of a perfect game, Alexi Ogando and four Texas relievers shut out the Astros again, combining for a five-hitter in the Rangers' 4-0 win over Houston on Wednesday.

It's the most strikeouts a pitching staff has combined for in the first three games of a season in major league history, and the most since Cleveland fanned 42 in the first three of the 1966 season.

The Rangers are also the fourth team in major league history since 1916 to start the season by striking out 10 or more batters in each of their first three games.

Carlos Pena, one of Houston's only veterans, said it's important

not to make too much of what happened in the last two games.

"You just leave it at that," he said. "They pitched well. We weren't facing easy ... pitchers. These guys are good. It's no secret they have a pretty good pitching staff."

Lance Berkman doubled in a run for the Rangers a day after they blanked Houston 7-0 behind Darvish's nearly historic gem.

"Yesterday, it was more about their guy, and today it was more about our guys," Houston manager Bo Porter said of the strikeouts. "We just had our guys expanding the zone way too often. We need to make an adjustment and do a better job. The fastballs that we had an opportunity to do something with, we either fouled them off or didn't get them (in play)."

Ogando (1-0) allowed four hits

with a career-high 10 strikeouts in 6 1-3 innings. The young and inexperienced Astros have struck out 43 times in their first three games.

Relievers Robbie Ross, Tanner Scheppers and Michael Kirkman allowed one hit combined in the final 1 2-3 innings. Closer Joe Nathan struck out the side in the ninth.

Houston starter Philip Humber (0-1) yielded five hits and a run in 5 2-3 innings in his Astros debut.

Nelson Cruz and A.J. Pierzynski had two hits apiece and drove in a run each for the Rangers.

Ogando returned to the rotation this season after spending last year in the bullpen, where he had a career-high 58 relief appearances.

He retired nine straight Astros before Pena singled with two

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Green helps depleted Spurs down Orlando

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — No Tony Parker, no Kawhi Leonard and no Manu Ginobili proved to be no problem for the Spurs in the end.

Relying heavily on its bench, San Antonio took control of a seesaw battle in the fourth quarter and walked away with a 98-84 victory over the Orlando Magic on Wednesday night.

Danny Green led all scorers with 20 points, Gary Neal had 16 and Tiago Splitter add 10 points and nine rebounds as San Antonio avoided its first three-game losing streak since 2011, getting a much-needed victory following back-to-back defeats in the closing seconds to Miami and

Memphis earlier in the week.

Coach Gregg Popovich gave many of his regulars some welcomed rest. The Spurs travel to Oklahoma City for a Western Conference showdown Thursday after extending their lead to 1 1/2 games over the idle Thunder.

"That group that was out there did a pretty good job of attacking," Popovich said. "They didn't hold the ball. They kept good pace on the court and they played pretty good defense."

Popovich was particularly pleased with the three-man rotation of Nando De Colo, Patty Mills and Cory Joseph, which filled in for Parker.

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.

West Texas Disc Golf Champions tournament next week

The first major disc golf tournament of the year will be held next weekend at Comanche Trail Park.

Random draw doubles will begin Friday, April 13 and registration for the singles tourney begins Saturday at 8 a.m.

There will be a limited amount of openings available. For more information, call 528-5076

Big Spring Country Club to host 2013 Cancer Scramble

A tournament benefitting 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 267-5354.

Sponsors for this year's tournament include: Partee Drilling, Jeannie Rutledge Realty, Byron Harris, HEB and Stellar Automation.

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.

Entry fee is \$150 per team plus cart fees.

For more information, contact the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

Lance Armstrong to make splash in return to sports

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lance Armstrong is looking to make a splash with a return to competition.

The disgraced cyclist is signed up to swim three events this weekend at the Masters South Central Zone Swimming Championships at the University of Texas. Armstrong spokesman Mark Higgins said Wednesday that Armstrong, 41, will compete in the 40-44 age group in the 500-, 1,000- and the 1,650-yard freestyle.

Rob Butcher, executive director of U.S. Masters Swimming, said the organization is not covered under the same anti-doping rules as the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which banned Armstrong for life from

its sanctioned events for his performance-enhancing drug use during his cycling career.

"Our mission, dating back to the 60s, is we encourage adults to swim," Butcher said. "Lance is a member of USMS so he is eligible to swim."

But the U.S. Master's Swimming web site suggests U.S. Masters Swimming falls under the umbrella of FINA, the international swimming federation, which is covered by the World Anti-Doping Code that bars Armstrong from competing. The web site portion covering rules links to the FINA Masters rules, which states FINA adopted the World Anti-Doping Code in 2007.

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ESTATE SALE: 4206 Muir, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8:00-? No Early Birds. Collectibles, ceramics, Christmas stuff and lots of miscellaneous.

FANTASTIC GARAGE Sale: 2906 Cactus, Friday and Saturday 8:00-? If you missed this one you don't know what you missed.

GARAGE SALE: 1218 Ridgeroad, Saturday 8:00-2:00. Plumbing supplies, poker table and chips, housewares, books, games, videos, breeding cockatiel pair with cage, and baked goods.

GARAGE SALE: 2709 Carol Drive, Friday & Saturday 7-? Brand name clothing, shoes & purses, some furniture and lots more.

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Dear Annie: Recently, I invited my best friend, "Evan," and his family of four to join my family at a popular out-of-state theme park. Our children are similar ages, and we have always gotten along well even though we live in different states.

My wife and I are members of a vacation program and offered to use our hotel points to save Evan a great deal of money. We didn't expect anything in return, but we had discussed how much fun we'd have together. This didn't

happen. Evan and his family ignored us, made no effort to interact with my wife or children, and had other friends and family join them at the resort and in our shared rooms.

They frequently went their own way in the theme park and were distant during the rare times that we were together. The final insult occurred on the last day, when they simply left the resort without saying goodbye or even thanking us for the stay.

Clearly, Evan took

advantage of our kindness, and interactions since indicate that his family is oblivious to their behavior.

Are we wrong to have expected them to spend time with us? Evan and I have a long history, and I want to preserve the friendship. I prefer to drop this issue, while my wife wants to wash our hands of these people completely. Is there a tactful way to address this and salvage the friendship? — *No Explanation Given*

Dear No: The friendship you are trying to preserve is the one between you and Evan, so let your wife know that she is off the hook. Even if there is some reason for their rude behavior, that is not an excuse.

They also were unappreciative of your generosity, although that may have created some awkwardness that contributed to the problem.

It's fine for you to remain in contact with Evan, but don't plan any more vacation trips. If

Evan should bring up the possibility of getting the families together again, simply say that he and his kids seemed uninterested in spending time with you before, so you think it's best not to repeat the experience.

Dear Annie: I'm 26 years old, happily married and have a beautiful 2-year-old daughter. My oldest brother is an alcoholic. He was in a terrible auto accident last year and nearly died. I don't want to enable him by continuing to welcome him into my life.

I've tried to explain this to my parents and my sister, but my words fall on deaf ears. Last month, my brother and I got into an argument at my parents' house because he is jealous that I have a better relationship with his children than he does. It ended with me saying, "Stay out of my life."

Now, I'm the black sheep of the family while the others still welcome my brother with open arms. I love him, but I can't deal with watching him kill himself. Am I wrong to walk away? — *Loving Sister in Missouri*

Dear Sister: This isn't about right or wrong. It's about what you can live with. Tell your parents that you are contacting Al-Anon (al-anon.alateen.org) because

you want to do what's best for your brother and also for your family. It will help you deal with your brother and at the same time let your parents know that you care about him.

Dear Annie: "Sticky" said she's having a hard time in Florida because people don't use their air conditioning. We moved to Florida 40 years ago. It took us a couple of years to get acclimated, and our electric bill was an incentive to be moderate with the thermostat.

A few years ago, we moved from humid Florida to bone-dry Arizona, and that has been a harder adjustment. Not everyone has the same definition of comfortable. — *Old Man Gone West*

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Aquarius Moon Tickles the Intellect

Pluto is still cranky. He just can't seem to lay off the idea that we should be dealing with the fundamental issues affecting society. The Aquarius moon chimes in with agreement, although in far cheerier tones. This is the moon that stimulates our intellectual curiosity and broadens the range of acceptable answers so that new solutions will come together.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The wind does not command the sailboat. If that were true, all boats would wind up in the same place. Don't forget that you are the captain. The way you set your sails determines the direction you go.



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). All of the scenarios that didn't work out led you to the situations that worked brilliantly. Today, you do not even mind which way it goes, because you know both have equal merit. You always find your way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Do not confuse the idea of nurturing with being touchy-feely or soft. Nurturing is a way of letting others relax enough to grow into the next move. Today will show you that you can be nurturing and still be tough.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The No. 1 rule of remaining a bit

mysterious is to avoid answering questions that were not asked of you. This is also an excellent principle to apply to today's negotiations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not asking that every day be epic, but you're a little tired of the same old, same old right now, and you're not sure how best to mix it up. Luckily, a fresh face in your scene will do that for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Laughing hard is noisy. Laughing harder is silent. It's as if the hilarity itself takes over and the noise can't come out. That's the cosmic gift of the day: extreme humor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Even innocent people sometimes clam up suspiciously when the police are around. Why is this? The mere idea of authority has a way of making us ultra-accountable. You can use this principle to maintain order today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Fellow Scorpio Zig Ziglar made the point that calling traffic lights "stop lights" is pessimistic because they are also "go lights." And you will find many more optimistic ways of expressing yourself in your present good mood!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some long to know what people think of them — but not you, not now anyway. You are so busy doing your thing that you don't even care "if" they think of you, just as long as they stay out of your way. You're on a mission.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't have

to be No. 1 overall to be the very best. You're not really in competition with anyone else anyway today. No one would have the first clue about what it takes to be the best you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The moon lends you an extra dollop of influence. You'll be surprised at how much feeling, meaning and inspiration you can deliver when you simply look into another person's eyes and smile.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's rare when this happens, but it will happen today. You'll get this indescribably profound feeling, and you'll just know that you're in the right place at the right time and it's all OK.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 4). It will be an ego-boosting year, and you'll have to be careful not to get a big head over all the attention you get! A new responsibility puts you in charge this month. Power doesn't interest you, but making a difference will. You'll trade in an old habit for improvements in June. July finds you more in love than ever. Scorpio and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 5, 50, 25 and 14.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "You always say that we Aquarius people are generous. Well, I believe I have a problem with volunteering, especially at my son's school, with friends, helping at parties or helping at my church. I see something that needs improving, and I raise my hand. That's

probably a positive thing, except that at the end of the day, I have way too much on my plate, and I end up feeling overburdened. Then giving isn't a joy anymore, and I find myself saying frequently, "What have I gotten myself into?" But giving is just part of who I am! So how can I 'do for myself' without feeling like I'm losing myself in doing for others?"

It sounds like you are suffering from an unrealistic estimation of your free time. While speculating as to their availability, some Aquarius people forget to factor in necessary activities: showering, eating, sleeping, having time for domestic duties and time to oneself. These activities seem so mundane that Aquarius forgets that they take time and are essential for health and happiness. The answer is to figure out realistically how much time a week you have available for helping others and take on only what neatly falls into that time allotment.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Is Austin Mahone the next Justin Bieber? The breakout YouTube star became a viral sensation and teen idol in a Bieber-esque fashion. He signed a major label deal and is opening some shows on Taylor Swift's Red concert tour, too. The young Aries has his natal Mercury and Mars in this fiery, passionate sign, as well, indicating the megawatt energy and charisma necessary to be a major contender in the pop world.

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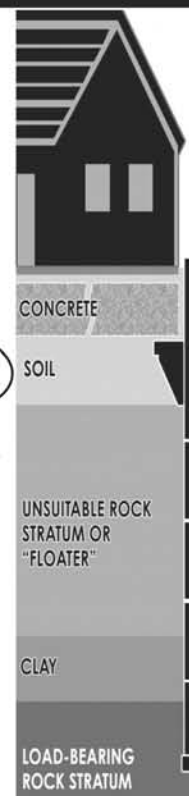
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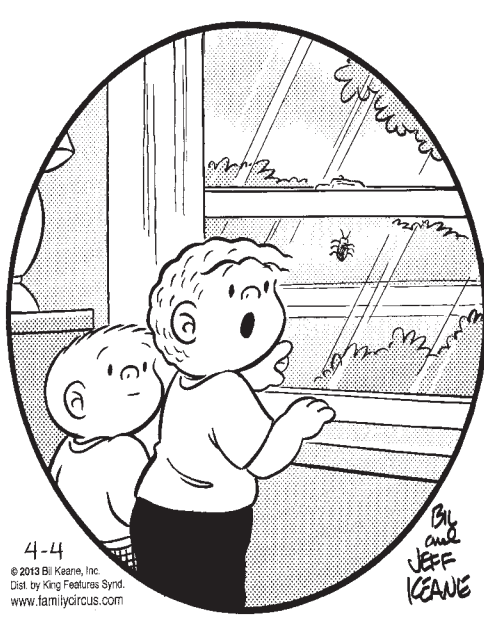
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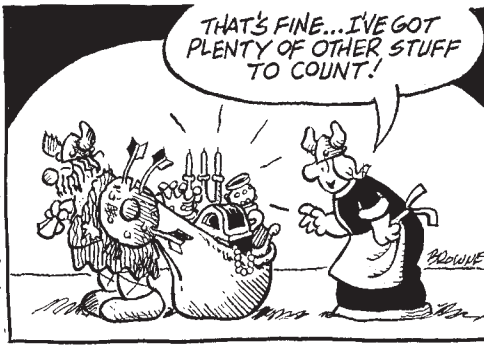
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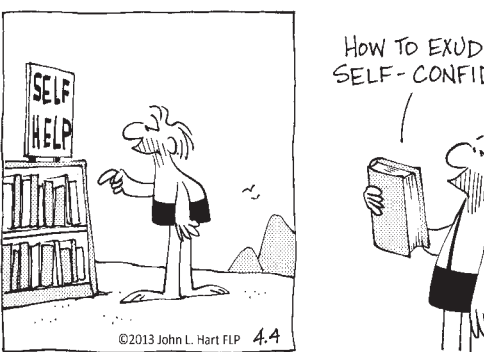
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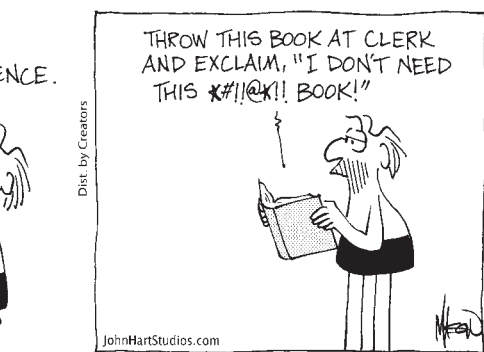
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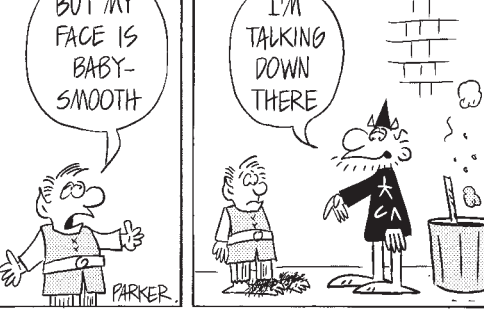
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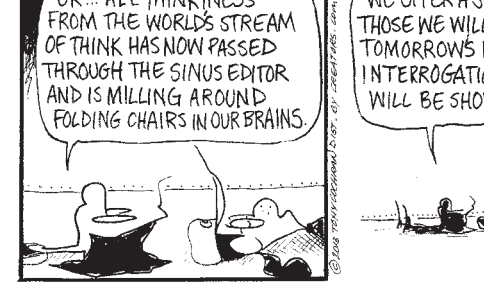
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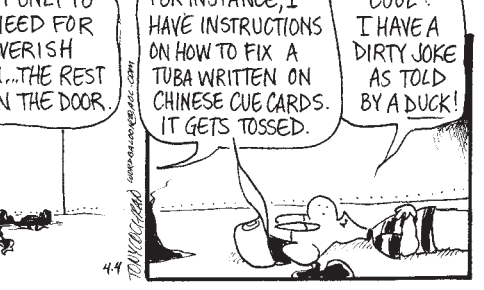
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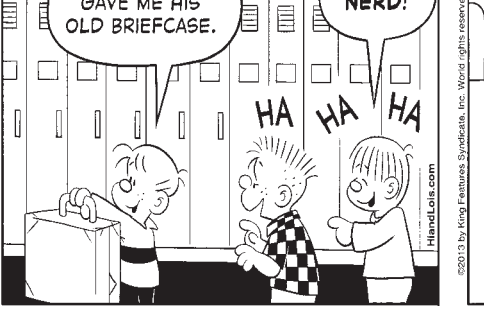
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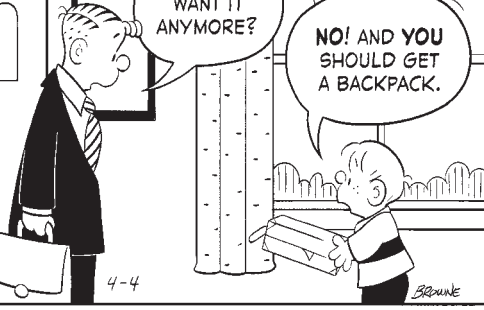
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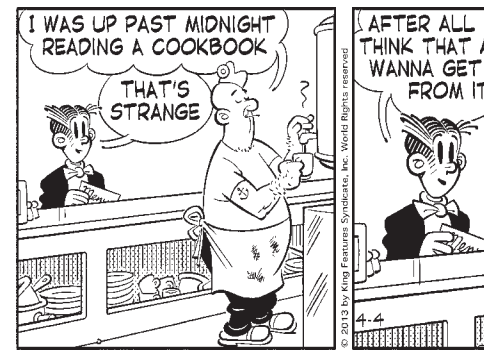
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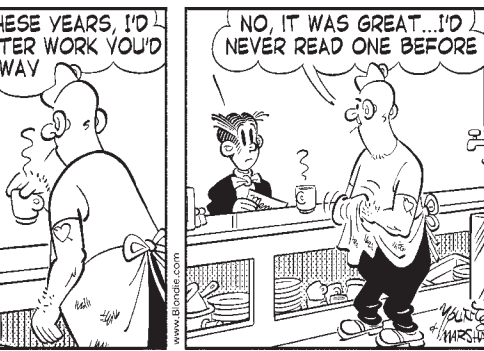
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Today is Thursday, April 4, the 94th day of 2013. There are 271 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date:

In 1818, Congress decided the flag of the United States would consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union.

In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.

In 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporated.

In 1859, "Dixie" was performed publicly for the first time by Bryant's Minstrels at Mechanics' Hall in New York.

In 1912, China proclaimed a republic in Tibet, a move fiercely opposed by Tibetans.

In 1933, the Navy airship USS Akron crashed in severe weather off the New Jersey coast with the loss of 73 lives.

In 1949, 12 nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty in Washington, D.C.

In 1960, Elvis Presley recorded "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" in Nashville for RCA Victor.

In 1973, the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center were officially dedicated. (The towers were destroyed in the terrorist attack of Sept. 11, 2001.)

In 1975, more than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crash-landed shortly after takeoff from Saigon.

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage. (It was destroyed in the disaster of January 1986.)

In 1988, the Arizona Senate convicted Gov. Evan Mecham (MEE'-kuhm) of two charges of official misconduct, and removed him from office. (Mecham was the first U.S. governor to be impeached and removed from office in nearly six decades.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Elizabeth Wilson is 92. Author-poet Maya Angelou is 85. Former Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., is 81. Recording executive Clive Davis is 81. Bandleader Hugh Masekela is 74. Author Kitty Kelley is 71. Actor Craig T. Nelson is 69. Actor Walter Charles is 68. Actress Christine Lahti is 63. Country singer Steve Gatlin (The Gatlin Brothers) is 62.

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Answer to previous puzzle

RAISE	WHIT	ASPS
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Cop's quarry
 - 5 Lost ground
 - 9 Piped up
 - 14 October birthstone
 - 15 Galileo's hometown
 - 16 China-plate stand
 - 17 Erudite
 - 18 Act as lookout, perhaps
 - 19 Plant tissue
 - 20 Domino effect
 - 23 Wasikowska of Alice in Wonderland
 - 24 Blokes
 - 25 Stir up
 - 29 Horn sound
 - 31 In favor of
 - 34 Second man on the moon
 - 36 Resell quickly
 - 37 "It's ___!" (speakeasy cry)
 - 38 Winning streak
 - 39 Bring about
 - 40 Seafarers
 - 41 No Hemingway
 - 43 Antlered animal
 - 44 Big party
 - 45 City near Denver
 - 46 Timeline slice
 - 47 Exploitation
 - 48 Threatening talk
 - 55 Missile housing
 - 56 Prefix for distance
 - 57 Ultimate cause
 - 59 Used as a dining table

- DOWN
- 1 Sound of a smack
 - 2 Majestic
 - 3 Too quick
 - 4 Arrangement
 - 5 "Water" dog
 - 6 First sign of fall
 - 7 "Got it"
 - 8 Researcher's collection
 - 9 Jazz group
 - 10 Ante up
 - 11 Ibsen hangout
 - 12 Enthusiastic
 - 13 North Dakota state tree
 - 21 Moper's musing
 - 22 Encouraging word
 - 25 Tone down
 - 26 From the country
 - 27 Mountainous Missouri
 - 28 Commando weapons
 - 29 Cease-fire
 - 30 Sty cry
 - 31 Dwarf planet since 2006
 - 32 Stage platform
 - 33 Wagner work
 - 35 "Phooey!"
 - 36 Not very good
 - 39 Not very nice
 - 41 Learn (of)
 - 42 Frittering away
 - 44 Western raisin center
 - 46 Tablet reading
 - 47 Full reversal
 - 48 Location
 - 49 Jack on 30 Rock
 - 50 Picket's chargers
 - 51 Tint like turquoise
 - 52 Nettles
 - 53 Off-limits thing
 - 54 Gets lost
 - 55 Sink under pressure
 - 58 Seesaw quorum

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Big East to become American Athletic Conference

NEW YORK (AP) — The current Big East will be called the American Athletic Conference starting next season. The conference announced the decision Wednesday after university presidents approved the new moniker earlier in the day. The Big East football schools were in need of a new name after they agreed to let seven basketball schools break

away from the conference to start a new league this summer to be called the Big East. In return, the football schools received about \$100 million of a \$110 million pot the league had accumulated in recent years from exit and entry fees and NCAA basketball tournament revenue. The American Athletic Conference will have 10 members in its first season: Rut-

gers, Louisville, Connecticut, South Florida, Cincinnati, Central Florida, Memphis, Houston, SMU and Temple. Rutgers and Louisville are likely leaving after 2013 and are set to be replaced by Tulane, East Carolina and Tulsa in 2014. Navy is scheduled to join in 2015 for football only, and the conference will begin playing a league championship football game.

Nine of the schools set to compete in the American Athletic Conference were at one time part of Conference USA. By 2014, South Florida, UConn, Temple and Cincinnati will be the only schools in the AAC to have been in the Big East. Commissioner Mike Aresco said the members worked with marketing experts, media partners and asked for

feedback from fans to come up with a list of possible names. "Versions that included the word 'American' led every list," Aresco said in a statement. "American Athletic Conference represents a strong, durable and aspirational name for our re-invented Conference." The rebuilt conference has new television deals in place with ESPN and CBS.



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RANGERS

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outs in the sixth inning. Chris Carter lined out to end that inning, and Houston's next hit, a one-out single in the seventh by Justin Maxwell, chased Ogando.

Humber had retired 10 of 11 batters before walking Berkman to start the sixth inning. Adrian Beltre and David Murphy followed with back-to-back singles to load the bases.

Berkman's RBI double to left-center in the eighth inning made it 2-0. Cruz singled in a run before Beltre scored on a sacrifice fly by Pierzynski to push the lead to 4-0. Carter got an error on the play when he missed the catch despite being right under it.

After going 26 outs before getting a hit Tues-

day night, the Astros got their first knock out of the way immediately on Wednesday when Jose Altuve hit a leadoff double.

They weren't able to build off the strong start though, as Ogando retired the next seven batters, with four strikeouts.

Humber got into trouble in the second when he allowed consecutive one-out singles to Cruz and Pierzynski. He struck out Mitch Moreland before plunking Leonys Martin in the right foot to load the bases. But he was able to retire Rick Ankiel to escape the jam.

The Astros haven't scored since the eighth inning of an 8-2 win in the season opener on Sunday night, when they overcame for a night having the majors' lowest payroll and a roster full of replacement-level players.

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