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Council puts stamp on city pay increases

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring city employees will have slightly wider than normal smiles on their faces when they get their first paychecks in June. City council members put the final touches on a 6 percent across-the-board pay raises for all city employees by formally approving a revised pay schedule for police officers and firefighters during their Tuesday meeting. The move was administrative in nature — the salary increase had been approved earlier this month, but a pay schedule had to be formally adopted for police officers and firefighters in accordance

with civil service rules, City Manager Todd Darden said. The 6 percent raise, coupled with another 6 percent pay increase last summer, will help bring local municipal salaries more in line with other West Texas cities and help stem a turnover rate that's seen more than half of the city's workforce leave within the past three years, officials said. The raises take effect June 1 and will be reflected in city employees' June 13 paychecks, Darden said. More raises may be in store for city employees in the near future — the city council will

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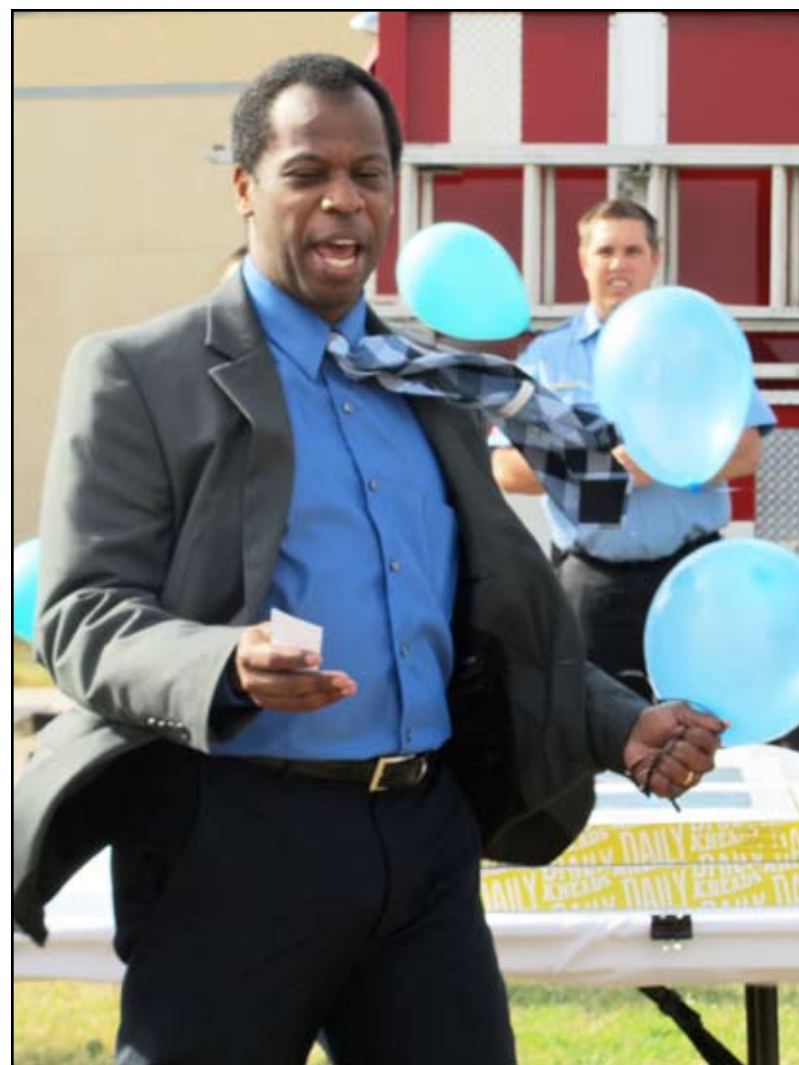
BSISD officials warn of possible scam

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Officials with Big Spring Independent School District have issued a warning concerning impostors soliciting advertisement for the supposed purpose of raising funds for the school district. "It's come to our attention that there are organizations contacting area businesses to solicit advertisements on Big Spring Steer themed T-shirts, posters, plastic footballs and similar items," said Chris Wigington, BSISD superintendent, in a written statement. "These organizations are portraying that their fundraising activities are endorsed by the school district." Wigington cautions area businesses and residents if they are contacted in person or phone in this manner, to

request a document on the BSISD letterhead as proof they are representing the school district. "The document should refer to the fundraising effort about which you've been approached, and it should be signed by Chris Wigington, Mike Ritchey or Becky Otto," he said. If you have any questions or concerns, Wigington encourages the public to contact the district office at 432-264-3600.

Contact Lyndel Moody at clydesk@bigspringherald.com or by 263-7331, ext. 234.



Child Abuse Prevention Month

At top, representatives of law enforcement, health and medical and social welfare agencies participated in Scenic Mountain Medical Center's balloon release Wednesday morning to recognize April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. During the brief ceremony, Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan read a proclamation and a representative of CASA — Court Appointed Special Advocate — spoke about child abuse. At left, Larry Rodgers, SMMC CEO, gave some opening remarks before introducing McLellan.

HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody

Historic event to take place at Hangar 25 Air Museum

Relief route groundbreaking set Friday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

A groundbreaking ceremony for the long-anticipated U.S. 87 Truck Relief Route around Big Spring will include appearances by top representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and area U.S. and state representatives. The groundbreaking is set for 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1911 Apron Drive, and is sponsored by TxDOT, the city of



Big Spring and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Dignitaries scheduled to attend include U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer; State Representative Drew Darby; Texas Transportation Commissioner Fred Underwood; Lauren Garduño, Texas Department of Transportation Administration;

Howard County Judge Mark Barr; Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan; Michael Reeves, Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition President; and Bill Crooker, Ports-to-Plains/TxDOT Road Hand. The four-lane, divided truck relief route is expected to help ease truck traffic in Big Spring in anticipation of

increased traffic from trade between the United States, Mexico and Canada. The 14-mile route will connect Highway 87 to Interstate 20, looping the west side of Big Spring and coming within a mile of the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport. Construction will include bridge, intersection connection, drainage structures and landscaping. Upon completion, the current

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Obituaries

Carl Bacon



Carl Bacon, 77, of Coahoma, died Sunday, April 20, 2014, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 25, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with Rick Cunningham officiating.

Carl was born March 26, 1937, in Mitchell County, Texas and married Annita Thompson June 29, 1991, in Coahoma. He worked for Weaver Services in Snyder for more than 20 years and loved cabinetry. He was very proud of his grandkids and great-grandkids. He was a Christian.

Survivors include his wife Annita Bacon, of Coahoma; one son, Glen Bacon and wife, Kambra of Prosper; four daughters, Tina Essary and husband, Glen of San Antonio, Teresa Combs and husband, Brant Williams of Lubbock and Rhonda Thompson and Angela Hines, both of Austin; 11 grandchildren, Klayson Bacon, Kierra Bacon, Heath Gwinn, Heather Gwinn, Dustin Gwinn, Derek Gwinn, Kayla Nichols, Kara Robinson, David Aaron Childers, Ronnie Thompson and Wanda Lewis; nine great-grandchildren, Jaylee Gwinn, Cole Gwinn, Aubrey Gwinn, Jack Nichols, Jules Nichols, Abbie Robinson, Dawson Robinson, Rhili Childers and Averil Childers; one sister, Martha Wellman of Dearborn Heights, Mich.; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Mattie (Dorn) Bacon, and one brother, Willie Newton Bacon Jr.

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

Paid obituary

Enrique 'Ricky' Sabedra



Enrique "Ricky" Sabedra Jr., 44, of Knott, died Wednesday, April 23, 2014, in a local hospital. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2014, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

He was born Jan. 6, 1970 in Edinburg, Texas. Ricky attended schools in Big Spring and Ackerly. He had worked for Lozano's Surity Bail Bond and the TA Travel Center. He enjoyed music and playing the guitar.

Survivors include his mother, Virginia Sandavol of Knott; a sister, Hilda Flores and husband, Joe of Knott; a grandmother, Frances Patterson of Edinburg; and five nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Enrique Sabedra; his step-father, Arnulfo Sandoval; and his grandparents, Jesus and Josefa Mendez.

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

Support Groups

FRIDAY

• 7 p.m. — The Just For Today Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets in Room 3 at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

Lena H. Marquez



Lena H. Marquez, 58, of Big Spring, died Tuesday April 22, 2014, at her residence. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church, with Pastor Bill Ivins officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born March 22, 1956, in Big Spring to Romana and Andres Hinojos. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of First United Methodist Church. She married Tony Moreno Marquez Sr. on May 11, 1973. She was a homemaker, raising three daughters and one son. She loved cro-

cheting baby blankets but her greatest love was her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband Tony M. Marquez Sr. of Big Spring; three daughters, Lisa M. Trejo of Midland, Lydia M. Jimenez and husband, Jimmy of San Angelo and Lillian Marquez, also of San Angelo; one son, Tony M. Marquez Jr. of San Angelo; her mother, Romana Rivera of Thornton, Colo.; her father, Andres Hinojos of Denver, Colo.; three brothers, Andy Hinojos, Jimmy Ray Hinojos and Fabian Hinojos all of Colorado; three sisters, Linda Smith, Mary Delgado and Lilly Hinojos also all of Colorado; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Tito Hinojos.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Michael Brown



Michael Brown, 64, of Big Spring, died Monday April 21, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church Chapel with Lloyd Wells, associate pastor of Spring Creek Fellowship, officiating.

He was born to Bennie Inez and Norman Odell Brown in San Bernardino, Calif. on June 28, 1949.

He came to Big Spring three years ago from California. He was a carpenter and he enjoyed yard work, painting and odds and ends.

He is survived by one daughter, Michelle Tradewell and husband, Chris of Big Spring; one grandson; his mother: Inez Martin of California; two brothers, Steve Martin and Jerry Martin, both of California; and three sisters, Jackie Segó, Debby Bailey and Janice Martin, all of Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Ed Harvell



Ed Harvell, 65, of Canyon died Saturday, April 19, 2014.

Services were held Wednesday in LaGrone-Blackburn-Shaw Coulter Road Chapel with Dr. G.A. Roach officiating. Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery. Military honors were provided by DAV Chapter 26.

Ed was born Nov. 20, 1948, in Big Spring to Thomas and Elsie Harvell. He graduated from Coahoma

High School and served his country in the Navy during the Vietnam War. He attended West Texas

State University, where he received his degree in music education. Ed married Sharon Allen on Aug. 13, 1970, in Canyon.

Ed was a music educator in Amarillo Independent School District for 10 years and was a member of Amarillo Symphony, where he played the bassoon. Ed was a member of the Randall County Sheriff's Posse and Randall County Search and Rescue.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon; two sons, Jeff Harvell and wife, Julie of Canyon and Jon Harvell and wife, Aslihan of Plano; a brother, David Harvell of South Texas; and five grandchildren.

Sign the online guest book at www.lagroneblackburnshaw.com.

Police/Sheriff/Fire/EMS

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

• KEVIN LEE POWELL, 18, of 5600 South Service Road, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.

• JUSTIN KYLE DAHMER, 25, of 2600 Coronado Avenue, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• FRANK LEE JACKSON, 55, of 1510 Sycamore St. was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• MICHAEL ANTHONY CASTRO, 24, of 3803 Connally St., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• CANDACE PAULA CHAPMAN, 25, of 2612 Ent St., was arrested on warrants or disorderly conduct by fighting; assault, family violence/threat or offensive touch; and disorderly conduct language.

• ABRAM ALVAREZ, 22, of 1304 N. Montana St., Palmhurst, Texas, was arrested on a charge of no driver's license when unlicensed.

• DEHALIE MARIE NUNEZ, 34, 5102 Wasson Road was arrested on warrants from other agencies.

• SHERRY RAE BURDETTE, 34, of 2609 Carleton Drive, was arrested on a warrant for tampering with government record - de-

fraud/harm.

• WARRANT SERVICE was reported in the 5100 block of Wasson and 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

• CRIMINAL MICHIEF was reported in the 2500 block of Fisher Street.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 700 block of E. I-20 and in the area of 18th and Lancaster Drive.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2400 block of Alamesa Drive.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

• THEFT was reported in the 600 block of Caylor Drive.

• DISTURBANCE was reported in the 4200 block of W. Highway 80.

• FOUND PROPERTY was reported in the 600 block of East Sixth St.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

• DEHALIE MARIE NUNEZ, 34, was booked by the HCSO on Concho County warrants for theft of service, more than \$20 but less

than \$500 and criminal mischief.

• DONALD CRAIG BAKER, 42, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for MRTP/forgery—financial instrument; resisting arrest, search or transport; and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• JUSTIN KYLE DAHMER, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction, suspension.

• FRANK LEE JACKSON, 55, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• SHERRY RAE BURDETTE, 34, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for tampering with government record, defraud/harm.

• PAULA CANDACE CHAPMAN, 25, was booked by the BSPD on warrants disorderly conduct—fighting; assault—family violence; and disorderly conduct—vulgar language.

• MICHAEL ANTHONY CASTRO, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

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

• TRAUMA CALL was reported in the 1900 block of Similar. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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• On Wednesday, May 7, during the evening service beginning at 7 p.m., Family Faith Center will observe its fifth annual Blessing of Nurses Hands. Parish Nurses and others who provide health care will receive a blessing upon their hands for another year of service to mankind. Pastors Sam and Christina invite nurses and healers from the community at large to attend the ceremony in the sanctuary of Family Faith Center location; 810 East 11th Place, just south of Big Spring High School.

• The Big Spring High School honor band will perform at the St. Mary's Eastertide offering concert. The concert will be held at 12:05 p.m. Thursday, May 1, and will last 30 minutes. Following the concert, a light lunch will be provided by St. Mary's. There is no admission charge but donations will be accepted. St. Mary's is located at 10th St. and Go-liad.

• A fund has been set up at BBVA Compas Bank to help Melinda Garcia with medical expenses while recovering from surgery. Account number is 673000597.

• A medical fund has been established for Kath-ran O'Brien Grant who is recovering from a recent accident. The account is set up at Western Bank No. 1012020. Contact Donnie Baker at 432-556-2186 for more information.

• A medical fund has been set up benefitting Kath-ran O'Brien Grant at Wells Fargo.

• Holy Trinity Catholic Parish is raising funds to benefit the Diane Herrera family, which lost three members in a recent traffic accident. Send checks to the parish, P.O. Box 951, Big Spring, TX 79721 and write "for Diane Herrera family" on the check. For more information, contact Richard Light, parish administrator, at 432-466-9703.

• Funds have been set up at Howard County Feed and Supply and at Highland Animal Hospital for Wildlife Rehabilitator Melanie Gambrell. To contact Melanie, email her at R4thepets@aol.com

• A fund has been set up to help the Renteria family who lost their house from a fire. Donations can be made at State National Bank, Renteria Fire Fund, No. 9012478.

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped accessible. The cost is \$8 per person. April 4 Mike & Friend; April 11 Prowlers; April 18 Prowlers; April 25 Mid-night Express.

• Howard County Fair Association is in need of volunteers to cross stitch squares for the Howard County Fair quilt to be raffled at the fair. Theme this year is "Hummingbirds." Patterns are from easy to more difficult, so you do not have to be an expert. Squares may be picked up at the Heritage Museum front desk Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Yellow Rose Café has been temporarily closed to the public for routine repairs and maintenance. The café will remain closed until repairs are complete. A completion date for the project has not been set. Patient meals will continue without interruption throughout the process. The hospital will issue an announcement release once the Yellow Rose Café is ready to reopen. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. For more information, contact Amanda Duforat, marketing coordinator, at 268-4699.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. "Please accept our invitation to attend a meeting." For more informa-

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alignment of U.S. 87 would be re-designated as Business U.S. 87. This project is aimed at easing future traffic along the Ports-to-

Plains corridor which is a designated highway that will facilitate transposition of manufactured goods from Mexico through West Texas to Colorado and ultimately on to Canada and the Pacific Northwest. Big Spring currently falls along the corridor since it follows along a part of Highway

87. The proposed corridor would connect to Mexico from Laredo, Texas, which is home to one of the busiest ports — land or sea — in the United States.

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tion, including meeting times and dates, contact Vice President Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work

off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer, call 264-7599.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

RAISES

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consider an "equity adjustment" raise when they craft the next fiscal year budget this summer, but council members said further raises will be contingent upon the impact they would have on the new budget.

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DAILY PRAYER

Give us this day Your wisdom and patience.

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What NBC just doesn't get

I've always thought entrenched left-wing journalists in Washington needed their heads examined. Much to my satisfaction, it appears the corporate media bosses of at least one Beltway anchor now agree.

According to The Washington Post this week, NBC News hired a "psychological consultant" to examine why flailing "Meet the Press" moderator David Gregory has been bombing in the ratings. The overpriced shrinks (NBC prefers the euphemism "brand consultants") came from the New York-based brand fixer-upper Elastic Strategy.

They interviewed Gregory's wife. They interrogated his friends. They crunched their numbers. They compiled their reports. And after all that, the "experts" are still scratching their noggins:

What's the matter with David Gregory? And why don't people like to watch him?

I could have saved the honchos at NBC News a lot of time and trouble. The first answer is: David Gregory is a phony. The second answer is: He's a jerk.

And no amount of brand therapy and rehabilitation consulting can fix him.

Gregory's predecessor, Tim Russert, was highly respected on both sides of the political aisle. The former chief of staff for iconoclastic U.S. Sen. Daniel Moynihan turned "Meet the Press" into mandatory viewing for any American serious about politics and policy. Yes, he was liberal. But he never pretended to be anything he wasn't. He did his homework. He didn't pull punches. He helped enlighten the nation about our entitlement crisis. He conducted interviews, not one-sided partisan lectures.

Russert was also a decent man,



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as so many warm eulogies across the ideological divide attested. I had a chance to meet him a few times as an intern in the videotape library of the Washington political unit at NBC News in 1992. He was always friendly and engaging. (Andrea Mitchell was a whole 'nother story. Gah.) Before I left to work for the Los Angeles Daily News, I drafted a little memo on suggestions to improve data collection and entry. I never expected acknowledgment. But Russert took the time to respond and thank me. A lowly intern. I never forgot that.

Gregory is the anti-Russert. His boorish behavior around D.C. is legendary — from his juvenile tantrums with the Bush press staff to his drunken radio appearances to his diva snit fits with innocent bystanders while filming news segments.

One of the most telling and notorious anecdotes involves Russert himself, who reportedly reprimanded Gregory in 2008 for going ballistic on a poor waitress while the two TV stars dined at a D.C. restaurant. But "Gregory still treats most of ... the newsroom like @#&%," an insider told the website Jossip. "Amazing how NBC cares more about food servers than about the people who have to deal with Gregory's arrogance every day."

Since Gregory doesn't have the intellectual heft to carry in-depth interview segments the way Russert did, "Meet the Press" producers have reduced substantive exchanges to a few minutes and larded the rest of the show with fluff and stunts.

That means: If it's Sunday, it's "Meet the Jerk."

Last fall, Gregory the gun-control activist masquerading as a Sunday talk-show journalist made headlines with his brazen hectoring of NRA CEO Wayne LaPierre — while illegally brandishing a 30-round ammunition magazine on national television. He has used the show to fawn over vulgar, misogynistic

"comedian" Bill Maher and to repeatedly browbeat Timothy Dolan, the archbishop of New York, over gay marriage.

As I've noted many times over 20-plus years in this business, the problem isn't bias. It's the pretense of non-bias. Gregory and his peers suffer from cognitive dissonant hack syndrome, a common affliction among incurable left-wing journalists who sanctimoniously pay lip service every day to neutrality and objectivity, while brazenly using their platforms to promote partisan political narratives.

Desperate NBC suits in denial tried to get Gregory to immerse himself more in social media to appeal to "younger viewers." But he detests the hoi polloi and refuses to respond to critics. You don't have to be a high-priced brand guru to know that for social media engagement to work, it requires an engaging personality to actually, you know, engage.

Another NBC muckety-muck gave his expert analysis on the network's David Gregory Problem: "You need to be who you are. We're trying to look at who David is."

Well, there's the rub, isn't it? Gregory, like many of his ilk, is a thin-skinned elite who lives in the Beltway bubble and can barely contain his contempt for his audience. With rare exceptions, the supposed watchdogs of Washington journalism are lapdogs for the establishment with "Don't You Know Who I Am?" egos as big as the politicians they side up to every weekend.

To the chagrin of NBC and its brand EMTs, Americans have discovered an effective cure: the "off" button on their remotes.

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Rand Paul makes a muddle

Let some candidates seek the middle. Rand Paul is comfortable in the middle.

Some have said the junior senator from Kentucky is the most "intriguing" of the possible Republican presidential candidates for 2016.

But if he is the most intriguing, it is not because he is the most interesting. It is because it's so hard to figure out just what he is saying.

Abortion? That ought to be easy for a conservative such as Paul, right?

Not so fast there. "I think the debate is about when life begins," Paul said, stating the problem but not the solution, something he has become very adept at doing. "Is it OK for an 8-pound baby to be aborted one week before delivery? If the mother says she's anxious and wants to 'kill myself,' you can have the abortion one day before it's due."

Paul was speaking at the University of Chicago in an event sponsored by its Institute of Politics. His questioner was the institute's founder and former Obama aide, David Axelrod. And Axelrod tried to pin Paul down several times. But it was like trying to pin down quicksand.

Axelrod asked Paul to state when he thinks life begins.

"My personal religious belief is that life begins at the very beginning," Paul said.

He then said that currently, the abortion debate in America is between those who believe in "all life and no abortion" and those who believe in "all abortion and no life."

"I think the law will come down in between," Paul said. "I think the public is in the

middle."

Or in a muddle as to just what Paul believes the law should be.

But how about affirmative action and college admission, seeing as that has been in the news this week?

"There was a time when we needed special protections, but we've come a long way," Paul said. "But I think a person ought to be accepted on character or scores."

But don't some children suffer because they go to schools in poor neighborhoods and get a second-rate education?

"If poverty is causing lower scores," Paul said, "let's fix the problem."

Politics can include the art of saying nothing — some men have been elected president by saying nothing at all but saying it well — but it is hard to see Paul surviving the modern-day presidential primary meat grinder of debate after debate with a campaign based on platitudes.

Asked about U.S. intervention — a sticky issue with libertarians, who usually favor no intervention unless terrorists are actually landing troops on the shores of New Jersey — Paul dived quickly into the muddle once again.

He said the argument is between two extremes, "those who would fight nowhere" and those who would fight "everywhere all the time."

But is that really true? Is it really that simple? And what foreign policy would President Paul derive from that keen analysis?

"Let's try not to be Pollyanna about making the world 'safe for democracy,'" Paul said, using a phrase coined by Woodrow Wilson 97 years ago and rarely invoked today.

But wouldn't Paul intervene to prevent an atrocity overseas like the Holocaust, even if U.S. security were not at stake? Axelrod asked.



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"Haiti, after the earthquake, yeah," Paul said. "And atrocity in Africa? Yeah, we can help to corral other countries."

But a real problem, Paul said, is how much the United States wastes every year on foreign aid.

"Government-to-government aid is the history of corruption," Paul said. "Almost invariably, the money is stolen. We should vastly reduce foreign aid, especially to countries where they burn our flag."

Moving right along, how about pollution?

"We should minimize pollution," Paul said. "But we have gone completely crazy with pollution laws."

It was not all Looney Tunes. At one point, Paul quoted Marx. Not Karl but Groucho.

"Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it, misdiagnosing it and then misapplying the wrong remedies," Paul said, giving Groucho full credit.

But I think Paul believes this joke is revealed truth. And he believes that it is safest to not look for trouble, to make no real diagnoses and apply no remedies whatsoever. That way, you offend the least number of people.

It may not solve any of America's problems, but it could get a guy elected.

"I don't say that the president is a bad person," Paul said, referring to Barack Obama. "But I worry about the next president and the next."

I do, too.

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Big Spring ISD Pride Corner

Big Spring ISD is proud of the Fashion Design class offered this year under the teaching of Haley Lefever. Mrs. Lefever's class has very busy learning to select appropriate fabrics and sewing.

During the fall semester, the coaches brought her 70 jerseys the morning of their first play-off game and said they needed name tags sewn on every jersey before 1 p.m. Eight students spent the day hand stitching names on the jerseys.

As one of their first sewing projects, they started making headbands. The girls got to keep their first one and then they continued to make them and sold those to the community.

Their second project was a pillow case and then they recently finished making a pair of sweatpants. Right now, students are making their patterns for their final projects.

They have chosen one project from

a list of five different options—a pair of shorts, maxi skirt, duffle bag, wallet, or a clutch. Every option has some sort of zipper so they have to learn to put one in.

The current plan is for students who have completed Fashion Design can continue to Advanced Fashion Design next year.

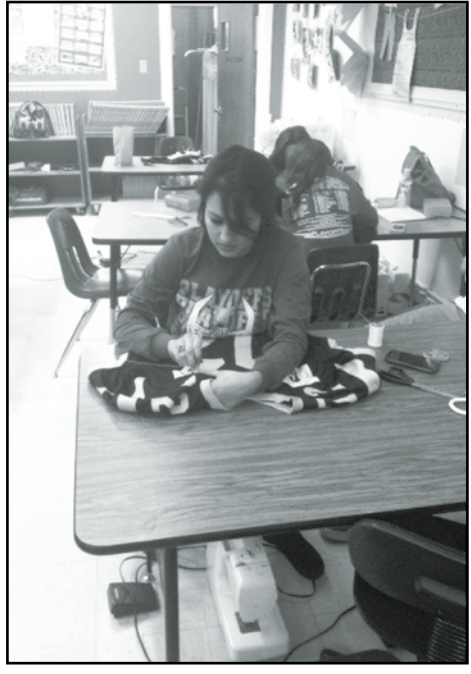
Students will continue their sewing skills, as well as have the opportunity to move on to quilting. Mrs. Lefever is proud of the students and their enthusiasm for learning.

According to Mrs. Lefever, "The girls (and one boy) love it...at the beginning of class I tell them what to start on and they go do exactly what they are supposed to, it's awesome. I've had so many of them tell me they've asked for sewing machines for Christmas or their birthday or have gotten their moms out of storage and showed them how to use it...it makes me so proud and I love that they are not only learning useful skills but they actually enjoy it!"

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1, 2, 3...time to hunt



HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody
Washington Elementary School kindergartners participated in an Easter egg hunt that tested their math skills. At top, kindergarten students Rayden Eddington, Lucas Garcia, Kaine Richter and Analicia Huckabee show teacher Kandi Lane what they have found. At right, Orlando Porras moves on in the hunt on after finding another egg.

Brand names in NY standardized tests vex parents

NEW YORK (AP) — "Just Do It" has been a familiar Nike slogan for years, but some parents are wondering what it was doing on some of New York's Common Core standardized English tests.

Brands including Barbie, iPod, Mug Root Beer and Life Savers showed up on the tests more than a million students in grades 3 through 8 took this month, leading to speculation it was some form of product placement advertising.

New York state education officials and the test publisher say the brand references were not paid product placement but just happened to be contained in previously published passages selected for the tests.

Some critics aren't so sure and questioned why specific brand names would be mentioned at all.

"It just seems so unnecessary," said Josh Golin, associate director of the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, which monitors marketing directed at children.

"It would be horrible if they were getting paid for it," he said. "But even if they're not, it's taking something that should not be a commercial experience and commercializing it."

The test questions have not been made public, and teachers and principals are barred from discussing them. But teachers posting anonymously on education blogs have complained that students were confused by the brand names, which were accompanied by trademark symbols.

The Nike question was about being a risk taker and included the line, "Just Do It" is a registered trademark of Nike," according to students who took the test.

Sam Pirozzolo, of Staten Island, whose fifth-grader encountered the Nike question, said there was apparently no reason for such a specific brand.

"I'm sure they could have used a historical figure who took risks and invented things," Pirozzolo said. "I'm sure they could have found something other than

Nike to express their point."

Deborah Poppe, of West Hempstead, Long Island, said her eighth-grade son was similarly puzzled by a question, which drew complaints for a second straight year, about a busboy who failed to clean some spilled root beer — Mug Root Beer, to be exact, a registered trademark of PepsiCo.

"Why are they trying to sell me something during the test?" she quoted her son as saying. "He's bright enough to realize that it was almost like a commercial."

The use of brand names was one of several complaints raised by some educators and parents about the state-wide tests, aligned to the Common Core standards intended to increase academic rigor. Some contend they are too difficult and don't measure what students are actually learning.

While such general complaints about Common Core tests have arisen elsewhere, advocates said the prev-

alence of brand names appears to be specific to New York.

Representatives of the New York State Education Department and Pearson, the education publishing giant with a \$32 million five-year contract to develop New York's tests, said the companies did not pay for the exposure.

"There are no product placement deals between

us, Pearson or anyone else," said Tom Dunn, an Education Department spokesman. "No deals. No money. We use authentic texts. If the author chose to use a brand name in the original, we don't edit."

Pearson spokeswoman Stacy Skelly said neither the company nor the education department received any compensation for the men-

tions. And if any brand comes up in a passage, she said, "the trademark symbol is included in order to follow rights and permission laws and procedures."

Nike and Wrigley, the maker of Life Savers, said they were unaware they were mentioned on the tests. Other companies declined to comment or did not return messages.

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Steers to face Ft. Stockton in first round

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers can officially pencil in a starting point for the start of their high school baseball playoff run. It's San Angelo.

Big Spring, the District 4-3A runner-up, will begin its playoff run on May 1 when they face the Fort Stockton Pioneers in a best-of-three series at San Angelo Central High School.

Game 1 of the series between the Steers and Pioneers is scheduled to start at 4:30 p.m. on May 1. Game 2 is set for 1 p.m. on May 3. A third game, if needed, would be played 30 minutes

after the conclusion of Game 2.

Big Spring, winners of seven of their last nine games, enters the post-season at 15-11.

Fort Stockton earned the right to face the Steers in the bi-district round by finishing third in the District 3-3A race. The Pioneers, who close out their regular season tomorrow with a game against Mountain View, are 15-11 for the season.

Pecos can clinch the District 3-3A championship with a victory on Friday against Fabens. A victory would send the Eagles into the bi-district round to face either Monahans or Sweetwater.

District 3-3A Standings

| | Overall | District |
|----------------------|---------|----------|
| y-Pecos..... | 17-8-0 | 10-1 |
| x-Presidio..... | 15-6-0 | 10-2 |
| x-Fort Stockton..... | 15-11-0 | 7-4 |
| Clint..... | 9-12-0 | 4-6 |
| Fabens..... | 7-11-0 | 3-7 |
| Mountain View..... | 3-15-0 | 3-8 |
| Anthony..... | 1-15-1 | 1-10 |

x-qualified for playoffs
y-clinched share of district championship
Friday, April 25
Fabens at Pecos, 4 p.m.
Anthony at Clint, 5 p.m.
Fort Stockton at Mountain View, 5 p.m.

Clint can clinch the No. 4 spot in the 3-3A race with a in on Friday.

Lobos, Mustangs to play for third

The Monahans Lobos and the Sweetwater Mustangs will play a one-game district playoff on Friday to determine the third- and fourth-place teams in the District 4-3A standings. Both teams finished the district schedule with 5-5 records.

The one-game playoff will be held Friday at Steer Park, starting at 7 p.m.

Mavs even series with Spurs, 1-1

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Blowing their playoff opener turned out to be great therapy for the Dallas Mavericks.

Eighth-seeded Dallas rolled to a 113-92 victory over San Antonio on Wednesday night, snapping a 10-game skid against the Spurs and evening their first-round series at a game apiece.

Dallas didn't relent in Game 2 after watching a 10-point lead evaporate in the final eight minutes of the series opener Sunday.

"Game 1 actually helped a lot more than today," Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki said. "We were down after Game 1, but in this building to be up 10 with six or seven minutes left, I think that gave us a lot of confidence coming into this one. Just keep executing the game plan."

It was Dallas' first playoff victory since June 12, 2011, when it rebounded from an 0-2 deficit to defeat the Miami Heat for the NBA title.

If not for the final eight minutes of the series opener, the Mavericks would have a 2-0 lead entering Game 3 on Saturday.

"It feels great, but it's nothing to celebrate," Dallas point guard Jose Calderon said.

In Game 2, the Mavericks used an aggressive offense and a brutal defensive effort that discombobulated the Spurs, who finished the regular season with the league's best record.

Monta Ellis scored 21 points, Shawn Marion added 20 points, Nowitzki had 16, Devin Harris had 18 and Calderon 12 for Dallas, which never trailed after the opening minutes of the second quarter.

Manu Ginobili had 27 points, Tony Parker added 12 and Tim Duncan 11 for the Spurs, who did not have any other player score more than seven points.

"They beat us in every aspect of the game," Ginobili said. "They played harder. Our defense was soft (and) not as aggressive as theirs. Not that I don't expect them to play hard. We know they are a tough team, but having such a poor performance in the playoffs bothers me."



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers stand on the podium after winning the 4x100-meter relay title at the area track meet last week in Pecos.

Big Spring athletes face very busy schedule at Region I-3A track meet

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

There will be no shortage of sportage for the Big Spring High School boys' and girls' track athletes beginning Friday when the Region I-3A Track and Field Championships begin in Lubbock. More than a dozen BSHS athletes will be competing in the meet, which will be held on the track at Texas Tech University.

Many of the preliminary races will be held on Friday afternoon, starting at 2:30 p.m. with the girls' 4x100-meter relay. Only the 1,600-, 3,200- and 800-meter races will be held as finals-only events.

The 1,600- and 800-meter races

will be staged on Saturday.

Tate Kennedy will lead off the Steers' performances at 11 a.m. on Friday when he competes in the long jump. Charles Green, Ryan Lopez, Ian Gonzales and Tobyn Tannehill will all run in races later in the day, as will the BSHS 4x400-meter relay squad.

The Big Spring Lady Steers relay teams will be busy on Friday. The Lady Steers qualified for the regional meet in all three events, including the 4x100-, 4x200- and 4x400-meter relays.

Faith Roberson and Ryan Lopez will be in action on Saturday at 2:45 p.m. when they participate in the 800-meter run finals.

Region I-3A Track and Field Championships

| Friday | | |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| Time | Event | Athlete |
| 11 a.m. | Long Jump | Tate Kennedy |
| 2:30 p.m. | 4x100 relay | BS girls |
| 3 p.m. | 110 Hurdles | Charles Green |
| 3:50 p.m. | 4x200 Relay | BS girls |
| 4:15 p.m. | 400-meter dash | Ryan Lopez |
| | | Ian Gonzales |
| 4:35 p.m. | 300 Hurdles | Devin Roberson |
| 5 p.m. | 200-meter dash | Tobyn Tannehill |
| 5:40 p.m. | 4x400 relay | BS girls |
| | | BS boys |
| Saturday | | |
| 2:45 p.m. | 800 meter run | Faith Roberson |
| | | Ryan Lopez |
| 3:05 p.m. | 110 Hurdles | Charles Green |
| 3:35 p.m. | 4x200 finals | BS girls |
| 3:50 p.m. | 400-meter dash | Ryan Lopez |
| 4:05 p.m. | 300 Hurdles | Devin Roberson |
| 4:25 p.m. | 200-meter dash | Tobyn Tannehill |
| 4:55 p.m. | 4x400 relay | BS girls |
| | | BS boys |

If you haven't seen them, you better get off the couch

For the most part, everyone has memories of an athletic event that is burned into the mind. In the almost three decades that I have been following high school and professional sports in Texas and Alaska, I've had my share.

I'll never forget the game former Graham High School pitcher Paul Blount hurled during his senior year. The guy turned in an effort that was truly Herculean. All the right-handed did was strike out 17 batters while throwing no-hitter. To make his day better, he also scored the team's only run en route to losing a 2-1 decision.

I remember watching Santo and Grady win state basketball championships, and I remember Fort Hancock winning five state six-man football championships in

six years – a feat which led to their eventual ouster from the six-man ranks.

Of course, one of the more memorable things was witnessing the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Until you see what those dogs and mushers must overcome on a 1,100-mile race through some of the most remote areas of rural Alaska in which the temperatures often dip below -20, you really can't appreciate what it takes. Before I saw the race, I thought they mushers were crazy. Now, I'm absolutely sure of it.

Last weekend, I added another two more memories, thanks to the Big Spring High School Lady Steers' 4x400-meter relay team at the District 3-4 Area Track and Field Championships. For the first time, I saw a relay team to-

tally dominate an event, winning the 4-lap race by more than 100 yards. If you haven't had the chance to see this squad run, it is well worth the effort.

Don't be late, though, or you'll miss them.

You have to tip your hat to senior Devin Roberson. Few athletes will face the schedule the BSHS senior will endure this weekend.

On Friday and Saturday, he will compete in the Region I-3A Track and Field Championships in Lubbock. Immediately after running in the 300-meter hurdles on Saturday afternoon, he and his family will load up and drive to Austin, where he will begin preparing for the Class 3A state golf tournament.



Tommy Wells
Herald Sports Editor

It is time for coaches to begin thinking about all-state honors on softball.

Area coaches are asked to send nominations for the Texas Sports Writers Association All-State softball team to Jack Stallard of the Longview

News-Journal.

Nominations must include: Player(s) name, grade, team and classification of team, and any available stats (If a player plays more than one position, please specify what position you are nominating her for. If she plays several positions, you may want to nominate her for Utility Player).

Please send nominations by email to jstallard@news-journal.com.

In a more personal matter, I'd like to congratulate my two sons, Tommy Jr. (Bubba) and Bobby. The two recently signed to play college football this fall at Campbellsville University in Kentucky.

Both played high school football at Strawn High School.

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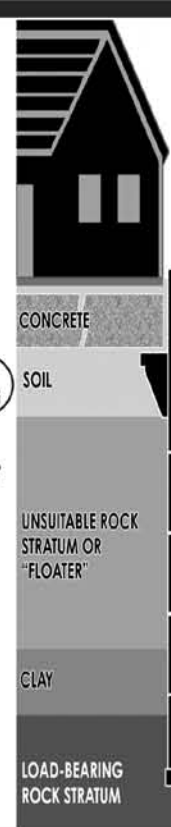
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Real Estate for Rent

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Sudoku Answer on Page 3

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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

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By Steve Becker

The Better Way

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A Q 8
♥ 7 6 4 3
♦ 6 3
♣ A J 6 2
WEST
♠ J 9 5 2
♥ 10 9 8
♦ 8 4
♣ 10 9 7 3
EAST
♠ K 10 6 4
♥ A K Q 5 2
♦ 9 7
♣ Q 5
SOUTH
♠ 7 3
♥ J
♦ A K Q J 10 5 2
♣ K 8 4

The bidding:
South West North East
5♦ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead — ten of hearts.

When a contract depends solely on the favorable distribution of a suit or the success of a finesse, all you can do is hope that the Fates will be kind to you. However, some hands that may seem to depend on luck can be salvaged by finding a way to reduce the luck element.

Consider this deal where South is in five diamonds and West leads a heart. East wins and plays another heart, ruffed by South.

There's no denying that after this start, declarer has an excellent shot at

the contract. He can draw trumps, play the K-x of clubs and finesse the jack. If the jack wins, he is home free. But even if it loses, the clubs might be divided 3-3 and, failing that, the spade finesse might work.

All these possibilities added together make South a huge favorite for the contract. Yet, as the cards lie, he would go down one by pursuing this line of play, since both finesses fail and the clubs break 4-2.

However, South can improve his chances of getting home safely by altering his play slightly. After drawing trumps, he should cash the A-K of clubs, spurning the finesse. In the actual case, this safety play succeeds, since East has the doubleton queen.

Note that rejecting the club finesse doesn't hurt South's chances one bit. If the queen doesn't appear, South simply leads his remaining club toward the J-6. If West has the queen, or the suit divides 3-3, the contract is home, since dummy's fourth club becomes declarer's 11th trick.

By playing in this fashion, South makes the contract not only when West has the queen of clubs or the suit breaks 3-3, but also when East has the Q-x. The club finesse should therefore not be attempted, since declarer's maximum chance is attained by refusing the finesse.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Lullaby Moon

It's been a week of tension and unpredictable excitement. Now Mercury in grounded Taurus and an empathetic Pisces moon will try to mellow out the atmosphere lullaby-style. When the psychic winds kick up, try not to see them as inconvenient agitators, but as benevolent forces sent to gently rock us.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Note that in every deal, personal and business alike, there is a point of honorable retreat. When it's obvious that the energy is only flowing one way and not being returned, the noble move is to back off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be offered a tempting handout. Yes, this really is free, but that doesn't mean it's worth having. Before you take it, ask yourself, "If I had to pay three dollars for it, would I?"

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Don't be too concerned about temporary setbacks. They are masquerading as bigger problems than they really are. Time will pass, things will

change, and you will be on top once again.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). With so much available to you at the click of a mouse, it's a difficult time to develop patience. And yet you'll have a beautiful relationship with a certain person in your life if you just slow down a bit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll get 75 percent of the story, but it's still far too soon to draw any conclusions. As it is with any good mystery, the last quarter could (and likely will) change everything.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be careful to use or manage your resources to the extent that is reasonable. Being hyper-vigilant in this regard may cause you undue stress. Strike a balance that allows you to breathe easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you're in target practice without a target, is every shot a bull's-eye, or is every shot a miserable miss? Because you're in no mood for rhetoric, just get a target. For now, any goal will do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your success comes from being all about relationships. You'll make sure that anyone who deals with you is getting their

needs met to the fullest extent of your ability and resources.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Take care of yourself, and you'll find it easier to be "good." Self-discipline won't be hard to come by when your life is already filled with what you need, including the need for pleasure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You deserve a stress-less day. If not today, at least set yourself up for future relaxation by avoiding commitment and obligation. Don't agree to be at any certain place at any certain time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your true friends and supporters are the ones who aren't deterred by plain talk. You'll call it as you see it, and your team will respond quickly, needing nothing more from you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you could make it happen by sheer force of will, it would have happened already. There are other factors involved. Because you understand and flow with this reality, you will be extraordinarily lucky now.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 24). This year you'll develop a virtue that will enhance everything you experience:

patience. It allows you to find easy solutions, keep your eye on the big picture and be an extremely pleasant force in the lives of others. May, August and October bring financial bonuses. You'll win a race in June. Family grows in November. Libra and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 11, 19 and 27.

COSMIC ANXIETY ALERT (PART FOUR): There is good stress, and there is bad stress. The difference between the two has more to do with our reaction to the stressor than anything else. If the stress motivates us to do and be more, it's good stress. If it constricts us or induces paralysis, panic and/or a loss of control, well, that's the bad kind.

The current cosmic weather may trigger extra nervousness in those sensitive to tense vibrations. Monday through Wednesday featured coping exercises to help deal with anxious emotions. Even more effective may be the preventive measures taken to increase your overall resistance to stress. These directives fall under the common-sense rules for the care and feeding of human beings -- the kinds of things your mother told you or should have told you. Either way, these directives are so

obvious that they can be easy to overlook.

Simply put, there are 10 things we can regularly do to increase our resistance to stress. 1. Get enough sleep. 2. Eat right. 3. Exercise often. 4. Dress for the weather. 5. Express yourself. 6. Practice daily pleasure. 7. Look for the good. 8. Cultivate a support system. 9. Love them. 10. Let them love you back.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Inimitable Taurus Barbra Streisand is so multi-hyphenated that putting all of her titles into this profile would take up the entire available word count -- ditto in regard to the awards she's won, which include the Oscar, Tony, Emmy, Grammy, Golden Globe, Peabody and more. Four luminaries in steadfast Taurus and two in Leo tell the cosmic story of a tireless force in entertainment.

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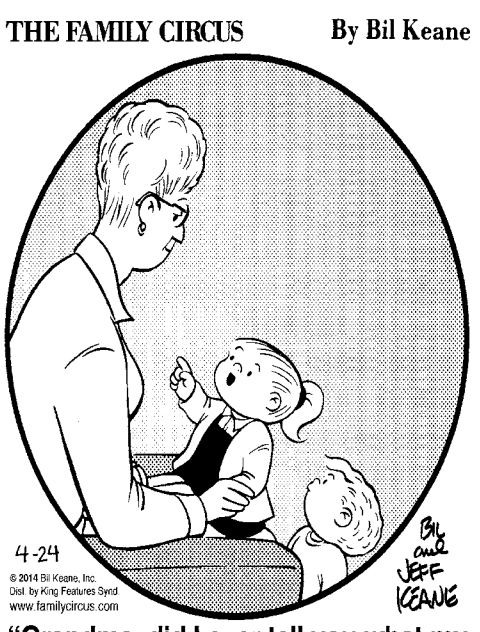
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| 6:PM | Jeopardy! | De Que Te Quiero | Big Bang Big Bang | News Ent | La Alifombra | News News | Seinfeld Seinfeld | Rik Rocks | PBS News-Hour | M*A*S*H M*A*S*H | | | Cops | NBA Basketball: Teams TBA. | Movie: Waist Deep, Larenz Tate | Live-Mad. Jessie | SportsCenter Spec. | E:60 |
| 7:PM | Grey's Anatomy | Por Siempre | Hell's Kitchen | Big Bang Millers | Premios Billboard de la Música Latina (SS) | Parks/Recreat | Fam. Guy | Upd 1st Fruits | TBA | Gilligan Gilligan | Naked and Afraid | Movie: Pearl Harbor, Kate Beckinsale | Cops | | | Judy Moody: Summer | On the Clock | College Softball: Georgia at Alabama. |
| 8:PM | Grey's Anatomy | Lo Que la Vida | American Surviving | Two Men Bad | | Saturday Night Live | Big Bang | Light of the Southwest | The Bleetchley Circle | Heroes Kotter | Naked and Afraid | | IMPACT Wrestling | NBA Basketball: Teams TBA. | Movie: Blue Hill Avenue, Aaron D. Spears | Austin Good | Boxing: Friday Night Fights. | Baseball Tonight |
| 9:PM | Black Box | Qué Pobres | Mod Fam | Mod Fam | (:01) Elementary | | Big Bang | | Antiques Roadshow | Rhoda | Dual Survival | | | | | Win, Lose Dog | NFL Live | SportsCenter |
| 10:PM | News ABC | Impacto Noticiero | Arsenio Hall | News Letterman | Noticias Titulares | News Tonight Show | Conan | McGee Justice | Charlie Rose | Twi. Zone Perry Mason | Naked and Afraid | Movie: Mission: Impossible III, Ving Rhames | Ink Master | | | Good Good | SportsCenter | Olbermann |
| 11:PM | Jimmy Kimmel Live | Familia-Suerte | How I Met How I Met | Ferguson | Decisiones (SS) | Seth Meyers | Conan | Israel Upd | World T. Smiley (Off Air) | The Untouchables | Naked and Afraid | | Cops | Inside the NBA | Wendy Williams | Good Good | SportsCenter | Olbermann |
| 12:AM | Extra | Amorcito Corazón | Raymond | Insider | Decisiones (SS) | News | Holmes | BAS | | Gallery | | | Police Videos | Hawaii Five-0 | Queen Latifah | Shake It | NBA | SportsCenter |
| 1:AM | Paid | Conducta Casa | Law & Order: SVU | Ent Paid | Pagado | (:07) Today | Movie: Father of the | Light of the Southwest | | Hitchcock Hr. | Deadliest Catch | (:01) Movie: Cop Land, | Police Videos | CSI: NY | Movie: Port Chicago | Deck | NASCAR | SportsCenter |

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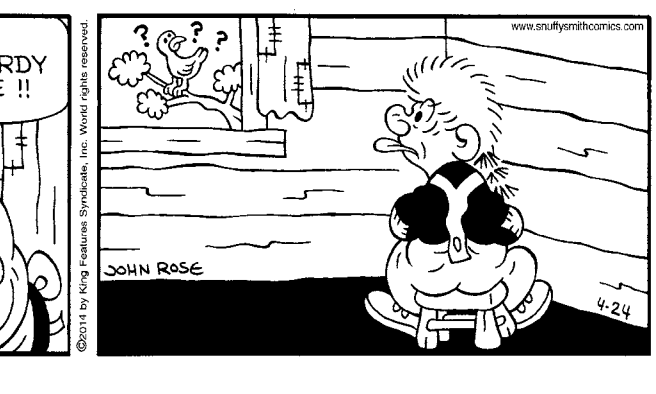
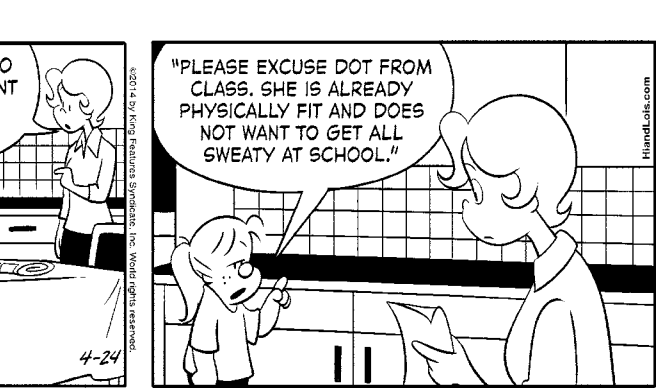
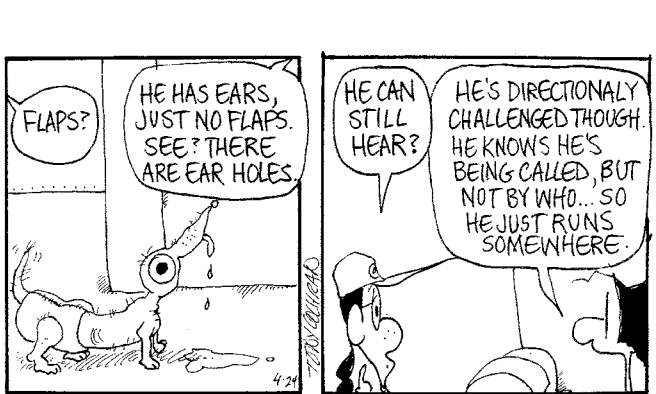
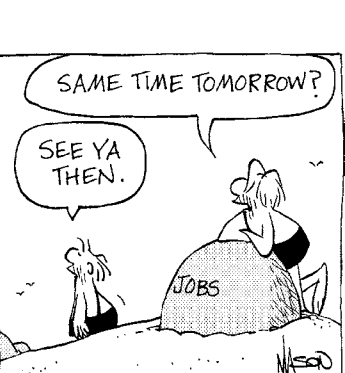
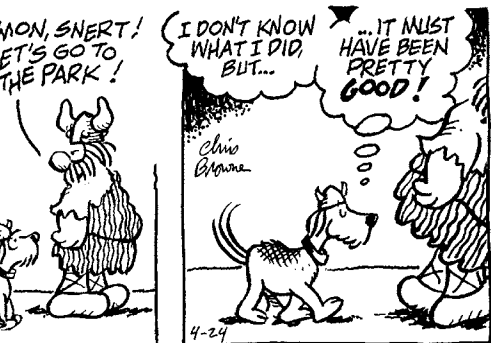
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 24, the 114th day of 2014. There are 251 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 24, 1916, some 1,600 Irish nationalists launched the Easter Rising by seizing several key sites in Dublin. (The rising was put down by British forces almost a week later.) On this date: In 1792, the national anthem of France, "La Marseillaise" (lah mahr-say-YEHZ'), was composed by Captain

Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle. In 1800, Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress. In 1898, Spain declared war on the United States. (The United States responded in kind the next day.) In 1913, the 792-foot Woolworth Building, at that time the tallest skyscraper in the world, officially opened in Manhattan as President Woodrow Wilson pressed a button at the White House to signal the lighting of the towering structure. In 1915, what's regarded as the start of the Armenian genocide began as the Ottoman

Empire rounded up Armenian political and cultural leaders in Constantinople. In 1932, in the Free State of Prussia, the Nazi Party gained a plurality of seats in parliamentary elections. In 1953, British statesman Winston Churchill was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II. In 1974, comedian Bud Abbott, 78, died in Woodland Hills, Calif.

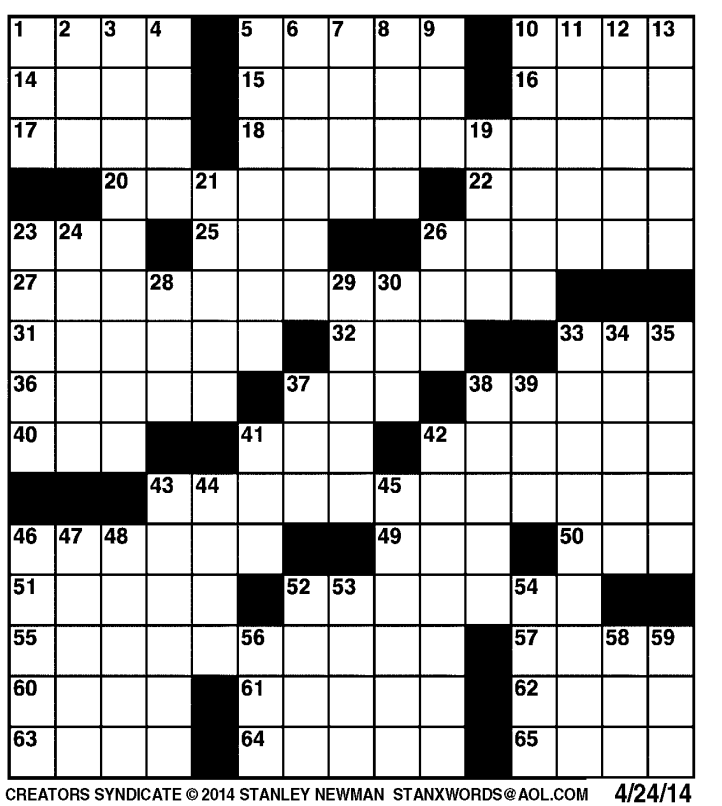
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Stands out on the page
 - 5 Cookie quantity
 - 10 Misrepresent
 - 14 100 cents, sometimes
 - 15 Totally floor
 - 16 Classmate, for instance
 - 17 MIT VIP
 - 18 Sun's sudden energy release
 - 20 Wall decorator
 - 22 Bring back burgers
 - 23 Frat letter
 - 25 Air-quality monitor
 - 26 Cleanup candidates
 - 27 Camera accessory
 - 31 Infested with small flies
 - 32 For example
 - 33 Talk and talk
 - 36 Itching for action
 - 37 Elevations, for short
 - 38 Port of Jordan
 - 40 Sandwich selection
 - 41 It means "recent"
 - 42 Pointillist painter
 - 43 It's carried every two years
 - 46 Gets on the board
 - 49 Church lady
 - 50 South Park kid
 - 51 Broadcast component
 - 52 Bee collections
 - 55 Go-ahead

- DOWN**
- 1 Gusto
 - 2 Mutual Friend (Dickens book)
 - 3 Let spread
 - 4 Place to nap
 - 5 Amount before overtime
 - 6 Without ethics
 - 7 Fish story
 - 8 Plutocrat
 - 9 "She's the one"
 - 10 Belly-flop by-product
 - 11 Byron
 - 12 Spooky
 - 13 Small songbirds
 - 19 Bank charges
 - 21 Trifling
 - 23 Mystery writer's award
 - 24 Cheap-sounding
 - 26 Could possibly
 - 28 What c'est can mean
 - 29 Camera setting
 - 30 Cruces, NM
 - 33 Army posts
 - 34 By surprise
 - 35 Soak oneself
 - 37 Box (in)
 - 38 Blue Cross competitor
 - 39 Quid pro
 - 41 Gov. Cuomo's purview
 - 42 Abandon
 - 43 Far East
 - 44 Stalin foe
 - 45 Short distance
 - 46 Typical Michener novels
 - 47 Hurler's pitch
 - 48 Start of two 11 Down titles
 - 52 Designer Ricci
 - 53 Diner supply
 - 54 Ascended
 - 56 Racing circuit
 - 58 Something wonderful
 - 59 Farm pen



SCOREBOARD

NBA FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Saturday, April 19
Brooklyn 94, Toronto 87
Golden St. 109, Clippers 105
Atlanta 101, Indiana 93
Okla. City 100, Memphis 86
Sunday, April 20
San Antonio 90, Dallas 85,
Dallas leads series 1-0
Miami 99, Charlotte 88. Miami
leads series 1-0
Washington 102, Chicago 93
Portland 122, Houston 120, OT,
Portland leads series 1-0
Monday, April 21
Memphis 111, Oklahoma City
105, OT. Series tied 1-1
L.A. Clippers 138, Golden State
98, series tied 1-1
Tuesday, April 22
Indiana 101, Atlanta 85, series
tied 1-1
Toronto 100, Brooklyn 95, series
tied 1-1
Washington 101, Chicago 99,
OT, Washington leads series 2-0
Wednesday, April 23
Miami 101, Charlotte 97, Miami
leads series 2-0
Dallas 113, San Antonio 92,
series tied 1-1
Portland 112, Houston 105,
Portland leads series 2-
Thursday, April 24
Indiana at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Okla City at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Clippers at Golden St., 10:30 p.m.
Friday, April 25
Toronto at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 8 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 26
Indiana at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.
Miami at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Okla City at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 27
Chicago at Washington, 1 p.m.
Clippers at Golden St., 3:30 p.m.
Toronto at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

| W | L | Pct | GB | |
|-----------|----|-----|------|----|
| New York | 12 | 9 | .571 | — |
| Toronto | 11 | 10 | .524 | 1 |
| Baltimore | 10 | 10 | .500 | 1½ |
| Tampa Bay | 10 | 11 | .476 | 2 |
| Boston | 10 | 12 | .455 | 2½ |

Central Division

| W | L | Pct | GB | |
|-------------|----|-----|------|----|
| Detroit | 10 | 8 | .556 | — |
| Chicago | 11 | 11 | .500 | 1 |
| Kansas City | 10 | 10 | .500 | 1 |
| Minnesota | 10 | 10 | .500 | 1 |
| Cleveland | 10 | 11 | .476 | 1½ |

West Division

| W | L | Pct | GB | |
|-------------|----|-----|------|----|
| Texas | 14 | 8 | .636 | — |
| Oakland | 13 | 8 | .619 | ½ |
| Los Angeles | 10 | 11 | .476 | 3½ |
| Seattle | 8 | 13 | .381 | 5½ |
| Houston | 7 | 15 | .318 | 7 |

Wednesday's Games
Texas 3, Oakland 0
Seattle 5, Houston 3
Cleveland 5, Kansas City 3
Washington 5, L.A. Angels 4
Baltimore 10, Toronto 8
Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 4
Minnesota 6, Tampa Bay 4, 12
innings
Boston 5, N.Y. Yankees 1
Thursday's Games
Kansas City (B.Chen 1-1) at
Cleveland (Kluber 1-2), 12:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Quintana 1-1)
at Detroit (Scherzer 1-1), 1:08 p.m.
Minnesota (Nolasco 1-2) at Tampa
Bay (Bedard 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Baltimore (B.Norris 0-2) at Toronto
(Hutchison 1-1), 7:07 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 2-2) at
Boston (Doubront 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Kazmir 2-0) at Houston
(Oberholtzer 0-3), 8:10 p.m.

| | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|------|----|
| Atlanta | 14 | 7 | .667 | — |
| Washington | 12 | 10 | .545 | 2½ |
| New York | 11 | 10 | .524 | 3 |
| Philadelphia | 10 | 11 | .476 | 4 |
| Miami | 10 | 12 | .455 | 4½ |

Central Division

| W | L | Pct | GB | |
|------------|----|-----|------|----|
| Milwaukee | 16 | 6 | .727 | — |
| St. Louis | 12 | 10 | .545 | 4 |
| Cincinnati | 10 | 11 | .476 | 5½ |
| Pittsburgh | 9 | 13 | .409 | 7 |
| Chicago | 7 | 13 | .350 | 8 |

West Division

| W | L | Pct | GB | |
|---------------|----|-----|------|----|
| Los Angeles | 13 | 9 | .591 | — |
| San Francisco | 12 | 10 | .545 | 1 |
| Colorado | 12 | 11 | .522 | 1½ |
| San Diego | 10 | 12 | .455 | 3 |
| Arizona | 6 | 18 | .250 | 8 |

Wednesday's Games
Atlanta 3, Miami 1
Arizona 7, Chicago Cubs 5
San Francisco 12, Colorado 10, 11
innings
Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 2
Washington 5, L.A. Angels 4
N.Y. Mets 3, St. Louis 2
Milwaukee 5, San Diego 2
L.A. Dodgers 5, Philadelphia 2
Thursday's Games
Cincinnati (Cingrani 1-2) at
Pittsburgh (Undecided), 12:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 4-0) at N.Y. Mets
(Colon 1-3), 1:10 p.m.
Arizona (Bolsinger 0-1) at Chicago
Cubs (E.Jackson 1-1), 2:20 p.m.
San Diego (Stults 1-2) at
Washington (Zimmermann 1-1), 7:05
p.m.
Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 0-2) at
L.A. Dodgers (Haren 3-0), 10:10
p.m.

Orleans. Sent RHP Jacob
Turner to Jupiter (FSL) for a
rehab assignment.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES
— Activated LHP Cole Hamels
from the 15-day DL. Optioned
RHP B.J. Rosenberg to Lehigh
Valley (IL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES —
Announced 1B Travis Ishikawa
declined outright assignment
and elected free agency.
SAN DIEGO PADRES —
Traded OF Dan Robertson to
Texas for cash considerations.
Eastern League
TRENTON THUNDER —
Announced RHP Graham
Stoneburner was assigned to
the team from Scranton-Wilkes
Barre (IL) and RHP Cole Kimball
was assigned to Staten Island
(NYP).
American Association
GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS
— Released OF John Allen.
Signed RHPs Dakota Watts and
Caesar Lopez.
ST. PAUL SAINTS —
Released 1B Ole Sheldon.
Signed 1B Henry Wrigley.
Atlantic League
SUGAR LAND SKEETERS
— Signed RHP Tracy McGrady.
Can-Am League
QUEBEC CAPITALES —
Signed INF Mike Provencher
and RHP Cameron Bayne.
Frontier League
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH
BUMS — Placed 1B Jeremy
Banks on the retired list.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed
RHP Daniel Carela and C Nick
Hladek.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed
RB Shaun Draughn to a one-
year contract.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS —
Signed CB Marcus Trufant.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS
— Signed DB Bruce Johnson
and RB/KR C.J. Tarver.

TEXAS LEAGUE
North Division

| W | L | Pct | GB | |
|-------------|---|-----|------|---|
| Springfield | 9 | 10 | .474 | — |
| Tulsa | 9 | 10 | .474 | — |
| Arkansas | 8 | 11 | .421 | 1 |
| NW Arkansas | 6 | 13 | .316 | 3 |

South Division

| W | L | Pct | GB | |
|----------------|----|-----|------|----|
| Frisco | 13 | 6 | .684 | — |
| Midland | 11 | 7 | .611 | 1½ |
| Corpus Christi | 11 | 8 | .579 | 2 |
| San Antonio | 8 | 10 | .444 | 4½ |

Wednesday's Games
Arkansas 1, Tulsa 0
Northwest Arkansas 6, Springfield 5
San Antonio 5, Frisco 3
Midland 3, Corpus Christi 1
Thursday's Games
Springfield at NW Ark., 8:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Frisco, 8:05 p.m.
Midland at CC, 8:10 p.m.
Tulsa at Arkansas, 8:10 p.m.
Friday's Games
NW Arkansas at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m.
Midland at San Antonio, 8:05 p.m.
Frisco at Corpus Christi, 8:10 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 8:10 p.m.

Aldridge's 43 lifts Blazers over struggling Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — LaMarcus Aldridge's son JJ, who turned 5 on Wednesday, texted him after the Portland Trail Blazers' playoff win and told him he looked like Spider-Man on one of his dunks.
To the Houston Rockets the Portland star probably looked like a superhero on more than just that one play.

Aldridge continued his dominance against the Rockets, scoring 43 points to lift the Trail Blazers to a 112-105 victory and a 2-0 lead in the first-round playoff series.
“(Leading) 2-0 going home feels great, but it's not over,” he said. “We're going to stay hungry, stay humble and go home and try to duplicate the same (success).”

Aldridge became the first player with consecutive games of 43 points in the playoffs since Tracy McGrady did it in April 2003 after scoring a career-high and franchise playoff-record 46 in an overtime win in Game 1. He's also the first player Trail Blazers history to have two 40-point games in the postseason and his 89 points in a team's first two playoff games trail only Michael Jordan (1986, 1988) and Jerry West (1965) in the last 50 years.

McGrady signs minor league baseball contract

SUGAR LAND, Texas (AP) — Former NBA star Tracy McGrady signed Wednesday to pitch for the Sugar Land Skeeters in the independent Atlantic League.
“It's an honor to be a part of this club,” McGrady said in a statement released by the team. “To be a part of the team means everything to me and it's a dream come true. I look forward to coming to the ballpark not only to play the game, but to be in the clubhouse building camaraderie with these guys.”

The 6-foot-8 right-hander officially reported to spring camp last week and made his first scrimmage appearance against Alvin Community College on April 16.
In an inning of work, he allowed one run on three hits with no walks and no strikeouts.
The 34-year-old McGrady spent 16 years in the NBA with the Toronto Raptors, Orlando Magic, Houston Rockets, New York Knicks, Detroit Pistons and Atlanta Hawks. The seven-time All-Star won two scoring titles.

Damian Lillard made six free throws down the stretch to help out in the win. But the guard gave all the credit for the win to Aldridge.
“What can they do to stop him? He was great once again, just like Game 1,” Lillard said. “When a lot of guys couldn't get going and couldn't hit shots, he just carried us. He played like an MVP again.”
The Rockets spent the last two days of practice focused on how to slow Aldridge down, but nothing they did seemed to faze the 6-foot-11 player.

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