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## Police arrest substitute teacher

*Parnell, 22, charged with improper relationship with student*

**Herald Staff Report**

A 22-year-old substitute teacher for Big Spring ISD was arrested Monday on a charge of improper relationship — educator and student. According to George Ban-

croft, Big Spring ISD public relations coordinator, Tevian Deantra Parnell was only recently hired as a substitute teacher for the school system. "Big Spring ISD is dedicated to protecting the safety of

our students and staff," Bancroft said in a news release. "All prospective employees and volunteers are subject to criminal background investigation and thorough vetting." "In the event that one of

our employees is arrested, we work in cooperation with law enforcement agencies to assist those agencies with their investigations," he continued. "With respect to the recent arrest of one of the BSISD

substitute teachers, the individual has been removed from the district's list of eligible substitutes." The Big Spring Police daily activities report stated Parnell was arrested in the 3600 block of Highway 80.



## Gold rush

Seven Big Spring art students — Ashlen Eckert, Elisa Hernandez, Taylor Holloway, Samantha Murphy, Amanda Renteria, Destiny Robles and Jaren Walsh — received medals for their submissions at the Visual Arts Scholastic Event regional and area meet in Odessa.

## BSHS art students shine at UIL event

Special to the Herald

During Spring break, seven art students represented Big Spring High School at the University Interscholastic League's Visual Arts Scholastic Event regional and area contest in Odessa. All seven students — Ashlen Eckert, Elisa Hernandez, Taylor Holloway, Samantha Murphy, Amanda Renteria, Destiny Robles and Jaren Walsh received regional medals for their art works. Holloway and Murphy received two regional medals for their works. Students who participate in the event must be passing all classes

and can enter up to two original art works completed during the school year. There were 331 participants in the competition, with only 29 advancing to area and state. Eckert is a junior and third-year art student. She entered her acrylic titled "Mother Galaxy." Freshman Hernandez entered her acrylic painting titled, "Owls." Senior Holloway's entry titled "Temporia" earned a perfect score. Her entry "Gradients Galore" was the BSHS art department's first photography entry. It was a story book digital creation. This year marked junior second-year art student Samantha Murphy's first time to enter the VASE competition. Her entries were "Ce-

ilia Broklovich," a mixed media depiction of an original character Samantha created and refined. Her other artwork was a radial design completed in colored pencil titled "State of Mind." Second-year art student Renteria entered two works. The sophomore received a regional medal for her action tempera painting "Diving for Glory," based on the time her played softball. Amanda's second entry, titled "Costume Fun" — which was her first oil painting and depicted her little cousin dressed up for Halloween — received a three rating. Robles, a freshman first-year art

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## PD: Duffer may be facing more charges

Herald Staff Report

A 35-year-old Big Spring man may be facing a second charge of aggravated assault as Big Spring police officers continue with an investigation of another report. Thursday morning, March 19, Big Spring police were contacted by 20-year-old Santana Deleon, claiming she had been the victim of an aggravated robbery the night before. "Deleon stated that on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at approximately 11:25 p.m., she was approached by a white male approximately mid-30s, dark complexion, with dark hair and dark colored goatee, while at the gas pumps at the 7-11 located at 1209 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Pl.," Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams said in a new release. "Deleon stated that the male subjected brandished a firearm and ordered her into her car. The male suspect then entered the vehicle with her and ordered her to drive to her bank. Once at her bank, the suspect ordered her to withdraw and give him \$300 cash to which the victim complied. The suspect then had the victim drive him to the east side of town, at which time the suspect had her stop the vehicle and then exited and fled the area on foot." Later Thursday night, police officers were dispatched to the same 7-11 in reference to a second robbery that occurred a few hours prior on Wood Street. According to Williams, the victim was also taken to his or her bank and made to withdraw money. "The suspect then stole the victim's tan-in-color Toyota Camry," Williams said. "This case is still under investigation at this time." Williams said through cooperation of the first victim and evidence obtained, police officers were able to issue an arrest warrant for aggravated robbery for Lester Duffer.



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## Coahoma kinder rodeo Friday

By JULIE BASS  
 Staff Writer

It is Yee-Haw and Giddy-up time for the kiddos of Coahoma. Join the kindergarten classes on Friday, March 27, at 9 a.m. as they celebrate the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo.

Since the passing of Quail Dobbs, founder of the kindergarten rodeo, it has been renamed, Quail Dobbs' Legacy Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo. According to kindergarten teacher Jennifer Baccari, there will be several special guests: Ben Clements, Jim Bob Fellers,

Jody Nix, Miss Rodeo Texas, Miss Rodeo Texas Teen, Miss Rodeo Texas Princess and more. The kindergarten cowboys and cowgirls will perform tricks, "ride," rope, sing and entertain as only 5 and 6 year olds can, officials promise.

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## Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **TEVIAN DEANTRA PARNELL**, 22, of 3213 Fenn was arrested on charges of improper relationship between educator and student.
- **ANGELICA MOJICA**, 16, of 1207 Sycamore St. was arrested on charges of theft more than \$50 but less than \$500 shoplifting.
- **RAITH SALGADO**, 15, of Lamesa was arrested on charges of theft more than \$50 but less than \$500 shoplifting.
- **MARCUS MENDEZ III**, 22, of 1511 S. Johnson was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block

of N.W. 7th St.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 200 block of Austin St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane, the 1600 block of S. Gregg St., the 400 block of Westover Rd. and the 1500 block of E. 6th St.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of Tulane Ave.
- **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 800 block of 11th Place.
- **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place and at the intersection of N.W. 8th St. and Main St.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the

1500 block of Douglas.

- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 3200 block of Ave C.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1800 block of Owens St.

The Howard County Sheriff Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail report having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MATTHEW AARON SALGADO**, 21, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for indecency with a child /3 years old.
- **TEVIAN DEANTRA PARNELL**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on charges of improper re-

lationship between educator and student.

- **WENDY MICHELE SCHUMACHER**, 47, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and fail to appear.
- **MARCOS MENDEZ**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **JOHN MANUEL SOLIS**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- **BEVERLY DAWN DEANDA**, 21, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to appear and a charge of no drivers license.






## Obituaries

### Dora G. Perches

Dora G. Perches, 74, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 23, 2015 at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 3/25	Thu 3/26	Fri 3/27	Sat 3/28	Sun 3/29
 <b>88/54</b> Sunny. High 89F. Winds SW at 15 to 25 mph.	 <b>88/48</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	 <b>65/43</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	 <b>73/47</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 50s.	 <b>81/50</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:44 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:00 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:43 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:01 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:42 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:01 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:02 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:39 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:03 PM



## Support Groups

**WEDNESDAY**

- **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease)**, a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**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.

- **Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box

office, next to Sears). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

- **A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group** meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

**FRIDAY**

- 7 p.m. — **The Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).
- **AA open discussion meeting** from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

**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**

- **VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group**, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- **Reformers Unanimous Inter-**

national is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

- **Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

- **Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group** meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

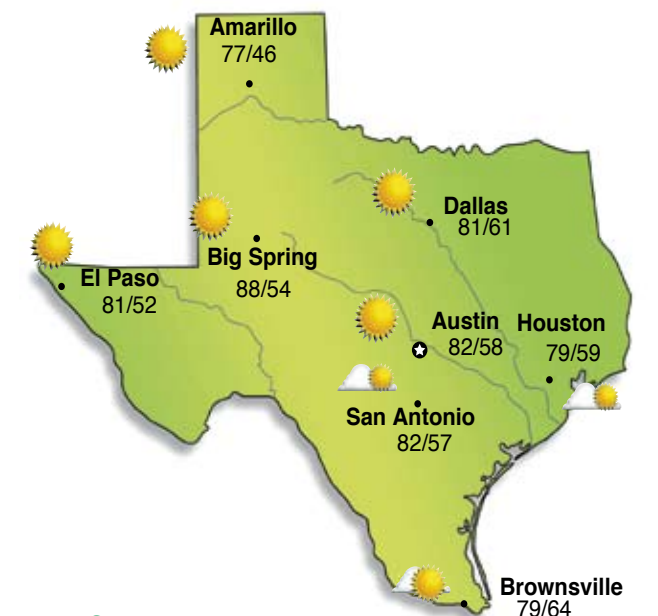
For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- **VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group**, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- **Al-Anon**, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	87	57	pt sunny	Kingsville	81	61	pt sunny
Amarillo	77	46	sunny	Livingston	77	56	mst sunny
Austin	82	58	sunny	Longview	78	57	sunny
Beaumont	77	57	mst sunny	Lubbock	84	48	sunny
Brownsville	79	64	mst sunny	Lufkin	81	57	sunny
Brownwood	87	56	pt sunny	Midland	85	54	sunny
Corpus Christi	74	62	pt sunny	Raymondville	82	64	pt sunny
Corsicana	79	59	mst sunny	Rosenberg	79	58	pt sunny
Dallas	81	61	sunny	San Antonio	82	57	pt sunny
Del Rio	87	60	pt sunny	San Marcos	81	57	sunny
El Paso	81	52	sunny	Sulphur Springs	78	60	sunny
Fort Stockton	83	56	sunny	Sweetwater	86	58	sunny
Gainesville	83	59	pt sunny	Tyler	78	59	sunny
Greenville	79	61	mst sunny	Weatherford	87	58	pt sunny
Houston	79	59	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	85	53	pt sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	73	58	rain	Minneapolis	42	27	windy
Boston	46	38	mst sunny	New York	45	43	cloudy
Chicago	55	35	pt sunny	Phoenix	83	57	pt sunny
Dallas	81	61	sunny	San Francisco	67	52	pt sunny
Denver	45	30	pt sunny	Seattle	56	46	rain
Houston	79	59	pt sunny	St. Louis	71	44	pt sunny
Los Angeles	80	60	sunny	Washington, DC	57	52	cloudy
Miami	86	74	pt sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Wed 3/25	Thu 3/26	Fri 3/27	Sat 3/28	Sun 3/29
8	8	5	8	8
Very High	Very High	Moderate	Very High	Very High

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

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## Take Note

- **Mitchell County Senior Citizens** will host a dance, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday at the Colorado City Civic Center, 157 West 2nd St., Colorado City. The dance will feature live music by Mike Porter and Kevin Rainwater. Cost is \$5 per person.

- **Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair** is scheduled for April 11 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 8 a.m. until noon. Admission is free. There will be health screenings, demonstrations, car seat check up, bike rodeo and more. For more information, call the chamber at 432-263-7641.

- For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GP-STRONG). Parrish was

seriously injured in a recent sledding accident.

- An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street

- The All-School CHS Reunion date has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2015. This year's focus will be on recognizing and honoring Coahoma ISD teachers from throughout the years.

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients,

make items for patients and help with office work. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

- **Crossroads Hospice** needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

- A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of chil-

dren who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721.



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# News in brief

## Obama, new Afghan president to meet at White House, finalize plan for US troop withdrawal

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama welcomes Afghanistan's new president to the Oval Office on Tuesday with a fraught question staring them in the face: Will the U.S. slow its departure from Afghanistan — and for how long?

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani represents Obama's last, best hope to make good on his promise to end America's longest war by the time he leaves office, keeping just a thousand or so troops at the embassy to coordinate security. Ghani predecessor Hamid Karzai's relationship with the White House was increasingly dysfunctional, and if the dealings with Ghani don't turn out better, Obama risks leaving Afghanistan still vulnerable to the kinds of violent extremist groups that operated with impunity until 14 years ago, when the U.S. attacked after 9/11.

Ghani comes to the White House aiming to prove he's a reliable partner worthy of U.S. support, despite his fractured government and a litany of problems still rampant in Afghanistan's military — illiteracy, drug abuse and desertions, to name a few.

Most critically, Ghani is asking the president to keep more U.S. troops in his country for longer, as Afghan forces brace for a tough spring fighting season and contend with Islamic State fighters looking to recruit on their soil.

"We do not now ask what the United States can do for us," Ghani said, invoking John F. Kennedy as he opened his U.S. visit on Monday. "We want to say what Afghanistan will do for itself and for the world."

## As Islamic State group gets attention, the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front quietly rises in Syria

BEIRUT (AP) — The Nusra Front, Syria's al-Qaida affiliate, is consolidating power in territory stretching from the Turkish border to central and southern Syria, crushing moderate opponents and forcibly converting minorities using tactics akin to its ultraconservative rival, the Islamic State group.

But while the Islamic State group gets most of the attention largely because its penchant for gruesome propaganda, the Nusra Front quietly has become one of the key players in the four-year civil war, compromising other rebel groups the West may try to work with while increasingly enforcing its own brutal version of Islamic law.

Its scope of influence now abuts the Golan Heights bordering Israel, and its membership largely composed of Syrian nationals refuse

any negotiations with the government of embattled President Bashar Assad, further complicating the brutal conflict.

"The Nusra Front will most likely outlast ISIS in Syria, and will represent a severe and existential threat to the aspirations of the Syrian people in terms of a pluralistic, democratic society," said Fawaz A. Gerges, director of the Middle East Center at the London School of Economics, using an alternate acronym for the extremist group.

The Islamic State group helped create the Nusra Front, providing financing, manpower and military hardware in 2012. But the group and its patron eventually had a falling out in 2013 for ideological as well as strategic reasons. The Nusra Front, while loyal to al-Qaida, has cooperated with other Syrian rebel factions in the fight to oust Assad.

## Police investigation finding no evidence of gang rape at U.Va. not final word on sex assault

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — The article, titled "A rape on campus," revolved around a student identified only as "Jackie," who said she was raped at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity more than two years earlier.

It described a hidden culture of sexual violence fueled by binge drinking at the college.

Police found evidence of neither.

Announcing the results of a four-month investigation, Charlottesville Police Chief Timothy Longo said Monday there were numerous discrepancies between the Rolling Stone article, published in November 2014, and what investigators found.

The police investigation's conclusions brought a small measure of relief to students, many of whom told The Associated Press on Monday they want to put the allegations, and the torrent of negative publicity they have brought to the campus, behind them.

## Once Obama's model for fighting extremists, US counterterrorism strategy collapses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Once hailed by President Barack Obama as a model for fighting extremism, the U.S. counterterrorism strategy in Yemen has all but collapsed as the country descends into chaos, according to U.S. and Yemeni officials.

Operations against militants have been scaled back dramatically amid the fall of the American-backed government and the evacuation of U.S. personnel. What had been consistent pressure on Yemen's dangerous al-Qaida affiliate has been relieved, the officials say, and a safe haven exists for the development of an offshoot of the Islamic State group.

It's a swift and striking transformation for an anti-terror campaign Obama heralded just six months ago as the template for efforts to fight the Islamic

State in Iraq and Syria. The shift has left Obama open to criticism that he failed to anticipate the risks of a light footprint strategy that aims to put fragile governments and beleaguered local security forces, not the U.S. military, at the forefront.

Barbara Bodine, a former U.S. ambassador to Yemen, said even the most optimistic regional experts did not share Obama's view that the Yemen campaign was a model of success.

## Venezuela doctors say they're performing more mastectomies as economic crisis worsens

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Oncologist Gabriel Romero performs hundreds of life-saving surgeries a year, but he no longer takes pleasure in his work.

That's because he believes that many of the mastectomies he does on some of Venezuela's poorest women wouldn't be needed in a normally functioning country. Doctors say they are being forced to return to outdated treatments because the socialist country's economic problems make it impossible to ensure the proper running of radiation machines in public hospitals, where patients receive free treatment under Venezuela's universal health care.

"You don't feel comfortable with it, because you're making a decision that goes against your professional judgment," Romero said recently after seeing patients in the grubby basement clinic at the Dr. Luis Razetti Oncology Center, at the foot of a Caracas slum. The hospital's only linear accelerator machine, the more modern of the two kinds of radiotherapy devices used in Venezuela, has been broken since November.

"We're practicing medicine from the 1940s here, and we know that's not right," Romero said.

The challenges facing doctors are just one reflection of an economy battered by widespread shortages. The recent crash in global oil prices, which account for 95 percent of Venezuela's exports, is creating a cash shortage that makes it difficult to buy imported goods, such as parts for medical machines.

## Angelina Jolie has ovaries, fallopian tubes removed in effort to prevent cancer

Angelina Jolie says she has had her ovaries and fallopian tubes removed to prevent cancer.

The actress and filmmaker made the announcement Tuesday in an op-ed in The New York Times. She says a blood test showed a mutation in the BRCA1 gene, which gave her an 87 percent risk of breast cancer and a 50 percent risk of ovarian cancer. She had a double mastectomy in 2013.

Jolie says she had the procedure done last week. She still has her uterus, adding that uterine cancer does not run in her family. Her grandmother, mother and aunt died of cancer.

# ART

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student, received a three rating on her drawing of the family dog titled "Doggie," then received a regional medal for her original drawing, "Pharaoh's Wrath." This was her first time competing in the UIL competition. Also competing for the first time, freshman Jaren Walsh received a regional medal for his ceramic container, "Points of Interest."

# DUFFER

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"On Friday, March 20, 2015 at approximately 11:37 p.m., a deputy with the Howard County Sheriff's Office located the stolen vehicle of the second robbery in the 2600 block of Fairchild," Williams said. "Of-

ficers knew that Duffer had a family member in the same area and made contact at that residence. Once at the residence, officers visibly observed Duffer inside the residence and gained entry into the residence at which time Duffer fled out a window. " "A foot chased ensued at which time Duffer

was subdued after being tased and taken into custody," Williams said. "A search incident to arrest revealed that Duffer was in possession of the debit card and keys to the stolen vehicle from the victim of the second robbery."

As of Monday, Duffer was still at the Howard County Detention Center. His bond for the ag-

gravated robbery charge was set at \$250,000, however, since he faces a second warrant for parole violation, he does not qualify for release at this time.

"Duffer's involvement

of the second aggravated robbery is being investigated and detectives are in the process of obtaining a second aggravated robbery warrant for Duffer," Williams said.

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Elodia Holguin, 76, died Monday. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. this morning at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Dora G. Perches, 74, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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## What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Board is blue, not green. 2. The word "homework" is on the board. 3. Girl has bangs. 4. Boy's shirt missing zipper.

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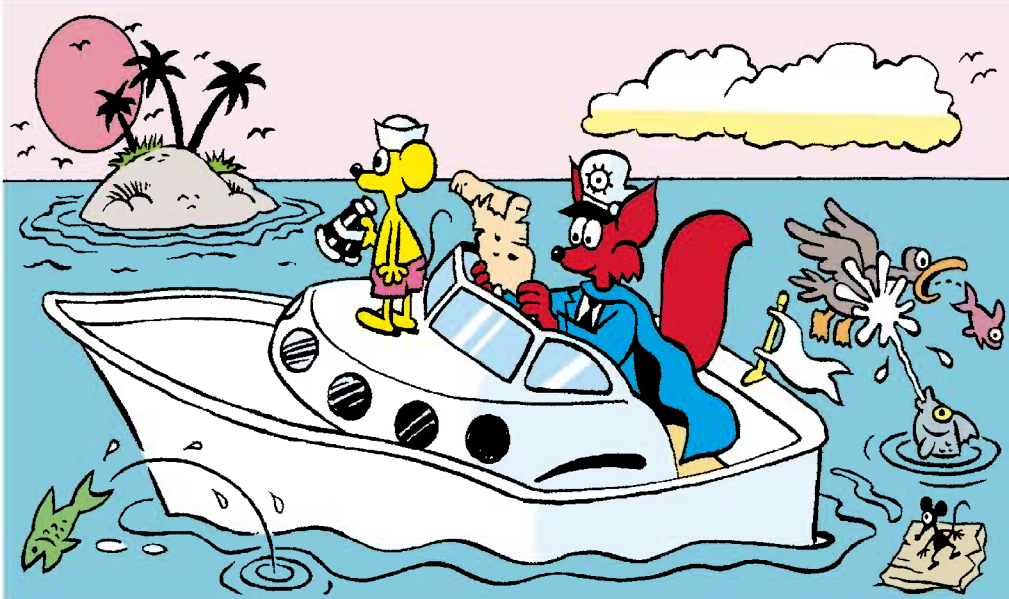
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: DRUM

## SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

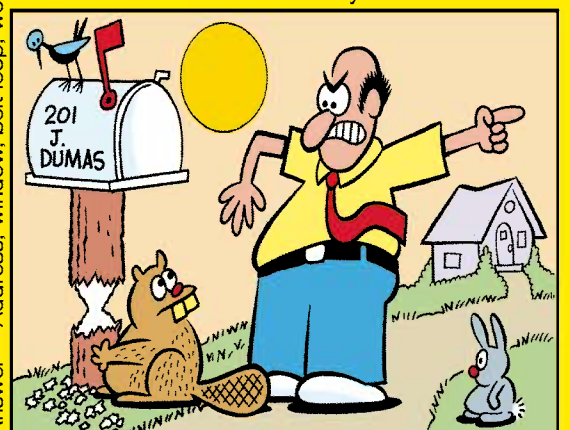
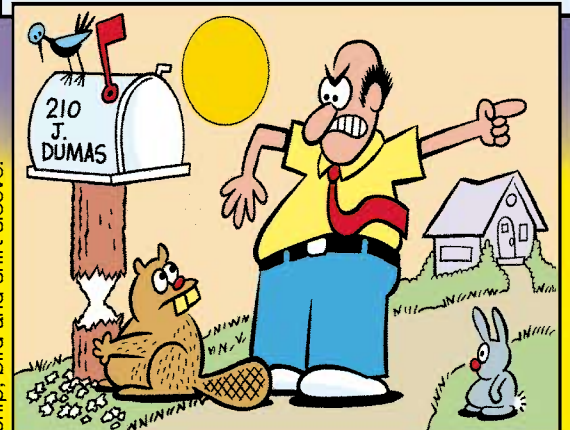
## BY BOB WEBER JR.

Slylock Fox followed an old map that describes where an ancient treasure is buried. The map indicates the treasure is buried on the top of a mountain. Max Mouse thinks the map is fake because there isn't any land with a mountain in sight. Slylock is not convinced the map is fake. Why not?



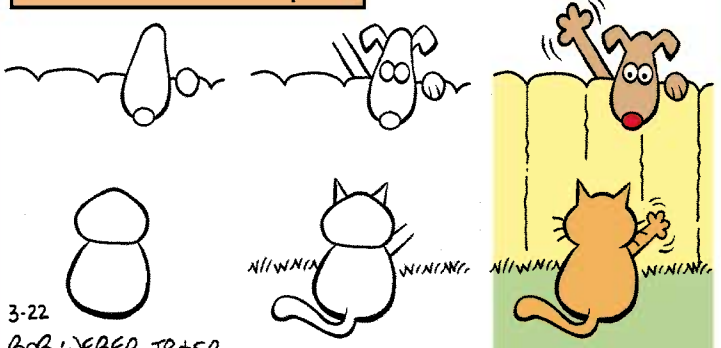
Solution -- Slylock knows an island in open water is the top of a mountain because most of it is underwater. The treasure is buried on the island Max is looking at.

## Spot six differences between these panels.



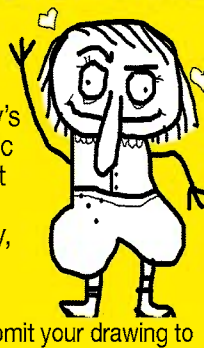
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- 3) TMEASHR
- 4) UESMO

Answer -- 1) Beaver (2) Squirrel (3) Hamster (4) Mouse

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# Bird Poop: Sandhill crane's broken wing leads to new life

As we left the morning truck traffic on Interstate 20, the first exit to Stanton welcomed us. Being atop the overpass brought an unexpected pleasure. Seeing them first, Art noticed the perfect "V," their signature emblem in the sky. "There's another one!" he exclaimed as a straggler joined what seemed to be a mid-morning flight.

Five members graced one side, five on the other. The Sandhill cranes were probably on their way to breakfast. If our destination had not been Stanton, we would have missed them on the first Friday of March.

With no traffic in sight, we slowed to watch them glide over the compress to the fields beyond.

Although it was quiet inside our vehicle, we could imagine the guttural conversations amongst the cranes as they chose a spot for landing.

Their sudden presence in our day brought back a long forgotten memory. On the exact same date in March of 1992, we had been called to a "trailer court" on the east side of Big Spring. That designation would soon vanish with a new century and its RV parks.

Walking between the part time homes and permanent residences, an injured Sandhill had been a focal point in the lives of the residents. When they realized the bird could not fly, they urged the manager to help.

Apparent to us as we approached the bird was its broken wing. A slight droop was disturbing. No longer could it match the symmetry of closed wings.

With limited clearance between the trailers, we readily penned the crane. Having approached it from opposite ends of the homes, we had eliminated the bird's attempt at an escape.

Although finding no visible marks of any kind on the wing, we could feel a knot or sizable lump. It was the calcification of a break.



BEBE McCASLAND



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The Sandhill crane easily flies 40 miles or more in a day in search of food. It winters in the Panhandle, West Texas plains, coastal grasslands and parts of Mexico.

On the way home, and then to the Eos Sanctuary in Midland, we wondered how long and far the crane had walked before reaching the help it needed. It probably had foraged for anything to eat along the way.

Hearing that the break could not be mended was disappointing. With that diagnosis also came some alternatives.

Midge Erskine would seek placement for the bird in an educational setting, such as a zoo. Meanwhile, it would be a useful addition to her backyard. It was readily accepted by two recovering Sandhills.

Distinctive, with their red skin, or patch, on their foreheads, the cranes had the typical long bills, necks, and legs. Their overall gray plumage and stately presence were always welcomed during fall and winter.

On our way home from Stanton, we talked about a drive we had taken to

Andrews in October. At that time, we had seen a small flock of cranes due north of where we had seen these birds in March. We had to wonder if it were one and the same bunch.

Some of their kin had already begun the lengthy spring migration. The small group we had seen could not be far behind.

Probably within the week, a morning would come when their powerful wings would carry them into an emerging spring. With necks extended, legs trailing behind, their graceful flight would join others to northern climes.

No longer would this roaming group search the furrows for grubs, earthworms, and the dregs of a grain sorghum crop. A stray mouse scurrying home from a nightly adventure would not have to try to avoid their ravenous appetite.

With warmer weather, insects

would be available.

Wherever they chose to settle in for a night with others of their species on some northern body of water, their undulating lines would again resemble huge serpents slithering across the sky. As their wings slowed their progress, they would circle the glistening surface, extend long legs, and gracefully step into shallow water. Protected from predators, their night's rest could begin.

When their long bills pierced the sky of our morning, and their six-foot wingspans flapped effortlessly, we were envious of these masters of flight. Every year they were a living tribute to nature's engineering.

*Bebe McCasland is author of The Scoop from Bird Poop. She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.*

# Parent's Corner: the journey on the train of life

A friend once asked me, "Where were you when life began?"

I stood there with a stunned look on my

face for a moment and he continued, "Life is like a train ride. At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and at the time, we believe

they will always travel at our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. As time goes by, other people will board the train, and they will be significant. These people will be like our siblings, friends, children and even the love of our life. As time goes on, many of these will depart the train and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will make their departure so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will

be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live the best way we can, love, forgive and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who

will continue to travel on the train of life."

I stood there looking at my friend and finally said, "That's a beautiful analogy. Did you come up with it or find it somewhere?"

He smiled and said, "I read it somewhere, but I don't remember where. I thought it was good, so I memorized it and tell it whenever I can. And the last line is one I want you to remember."

I looked at him for a moment and said, "Do I want to hear this last line?"

He said, "I think you do. I want to wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More impor-

tantly, be thankful for the journey." Then he smiled to walk away, but turned and said, "I want to thank you for being one of the passengers on my train."

I've thought about those words through the years, and I've yet to find where my friend may have heard the story, but the message is so true. We are passengers on this train of life, and our departure may come at any time, but as we make the ride, may we enjoy the time we spend together and when we do make our departure, may we not go unnoticed.

So I thank you for being a fellow passenger. Let's be thankful for the journey and not

give in to believing strange stories like the young man who was visiting his blonde girl friend. The young lady had recently acquired two new dogs, so her friend asked her what she had named the dogs.

The blonde smiled and said, "I named one Rolex and the other one Timex."

The young man, rather baffled, said, "Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?"

"Helloooooo," answered the blonde. "It makes perfect sense. They're watch dogs."

*Darrell Ryan is the BSISD Director of School Safety*



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# Alvarado, Crawford shine at state tourney

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Karina Alvarado and Emily Crawford closed out the Big Spring High School Lady Steers' 2015 powerlifting season with a solid performance at the Class 4A Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Championships in Corpus Christi this past weekend.

Both Alvarado and Crawford both turned in top 20 finishes in their respective classifications.

Big Spring powerlifting coach John Wright praised both lifters for the efforts.

"These two girls represented our school district with a great amount of class and exempli-

fied the image of a true Steer," said Wright, who will be taking two BSHS male lifters to the boys' state meet this weekend in Abilene. "When you get a chance to tell these two young ladies good job please do so."

Overall, more than 200 girls' from throughout the state competed in the girls' state meet, which was held on Friday at the American Bank Center.

One of the most decorated athletes in Big Spring history, Alvarado closed out her career by placing 17th in the 113-pound division weight classification. During the meet, she posted a personal-best total, ending her 4-year powerlift-

ing career on a great note.

Alvarado posted a lift of 280 pounds in the deadlift, and finished with a total weight of 630 pounds.

Wright said he was thrilled with Alvarado's effort at the state meet, and praised her for her hard work over the past four seasons.

"Many thanks to Karina for her dedication to the powerlifting program," he said.

Wright also praised Crawford, who finished 17th in her weight class as a sophomore.

"We look forward to seeing what Emily can do in her junior and senior seasons," he said.



Courtesy Photo  
**Big Spring's Karina Alvarado (left) and Emily Crawford both turned in strong performances at the girls' state powerlifting meet on Friday in Corpus Christi. Both placed 17th in their respective weight classifications.**

# JH girls take 3rd at BSJHS Invitational

The Big Spring Junior High School Lady Steers' seventh and eighth grade track and field teams both turned in strong performances at the recent BSJHS Invitational, which was held last week at Blankenship Field.

The seventh grade girls placed third with an overall point total of 75. The BSJHS eighth graders also placed third, netting 131 points.

In seventh grade action, Kyleigh Mathews placed fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.40 seconds, while Mackenzie Rodriques placed fifth in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 6 minutes, 24.22 seconds and placed third in the 2,400-meter run with a time of 10:10.50.

In the 400-meter dash, Austyn Montgomery placed fifth with a time of 1:13.70, followed by Tatiana Johnson, who posted a mark of 1:13.90, giving Johnson sixth place.

In the 800-meter run, Mariah Chavarria finished second with a time of 2:49.45, while Montgomery finished third at 2:54.09. Kynlee Fontana was sixth with a time of 2:58.00.

Yenifer Ornelas finished fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 58.20.

In the 4x100-meter relay, the team of Kynleigh Joy, Sophia Dominguez, Marissa Aguilar and Amber Martinez finished second with a time of 57.16. That team also finished third in the 4x200-meter relay.

Chavarria, Ornelas, Montgomery and Amber Martinez placed second in the 4 X 400 M relay.

In the field events, Madison Kuykendall placed sixth in the discus with a distance of 54 feet and 11 inches. Montgomery was sixth in the high jump with a height of 3-10.

In eighth grade action, Abby Luna placed third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.64.

Haley Crawford placed third in the 200 with a time of 28.78, while Haiven Rushing finished second in the 1,600-meter run. Rushing, who finished with a time of 6:03.30, ran away with the top spot in the 2,400-meter race with a time of 9:44.72. BSJHS teammate Chloe Bustamante, finished third in the event with a time of 10:17.98.

In the 400, Logan Terrazas finished fourth with a time of 1:06.10.

Alexis Starr finished fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.78. Terrazas placed second at 2:40.20, followed by Bree Spears, who placed sixth with a time of 2:54.20 in the 800-meter dash.

The team of Kailey Mathews, Reyna Gonzales, Alexis Cruz and Haley Crawford won the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 53.03. They also placed second in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:53.70.

The team of Reyna Gonzales, Terrazas, Cruz and Mathews placed second in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4:34.00.

Mathews also placed first in the long jump with a distance of 16 feet and one-half inch. Trinity "Aiden" Newton placed sixth in the shot put with a distance of 26-5, while Keila Yanez took fourth in the discus with a throw of 64-7, followed by teammate Hallie Hyatt, who placed 6th with a distance of 59-6.

Terrazas was second in the high jump, with a mark of 4-6.



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## Game day ...

**The Big Spring High School Lady Steers will return to District 2-4A action today when they face off with the Lubbock Estacado beginning at 5 p.m. at the BSISD Sports Complex. The junior varsity game between the two teams was cancelled on Tuesday morning, according to BSHS officials.**

# Rangers cut ties with Beimel

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — The Texas Rangers have released reliever Joe Beimel after the left-hander struggled this spring.

Also Monday, Texas optioned three players to minor league squads, and assigned four others to its minor league camp.

Beimel, who allowed 11 earned runs in three innings over four spring appearances, gets \$147,541 in termination pay. His \$600,000 non-guaranteed salary would have increased to \$1.5 million if he had been on the active major league roster for only one day.

Right-hander Spencer Patton and catcher Tomas Telis were optioned to Triple-A Round Rock. Catcher Jorge Alfaro was optioned to Double-A Frisco.

First baseman Kyle Blanks, third baseman Joey Gallo, outfielder Jared Hoying and right-hander David Martinez were assigned to minor league camp.

Texas has 34 players on its 40-man roster and 13 non-roster invitees still in camp.

# Oklahoma falls to Stanford, 86-76, in 2nd round

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — With the most inexperienced team in the NCAA Tournament, Oklahoma knew there would be some growing pains this season.

Having from the high of a near-perfect offensive performance in the first round to struggling to make any shots in a span of 16 minutes in the second round, the Sooners hope the lessons they learned this March will pay off in the future.

Kaylon Williams scored 24 points and Gioya Carter added 20 as fifth-seeded Oklahoma wilted in the second half of an 86-76 loss to fourth-seeded Stanford in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on Monday.

"I think the best thing for us right now is to take this lesson and grow from

it and come back with a vengeance," Williams said. "I know a lot of us are hurting right now and know this one will stick. We'll remember this."

The Sooners (21-12) played just one senior in this game and have plenty of building blocks in place to have an even better year next season.

The game turned in the second half when Oklahoma went cold from the field and Stanford (26-9) seemingly couldn't miss.

"The first thing that happens when you miss shots is it takes your energy," coach Sherri Coale said. "It's an energy zap. You have to fight the urge to not panic as a result of that. I don't feel like we panicked tonight but I don't think we were quite mature enough to turn it into defensive resolve."

# Report: \$243M to turn Astrodome into park, civic space

HOUSTON (AP) — A proposal to turn the iconic but shuttered Houston Astrodome into a massive indoor park and build a tree-lined green space around the structure could cost nearly \$243 million, according to a report released Monday by a nonprofit research group focused on land use.

The report by the Urban Land Institute is part of an effort by officials in Houston's Harris County as well as Houston's groups and local residents to save the Astrodome from po-

tential demolition.

A panel from the Washington, D.C.-based land institute had visited Houston and previously released some of the details of its plan in December.

"The panel concluded that the Astrodome can and should live on," the land institute said in its final report.

The group's report calls for creating a massive indoor park within the stadium, with spaces for exercise and biking trails and indoor rock climbing, as well as new underground parking.

The outside areas around the stadium would be converted into tree-lined green spaces.

The land institute also said its plan would provide space that could be used by the Houston Texans and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, both of which use NRG Stadium next door.

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett — who first proposed the idea for the indoor park last year — said county commissioners will review the report at its March 31 meeting.



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♦ K J 7 3  
♣ 9 8 7 5 2

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

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

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♥ Q 10 9 7 4 3  
♦ Q 5  
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1♥ Pass 2♥ 3♦  
4♥

Opening lead — four of diamonds.  
**The play of a hand** — either on offense or defense — cannot be separated into segments, but must be considered as a whole. East's failure to appreciate this allowed South to make four hearts when he should have gone down.

**West led a diamond**, on which dummy played the jack, East the ace and South the five. East realized the lead was a singleton West would have led the queen had he started

with the Q-4 — so he returned a diamond for West to ruff.

**West ruffed**, as expected, but could do nothing to stop the contract. He tried a spade, won by South with the ace. A trump lead forced out the ace, and declarer finished with exactly 10 tricks.

**Had East resisted** the impulse to give West an immediate ruff at trick two, he would have defeated the contract. Instead, he should have shifted to his singleton club in order to establish a ruffing position for himself.

**South could not have prevailed** against this defense. He could lead a trump to force out the ace, but East would win and return a diamond for West to ruff, and West would then return a club for East to ruff.

**The principle that emerges** is that East should attempt to visualize the play of the hand as a whole before succumbing to the temptation of an immediate diamond return. It is not enough to deduce that the opening lead is a singleton and on that basis instantly give partner a ruff.

**The diamond ruff** offers no future unless it can also be combined with a club ruff. Just as in football, the delayed handoff often produces a big gain.

Tomorrow: The disappearing trick.

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friendliness, levity and breezy information. Share, move on, and share again.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). When you realize that it would be good to control your thoughts, it's a realization that signals a very high level of human evolution. So don't be too hard on yourself if you aren't able to follow through with it to your satisfaction.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Now that Venus is in your sign, you may find yourself asking more often, "What's in it for me?" And though it's a natural question that you'd be a fool not to ask, just be sure to follow it up with, "What's in it for them?"

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). The moon in your sign has you feeling lucky, taking social risks

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

and playing it loose. That's what makes you so fun to be around. People don't know what to expect.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). There's an emotional volume to hit -- a sweet spot that will resonate with your audience. It's why you don't feel the need to have strong opinions about everything.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Avoid trying to make a specific outcome happen, because everyone involved in today's scenario wants something different. Instead, be open to the natural compromise that is likely to occur with such varied input.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are benefits to being an unofficial member of a group. Once they have accepted you as their own, they also trust you not to leave. So think twice before you endeavor to join.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People generally become security-oriented because of experiences of insecurity they do not wish to repeat. With these types, trust can only be built with consistency over time.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Obsession is rarely a positive state of mind, because the amount of focus that even a healthy

obsession requires usually creates an imbalance. But at least obsession helps you figure out what you lack so you can actively pursue it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're usually in the mood to discover the far corners of the world; however, now you're more in the mood to discover the far corners of your couch. You need the rest!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The friendships that keep you entertained are worth more than gold. Your favorite people will make no effort to please you. It just happens naturally when they please themselves.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). While familiarity doesn't always breed contempt, it may breed blindness to the glory of all that you are. It will take an outsider to shake things up by noticing your wonderful qualities.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a very important person and should be cared for as such. So stop putting off the appointments that keep you feeling attractive, healthy and tended to.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 24). You know what you're working toward, and you'll be

tenacious. You will become increasingly financially secure, and this stability translates into greater confidence in your personal life. April and May are for taking social risks, making new friends and learning the nuances of a fascinating culture. June cements a deal. Hopefully, you won't mind the worship and adoration coming your way in August. Leo and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 5, 14, 33 and 12.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm an intuitive Cancer, and I like to learn about the tarot deck. Lately, I've pulled up "The Chariot" card quite a lot. I've read that it's associated with my sign. But why? It reminds me more of Mercury -- not my guiding planet."

There are certainly plenty of ancient Roman stories about Mercury riding his golden chariot across the sky in the form of the sun. Your sign, Cancer, marks the summer solstice, when the sun is at its peak for the year. Most tarot decks show a warrior in armor riding The Chariot into battle. The armored warrior is akin to the hard-shelled crab, the symbol of Cancer. The Chariot demands that you keep your emotions in check as you make your way forward through life -- a

challenge for most Cancers, who tend to be easily wounded. Cancer, being a cardinal sign, is a natural-born leader. If you look at The Chariot card, there are usually two horses (or other animals) pulling the chariot -- one black and one white. This represents Cancer's ability to walk that fine line between control and chaos. As a leader, Cancer keeps a tight rein on things (control) while using intuition to discern patterns in events that seem to have no connection (chaos).

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Sheldon Cooper of "The Big Bang Theory" is the quintessential clueless genius: socially challenged and intellectually gifted. In contrast, Jim Parsons has great social and intellectual gifts that he will apply to create the alien called Oh in the DreamWorks animated film "Home." This Aries with Venus in artistic Pisces will also be appearing on Broadway as God in "An Act of God."

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**Annie's Mailbox**

**Dear Annie:** I'm a 24-year-old male who has been crossdressing since the age of 8. It started with collecting my own bras and panties, and now I have an entire wardrobe of women's clothing. Because I currently live on my own, I change out of my male clothes into my female ones as soon as I come home from work. I've also had very serious thoughts and dreams about being a woman. This is confusing to me, and I want to know whether there is someone I can talk to about these feelings. I'm way too scared to come out to family or friends because of what they would think. -- Lost in Ottawa

**Dear Ottawa:** Crossdressing is not as uncommon as you might think, and there are many reasons. Some people crossdress to disguise themselves, be more comfortable, act a part or because it is attractive to a partner (e.g., women who wear a man's dress shirt to bed). That type of crossdressing is fairly common and socially acceptable. For others, there is a sexual component or a release of tension, along with a compulsion to wear clothing of the opposite gender. This type of crossdressing can be more difficult for family members or partners to accept. You can find support and information through The

Society for the Second Self ([tri-ess.org](http://tri-ess.org)) and the International Foundation for Gender Education ([ifge.org](http://ifge.org)).  
**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "At a Loss for Words," the daughter who is constantly hurt by her mother's lack of involvement with her children. She could work on changing her own behavior toward the situation. She has taught her mother how to treat her by always being loving and kind in spite of Mom's narcissistic attitude. Perhaps she should take a different approach and just invite Mom to her children's events with only brief notice and no expectation that Mom will show up. The more distance she

puts between herself and her mother the more Mom will want to be involved, because she will wonder why things changed. Also, perhaps she could put a positive spin on things by relishing the fact that her mother is not a busybody who is overly involved in her life. (This happens much more often than the reverse.) I bet as Mom ages, she will try harder and harder to get involved with her grandchildren's lives, but by that time, it will be too late. Sadly, it will take time for Mom to figure that out. When the board meetings and the fancy car appointments are over, Mom will be a bitter old woman. -- Better Approach

**Dear Better:** You could be right. Sometimes withholding one's attentions makes you more desirable, although it would take a major behavioral adjustment for the daughter to behave in an indifferent and uncaring way. But Mom may never quite care enough about missing out on one set of grandchildren. She has another set whom she favors, which is also part of the problem.  
*Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to [anniesmailbox@comcast.net](mailto:anniesmailbox@comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).*  
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# The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper. One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck. Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."

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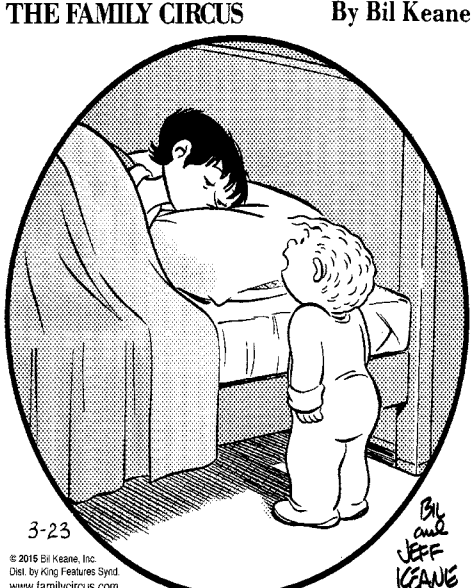
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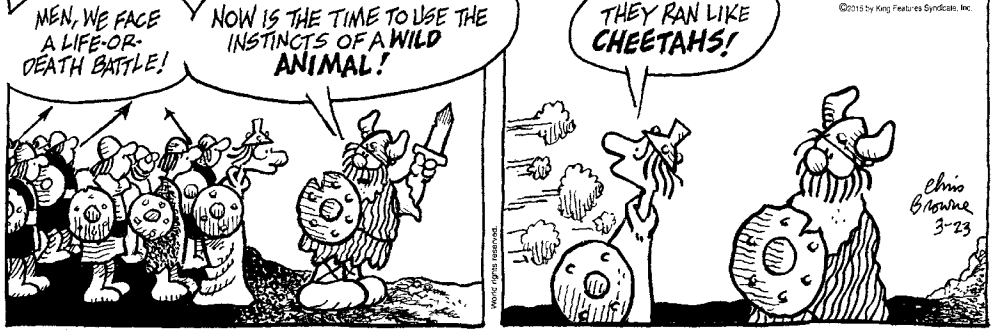
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

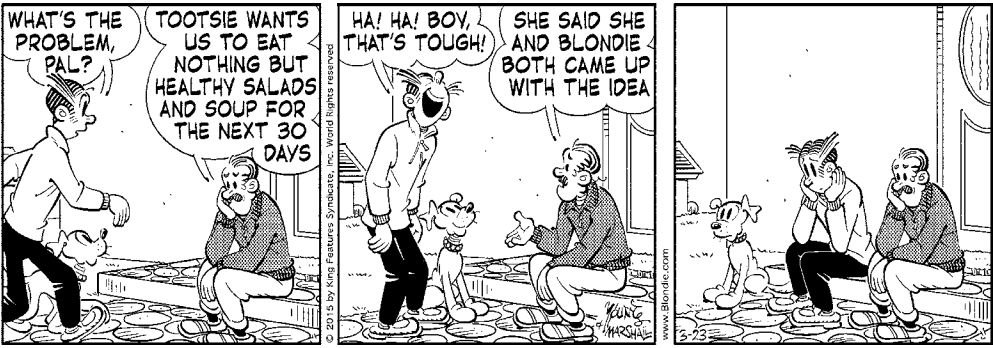


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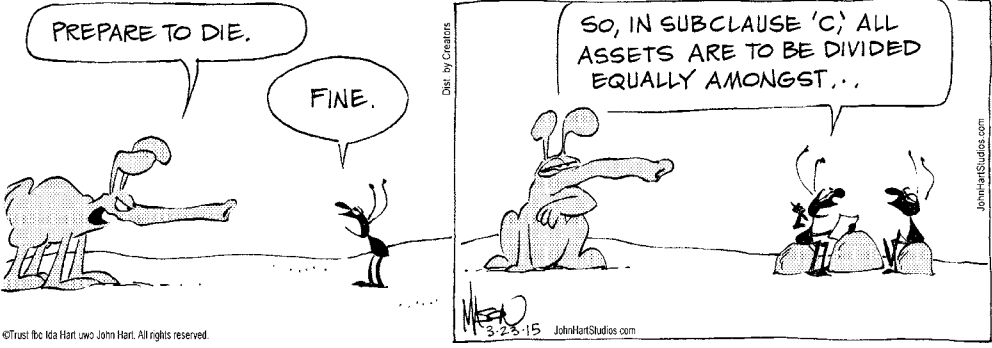
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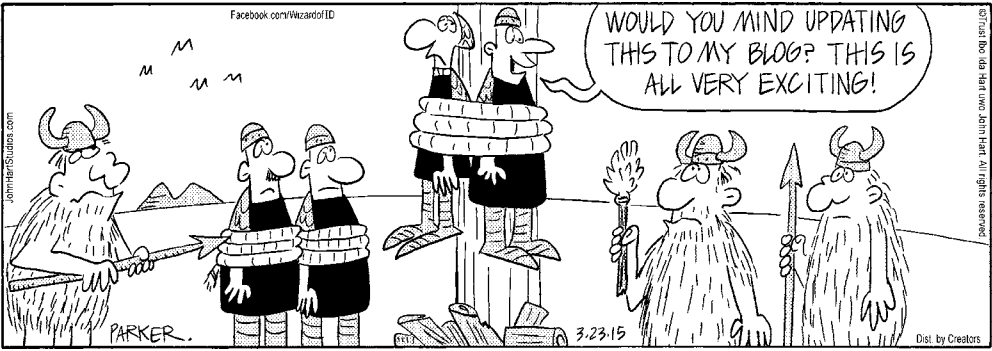
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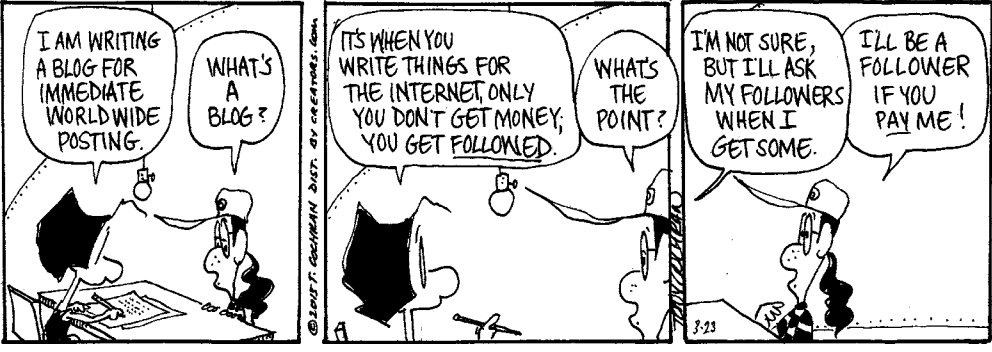
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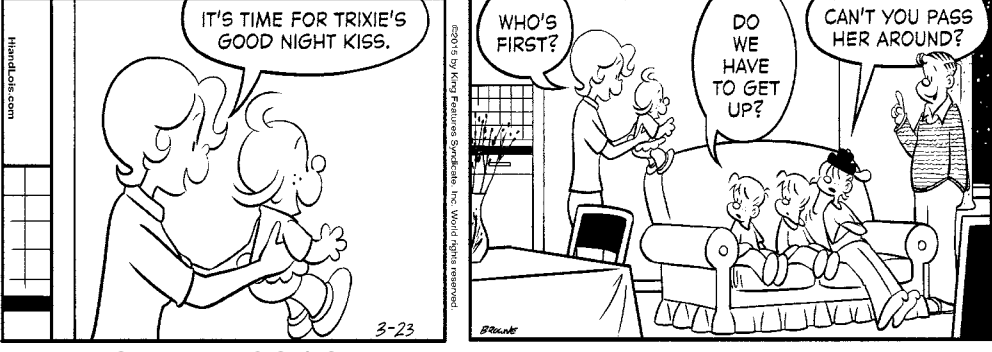
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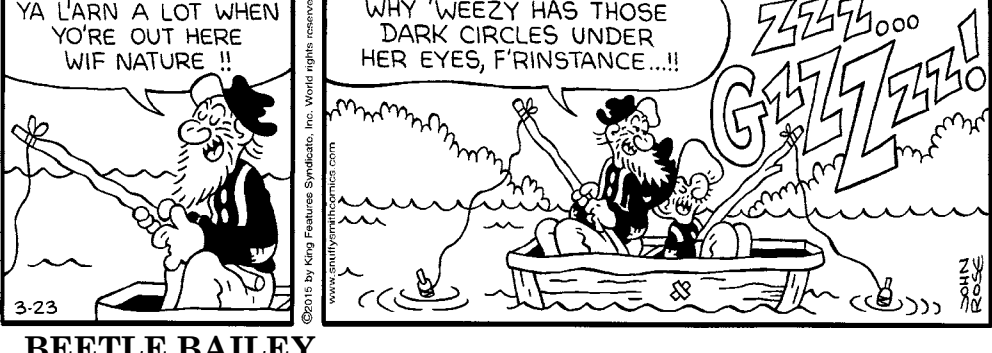
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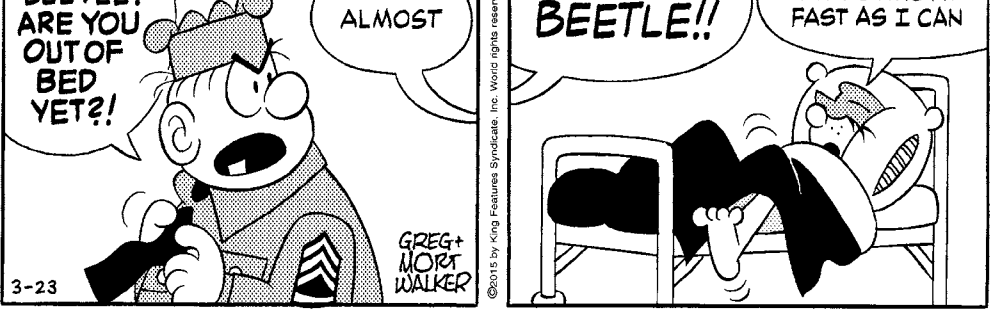
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, March 23, the 82nd day of 2015. There are 283 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 23, 1965, America's first two-person space mission took place as Gemini 3 blasted off with astronauts Virgil I. Grissom and John W. Young aboard for a nearly 5-hour flight.

In 1775, Patrick Henry delivered an address to the Virginia Provincial Convention in which he is said to have declared, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

In 1806, explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.

In 1914, the first installment of "The Perils of Pauline," the legendary silent film serial starring Pearl White, premiered in the greater New York City area.

In 1919, Benito Mussolini founded his Fascist political movement in Milan, Italy.

In 1933, the German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial powers.

In 1940, the radio program "Truth or Consequences," hosted by Ralph Edwards, was first broadcast over four CBS radio stations in New York and New England.

In 1942, the first Japanese-Americans evacuated by the U.S. Army during World War II arrived at the internment camp in Manzanar, California.

In 1956, Pakistan became an Islamic republic.

In 1973, before sentencing a group of Watergate break-in defendants, Chief U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica read aloud a letter he'd received from James W. McCord Jr. which said there had been "political pressure" to "plead guilty and remain silent."

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan first proposed developing technology to intercept incoming enemy missiles. An idea that came to be known as the Strategic Defense Initiative. Dr. Barney Clark, recipient of a Jarvik permanent artificial heart, died at the University of Utah Medical Center after 112 days with the

In 1990, the romantic comedy "Pretty Woman," starring Richard Gere and Julia Roberts, was released by Buena Vista Pictures.

In 2011, Academy Award-winning actress Elizabeth Taylor died in Los Angeles at age 79.

Ten years ago: A federal appeals court refused to reinstate Terri Schiavo's feeding tube and the Florida Legislature decided not to intervene in the epic struggle over the brain-damaged woman; Schiavo's parents then filed a request with the U.S. Supreme Court. An explosion at a BP oil refinery in Texas City, Texas, killed 15 people.

Answer to previous puzzle

Word search grid with words like SCATS, BRAY, SAGA, EIGHT, RENO, ASAP, WAGER, INDUET, SORTA, DAYTRADER, EIFFEL, ORNERY, SIGNEES, ZOO, IMAM, ETTE, RANGO, NATAL, OWN, SLEEP, SCENE, BOGS, JANE, ACE, AERATED, CASTRO, BREEZE, ALIENATED, PENDS, WINESTORE, AESOP, EVEN, EDEN, CRUDE, DEWY, DOTS, KAPOW.

Newsday Crossword

BASEBALL CAMP by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS: 1 Grows dim, 6 Figure-skating surface, 9 Opera solo, 13 Pennsylvania buggy-riding sect, 14 Natural bandage, 15 Family rooms, 16 Take a short break, 19 "Cómo \_\_\_ usted?", 20 Manager's helper: Abbr., 21 Answer a help-wanted ad, 22 From the sun, 24 Huff and puff, 26 Raggedy doll, 27 Square dance lass, 28 "See \_\_\_ care!", 31 Sudden outpouring, 34 Coupe or sedan, 35 Lumber material, 36 Concede defeat, 39 Aroma, 40 Prepare, as a salad, 41 Remove pencil marks, 42 Direction opposite ENE, 43 "Are there \_\_\_ questions?", 44 Tree with acorns, 45 Small horse, 47 Prayer endings, 50 Clip wool from, 53 More than half, 56 Sales agents, for short, 58 Fight unfairly, 61 Whitish gem, 62 Takes to court, 63 Newspapers and television, 64 Capital of Norway, 65 Battleship designation: Abbr., 66 Short-tempered, 11 Worldwide: Abbr., 12 Like an unswept fireplace, 14 Nautical "Help!", 17 Knitting material, 18 Competed in a marathon, 23 All over again, 25 Skin-cream ingredient, 27 Courageous, 28 Where Des Moines is, 29 Enemies, 30 Not doing anything, 31 Stash away, 32 Many professors' degrees: Abbr., 33 In \_\_\_ (lined up), 34 Without a byline, 35 Underling in a hive, 37 "Let's call \_\_\_ evening", 38 Group of athletes, 44 Solemn pledge, 45 Painter Picasso, 46 Metallic rock, 48 Has to have, 49 Divide in two, 50 "Scat!", 51 What hula dancers swivel, 52 And others: Abbr., 54 Has bills to pay, 55 Roads that often cross aves., 57 Remain, 59 Baton Rouge campus: Abbr., 60 CPR expert

12x12 crossword grid with numbers 1-66 indicating starting positions for clues.



# Four No. 1 seeds cruise to Sweet 16 in women's tournament

The women's NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 will have a mixture of old standbys to go along with some fresh faces.

It's no real surprise that the four No. 1 seeds advanced to the regional semifinals in relatively easy fashion.

UConn, South Carolina, Notre Dame and Maryland

didn't have too much trouble getting to the second weekend, marking the sixth straight season that the top teams advanced.

They'll be joined by Dayton, which is making its first appearance in the Sweet 16 after upsetting Kentucky in thrilling fashion. Dayton isn't the

only lower seed to make it through to the next round.

Gonzaga, which has made a living lately of crashing the second weekend, did it again with an upset of No. 3 seed Oregon State. The Bulldogs have now reached the regional semifinals three times as an 11 seed in the past five seasons.

Their reward is a trip home to Spokane to play only three miles from campus against Tennessee.

The Atlantic Coast Conference continued to show it's the deepest in the country, placing five teams in the regional semifinals. The Irish are joined by Louisville, Duke,

North Carolina and Florida State. The five teams ties the ACC for the second most in the tournament, one behind the SEC, which had six in 1997 according to STATS.

No other conference is close with the Pac-12, Big 12, Big Ten and SEC each having two teams left.

## Scoreboard

### BASEBALL Spring Training Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
W	L	Pct
Kansas City	13	8 .619
Los Angeles	11	7 .611
Toronto	12	8 .600
Oakland	13	9 .591
New York	12	9 .571
Boston	10	8 .556
Houston	8	8 .500
Seattle	9	9 .500
Tampa Bay	9	9 .500
Cleveland	9	11 .450
Minnesota	8	10 .444
Chicago	7	10 .412
Texas	7	10 .412
Baltimore	8	13 .381
Detroit	7	14 .333

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	11	6 .647
Arizona	12	9 .571
New York	12	9 .571
St. Louis	9	7 .563
Pittsburgh	10	8 .556
Colorado	11	9 .550
Miami	10	9 .526
Cincinnati	9	9 .500
Philadelphia	10	10 .500
San Diego	10	10 .500
Washington	9	9 .500
Chicago	9	11 .450
Atlanta	9	12 .429
Milwaukee	8	11 .421
San Francisco	6	16 .273

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

### Tuesday's Games

Toronto vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Philadelphia vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Boston vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Houston vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.  
 Colorado vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 Seattle vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 Detroit vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 7:05 p.m.

Milwaukee vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 9:40 p.m.  
 San Francisco vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

### BASKETBALL National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	42	28	.600	—
Boston	31	39	.443	11
Brooklyn	29	40	.420	12½
Philadelphia	17	53	.243	25
New York	14	57	.197	28½

Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Atlanta	53	17	.757	—
Washington	40	31	.563	13½
Miami	32	37	.464	20½
Charlotte	30	39	.435	22½
Orlando	22	50	.306	32

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Cleveland	46	26	.639	—
x-Chicago	43	29	.597	3
Milwaukee	34	36	.486	11
Indiana	30	40	.429	15
Detroit	26	44	.371	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Memphis	50	21	.704	—
Houston	47	23	.671	2½
San Antonio	44	25	.638	5
Dallas	44	27	.620	6
New Orleans	37	33	.529	12½

Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Portland	44	24	.647	—
Oklahoma City	40	30	.571	5
Utah	31	39	.443	14
Denver	27	44	.380	18½
Minnesota	16	54	.229	29

Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Golden State	57	13	.814	—
L.A. Clippers	46	25	.648	11½
Phoenix	38	33	.535	19½
Sacramento	24	45	.348	32½
L.A. Lakers	18	50	.265	38

x-clinched playoff spot

### TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**  
**Major League Baseball**  
 OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL — Suspended free agent C Dusty Brown 50 games following a second positive test for a drug of abuse, in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

**American League**  
 BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Reassigned RHP Steve Johnson to minor league camp. Optioned OF Henry Urrutia to Norfolk (IL).  
 DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned OF Steven Moya to Toledo (IL).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned RHP Dan Straily to Fresno (PCL). Assigned RHP Mark Appel and OF Andrew Applin to minor league camp.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned RHP Stephen Pryor to Rochester (IL).  
 TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned RHP Spencer Patton and C Tomas Telis to Round Rock (PCL) and C Jorge Alfaro to Frisco (Texas). Assigned 1B Kyle Blanks, 3B Joey Gallo, OF Jared Hoyer and RHP David Martinez to their minor league camp. Released LHP Joe Beimel.

**National League**  
 ATLANTA BRAVES — Reassigned RHP Sugar Ray Marimon, LHP Donnie Veal and C Braeden Schiehuber to their minor league camp.

CINCINNATI REDS — Traded INF Neftali Soto to the Chicago White Sox for cash. Released LHP Jose Mijares.

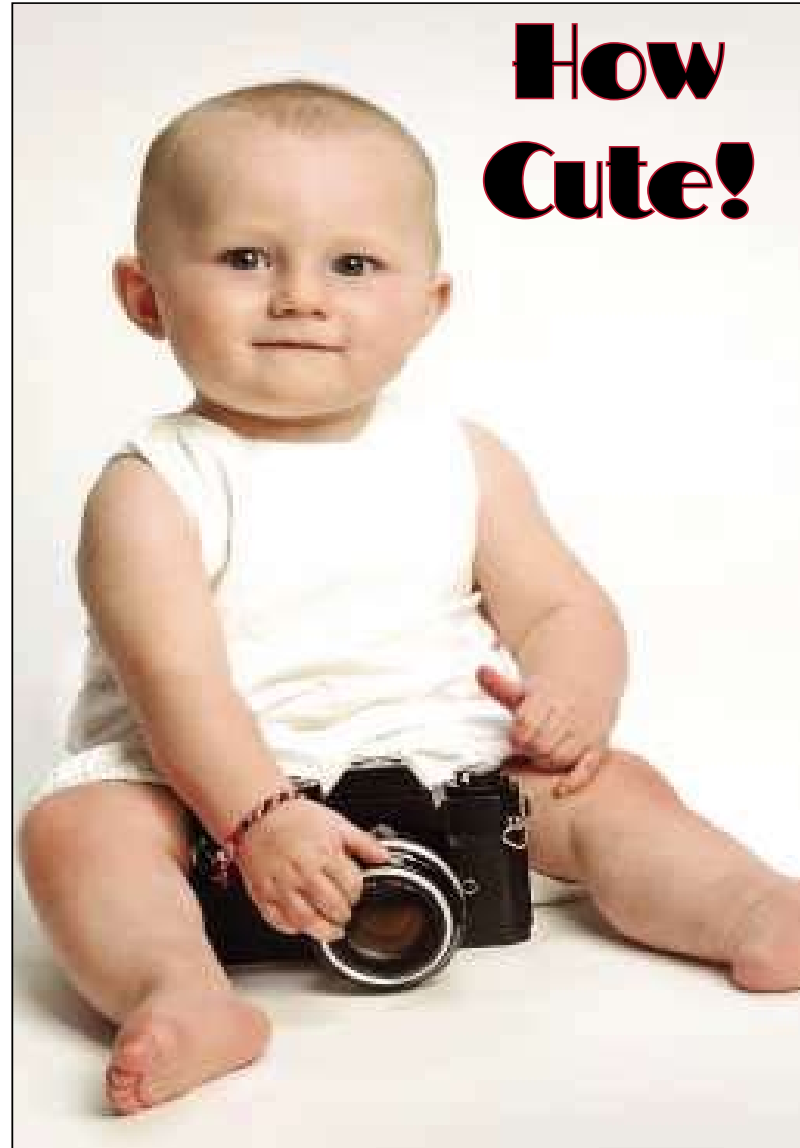
OPTIONED C Tucker Barnhart, INF Eugenio Suarez and OF Donald Lutz to Louisville (IL).  
 COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned LHP Chris Rusin, INF Ben Paulsen and RHP Chad Bettis to Albuquerque (PCL). Assigned RHPs Jair Jurrjens and Brett Marshall; LHPs Aaron Laffey, John Lannan and Craig Stitt; C Audrey Perez; INFs Omar Quintanilla and Trevor Story; and OF Roger Bernadina to minor league camp.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned RHP Daniel Coulombe to Oklahoma City (PCL). Reassigned INF/OF Kyle Jensen and OF Matt Carson to

minor league camp.

NEW YORK METS — Optioned LHP Steven Matz to Binghamton (EL).  
 SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned RHPs Leonel Campos and Casey Kelly and LHP Robbie Erlin to El Paso (PCL). Assigned RHPs Matt Wisler and Jay Jackson and INF Diego Goris to minor league camp.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned C Cody Stanley and INF Aledmys Diaz to Memphis (PCL). Reassigned C Travis Tartamella and OF Rafael Ortega to Memphis.  
 WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned RHP Taylor Jordan to Syracuse (IL). Reassigned RHP Evan Meek and INF Matt Skole to their minor league camp. Released RHP Heath Bell.



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