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Going up in smoke

Brush fire destroys two homes

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

In a March full of bad fires, the worst was saved for the last day of the month.

Two homes in the Kentwood area were destroyed and another sustained heavy damage as a result of a Monday afternoon brush fire.

Sparks from electrical wires provided the impetus for the fire, which began near Oak Glen and McCausland streets in the Highland South addition, Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray said.

Then, pushed by winds out of the northwest in excess of 20 mph and fueled by an over-abundance of cedar brush and grass, the fire rapidly spread toward the Kentwood area, where it destroyed two homes on Fisher Road and heavily damaged a third house on Rebecca Street.

One volunteer firefighter had an allergic reaction to a bee sting, but no other injuries were reported.

While Big Spring Police

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HERALD photos/Ron Midkiff and Thomas Jenkins
Above, James Johnston's home on Fisher Road was one of two houses destroyed in Monday's wild fire that threatened much of the Kentwood area of Big Spring. Below right, Big Spring Police Det. Jim Rider watches as the fire approaches the southern edge of Kentwood. Bottom left, firefighters attempt to extinguish a roof fire on Rebecca Drive.



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GO BLUE DAY

Big Spring and Howard County residents are being asked to show their support of the Howard County Child Welfare Board as it plans to kick off its "Go Blue Day" at noon Wednesday in Heart of the City Park.

More than 60,000 Texas children are confirmed as victims of abuse each year. In the past 12 months in Howard County, 208 children were abused or neglected and there were two fatalities resulting from abuse or neglect.

All told, the Child Welfare Board has had 546 intakes this year with 110 children in substitute care and 83 in foster homes.

Volunteers needed for Trash-Off

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**
 Managing Editor

Keep Big Spring Beautiful is looking for volunteers interested in taking part in Saturday's "Don't Mess with Texas" Trash-Off.

"We need people who want to help clean up our town, it's just that simple," said Pat Simmons, one of the Trash-Off's organizers.

The Trash-Off is an annual event that's part of the partnership between Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

"It is the single largest one-day clean-up event in our state where more than 55,000 volunteers offer their time to keep Texas beautiful," Simmons said. "It is also a signature litter prevention event of the Great America Clean Up which is sponsored by Keep America Beautiful and takes place throughout the United States March through May."

Simmons said Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be distributing trash bags to volunteers from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices, 215 W.

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring's Smith places fourth at state lifting meet

Big Spring High School's John Smith had a career day at the Class 4A state powerlifting meet Saturday in Abilene.

Smith finished fourth, lifting a personal best combined 1,440 pounds. He squatted 565 pounds, benched 295 and dead lifted 585.

Smith entered the competition as one of the lower qualifiers and was expected to finish around 12th in his weight class. However, he reached a personal goal as he told the *Herald* earlier this month that he would be disappointed with anything but a top five finish.

Howard softball drops two to OC in doubleheader

Howard College's softball team lost its fourth straight conference game Monday, losing both games of a doubleheader to Odessa College at Foundation Field, 8-6 and 6-5.

The losses come on the heel of being swept in the second half of a four-game series with Clarendon College Saturday, 7-6 and 6-4. All four losses were by one or two runs.

The losses drop Howard's record to 22-13 overall and 14-8 in conference play.

The Hawks resume league play Friday with the first of two doubleheaders in Snyder against Western Texas College.

Here's a look at upcoming Howard College athletics home contests (all dates are for doubleheaders):

FRIDAY

HC softball vs. Midland College, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY

HC softball vs. Midland College, 1 p.m.

HC baseball vs. Odessa College, Noon.

APRIL 17-19

Howard College home rodeo.

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

MONDAY

Big Spring tennis at district tournament in Wolfforth through Tuesday.

TUESDAY

Big Spring baseball vs. Frenship, 4:30 p.m.

Big Spring softball at San Angelo Lake View, 4 p.m.

Coahoma baseball at Colorado City, 7 p.m.

Coahoma softball at Colorado City, 7 p.m.

Forsan softball vs. Miles, 5 p.m.

Forsan baseball at Menard, 4:30 p.m.

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Parnell, Landin solidify spots at regional

Herald Staff Report

WOLFFORTH — Two Big Spring High School athletes have the security of knowing they'll be headed to the Class 4A, Region I tennis tournament in San Angelo in three weeks.

Singles players Keely Parnell and Jeremy Landin have advanced to the finals of the District 4-4A tournament being held at Frenship High School in Wolfforth today. Advancing to the finals guarantees them a spot

in the regional tournament as the top two finishers from each district receive a bid into the field.

Parnell opened her day by defeating Plainview's Wendy Escobar, 6-1, 6-3. She met a tougher challenge in the semifinals, but bested Chelsea Metzler of Frenship, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2, earning the right to play the district's top-seeded girls' singles player, Frenship's Morgan Ray.

According to Big Spring Tennis Coach Pete Lara, beating any

female opponent from Frenship can be a tall order, however, no one should doubt Parnell's ability to do so.

"It's considered a big deal when you beat a girl from Frenship because they're supposed to be the best by far in this district," Lara explained. "They're supposed to win this every year. I think our girls are just as good as they are, though. Keely can win this thing."

Landin's road to the finals came much easier. He coasted in

his opening-round match against Plainview's Jake Landis, 6-1, 6-0. Then, Landin wore down Shivakumar Surendranath of San Angelo Lake View, 6-4, 6-1. He'll play Dustin Lambright of Plainview in the finals today.

Two other Steers have the opportunity to advance to regionals, but will need some help to get there. The team of Ainhann Nghiem and Jonathan Ray entered the even as No. 1 seed in

See **TENNIS**, Page 2B

Lady Steers claim first win of season

Herald Staff Report

ABILENE — Apparently hard work truly does pay off.

The Big Spring Lady Steers track team is evidence of that. It's been a while since the Lady Steers have brought home an overall first-place trophy as a team. However, that wait ended Saturday as Big Spring edged district-rival Wolfforth Frenship by one point to win the 17th Annual All-America City Track Classic at Abilene Christian University.

"This win says a lot about how hard this team is working," Lady Steers Head Coach Nick Roberson said, "and hard work usually pays off. It's working for us. We're definitely not satisfied, though."

Once again leading the way for the Lady Steers were the performances of Desiree Anderson and a trio of distance runners — Esther Tobar, Catherine Leubner and Misti Aguilar.

Anderson medaled in five events, including a gold-medal victory in the long jump. She picked up a silver running a leg in the 4x100 meter relay and won bronze in the triple jump and 100 meters.

Big Spring's distance runners showed they are a threat not only in district, but also within the region. Tobar, Leubner and Aguilar finished 1-2-3 in the 3200 meters. All three runners finished the race with personal best times, beating their previous bests by at least 14 seconds, according to Roberson.

Tobar also brought home gold in the 1600 meters, while Aguilar finished fifth in that event. Leubner took silver in the 800.

Leslie Leal also medaled for Big Spring, placing third in the discus throw.

The most encouraging part of the Lady Steers victory is finishing ahead of three of its four opponents in district. The District 4-4A meet begins Thursday and, with the win, the Lady Steers have announced their candidacy to advance to regionals.

"We're really starting to come



Courtesy photo

Big Spring Lady Steers track team members Catherine Leubner (left), Esther Tobar (center) and Misti Aguilar (right) pose with the first-place team plaque won by the Lady Steers at the 17th Annual All-America City Track Classic at Abilene Christian University Saturday. The trio took the top three spots in the 3200-meter run with Tobar finishing first, Leubner second and Aguilar third.

together as a team," Roberson said. "We all have the same goal and that's to win district. We're right in the mix. There isn't a clear cut favorite to win that meet. Whoever comes together and does the little things will take the district title. We've just got to go out starting Thursday and take care of business."

17th All-America City Track Classic in Abilene

Team Rankings - Big Spring 110. Wolfforth Frenship 109, Midland High 90, Midland Lee 85, Lubbock Estacado 84, Lubbock High 43, Plainview 37, O'Donnell 20, Gordon 18, Abilene Cooper 14, Abilene High 7.

Long Jump: 1. Desiree Anderson, Big Spring 16-09.25; 2. Ravynn Wideman, Plainview 16-08; 3. LaShondra Ray, Lubbock 16-07.75; 4. Kamillah Al-Warith, Lubbock 16-04.75; 5. Celes Inostrosa, Midland Lee 15-11.5; 6. Ilesha Simpson, Big Spring 15-

08.75.

Triple Jump: 1. Kamillah Al-Warith, Lubbock 37-01.5; 2. Lashondra Ray, Lubbock 34-10.5; 3. Desiree Anderson, Big Spring 34-03.25; Riley Cagle, Frenship 33-07; 5. Lizzette Palmer, Frenship 33-05; 6. Ravynn Wideman, Plainview 33-01.75; 7. Ilesha Simpson, Big Spring 33-00.

Shot Put: 1. Kaylee Eaker, O'Donnell 38-03.5; 2. Audrey Sheffield, Frenship 36-04; 3. Sarah Webb, Midland Lee 35-08.5; 4. Chelsea Hudson, Midland 34-11; 5. Jessica Williams, Plainview 34-05.5; 6. Leslie Leal, Big Spring 33-10; 22. Kiarra Sherman, Big Spring 26-03.5.

Discus: 1. Kaylee Eaker, O'Donnell 119-09; 2. Sarah Webb, Midland Lee 105-04; 3. Leslie Leal, Big Spring 104-07; 4. Krissy Taylor, Abilene Cooper 103-09; 5. Audrey Sheffield, Frenship 103-01; 6. Taya Miller, Midland Lee 99-00; 15. Kiarra Sherman, Big Spring 79-08; 16. Mischa Willard, Big Spring 79-06.

100 meters: 1. Quisha Harris, Midland Lee 12.99; 2. Celes Inostrosa, Midland Lee 13-23; 3. Desiree Anderson, Big Spring 13.28; 4. Rakayle Searuggs, Midland 13.39; 5. Sevrin Scarcelli, Midland 13.4; 6. Stephanie Scott,

Frenship 13-49; 14. Traosha Walker, Big Spring 14.06.

200 meters: 1. LaShondra Ray, Lubbock 26.17; 2. Twyla Ards, Lubbock 26.2; 3. Chantesean White, Midland Lee 26.52; 4. Antonea Roseberry, Midland 27.53; 5. Ilesha Simpson, Big Spring 27.72; 6. Shamyra Johnson, Lubbock 27.73; 18. Traosha Walker, Big Spring 29.49.

400 meters: 1. Ariel Wilson, Lubbock 1:00.29; 2. Chantesean White, Midland Lee 1:00.9; 3. Ashlee Nelson, Midland 1:01.27; 4. LaShondra Ray, Lubbock 1:03.19; 5. Amanda Zapata, Plainview 1:04.75; 6. Allison Hogan, Lubbock 1:04.81; 9. Crystal Torres, Big Spring 1:05.59; 10. Gabby Fiero, Big Spring 1:07.42; 13. Marissa Zavala, Big Spring 1:07.98.

800 meters: 1. Kelsey Miller, Frenship 2:24.98; 2. Catherine Leubner, Big Spring 2:27.23; 3. Amanda Zapata, Plainview 2:28.2; 4. Carsey Aycock, Frenship 2:34.96; 5. Katie Patillo, Lubbock 2:36.11; 6. Christian Crowe, Abilene 2:40.05.

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Dawson sets record at San Angelo Relays

Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Records are made to be broken and Zach Dawson now holds one that he can sit back and wait to be shattered.

Dawson's high school resume as a long-distance runner is already impressive with a third-place finish in the 1600 meters at the state meet last year along with back-to-back third-place finishes at the state cross country race in 2006 and 2007 among his accomplishments.

However, Dawson's most impressive performance may have come at the San Angelo Relays held at San Angelo Stadium Saturday. Dawson set a meet record, running a personal best 4:19.09 in the 1600-meter event.

The time was 0.43 seconds faster than the previous record set by Marble Falls' Leonel

Manzano in 2002. Manzano has an impressive resume of his own. He now runs for the University of Texas in Austin and has won two NCAA national championships in track and cross country. Not to mention, he's a member of the U.S. National Track Team.

Dawson could have an opportunity to equal or better Manzano's post-high school accomplishments as the senior will run for Texas Tech's cross country and track team next year.

A Big Spring runner has won the mile in every race this season, but it hasn't always been Dawson. His toughest competition has proven to be teammate Jordan Valle.

Valle and Dawson have taken turns winning gold in the mile event with Valle taking silver in San Angelo with a time of 4:25.84. He also won silver in the 800-meter run behind Caleb McCrea of Fredericksburg. Big Spring's Daniel Segundo took third in the 800 with a time of 2:03.69, just two seconds behind Valle.

Also winning gold for Big

Spring was LaRay Woodard, who more than 21 feet in the long jump.

The Steers take part in the District 4-4A meet starting Friday. Big Spring enters the district field as the favorite to win the team title and advance to regionals.

San Angelo Relays

Triple Jump: 1. Ratliff, Lance, Wolfforth Frenship, 43-02.75. 2. Perez, James, Fredericksburg, 42-06.50. 3. Watts, Gabe, Wolfforth Frenship, 41-02.75. 4. Cunningham, Kevin, Brownwood, 40-11.50. 5. Acosta, Emanuel, San Angelo Lake View, 40-07.50. 6. Parker, Sidney, Big Spring, 40-06.75.

Long Jump: 1. Woodard, LaRay, Big Spring, 21-05.25. 2. Berber-Thayer, Ansel, Fredericksburg, 20-09. 3. Reyna, Aaron, Lampasas, 20-04. 4. Weirich, Josh, Fredericksburg, 20-02.50. 5. Washington, Eric, Lubbock Estacado, 20-01.75. 6. Mckinzie, Dontre'on, Lubbock Estacado, 20-00.50. 7. Clemons, Terrance, Big Spring, 19-07.75. 13. Linton, Zamir, Big Spring, 18-02.25.

Discus Throw: 1. Smith, Clayton, Fredericksburg, 156-03. 2. Alejandro, Nick, Fredericksburg, 148-08. 3. Richardson, Josh, Wolfforth Frenship, 143-07. 4. Skelton, Tracer, Brownwood, 139-00. 5. Gunter, Garrett, San Angelo Lake View, 137-09. 6. Bible, Brandon, Marble Falls, 136-01. 11. Ausbie, Quintin, Big Spring, 114-00. 13. McGee, Kyler, Big Spring, 100-06.50.

Shot Put: 1. Alejandro, Nick, Fredericksburg, 56-09.75. 2. Walters, Mason,

Wolfforth Frenship, 49-08.25. 3. Maner, Travis, Fredericksburg, 48-09.25. 4. Bihl, Jermiah, San Angelo Lake View, 48-05.50. 5. Dittmar, Bradley, Fredericksburg, 47-06.50. 6. Hudson, Devin, Wolfforth Frenship, 45-01.50.

13. Ausbie, Quintin, Big Spring, 39-02.

High Jump: 1. Weirich, Josh, Fredericksburg, 6-02. 2. Tyner, Clay, Lampasas, J6-02. 3. Ratliff, Lance, Wolfforth Frenship, 5-10. 4. Belk, Logan, Marble Falls, J5-10. 5. Mesta, Paul, San Angelo Lake View, 5-08. 6. Carrasco, Cody, Brownwood, J5-08.

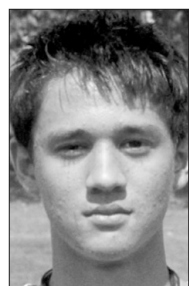
3200 Meter Run: 1. Limon, Rolando, Fredericksburg, 10:06.31. 2. Aguilar, Alex, Wolfforth Frenship, 10:20.56. 3. Dugue, Alfredo, Fredericksburg, 10:20.83. 4. Hummingbird, Robert, San Angelo Lake, 10:28.39. 5. Brown, Jay, Wolfforth Frenship, 10:32.13. 6. Butler, Justin, Wolfforth Frenship, 10:57.54.

800 Meter Run: 1. McCrea, Caleb, Fredericksburg, 1:58.70. 2. Valle, Jordan, Big Spring, 2:01.21. 3. Segundo, Daniel, Big Spring, 2:03.69. 4. McLaughlin, Patrick, Brownwood, 2:05.31. 5. Parker, Sidney, Big Spring, 2:08.48. 6. Rodriguez, Chris, Wolfforth Frenship, 2:09.10.

1600 Meter Run: 1. Dawson, Zach, Big Spring, 4:19.09. 2. Valle, Jordan, Big Spring, 4:25.84. 3. Limon, Rolando, Fredericksburg, 4:42.80. 4. Brown, Jay, Wolfforth Frenship, 4:52.61. 5. Ray, Ethan, San Angelo Lake, 4:56.83. 6. Dugue, Alfredo, Fredericksburg, 4:57.99.

110 Meter Hurdles: 1. Cunningham, Kevin, Brownwood, 15.23. 2. Shobert, Clint, Wolfforth Frenship, 15.96. 3. Weirich, Josh, Fredericksburg, 16.10. 4. Hobgood, Heath, Wolfforth Frenship, 16.14. 5. Birchfield, Alec,

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Dawson

Obituaries

James Richmond

James Richmond, 83, of Pecos died Sunday, March 30, 2008, at Pecos Nursing Home. Graveside funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at Mount Evergreen Cemetery in Pecos with Ernie Waggoner officiating. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at Pecos Funeral Home.

Mr. Richmond was born July 13, 1924, in Park Springs. He was a retired school principal and a long time resident of Pecos. He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Richmond of Pecos; a son, Tommy Richmond of Big Spring, a daughter, Karen Richmond Baxter of Prosper; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Pecos Funeral Home.

Vinis Murphree

Vinis Murphree, 77, of Big Spring died Monday, March 31, 2008, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-14-21-25-36.
Number matching five of five: None.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 5-23-32-34. Bonus Ball: 15.
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$450,000.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night, in order:
7-7-0-0. Sum It Up: 14.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night, in order:
6-2-0. Sum It Up: 8.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday afternoon, in order:
1-9-7-7. Sum It Up: 24.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon, in order:
4-4-7. Sum It Up: 15.

Take Note

• Big Spring High School Student Council will sponsor a blood drive through United Blood Services from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium foyer. If you would like to sign up in advance, you may call the main office at 264-3641.

• The Class of 2009 will be having a prom meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10, in the Big Spring High School Library. All juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend. For information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Karen Martin at 213-1388.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• American Red Cross Lifeguarding and CPR classes will be held in two sessions this year, March 31-April 5 and April 14-19. Cost will be \$125. Those interested can sign up with Coach Randall Shaw at rshaw3535@hotmail.com or at the Big Spring YMCA. Times of the class will be given at the time of registration. Spots are limited and fees must be paid at registration. Individuals who register must be present for all classes. After the first day of class, no refunds will be given.

• Cross stitchers are needed to complete one or more blocks of this year's Howard County Fair quilt. All supplies are provided. Blocks may be picked up from Posey Cotton Office, 601 Scurry, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 263-1267 or 263-4980. This year's quilt theme is "Wildflowers of Texas." All proceeds from the sale of tickets for the quilt are used to defray the expenses of the Fair. The quilt will be awarded the last night of the fair.

• Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

• St. Mary's and friends of St. Mary's are holding a lap blanket drive to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.



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Police blotter

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

- **JASON BOLT**, 22, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd., was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **STEWART SHADE**, 18, of 1108 E. 13th Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **ADAM CHAPPELL**, 22, of 1808 Settles, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **DAVID ARMENDARIZ**, 37, of 808 Magnolia, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROY JOHNSON**, 65, of 707 Wyoming, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **SANDRA SHAEFFER**, 24, of 1408 Nolan, was arrested Monday on charges of driving while license invalid and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **CLAUDIA MARTINEZ**, 19, of 1503 E. Cherokee, was arrested Monday on a charge of hindering the discharge of an officer's duties.
- **ELIAS LEDESMA**, 22, of 1503 E. Cherokee, was arrested Monday on three local capias warrants and a charge of resisting arrest.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 40 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ARTHUR SEISHER KARWEDSKY**, 39, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **RONNIE TREVINO MARTINEZ**, 34, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of non-payment of child support.
- **MARTIN ALVARADO**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a parole violation.
- **JASON PAUL BOLT**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **STEWART RYAN SHADE**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **ADAM WESLEY CHAPPELL**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **ASHLEY WARD**, 26, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a local bench warrant.
- **RAUL MEJIA MEJIA**, 45, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for possession of a controlled substance.
- **JOSE LIONEL CERDA**, 39, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and failure to appear.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of Moore Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1100 block of 13th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Boykin. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported near the intersection of 25th Street and Baylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **GRASS AND STRUCTURE FIRES** reported in the Highland and Kentwood areas.

Support Groups

TUESDAY
• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

• Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and 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.

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Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

- TUESDAY**
- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
 - Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
 - Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
 - Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
 - Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
 - The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.
 - Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
 - Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
 - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
 - Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

- THURSDAY**
- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
 - Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
 - Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
 - Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

- FRIDAY**
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
 - AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
 - Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

- SATURDAY**
- Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
 - Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Much cooler. Highs in the mid 60s. Northeast winds 15 to 25 mph.

Tonight — Partly cloudy in the evening then mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the upper 40s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night — Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Warmer. Lows around 60. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday — Sunny. Windy. Warmer. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Windy. Cooler. Lows in the mid 40s.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the upper 60s.

Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

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HC men's Rodeo nabs first in Odessa

By RICHARD KINSEY

Special to the Herald

ODESSA — The Howard College men's Rodeo team took first at the Odessa NIRA Rodeo this past weekend at the Ector County Coliseum.

The men's team managed to get 493.3 points overall this weekend to take first and the closest team to them was Western Texas College with 425 points.

The team placed second at the Alpine Rodeo last semester, but this was the first time this season the team has won as a whole.

Howard College's team roping duo Calvin Brevik of Durango, Colo., and K.C. Curtis of Monroe,

Utah, finished fourth in the long-go with a time of 7.1.

They won the short-go with a time of 6.8 seconds and won the average with a total time of 13.9 seconds.

It is the second time this season that Brevik and Curtis won the average in a rodeo and, according to Kernick, it will help their cause of making the College Nationals Finals.

Also getting a birth in the team roping was Lee Griggs, header, of House, N.M., and Olin Pullham of Payson, Utah, who made a clean catch with a time of 6.7 seconds, putting them third in the long-go. Pullham roped a

leg in the short-go to take sixth in the round and in the average.

Brevik also made it back to the short-go in the steer wrestling, splitting sixth along with fellow teammate Greg Schaffeld, The Dalles, Ore., splitting ninth.

Brevik and Schaffeld both broke the barriers in the short-go to take seventh and eighth in the average. Without the penalty, Brevik would have won the all-around.

A pair of Howard College bull riders made it back to the short-go.

Jamon Turner was leading the bull riding going into the short-go with a score of 78 points, but did not complete the eight-

second ride in the short-go to take second in the average.

Lonny Graham of Ault, Colo., had a ride of 68 points to make the short-go, but was unable to stay on in the short, finishing fourth in the average.

As for the women's side Ashley Davis, Reform, Ala., had a 2.7 run in breakaway to split third in the long-go, but missed her calf in the short-go.

Howard is two weeks out of hosting the Rodeo in Big Spring and will be traveling to Snyder Thursday through Saturday for their second NIRA rodeo of the semester.

STEERS

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Wolfforth Frensh, 16.26. 6. Ahrlett, Trevor, Fredericksburg, 16.44.

300 Meter Hurdles: 1, Cunningham, Kevin, Brownwood, 40.25. 2, Weirich, Josh, Fredericksburg, 40.32. 3, Petty, Craig, Fredericksburg, 40.79. 4, Shobert, Clint, Wolfforth Frensh, 41.07. 5, Birchfield, Alec, Wolfforth Frensh, 41.83. 6, Hobgood, Heath, Wolfforth Frensh, 43.27.

100 Meter: 1, Ibarra, Daniel, Wolfforth Frensh, 11.50. 2, Reyna, Aaron, Lampasas, 11.67. 3, Hicks, Brandon, Lubbock Estacado, 11.72.

200 Meter: 1, West, Brendon, Fredericksburg, 21.93. 2, Connor, Michael, Wolfforth Frensh, 23.59. 3, Harris, Keelan, Lubbock Estacado, 23.65. 4, Eden, Taylor, Fredericksburg, 23.96. 5, Cortez, Cody, Lubbock Estacado, 24.03.

400 Meter: 1, Allison, Kale, Wolfforth Frensh, 51.36. 2, Arredondo, Christian, Brownwood, 52.20. 3, Diaz, Porfie, Fredericksburg, 52.59. 4, Ruiz, Marcial, Wolfforth Frensh, 52.84. 5, Harris, Josh, Big Spring, 53.77. 6, Harris, Keelan, Lubbock Estacado,

54.90. 7, Parker, Sidney, Big Spring, 57.39.

4x100 Meter: 1, Lubbock Estacado 43.40. 2, Wolfforth Frensh 43.62. 3, Fredericksburg 44.44. 4, Marble Falls 45.17. 5, Lampasas 45.58. 6, San Angelo Lake View 47.45.

4x400 Meter Relay: 1, Fredericksburg 3:21.06. 2, Lubbock Estacado 3:23.33. 3, Brownwood 3:28.78. 4, Wolfforth Frensh 3:31.88. 5, Big Spring 3:38.15. 6, Lampasas 3:39.16. 7, Marble Falls 3:41.77.

4x200 Meter Relay: 1, Lubbock Estacado (Watson, Jeremy, Mckinzie, Dontre'on, Washington, Eric, Patterson, Ashone), 1:29.73. 2, Wolfforth Frensh (Ibarra, Jon, Pickrell, Trent, Connor, Michael, Ibarra, Daniel), 1:29.84. 3, Lampasas (Summers, Cory, Reyna, Aaron, Phelan, Tyler, Hardy, Angelo), 1:32.90. 4, Fredericksburg (Atkins, Sean, Berber-Thayer, Ansel, Eden, Taylor, Munoz, Corey), 1:34.15. 5, Marble Falls (Davis, Stacy, Williams, Gary, Castillo, Steven, Merrill, Sean), 1:35.20. 6, Brownwood (Howey, Jarrod, Perez, Levi, Harrell, Bubby, Vaccaro, Kenny), 1:35.60. 7, Big Spring (Lloyd, Devonte, Merworth, Dennis, Plakhotny, Pavel, Schlipf, Josh), 1:37.41.

TRACK

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1600 meters: 1, Esther Tobar, Big Spring 5:28.17; 2, Kayla Hendrix, Frenship 5:29.35; 3, Amanda Zapata, Plainview 5:42.74; 4, Katie Patillo, Lubbock 5:44.94; 5,

Mistie Aguilar, Big Spring 5:54.05; 6, Yared Garniz, Midland 5:56.48.

3200 meters: 1, Esther Tobar, Big Spring 12:09.2; 2, Catherine Leubner, Big Spring 12:11.31; 3, Mistie Aguilar, Big Spring 12:43.97; 4, Audrey Drew, Plainview 12:58.08; 5, Jessica Morrison, Abilene 13:11.74; 6, Yared Garniz, Midland 13:17.74.

100 meter hurdles: 1, Amber

Elkins, Gordon 16.24; 2, Tracy Sherman, Midland Lee 16.92; 3, Kailey Moorhead, Frenship 17.21; 4, Brittnee Riley, Plainview 17.7; 5, Rachel Rice, Midland 17.71; 6, Ashley Lewis, Lubbock 17.76; 18, Kallina Fletcher, Big Spring 20.13; 20, Callie Partee, Big Spring 21.46.

300 meter hurdles: 1, Kailey Moorhead, Frenship 48.37; 2,

Amber Elkins, Gordon 49.87; 3, Brittaney Ables, Frenship 50.91; 4, Rachel Rice, Midland 50.96; 5, Jasmine Walker, Abilene Cooper 52.16; 6, Ashley Lewis, Lubbock 52.52; 9, Kaylin Hildreth, Big Spring 53.62; 12, Cheyenne Lesser, Big Spring 55.49; 16, Kallina Fletcher, Big Spring 58.45.

4x100 meter relay: 1, Midland 50.63; 2, Big Spring 50.79; 3,

Lubbock Estacado 50.97; 4, Frenship 51.53; 5, Plainview 52.24; 6, Lubbock 52.46.

4x200 meter relay: 1, Midland Lee 1:48; 2, Big Spring 1:49.25; 3, Lubbock 1:49.59; 4, Frenship 1:49.64; 5, Midland 1:49.94; 6, Lubbock Estacado 1:50.63.

High jump: 1, Victoria Lucas, Midland 6-00; 2, Catherine Teegardin, Frenship 5-02; 3, Amy

Noel, Midland Lee 5-02; 4, Kelsey Miller, Frenship 5-02; 5, Taya Miller, Midland Lee 5-00; 6, Twyla Ards, Lubbock 4-10; 8, Kallina Fletcher, Big Spring 4-08.

4x400 meter relay: 1, Lubbock Estacado 4:03.16; 2, Frenship 4:04.03; 3, Midland 4:09.73; 4, Lubbock 4:27.12; 5, Abilene 4:31.15; 6, Big Spring 4:31.49.

TENNIS

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the boys' doubles division. However, after receiving a first-round bye, the duo was upset by the team of Austin Carter and Jon-Michael Sisson from Frenship, 6-3, 6-3.

"This was a strange day really," Lara said. "I can't believe Nghiem and Ray lost. I really thought they'd win district."

The Big Spring duo still has an opportunity to win second and advance to regionals, though. They'll play teammates Johnathan Womack and Karl Brode in a third-place match. Womack and Brode lost to the Lake

View team of Haire and Lomas in the semifinals after defeating Plainview's Adamson and Brush in the opening round.

If Nghiem and Ray come out victorious against their teammates and Carter and Sisson defeat the Lake View team in the finals, then Big Spring's top duo would earn a playback match against Lake View for second place. A win there guarantees them a spot at regionals. However, the winner of the match between the two Big Spring duos earns the title of alternate at the regional match, meaning that if one of the top two teams is unable to attend, then the alternate will

step in.

Two other Big Spring doubles' teams are playing for third place and alternate status today. C.J. Riddle and Jessica Womack take on Jones and Mills of Plainview in a third-place match, while Mikael Gonzales and Christina Chang face off against Lake View's Moses and Najera for the right to be an alternate.

Riddle and Womack went into the tournament unseeded, but pulled off what Lara deemed a major upset in Round 1, beating Frenship's Hicks and Miller, 6-4, 6-3. The Cinderella story wouldn't continue for the Big Spring duo, though, as they fell to Lake View's Bates and Moates in the

semifinals.

Chang and Gonzales coasted by Frenship's Bishop and Forshage, 6-1, 6-2, before falling to another team from Frenship, Green and Thomson, forcing them into the consolation match.

Overall, Lara was very pleased with Big Spring's performance.

"It was a great day for us highlighted by a big upset in girls' doubles and two players solidifying themselves for regionals," he raved. "We accomplished many goals today, but we have some left to get. Hopefully, we'll be talking about two district champions in the paper Wednesday."

BRIEFS

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Relay for Life volleyball tourney set for April 5

The Yellow Dogs are sponsoring a volleyball tournament to benefit Relay for Life at the Big Spring Junior High gymnasium Saturday, April 5.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. and costs \$5 per person. The first game will be played at 11 a.m.

Teams must be comprised of three boys and three girls. A concession stand will be available.

Big Spring Country Club hosting 3-person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 3-person scramble April 5 and 6 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start on both days.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus a golf cart, however, private carts are welcome.

Entry includes a barbecue lunch on the course for the first day of the tournament.

The field will be flighted by first-round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of entries.

An optional cash players pool will be available for both rounds.

Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for details.

Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic scheduled

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce

and ATMOS Energy are sponsoring the Crossroads of West Texas Golf Class to be held at the Big Spring Country Club May 17 and 18.

The tournament is limited to the first 100 paid teams with a two-man scramble format being used.

A handicap is required and the tourney will be pre-flighted by a tourna-


ment committee and local golf pro.

Entry fee is \$180 per team.

All entries are to be paid in advance. The fee includes access to the ATMOS Energy hospitality tent, free beverages, a barbecue lunch for both days, an afternoon shootout on May 16 and a golf goodie bag. Winners may receive

pro shop merchandise at 100 percent or may take 70 percent of winnings.

Call the country club's Pro Shop at 267-5354 or the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 for more information.



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Bit of Rope

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

<p>NORTH</p> <p>♠ A 3 ♥ K Q 10 9 6 ♦ 8 5 2 ♣ A 7 3</p>	<p>EAST</p> <p>♠ J 8 6 4 ♥ A 8 2 ♦ 10 3 ♣ K 10 9 5</p>	<p>WEST</p> <p>♠ Q 10 7 2 ♥ J 7 5 ♦ Q J 9 4 ♣ 8 2</p>	<p>SOUTH</p> <p>♠ K 9 5 ♥ 4 3 ♦ A K 7 6 ♣ Q J 6 4</p>
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The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass
1NT Pass 3NT

Opening lead — two of spades.

Part of the skill in defensive play lies in giving declarer a chance to make a mistake. The defender who never gives declarer a bit of rope with which to hang himself can hardly expect him to commit suicide.

Consider this case where South is in three notrump and West leads a spade. Declarer leads East's jack with the king and takes a heart to the king. East wins with the ace and returns a spade to dummy's ace.

South crosses to the ace of diamonds, leads another heart and suc-

cessfully finesses the ten. The queen of hearts is cashed, and when the jack falls, declarer has nine tricks.

It might seem there isn't anything the defenders can do to stop this outcome, and, looking at all four hands, that is absolutely true. But the fact is that declarer can't see the opposing cards, and with a slight variation in the defense, he could easily go down.

The key play comes at trick two, when South leads a heart to the king. Let's say that this time, instead of taking the trick, East follows smoothly with the deuce.

With the ace of hearts still outstanding, declarer will now probably return to his hand with a diamond to lead another heart. After West produces the seven, which card does South play from dummy?

Of course, if he knows the location of the missing heart honors, he will finesse the ten and end up with the same nine tricks as before. But since he cannot see where the ace and jack are actually located, he must guess whether to play the ten or the queen. His primary concern is that if East started with the J-x or J-x-x, the ten play may prove fatal, while the queen play will secure the contract.

No one knows what South might decide to do, but unless East gives him an option, declarer cannot go wrong.

Tomorrow: Scientific bidding.
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FIRE

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Department and Howard County Sheriff's Office personnel evacuated residents from the Kentwood area, Big Spring and Howard County volunteer firefighters, joined by units from five other agencies, waged a furious battle.

The two homes on Fisher Road were lost, in part, because the area was largely inaccessible to city firefighting units.

"We just couldn't get our equipment to them," Condray said. "Those dirt roads weren't the right width ... and you needed a four-wheel drive truck to get up some of those driveways."

One of the destroyed homes belonged to James and Sharon Johnston, who built the house 29 years ago and was closing the sale of the building when fire struck Monday.

"All we got out of the house was a few books and pictures," James Johnston said as he surveyed the damage, looking for the family's three cats who were missing.

A third home, on Rebecca Drive, sustained heavy damage to its roof, but no other reports of

serious damage to homes in the area were received, officials said.

The fire proceeded to circle the Kentwood area, scorching large areas of South Mountain and the Morgan Ranch vicinity before finally being contained.

Units from Big Spring and Howard County were joined by firefighters from Midland, Glasscock County, Martin County, Sterling County and the Texas Forestry Service as they waged a rolling battle against the blaze, which consumed hundreds of acres.

City and county units had different responsibilities — city crews were tasked with keeping the fires away from homes, while the volunteers battled to contain the blaze.

While those crews fought at ground level, the state forestry service pitched in with two helicopters — each of which carries up to 1,200 gallons of water — and fixed-wing aircraft, which dumped chemical retardant of the blaze.

Private businesses pitched in as well. Trucks from several oil companies supplied much-needed water, while Price Construction and Cat Construction provided

bulldozers, which were used to construct hasty fire breaks.

"The fire was moving so fast we didn't have time to light back fires to starve it out," said Tommy Sullivan, chief of the Howard County Volunteer Fired Department. "We had to use the 'dozers to create fire breaks ... At one point, it jumped over to the Morgan Ranch, but we were able to contain it after that."

Kentwood residents evacuated earlier that afternoon were allowed to return to their homes later in the evening. City and county crews remained in the area, looking out for "hot spots" which might reignite the fire.

No property damage estimates were available as of this morning, but will easily be at least six figures, officials said.

Crews were hindered by the lack of accessible roads in many areas. Curious onlookers provided another serious headache, Condray said.

"We got very frustrated ... with the bystanders," Condray said. "We were trying to get water trucks and other equipment into the area and in several cases, we couldn't get

Above: Firefighters attempt to cut off flames sweeping down from South Mountain into the south side of the Kentwood community on Lynn Drive. Below: Firefighters, along with volunteers from the community, gather at the dead end on Ann Drive adjacent to Kentwood Elementary in anticipation of fires sweeping east along the foot of the mountain.



through the traffic bottleneck."

With conditions so ripe for more fires in the near future, both Sullivan and Condray urged area residents to be proactive in helping to protect their property.

"I know something like this always seems to happen to other people, but it can very easily happen to you," Condray said. "If you live in a rural area ...

try to have at least 100 feet or more of a brush-free area.

"Keep your trash hauled off, keep your grass mowed, keep your fences cleared of trash," he added.

Herald Publisher Ron Midkiff contributed to this report.

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TRASH-OFF

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Third St.

"KBSB will also have those wonderful back savers called 'Grabbers' for sale at \$10 each," Simmons added. "For those who want to continue to help us in future beautification cleanups they really do come in handy."

Any one wishing to participate in the one day event can contact Simmons at 263-4607.

"If you do not have an area assigned to you or your group call me and I will assign you an area," Simmons said. "We have plenty of space to go around."

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club will be furnishing hot dogs for volunteers' lunch, with the Chamber of Commerce furnishing all the trimmings and drinks.

Lunch will be served from 11:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. Saturday at the Old Settlers Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park.

"We want people to bring the

trash they've collected with them to the pavilion," Simmons noted. "We will have a 30-yard container for your trash. If you cannot bring it in, leave it and let us know where it is so it can be picked up. But please, we ask that volunteers not put the trash they've collected in someone else's dumpster. That is a violation of city ordinances!

"We want this to be a wonderful event where individuals, schools, organizations, churches and Adopt-A-Highway and Adopt-A-Spot groups will share in making a difference in our community."

According to Mary Beth Kilgore, TxDOT's district public information officer, members of five Howard County Adopt-a-Highway groups have signed up thus far to participate in the Trash-Off. They are the family of Philip Guzman Jr., WIA Youth, Patricia and Walter Ward, the family of Manuel Ramirez Jr. and Howard County Adult Probation.

"TxDOT is trying to inject a little levity into litter collecting this year with the opportunity to share

strange rubbish stories," Kilgore said. "Volunteers can take a picture of their 'Weird Trash Find' and send it to WTF@DontMessWithTexas.org for the opportunity to be featured on the Web site."

Kilgore said TxDOT encourages all people to join in their local community's efforts.

"Until every Texas uses a litterbag in their car and refuses to litter, there will always be a need for Trash-Off," Kilgore said. "Because of the prevalence of litter, we consider Trash-Off one of the best events to help bring people together to clean up our roadways and cities. In fact, we'd love to double last year's turnout, so we're asking everyone to volunteer and bring a friend."

"If each Texas litterer put only six pieces of trash in a litterbag each year, Texas would be litter-free," Kilgore said.

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OUR VIEWS

Powwow is a 'unique' celebration

One doesn't have to "go tribal" to celebrate his or her Native American heritage — something a great many of us can boast. Instead, we can celebrate our ancestry by taking part in this weekend's fourth annual Big Spring Powwow at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The powwow, which will feature an array of talented Native American artists, will get under way at 11 a.m. Saturday and continue until 10 p.m. Sunday's schedule is from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Unlike last year's event, many of the dancers taking part in the powwow will be involved in competition, and an awards ceremony will be held at the close of Sunday's session.

It's important to note that the weekend powwow is not a religious event. In fact, it's simply a celebration — a social event, if you will — conducted in the manner Native Americans have always used to celebrate.

"The powwow is a social event and there is no Native American religion involved; there will be no medicine men and no ceremonies," explained Randy McKinney, who serves as treasurer of the powwow's organizing committee. "A powwow is a wonderful experience; the drum alone will lift your heart and make your feet want to dance."

"Dancing has always been a big part of the Native American culture, as it has in many cultures," McKinney added. "Most people think of war dances or rain dances. However, Native Americans dance for many reasons — a good hunt or harvest, marriage or childbirth, or just for the fun of it. These dances would last for days."

But one doesn't have to be dancing to enjoy the powwow's activities. Those interested in attending merely as spectators will have an opportunity to experience unique sights and sounds that are only displayed once a year in Big Spring — colorful costumes, the drum beats and the various dances displayed by the performers.

In addition, numerous vendors will be on hand, offering many different wares.

A food drive will also be conducted during the event by powwow organizers. All donated canned goods will be given to local food banks.

And Sunday, the event will begin with a special Christian worship service at 9:30 a.m. in the arena. Following that service, gourd dancing and the grand entry are scheduled.

Admission to the event is \$5 and children under 12 will be admitted free.

For more information about the powwow, contact Connie Lesser at 264-8203.

We encourage readers to make the Big Spring Powwow a part of their activities this weekend. It's clearly an affordable entertainment opportunity — one that is singularly unique in our community. And don't forget to bring a few non-perishable food items. You'll be glad you did.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*We live in greater peace, Lord, when we live in your word.
Amen*

The torch and the special city

Credit House Speaker Nancy Pelosi for her longstanding opposition to Chinese human-rights abuses. Earlier this month, Pelosi visited the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala, India, where she spoke out against Chinese oppression in Tibet. Pelosi showed herself at her finest when she pronounced, "If freedom-loving people throughout the world do not speak out against China's oppression in Tibet, we have lost all moral authority to speak on behalf of human rights anywhere in the world."



DEBRA SAUNDERS

China's official Xinhua news agency shot back with this statement: "Human rights police like Pelosi are habitually bad-tempered and ungenerous when it comes to China, refusing to check their facts and find out the truth of the case. Her views are like so many other politicians and Western media. Beneath the double standards lies their intention to serve the interest groups behind them, who want to contain or smear China."

Boohoo for poor, misunderstood China. When the — all bow — international community argued that staging the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing would prompt China to improve its dismal human-rights record, China purred. Now that the same crowd wants the gargantuan People's Republic of China to ease up on feisty Tibet, the PRC is a victim of double standards and powerful interest groups.

So welcome to San Francisco — which on April 9 will be the only North American city to host an Olympic torch event for this

Olympics.

For years, Ess Eff's self-righteous City Hall has made it its business to tell the rest of the world how to live. With the Chinese coming to town, the supes are in a difficult position. As the city is poised to play host to pre-Games festivities, they passed a richly deserved resolution bashing China's mistreatment of Tibet, its support of genocide in Darfur and association with North Korea's regime. It was a well-deserved slap at China, just as the giant seems within grasp of global respectability.

China deserves thousands of protesters lining the streets of San Francisco and rallying in public squares in peaceful protest against these abuses under the mantle of groups such as the San Francisco Bay Area Darfur Coalition, the Falun Gong, Burmese American Democratic Alliance (BADA) and Committee of 100 for Tibet. And that's for starters.

Mayor Gavin Newsom argues that the Olympic torch "transcends politics." On the phone Thursday, he recalled choking up as he watched an amputee with a prosthetic leg carrying the torch through city streets in 2002. "No one thought about politics," said Newsom.

And: the Olympic "torch is to celebrate human rights." Wrong. China was thinking politics as it wooed the Olympics, and suggested it would improve how it treats people in the Olympic spirit. Now, as China has been preparing for the Olympics, its preparations have left some 22 people dead (if you believe the PRC) or 140 dead (if you believe Tibetans), and the government is talking about "patriotic education" in Tibetan monasteries.

Team Newsom insists that hizzoner never planned on trying to censor activists protesting against

China. For one thing, Newsom said, he agrees with the Free Tibet crowd.

Also, Newsom argued that as mayor, he has a responsibility to protect the rights of the Olympics Committee and those who want to celebrate the Games, as well as those who would protest Chinese policies.

Let me note that these activists, even with right on their side, do not have a right to stop Olympic ceremonies. They have a right to protest Olympic events, not to shut them down. Too bad The Special City does not have a solid record of going after law-breaking protesters — be they angry Critical Mass bicyclists or anti-globalization activists who crushed a cop's skull — when the cause is leftist. So the city has fed the belief that leftists are entitled to censure — even hurt — those with whom they disagree. Sadly, it can be no surprise that China's San Francisco Consulate was attacked by arsonists this month.

Newsom told me that some San Franciscans have urged him to refuse to allow the torch into the city. (His staff sent me Olympic rules that show, by the way, that the Beijing Olympics Committee never planned to present the torch to Newsom.) That's "abhorrent," Newsom told me. "They're telling me that they don't want the torch to be allowed into San Francisco."

I don't like that the Olympics Committee chose Beijing as a host city. That was wrong, but it's done.

Now the best outcome would be if San Francisco can show the world a city that can harbor vigorous dissent — without turning into a lawless zoo.

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Just call it political suicide

It was bound to happen, I suppose, even if everyone knows better. The fact that all you accomplish when you cut off your nose is to spite your face doesn't stop people from doing it every day. So why should Democrats be different?

The latest poll from NBC News and the Wall Street Journal confirms the worst fears of Democrats: that what should be a Democratic year could become a Republican one. For the second time in a row, the pollsters have found that roughly 20 percent of Clinton's supporters and, yes, 20 percent of Obama's say they will support McCain if the Democrat who isn't their first choice ends up running against him.



SUSAN ESTRICH

Twenty percent of the Democratic base voting for McCain? The pollsters call it "some hardening of feelings among some of the most core supporters of both Democrats." I have a different name for it: political suicide.

This is how a Democrat could lose an election after eight years of a Republican administration that has taken the economy into recession, the country into an

unpopular, costly and dubious war, and bailed out Bear Stearns instead of the thousands of hard-working Americans who were taken advantage of by subprime lenders and are now losing their homes and their life savings. This is how Democrats could end up snatching defeat from the jaws of victory.

A hard fought campaign for the nomination is bound to leave some bruises. That's why the conventional wisdom that the earlier you wrap up a nomination the more it's worth holds true more often than not. But the fight between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, whatever it is, is most definitely not an ideological battle, not a fight for the proverbial "heart and soul" of the Democratic party, not a choice between two people who disagree with each other on a wide range of issues. They don't.

When it comes to the war in Iraq, Clinton and Obama are on one side, and McCain is on the other. When it comes to abortion, Clinton and Obama are on one side, and McCain is on the other. When it comes to access to health care or support for education or women's rights or civil rights, the reality is that Clinton and Obama are on one side and McCain is on the other. When you think about who they will appoint to high office, to the Cabinet and the

courts and the Supreme Court of the United States, the bottom line is that Clinton and Obama will be looking at precisely the same pool of people, and McCain will be looking at an entirely different one; Clinton and Obama will appoint Justices who share the values of Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer, and McCain will appoint those who share the values of Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

According to the polls, Obama's supporters right now dislike Clinton even more than Clinton's dislike Obama. Among Obama voters, Clinton's disapproval rating is a significant 43 percent; among Clinton voters, Obama is viewed negatively by 29 percent. What that suggests is trouble on all sides.

Some of those hard feelings are likely to fade once the nomination is decided. But given how far off that day could be, the danger is that the negative views could get more widespread and more entrenched, that things could get worse before they get better.

Could McCain win? He could, if enough Democrats forget that in the end policy should count more than personality, and the real fight is for the country's future and not the party's crown.

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Bird Poop:

Rhett, the barn owl, proves a perfect gentleman

He never saw him coming as he rested in the mesquite. Fighting for his life meant quickly striking at his opponent. While he held on to the aggressor with one foot, he kept hitting him with the other to avoid being captured.

As the struggle continued, this eminent danger pinned his right wing to the ground with his boot. Failing to free him before trying to lift him, his would-be kidnapper caused the crunching noise heard near the end of his wing.



BEBE McCASLAND

"Let that thing go and get back here," yelled the foreman. Throwing the bird to the ground, the roustabout cursed as he returned to his job on the oil rig. Checking an hour later to see if the bird had flown away, the supervisor noticed it had not left the area. Since the rough behavior of his employee might have hurt the bird, he decided to call for help.

After Animal Control delivered the bird to Parks & Wildlife, we made an unexpected trip. Before we transferred the male barn owl to our carrier, we were told the bird would not fly.

Carefully removing the raptor from its container, we laid it on its back to examine the wings. After extending the left wing and finding no injury, we opened the right. "It can't fly without feathers," was my first comment to the receptionist who watched our effort.

Several primaries and numerous smaller feathers had been snapped off. Instead of the usual contour of an extended wing, there was a gaping hole. The jagged edges indicated a violent encounter that resulted in many damaged feathers without any broken bones.

Also gaining our attention was one of its feet. Clenched in the talons was a leather glove. Since the owl refused to release it, Art had to pry off each talon. Once he had removed this oil soaked protection for someone's hand, we noticed the various scratches etched in the material. Whomever had worn it had an oily, and we presumed a probably dangerous occupation. "Somebody's



Courtesy photo

On the highest perch, the barn owl, Rhett, displays his right wing. Broken primaries and smaller feathers left a gap that caused the bird of prey to be grounded. With time, care and exercise, the "gentleman" flew again.

going to miss this glove," was my parting comment.

During the next three nights, the barn owl enjoyed dining on the mice we supplied. When cleaning its carrier, changing its water and supplying it with food, we noticed this creature of the night was different. He was courteous. While we served his meals, he would politely stand and wait. No hissing, no head bobbing, no foot attacks. The owl had manners.

Upon delivering the bird to the wildlife center in Lubbock, we learned that the raptor would be kept until it grew new feathers. Knowing it would take months, the manager, Gail Barnes, placed the bird in a mew for the lengthy recovery. After several weeks, she called to say she had a name for this special owl. "We're going to call him Rhett, after Rhett Butler in *Gone With The Wind*. He's a perfect gentleman."

Two months later, Rhett was actively moving about his mew and flapping his wings for exercise. Having mastered the low roosts, he seemed to want to accelerate nature's slow process of feather replacement. Through all of his stay, he had displayed the patience and gentleness needed for a surrogate parent. In the midst of an extremely busy baby season for barn owls, Gail decided to test his fatherly instincts.

Having picked up a downy, starting-to-feather young barn owl from Andrews, we took the youngster to Gail, who put it with Rhett. Carefully monitoring the twosome, Gail quickly realized her hunch had been correct. In a matter of minutes, Rhett took charge of the nestling. From being picked up by an oil field worker, who gave it to a policeman that took it to a veterinarian, the little owl was readily adopted and defended by Rhett.

During the summer as his replace-

ment feathers grew longer, Rhett watched lovingly as the baby owl feathered. Soon Rhett had conquered the intermediate roosts, and then the tallest perch. With admiration the fledgling-aged youngster watched as the older bird mastered short flight. Rhett's wing feathers were getting long enough for more intensive exercises.

Since his protégé had shown enough independence for their separation, Rhett was moved to the flight cage. Exhibiting the ability for sustained flight and maneuverability, Rhett was released for another chance in the wild.

Thinking back on his battle for freedom and wrestling the gauntlet from his captor, we realized that Rhett had more than accepted a challenge. His gentlemanly behavior had subsequently enhanced his recovery.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Parent's Corner:

We should really be grateful for what we have

A long time ago, a king tried an experiment. He had a boulder placed on a roadway, then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.



DARRELL RYAN

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables.

Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded.

After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The peasant learned what many of us never understand — every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

There is another story that has a similar moral:

There was a blind girl who hated herself because she was blind.

She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her.

She told her boyfriend, "If I could only see the world, I would marry you."

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages came off, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend.

He asked her, "Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?"

The girl looked at her boyfriend and saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked her. She hadn't expected that. The thought of looking at them the rest of her life led her to refuse to marry him. Her boyfriend left her in tears and days later wrote a note to her say-

ing, "Take good care of your eyes, my dear; for before they were yours, they were mine."

This is how the human brain often works when our status changes. Only a very few remember what life was like before and who was always by their side in the most painful situations.

We should always remember that life is a gift. Before we say an unkind word, we should think of someone who can't speak.

Before we complain about the taste of our food we should think of the one who has nothing to eat.

Before we complain about our spouse, we should think of the one who's crying out for a companion.

Before we complain about life, we should think of the one who

died before his time.

Before we complain about our children, we should think of the one who desires children but they're barren.

Before we argue about the dirty house someone didn't clean or sweep, we should think of the people who are living in the streets.

Before whining about the distance we drive, we should think of the one who must walk the same distance.

When we are tired and complain about our job, we should think of the unemployed, the disabled and those who wish they

had a job.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get us down, we should put a smile on our faces and be thankful that we're alive and still around.

We cannot control the

winds, but we can adjust our sails!

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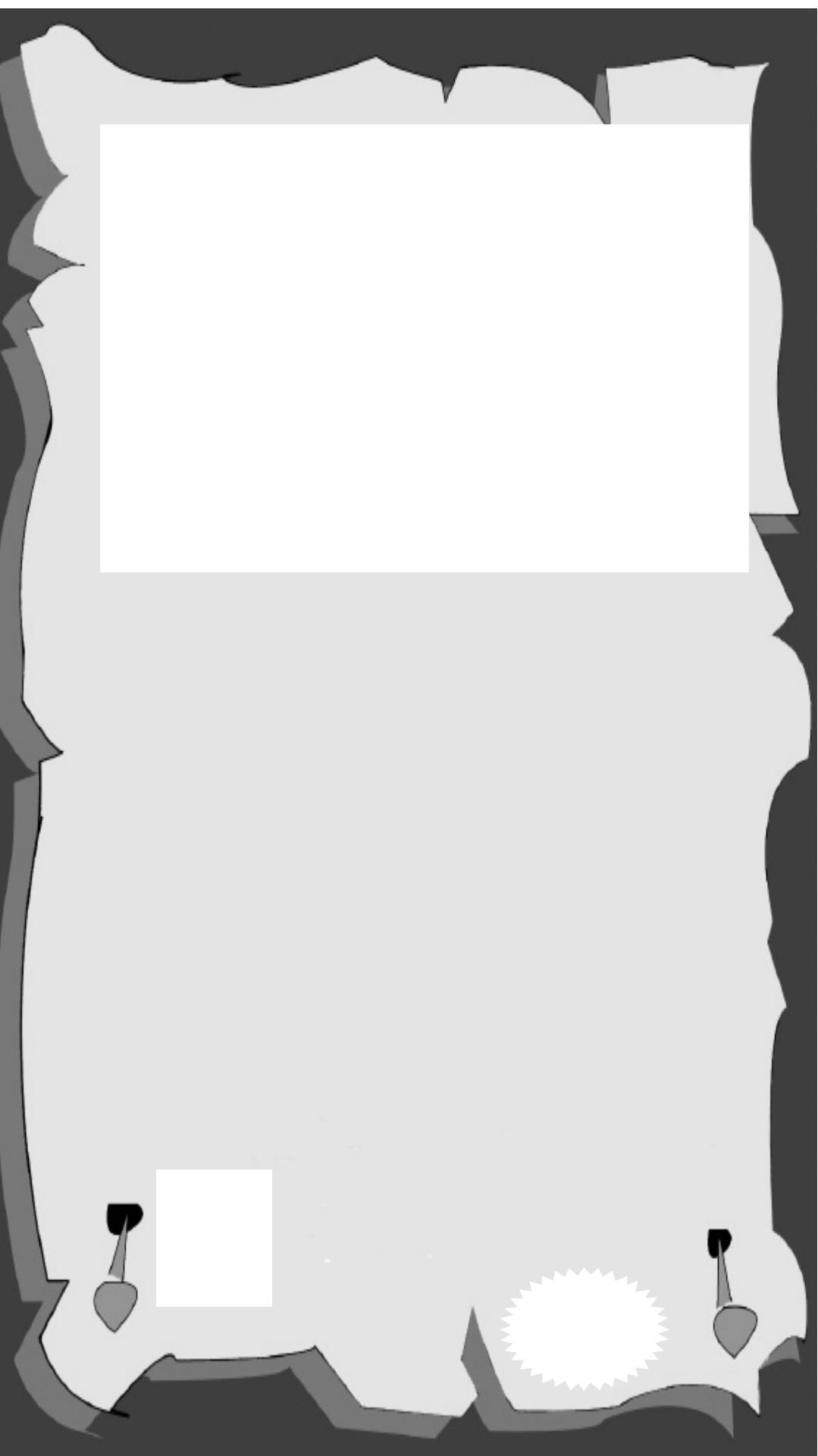
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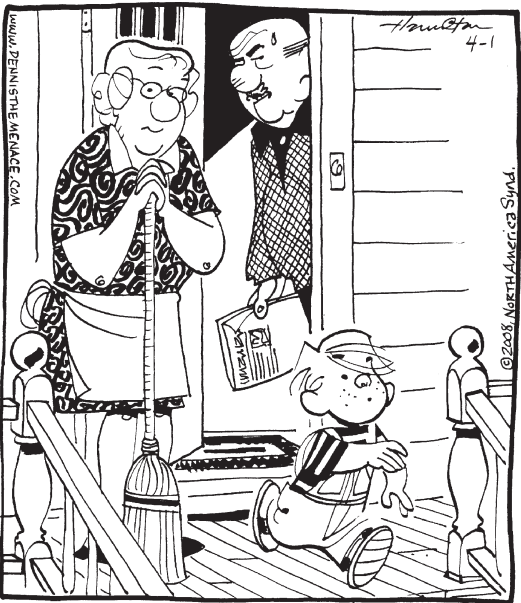
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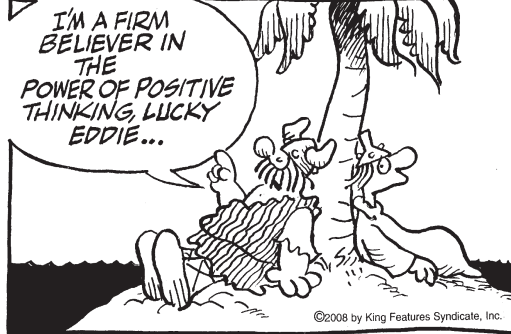
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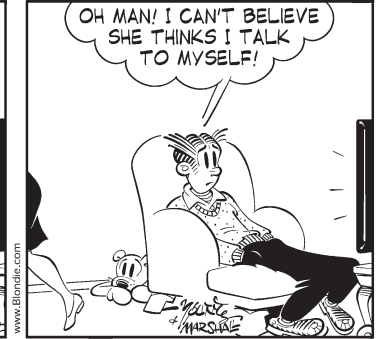
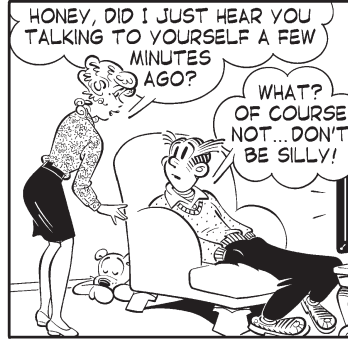


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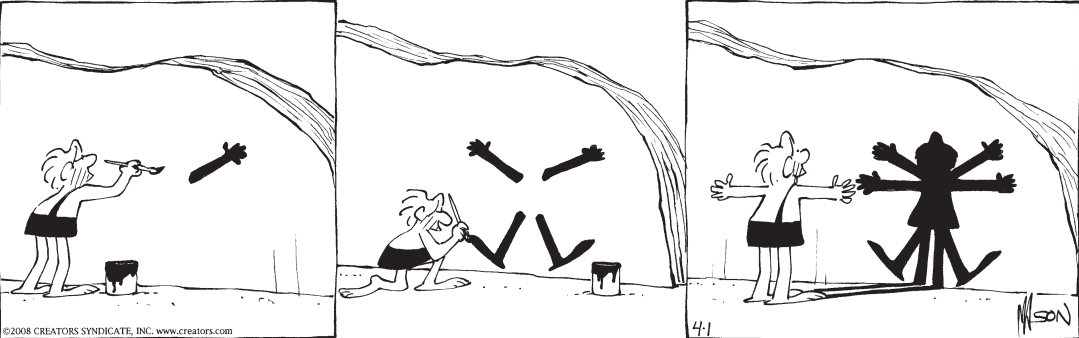
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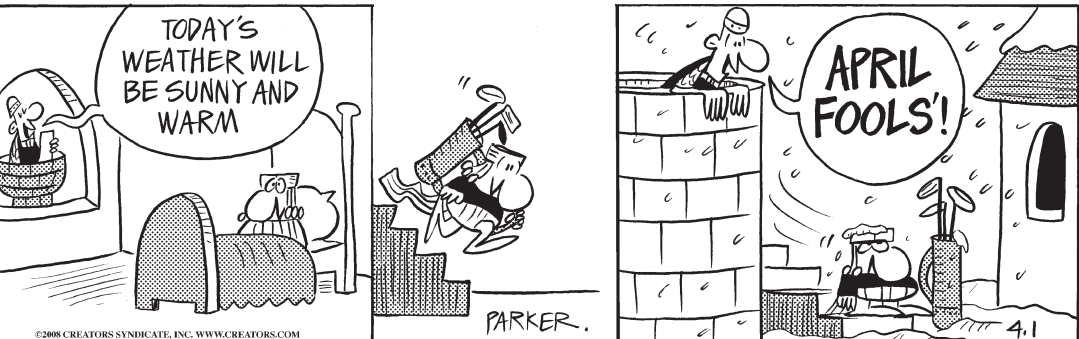
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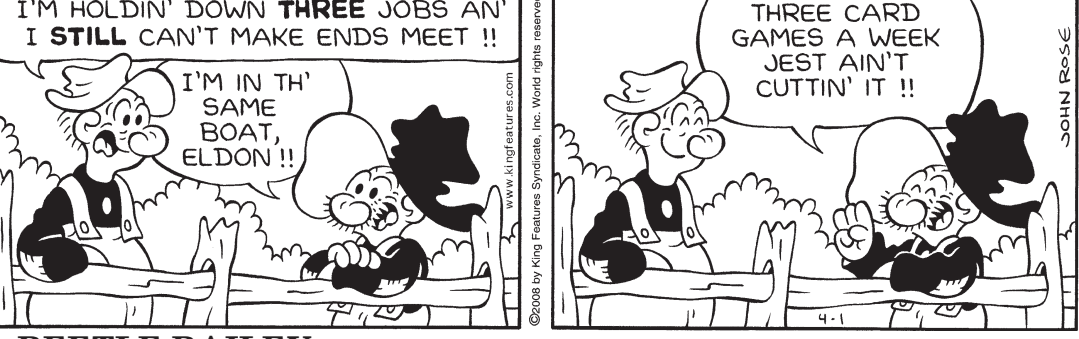
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 1, the 92nd day of 2008. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:
On April 1, 1945, American forces launched the amphibious invasion of Okinawa during World War II.

On this date:
In 1853, Cincinnati established a fire department of paid city employees.
In 1918, the Royal Air Force was established in Britain.

In 1933, Nazi Germany began persecuting Jews with a boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.
In 1946, tidal waves struck the Hawaiian islands, resulting in more than 170 deaths.
In 1958, President Eisenhower signed a \$1.85 billion emergency housing measure.
In 1960, the first weather

satellite, TIROS-1, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In 1963, most of New York City's daily newspapers resumed publishing after settlement was reached in a 114-day strike.

In 1970, President Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after Jan. 1, 1971.

In 1983, tens of thousands of anti-nuclear demonstrators linked arms in a 14-mile human chain spanning three defense installations in rural England, including the Greenham Common U.S. Air Base.

In 1987, in his first major speech on the AIDS epidemic, President Reagan told doctors in Philadelphia, "We've declared AIDS public health enemy No. 1."
Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Powell is 80. Actress Grace Lee Whitney is 78. Actress Debbie Reynolds is 76. Country singer Jim Ed Brown is 74. Actor Don Hastings is 74. Blues singer Eddie King is 70. Actress Ali MacGraw is 70. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rudolph Isley

is 69. Reggae singer Jimmy Cliff is 60. Jazz musician Gil Scott-Heron is 59. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito is 58. Rock musician Billy Currie (Ultravox) is 58. Actress Annette O'Toole is 56. Movie director Barry Sonnenfeld is 55. Country singer Woody Lee is 40. Rapper-actor Method Man is 37. Movie directors Allen and Albert Hughes are 36. Tennis player Magdalena Maleeva is 33. Actor David Oyelowo is 32. Singer Bijou Phillips is 28. Actor Sam Huntington is 26. Country singer Hillary Scott (Lady Antebellum) is 24. Actor Josh Zuckerman is 23.

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| 5 Taco-chip dip | 2 Part of a day | 10 Catch sight of |
| 10 Halt | 3 Prefix meaning "against" | 11 Cab |
| 14 High-rated | 4 Annoy | 12 Oil cartel |
| 15 Woodwind instruments | 5 Cooks eggs, in a way | 13 Glass sheet |
| 16 Dad | 6 Competent | 21 Alphabet starter |
| 17 Sound-cutting TV remote button | 7 Shape of a noose | 22 Strong rope |
| 18 Parade attraction | 8 Burns the surface of | 25 Succotash beans |
| 19 Beasts of burden | | 26 Twist out of shape |
| 20 Neighborhood doctor's office | | 27 Take pleasure in |
| 23 Recede | | 29 Type of poem |
| 24 Spanish Mrs. Abbr. | | 30 Biblical song |
| 25 Big T-shirt size: Abbr. | | 32 Goes bad |
| 28 Home for chickens | | 33 Devoured |
| 31 Impetuous | | 34 Piece of the action |
| 36 Quaint hotels | | 35 Macho guys |
| 38 Employees' photo cards: Abbr. | | |
| 39 Buy dresses for | | |
| 40 Red Sox or Dodgers | | |
| 43 Odors | | |
| 44 Construction site | | |
| 45 Confident | | |
| 46 More shrewd | | |
| 47 Burrowing mammal | | |
| 49 Pigsty | | |
| 50 Santa's helper | | |
| 53 Donkey | | |
| 55 Unit of the UN | | |
| 64 Opera solo | | |
| 65 Gives a darn | | |
| 66 Neighborhood | | |
| 67 Major misdoings | | |

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