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Water rationing ahead?



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Emergency responders look over the remnants of a Ford F150 pickup involved in a one-vehicle rollover near the intersection of County Road 9 and West County Road 48 Tuesday afternoon. According to witnesses at the scene, the truck was traveling south on CR 9 when the driver swerved off the roadway — possibly due to a tire that appeared to have lost its tread — and crashed into a bar ditch. Several men working nearby heard the crash and ran to the scene, where they discovered the driver and her child — approximately 2 to 3 years of age — trapped in the pickup. The men were able to roll the truck over and get the woman and the child out of the collapsed cab. The pair were taken from the scene by a private vehicle. Witnesses said the woman was in fair condition, but the child appeared to be badly injured.

City council prepares for that possibility

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With water shortages possible — even probable during peak summer months this year — the city of Big Spring took a step toward conservation Tuesday night as the city council approved first reading of plans to help not only conserve water, but also to penalize those who waste the precious commodity.


Darden

Efforts by the city and other Colorado River Municipal Water District customers to curtail water usage, especially when demands are at their highest, come on the heels of the district's announcement earlier this year that water deliveries would be cut by 10 percent.

Tuesday, the council approved a water conservation plan, drought contingency plan and a new ordinance prohibiting the "wasting of water."

According to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, if lake levels in local reservoirs do not improve drastically in the coming months, area residents may be asked to only water their lawns on specified dates, with the overall amount of watering reflecting the seriousness of the situation.

"We could end up with a situation where residents will only be able to water two or three times a week. It's all going to depend on how serious the shortage gets," Darden told the council. "Ideally, we need to cut our overall usage by 10 percent each month. We may have days where we're able to curb more than 10 percent, and we'll have days where we can't meet that 10 percent goal. However, by the end of the month we're looking at reaching a total reduction of 10 percent."

If the amendments pass final reading in April, stiff fines could be awaiting residents who are careless or wasteful with their water.

"We talked about different ways to rate the fines. We looked at a tiered system, but in the end we felt it was best to just set a

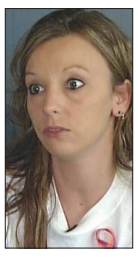
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Dunn 'lawyers up' after arrest on misdemeanors

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — Billie Dunn, mother of missing Colorado City teen Hailey Dunn, hired a lawyer Monday after being charged with hindering police investigators and possession of drugs.

Despite earlier reports by various news outlets that Dunn would no longer be speaking directly to the media regarding the ongoing missing-person case, the woman's attorney — John S. Young, based out of Sweetwater — said she will


Billie Dunn

continue to discuss her daughter's disappearance, as long as legal counsel is present.

Young told Abilene-based KTXS Channel 12 he believes she should have sought legal counsel before now because she was greatly unprepared for all the media attention.

"There were several times during the investigation that I wished she'd had a lawyer," Young said.

Dunn filed a no trespassing order against her former live-in boyfriend, Shawn Adkins, late last week. According to law enforcement officials involved in the search for 13-year-old Hailey Dunn, Adkins is currently the only suspect in the case.

However, according to reports by Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs, Billie Dunn and Adkins were spotted together in Snyder during the weekend.

"There was some discussion with law enforcement that being

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Vietnam vets to be welcomed home, recognized for sacrifice

Special to the Herald

On March 30, 1973, all U.S. troops withdrew from Vietnam under the terms of the Treaty of Paris. This March 30, the Senate has encouraged Americans across the country to recognize Vietnam veterans for their sacrifice and demonstrate a warm welcome to these soldiers who returned from war to a politically divided country.

"On March 8, the United States Senate declared March 30 as 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.' On this day, citizens, community leaders, state leaders and government leaders are asked to recognize and honor Vietnam Veterans for their service and sacrifice," said Iva Jo Hanslik, West Texas VA Health Care System community relations

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Obituaries

Roberta Ratliff Reynolds



SAN ANGELO — Roberta Ratliff Reynolds, 91 years of age, went to heaven Sunday, March 20, 2011, at her residence.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at First United Methodist Church of San Angelo with the Rev. William P. Proctor officiating. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2011, in Garden City. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 22, 2011.

Roberta was born Dec. 16, 1919, in Glasscock County to Bertha Mabel Cox Ratliff and James Brown Ratliff. She graduated from Garden City High School in 1937. Roberta attended Texas Tech University and earned a bachelor of science degree in nutrition from Texas State College for Women — today known as the University of North Texas.

Roberta married Clyde C. Reynolds on Jan. 29, 1943, in Dallas. Roberta and Clyde lived at their ranch in Glasscock and Sterling counties. Clyde passed away Nov. 10, 1992. Roberta lived on their family ranch for 51 years before moving in 1994 to San Angelo to be near her daughter and family.

She is survived by a sister and her husband, Juanita and Richard Johnson of Fort Stockton; a brother and his wife, Lester and Betty Ratliff of Big Lake; a son and daughter-in-law, Ritchie and Jeanie Reynolds; a son-in-law, Rex Cotten; two granddaughters, Rachel Leigh and her husband Brendan and Kristi Reynolds; two grandsons, Christopher Cotten and his wife Whitney and Jonathan Cotten; and one great-granddaughter, Brooke Leigh.

Known affectionately as Nana by her grandchildren and great-granddaughter, Roberta looked forward to every visit, graduation and celebration she spent with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, J.B. Ratliff Jr. of Fort Stockton and Jesse Derwood Ratliff of Midland; and her daughter, Rebecca Reynolds Cotten of San Angelo.

Roberta was a member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church before moving to San Angelo to become an active member of First Presbyterian Church. She was heavily involved in Meals on Wheels, as well as her Bridge community. She volunteered as a Pink Lady at Shannon Hospital and greatly enjoyed her time as a Wells Fargo Leading Lady. Roberta was a member of Bentwood Country Club and supported numerous charitable organizations.

Honorary pallbearers are Richard Johnson, Lester Ratliff, Rex Cotten, Christopher Cotten, Jonathan Cotten, Brendan Leigh, Lee Horton, Mike Ford, Howard Derrick, Jim Johnson, James Currie and Norman Lubke.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Rd., San Angelo 76904; or Meals for The Elderly, 310 East Houston Harte, San Angelo 76903.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo. Family and friends may sign an online guest book at www.johnsons-funeral-home.com

Paid obituary

LaJuana Dennis

LaJuana Dennis, 82, of Stanton died Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Alfonso Reyes Sr.

Alfonso Reyes Sr., 61, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 20, 2011, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Estainslo 'Tony' Dominguez

Estainslo "Tony" Dominguez, 63, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Marilyn Moore

Marilyn Moore, 73, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 22, 2011, in a Dallas hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

• CAROL THOMAS SCAGGS, 63, of 510 S. Benton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• KELLY BARNES MCELYEA, 49, of 1103 W. Fifth St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• JOSE ANGEL URIAS, 18, of 206 Simer Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – more than two ounces, less than four ounces.

• JUAN MANUEL TALAMANTEZ, 57, of 1011 S. Johnson, was arrested Tuesday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, terroristic threat against a public servant and assault of a public servant.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3200 block of Rickabaugh Road.

• THEFT was reported in the 800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter Circle.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1200 block of Lamar.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 60 inmates at the time of this report.

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

• Report was not available in time for press.

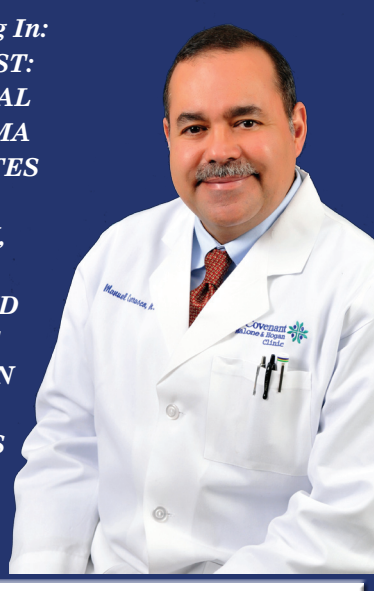
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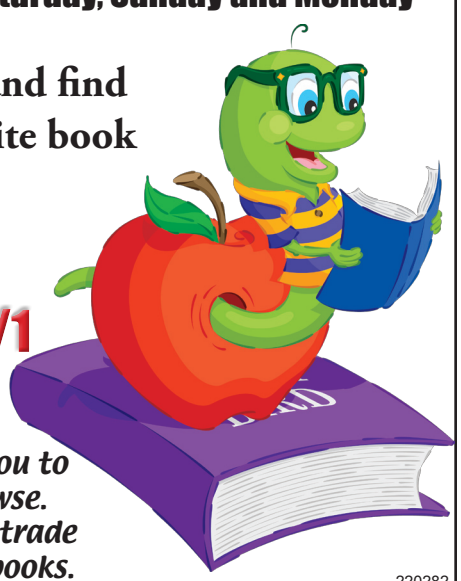
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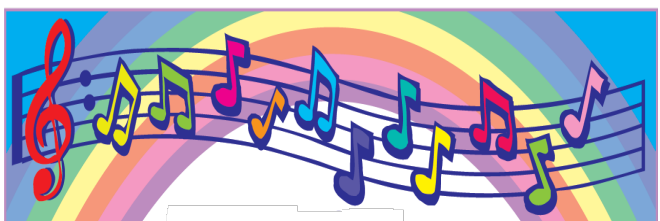
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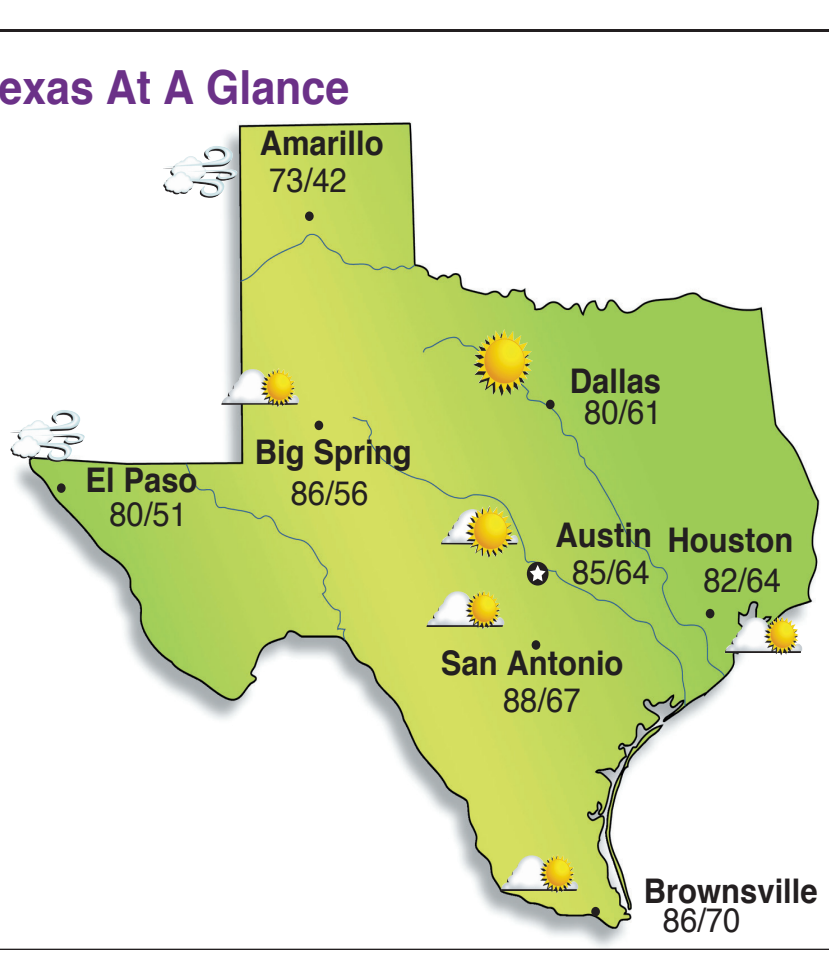
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Texas At A Glance



WATER

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maximum fine and let the judge hearing the case decide the fine," Darden said.

The amendment sets out a fine not to exceed $2,000, according to city officials, and while the threat of a hefty smack to the wallet may inspire some local residents to watch their water use, Darden said he expects to see due diligence when the ordinance is being enforced.

"We would much rather see our residents comply with the water plans because they know it's important, especially out here in West Texas," he said. "However, this amendment will give the ordinance some teeth, just in case they don't care."

Mayor Tommy Duncan encouraged Big Spring residents to look for simple ways to curb their water usage.

"Something as simple as not leaving the water tap running while you brush your teeth can add up when you're talking about thousands and thousands of people," Duncan said. "The same principle applies to shaving, as well.

"The other night I went out to turn my sprinkler system on, and I found one of my sprinkler heads had been broken. If I hadn't noticed it, it would have just been pouring water into the street. I would encourage everyone to get out and inspect their sprinkler systems and look for these kinds of things."

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the council met with accountant David Copeland – via teleconference — to go over the city's most recent audit. Copeland issued a "clean opinion," saying the city remains in good financial shape despite tough economic times.

Members of the council also spoke briefly concerning ongoing efforts between the city and Howard County to help keep the Big Spring State Park — which has been targeted for closure by the state legislature — open to the public.

According to talking points released by the current legislature, the proposed budget assumes state parks on the chopping block will be accepted by the communities in question. If so, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's base operating budget will be reduced by $2.7 million, which includes the elimination of 60 staff positions.

Members of the council agreed it is vital to the Crossroads community to not only keep the park open, but to make sure it retains its state park designation.

City and county officials say talks are under way between the two local government entities to come up with a plan to fund the operation of the park.

The legislature is currently dealing with a massive budgetary shortfall that is expected to cut into the TPWD 2012-2013 budget by more than 20 percent, equalling a whopping $162 million cut to the department's estimated coffers.

Part of those cuts involves TPWD transferring more than a half-dozen parks out of state control, as well as the elimination of two state park regional offices.

Duncan named City Manager Gary Fuqua to chair a committee to evaluate the issues surrounding the park, with City Finance Director Peggy Walker, council members Craig Olson and Terry Hansen and Duncan rounding out the city panel.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

DUNN

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anyway associated with this person was somehow going to taint her and somehow get her charged with a crime," Young said.

Young asserted the three misdemeanor charges filed against Billie Dunn last week — hindering apprehension and prosecution, possession of dangerous drugs and making a false report to police officers — are unrelated to the investigation into the missing teen.

According to law enforcement reports, members of the Texas Rangers were attempting to serve a search warrant on Adkins when Dunn allegedly lied about his whereabouts.

"I wish she hadn't told police Mr. Adkins wasn't there, but I wait anxiously for what incredible information comes from that warrant," he told KTXS.

Young said officers arrested Dunn during the evening hours in an attempt to prevent her from bonding out until the following day, allowing investigators to question her from approximately 8 p.m. until midnight

"I think it was not a mistake ... that Ms. Dunn was arrested after 8 p.m. when there was not a judge to magistrate her," he said. "She was unable to get a bond, so they were able to chat with her for a while whether she wanted to or not."

Hailey Dunn has been the focus of a region-wide search since her mother reported her missing to the Colorado City Police Department Dec. 28.

Adkins told law enforcement officials he last saw Hailey Dunn on Dec. 27, when she told him she was going to her father's home nearby and then on to spend the night at a friend's home. According to investigators, the teen did neither. Billie Dunn said she last saw her daughter at home the night of Dec. 26, nearly two days before she was reported missing.

Both Adkins and Billie Dunn have denied having any involvement in the girl's disappearance.

Billie Dunn admitted it is getting harder to maintain hope her daughter will be returned home alive.

"I'm not as hopeful as I had been," Dunn said. "It really does get harder. I didn't think it could, but it does."

Anyone with information concerning the girl's whereabouts or circumstances concerning her disappearance are asked to call authorities at 325-728-5294 or 325-728-3161. A reward is being offered for information in the case.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

VETS

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coordinator.

At 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, the West Texas VA Health Care System will share U.S. Sen. Richard Burr's resolution by honoring Vietnam veterans. The program will be held at the Hog Heaven Party Barn, 4000 W. Highway 87 in Big Spring. Dinner will be provided by WTVAHCS for all Vietnam veterans and one guest. A program will follow at 5:30 p.m.

"VA staff will have information available to share with these veterans and the Veterans Benefit Administration will be in attendance to answer questions and address claim inquiries," said Hanslik.

Veterans interested in attending are encouraged to reserve their meal by calling the community relations office at 432-263-7361, ext. 7135, 7130 or 4824.

"Citizens of our community are also invited to share their 'welcome home' to our Vietnam veterans," said Hanslik.

Anyone wishing to attend and participate can purchase a meal for $10. Reservations are also encouraged for non-veterans. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

"The 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day' event will provide the appreciation Vietnam War veterans deserve but did not receive upon returning home from the war and promote awareness of the faithful service and contributions of such veterans during their military service as well as to their communities since returning home," said Hanslik.

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OUR VIEWS

Hoops, Goals and Dreams is back for another go-round

Swish, swoosh, slam dunk.

It's all about shooting hoops, setting goals and discovering your dreams.

It's a tradition that was started seven years ago by mere chance. The first game was never intended to turn into anything bigger, but within the first hour a tradition had made its mark.

The Dorothy Garrett Coliseum has hosted Hoops, Goals and Dreams for six years and this year is no different. Once again the coliseum will turn into an all-day event of fun, hope and pure inspiration.

After months of prepartion, there will be teams from 23 counties, competing for the title of winner. Those counties include Big Spring, Sweetwater, Ballinger, Snyder, Seminole, Monahans/Pecos, Odessa, Abilene, Midland and San Angelo.

The main focus of the day isn't necessarily about winning, even though the bragging rights are an honor to have; the day is about getting together and just having a fun time. The coliseum fills with high spirits and lots of smiles.

On top of the basketball games, there will be cheerleading squads rooting on their teams and participating in their own competitions. The Big Spring High School drum line will kick off the day, providing entrance music for each team. Mayor Tommy Duncan will welcome all players and visitors and then the games will begin.

The event is completely free to the public and is expected to have more than 1,100 people in attendance. The event is one that has continued to grow as each year passes.

The community is encouraged to come out, stop in for a few minutes, and witness the spirit that will fill the coliseum.

One thing is for sure the day will be one of pure happiness, as you see these 10 teams take to the floor and via for the top spot.

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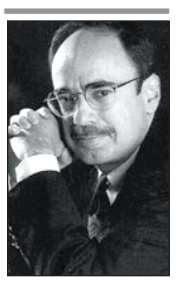
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we be a blessing for You, Lord.
Amen

Japan's drama is being played out on the small screen



ROGER SIMON

I watch the catastrophe play out on television. In Japan, a baby is lifted from the rubble and swathed in a blanket. A young woman is bleeding. An unconscious man is strapped to a stretcher.

The streamer at the bottom of the screen says: "Victoria Beckham expecting a girl ... Aerosmith, J-Lo both slated to appear on 'Idol' ... Tiger Woods to appear on 'Late Night With Jimmy Fallon.'"

There is footage of the tsunami ravaging the shoreline. Though it is traveling at enormous speed, it is so vast it appears to be oozing. It looks alive, like an enormous gray slug consuming a car here, a ship there, a house on that street, an apartment building on another.

Nothing is spared. Not schools, or hospitals, or places of worship. The monster wave seems the embodiment of evil, though rationally we know that nature is neither good nor bad. It is indifferent.

The stories from Japan all say the same thing about the Japanese people in the face of calamity: They are stoic, they are orderly, they are polite.

It is only in America where disorder is erupting.

I read on FishbowlDC that Greta Van Susteren of Fox News is furious at CNN for pushing the story that CNN's ratings have taken a significant jump during the crisis in Japan.

"There are times when it is indecent and tasteless to brag," Van Susteren sniffs. "This is one of them."

Van Susteren is also offended by CNN's promotion of its coverage on its own airwaves. "I was told that the other day CNN promoted a show about Japan calling it 'Countdown to Meltdown,' as if it were a sporting event," Van Susteren blogs. "If true, I just don't get it."

I do. Van Susteren may not have noticed, but all tragedy is promoted on television as if it were entertainment: the trial of O.J. Simpson for a grisly murder, the car-crash death of Princess Diana, Chilean miners trapped below ground and, yes, even the combination earthquake-tsunami-nuclear calamity in Japan. It is the nature of TV that everything is promoted the same way, no matter how ghastly the event.

There are rewards for doing so. According to FishbowlDC, "The Japan tragedy sets a new record for CNN.com with more than 60 million viewers watching."

Sixty million viewers is just shy of one out of every five Americans.

If one out of every five Americans read my column, I think I'd brag, too.

Glenn Beck said of the earthquake that perhaps it was a message from God. "There's a message being sent," Beck said on his radio show. "And that is: 'Hey, you know that stuff we're doing? Not really working out real well. Maybe we should stop doing some of it.' I'm just saying."

He may be just saying, but I am not just understanding. What have the Japanese done to receive such a drubbing from God? Make really good cars? Introduce us to sushi?

In Japan, with cities and towns shattered, with houses reduced to the proverbial "matchsticks," and everyone waiting for the next radioactive cloud to pass by, Japanese citizens still dutifully put out their garbage in different bins for recycling.

According to The Washington Post, which has put together a terrific package of stories on Japan, "There has been virtually no evidence of looting or rising crime levels, and the Japanese have been showing stoicism while waiting in long lines."

Traffic is a nightmare, with huge backups, but "with no honking."

No honking? In many American cities, people honk as soon as the light changes. In New York, people honk before the light changes.

At a Japanese convenience store that was open only because the manager had a private generator, people lined up at the cash register with their food items. But when the power went out and the register stopped working, "customers in line returned items to the shelves."

My father was a combat veteran of World War II, fought in the Pacific and came home with a strong dislike of the Japanese. He eventually overcame this prejudice (just as many Japanese people overcame their prejudice against Americans for bombing them not just relentlessly but atomically), and he would teach his children it was wrong to hate in the plural.

I realize that being stoic and well-mannered in times of crisis may not paint a complete picture of the Japanese mindset and culture, but I cannot help but be impressed.

I think if my house were reduced to rubble and I were struggling to find food and water each day, I might not bother separating paper from plastic.

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Dud deals going on in California

Perhaps one of the most dangerous sentences in the English language is: "It can't get any worse."



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Anyone who doesn't know that should not be trusted with sharp objects or political power. And yet there are California Republican Party convention-goers who made that claim in a city where everyone else asks what's wrong with the Republicans.

On the one hand, hard-liners want to punish any GOP lawmaker who cuts a deal to put Gov. Jerry Brown's five-year car-fee, income and sales tax extension on the ballot. On the other hand, few Republican lawmakers voted for spending cuts — leaving Democrats to carry that heavy burden. Thus GOP leaders come across as inflexible and worthless.

Only five Assembly Repubs voted for a measure to pare state welfare checks and save the state $156 million. Only one Republican Assembly member, Chris Norby of Fullerton, voted to end redevelopment so that $1.7 billion can go to essential services like schools and public safety.

What are they thinking? That's what Democrats, independents and those Republicans who wouldn't be caught dead at a GOP confab ask me.

GOP faithful and legislative staffers tell me that voters already rejected a ballot measure to extend the 2009 tax increases by a 2-1 margin — there's no need for a do-over. GOP lawmakers see no percentage in risking their jobs by voting for spending cuts when there is no real budget — because the Dems won't put forth a budget that only cuts. Besides, they shrug, things can't get worse.

They also argue that there are other ways to cut spending — as in pressuring labor to cut compensation in order to keep schools open. And some of the Legislature's cuts are more gimmick than reality.

Take the proposal to save $563 million by putting some felons in jail rather than prison. Problem: Most county jails don't have room for more bodies.

That said, most Republicans with whom I talk want a deal. They understand that if voters don't get the opportunity to vote on the Brown budget proposal, voters will blame Republicans for every teacher layoff, every canceled school day and every felon released to the streets.

These Republicans appreciate that there will be bad press during the negotiators' dance. That's OK, if the GOP 5 — state Sens. Tom Berryhill of Modesto, Sam Blakeslee of San Luis Obispo, Anthony Canella of Ceres, Bill Emmerson of Hemet and Tom Harman of Huntington Beach — can squeeze out smart concessions, such as pension reform and a spending cap. They should get something for a vote that will get their "heads on a stick" at a certain talk-radio venue.

Sacto taskmeister Eric Hogue is not a heads-on-a-stick conservative: "Some people believe that control is more important than success." The purists, with their vendettas, are chasing pragmatists from the party.

Radio-show host and self-described cowboy libertarian Patrick Dorinson is no longer a registered Republican. He notes with disgust, "Only a buzzard feeds on its friends."

Me? I'm getting to the point where I don't even care if the GOP 5 can squeeze out concessions from the Democratic leadership. They should cut a deal anyway.

Because if Brown and the Democratic leadership fail to deliver needed reforms, the ballot measure and its tax increase will tank. If the measure fails, it will be on the Democrats — because they will have failed to convince voters that they can be trusted to spend tax dollars wisely.

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Why not check this out? At the library

On Tuesday, the 22nd, a young boy — Colton Burpo, 4-year-old son of a pastor in Nebraska — and his father were on a morning show. After surviving emergency surgery, Colton began talking about being able to look down and see the doctor operating and his father in the waiting room, praying for his recovery. He also described being in heaven, seeing God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit and meeting long-dead family members.



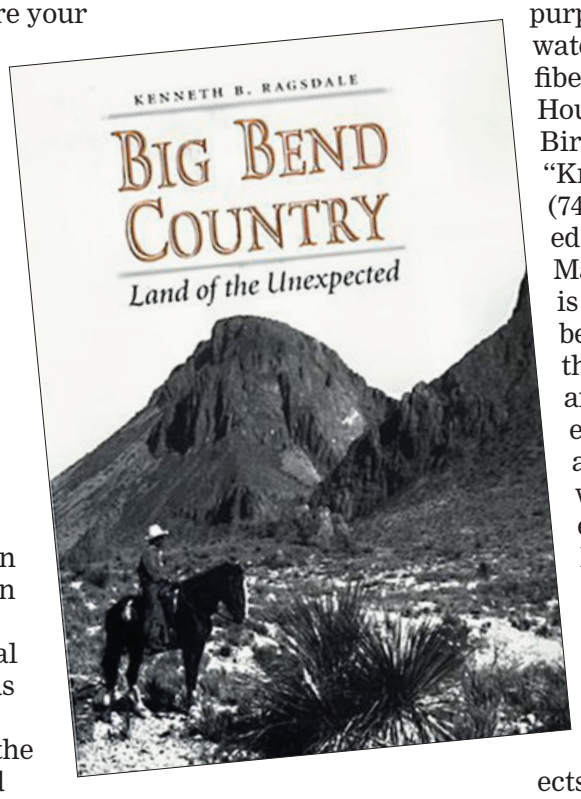
Hollis McCright

Told by the father, but with Colton's own words, the message is yes, there is a Heaven, Jesus loves children and there will be a last battle between the forces of good and evil. The title is "Heaven is For Real: (LP 133.901 BUR T) and is by Todd Burpo.

Have you invested in a digital camera, but don't know the first thing about it? We now have "Perfect Digital Photos in a Snap" (775 REA D) from Reader's Digest. In the first chapter, you will find out the hows and whys of buying a camera, setting up your computer and what software you need. The following chapters show you how to use it, cropping, scanning, filters, color controls and, finally, the printing, showing and how to share your photos. It looks like an excellent resource for the novice and more experienced photographer.

A great resource in life are our national parks. In "The National Parks: America's Best Idea" (333.783 DUN D), Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns explain how the national park system was conceived and carried out. In the flyleaf, it is said that America's national parks spring from ideas as radical as the Declaration of Independence — that the nation's most magnificent and sacred places should be preserved, not for royalty or the rich, but for everyone. This book is lavishly illustrated with hundreds of photos from the early years to most current. The first national park was established in 1872 — Yellowstone — and the Congaree was formed in 2003. A great book to read and look at.

Here are a couple of "handy" type books. "Vinegar, Duct Tape, Milk Jugs and More: 1001 Ingenious Ways" 641.41 YAN K) from the Yankee Magazine to use household items to repair, restore and replace items around the house. "2,001 Amazing Cleaning Secrets" (648.5 BRE J) by Jeff Bredenberg, features ZAP the ultimate housecleaning system plus many other great tips.



My older sister likes to knit. One year for Christmas, she made her daughter a felted hat. Felting is when you knit something and then wash it (on purpose) in hot, hot water to shrink the fibers. From the House of White Birches comes "Knit It! Felt It!" (746.046 MAT B), edited by Bobbie Matela. Knitting is completely beyond me, even the instructions are cryptic; for example look at this: "K2tog, work in ribs as established, Rep last 2 rnds, until 14sts rem. K2tog around until 3 sts rem. Sl all 3 to 1 dpn." There are some neat projects, hats, mittens, bowls, purses — all to knit and felt.

In "Big Bend Country: Land of the Unexpected" (976.493 RAG K), Kenneth B. Ragsdalee takes a nostalgic trip through a unique corner of Texas. Building his stories around themes of compassion, conflict and compromise, he profiles both famous and unknown figures. Stories of the cuaranderas, charity workers, and a woman who began a lending library out of her store to encourage rural, poor children to read, are the compassionate stories. Tales of blood feuds, shootouts and violence, of course, will be the stories of conflict. This is a donated book, and we are very grateful for the gift.

Westerns have arrived! Stan Lynde, in a Merlin Fanshaw western mystery, has "To Kill a Copper King" (LP W LYN S) ready to read. This takes place in copper country, up in Butte, Mont. Word comes to the U.S. Marshals Service that a price has been put on copper magnate Marcus Daly. It is up to Deputy Marshall Merlin Fanshaw to figure it out.

In a Lou Prophet, bounty hunter western is Peter Brandvold's "Helldorado" (LP W BRA P). Lou Prophet heads up to Juniper, Wyo., to rest and make a new start. When hot lead is the welcome, Lou sets out to finds what dirt is under the carpet.

Tom Curry's "The Buffalo Hunters" (LP W CUR T) has the Rio Kid taking on Nebraska Bull McGlone and his clan of killers. Ellsworth, Kan., is where Bull and Rio will meet to settle accounts. Remember to look in the New Book Binder for a list of all our new additions to the collection.

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♥ 6 4 3
♦ 9
♣ 9 7 6 3

WEST
♠ A Q 9 6
♥ K 7 2
♦ A J 5 4
♣ J 8

EAST
♠ 3
♥ J 10 9 5
♦ K 8 7 3 2
♣ A 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K J 10
♥ A Q 8
♦ Q 10 6
♣ K Q 10 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead — four of diamonds.

In tournament bridge, you run into all kinds of bidding systems. Players are generally permitted to use any system or special convention they want to, provided it can be readily explained to their opponents.

It is normal for a pair arriving at a table to announce that they play weak notrumps, or Flannery, or Precision, or whatever the case may be.

Some time ago, when I was playing with a favorite partner in a national tournament, we ran into a pair who announced they were playing "Goldschmidt." This was a brand-new one to us. They started to explain the convention, but we suggested that they hold the explanation until the situation to which Goldschmidt applied came up.

It never did. On the first deal, our opponents overbid their values a bit, got doubled and went down four vulnerable — 1,100 points. On the second deal, the one shown, they wound up in one notrump doubled.

I was East. I won the diamond lead with the king and returned the three. My partner cashed the J-A and returned the five to my seven. I shifted to the jack of hearts, not bothering to cash my fifth diamond.

West took South's queen with the king and returned a heart, my nine forcing the ace. Declarer now led the king of clubs. I took the ace and cashed two hearts and a diamond.

When I cashed the diamond, South, who by now had only the K-J-10 of spades and the queen of clubs left in his hand, was squeezed. My partner at this point had the A-Q-9 of spades and jack of clubs. When South discarded a spade, my partner discarded his club. A spade lead then gave us the rest of the tricks.

So the outcome was that South took only one trick, the ace of hearts. He went down six — 1,100 points (1,400 in today's scoring) — again!

We never did find out about Goldschmidt.

Tomorrow: Thoughtful defense.

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Film legend Elizabeth Taylor dies at 79 in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elizabeth Taylor, the violet-eyed film goddess whose sultry screen persona, stormy personal life and enduring fame and glamour made her one of the last of the old-fashioned movie stars and a template for the modern celebrity, died Wednesday at age 79.

She was surrounded by her four children when she died of congestive heart failure at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where she had been hospitalized for about six weeks, said publicist Sally Morrison.

"My Mother was an extraordinary woman who lived life to the fullest, with great passion, humor, and love," her son, Michael Wilding, said in a statement.

"We know, quite simply, that the world is a better place for Mom having lived in it. Her legacy will never fade, her spirit will always be with us, and her love will live forever in our hearts."

"We have just lost a Hollywood giant," said Elton John, a longtime friend of Taylor. "More importantly, we have lost an incredible human being."

Taylor was the most blessed and cursed of actresses, the toughest and the most vulnerable. She had extraordinary grace, wealth and voluptuous beauty, and won three Academy Awards, including a special one for her humanitarian work. She was the most loyal of friends and a defender of gays in Hollywood when AIDS was still a stigma in the industry and beyond. But she was afflicted by ill health, failed romances (eight marriages, seven husbands) and personal tragedy.

"I think I'm becoming fatalistic," she said in 1989. "Too much has happened in my life for me not to be fatalistic."

Her more than 50 movies included unforgettable portraits of innocence and of decadence, from the children's classic "National Velvet" and the sentimental family comedy "Father of the Bride" to Oscar-winning transgressions in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and "Butterfield 8." The historical epic "Cleopatra" is among Hollywood's greatest on-screen fiascos and a landmark of off-screen monkey business, the meeting ground of Taylor and Richard Burton, the "Brangelina" of their day.

Obama says control of Libya operation can be turned over soon, as initial objectives are met

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the air war in Libya achieves some of its early objectives, such as grounding Moammar Gadhafi's air force, the Obama administration is looking for a quick exit — at least from a front-line role in an international operation that has yet to gain the robust participation of Arab nations that Washington wanted.

Civilians in major cities like Misrata are still bearing the burden of clashes with pro-Gadhafi forces that are showing little sign of heeding international demands that they retreat for peace. That is raising the prospect of stalemate and doubt about whether the Libyan leader can be defeated outright.

Obama was returning to Washington on Wednesday a few hours earlier than planned. In El Salvador on Tuesday he painted an optimistic picture of the international military operation and said he had "absolutely no doubt" that control could be shifted from the U.S. to other coalition members within days.

"When this transition takes place, it is not going to be our planes that are maintaining the no-fly zone," the president said at a news conference. "It is not going to be our ships that are necessarily enforcing the arms embargo. That's precisely what the other nations are going to do."

The most obvious candidate to take control — the NATO military alliance, which also happens to be led by the U.S. — has yet to sort out a political agreement to do so. Obama said NATO was meeting to "work out some of the mechanisms."

Tokyo tap water tests higher for radiation; smoke prompts new evacuation of leaking nuke plant

TOKYO (AP) — A spike in radiation levels in Tokyo tap water spurred new fears about food safety Wednesday as rising black smoke forced another evacuation of workers trying to stabilize Japan's radiation-leaking nuclear plant.

Radiation has seeped into vegetables, raw milk, the water supply and seawater since a magnitude-9 quake and killer tsunami crippled the Fukushima Dai-ichi power plant nearly two weeks ago. Broccoli was added to a list of tainted vegetables Wednesday, and U.S. officials announced a block on Japanese dairy and other produce from the region.

The crisis is emerging as the world's most expensive natural disaster on record, likely to cost up to $309 billion, according to a government estimate Wednesday. The death toll continued to creep up, with more than 9,400 bodies counted and more than 14,700 people listed as missing.

Concerns about food safety spread Wednesday to Tokyo after officials said tap water showed elevated levels: 210 becquerels per liter of iodine-131 — more than twice the recommended limit of 100 becquerels per liter for infants.

"It is really scary. It is like a vicious negative spiral from the nuclear disaster," said Etsuko Nomura, a mother of two young children.

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Hispanics now majority in Texas public schools

AUSTIN (AP) — Hispanic students for the first time make up the majority of students enrolled in Texas public schools.

The Texas Education Agency reports Hispanic students this school year account for 50.2 percent of the state's 4.9 million children enrolled in public schools, including pre-kindergarten and early childhood education.

Currently, there are an estimated 2.48 million Hispanics students in Texas public schools.

Hispanics last year made up nearly 49 percent of the students.

TEA spokeswoman Debbie Ratcliffe said Tuesday that the Hispanic population is the fastest-growing group of students.

Texas lawmakers are dealing with a projected $15 billion budget shortfall in the next two-year spending period. Possible funding cuts for public education have been discussed.







In need of foster help

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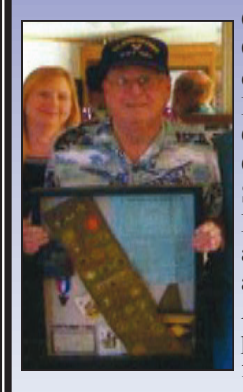
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The registration fee is $20, which includes the cost for the dinner and money raised goes into the districts FOS campaign. Funds raised will provide the Scouting program to more-than 500 youth members in the Lone Star district. Scouting continues to thrive in our area largely due to friends like you who support the mission "to instill values in young people that will last a lifetime.

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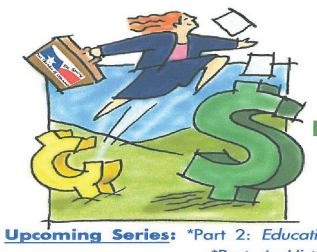
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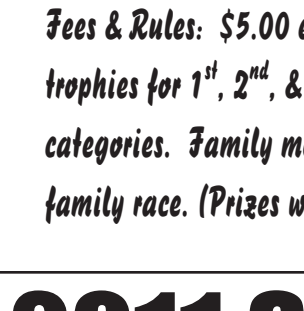
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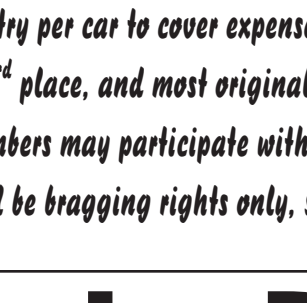
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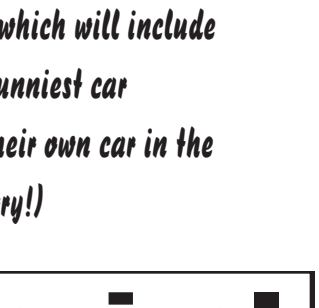
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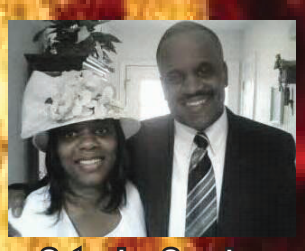
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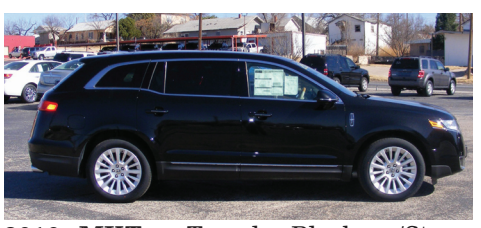
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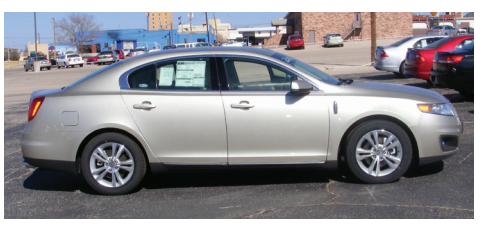
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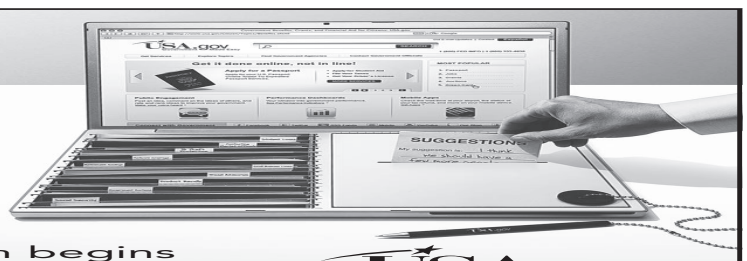


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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Max Poppajohn delivers a pitch during the Steers' game with Snyder Tuesday evening in Steer Park. Snyder earned an 11-0 run-rule victory over Big Spring.

Tigers swamp Steers

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The old saying goes that sometimes, you have to bow to the obvious — and it was obvious Tuesday night that the Snyder Tigers are a very good baseball team.

The Tigers dominated all phases of their district opener vs. Big Spring, running away with an 11-0 run-rule victory over the Steers in Steer Park Tuesday evening.

After a scoreless first inning, Snyder plated three runs in the succeeding three innings, then scored two more runs in the top of the fifth. That was more than enough offensive support for Snyder starter Anthony Taylor, who blanked the Steers while allowing only one hit.

Max Poppajohn was tagged for the loss for Big Spring, which fell to 10-9 overall and 0-1 in league play. Snyder improved to 17-4 overall and 1-0 in District 5-3A action.

"We just didn't make any adjustments at the plate against (Taylor)," BSHS Coach Burt Otto said. "That was something we talked about going in, and we didn't do it."

Otto said his relatively young team remains a work in progress.

"I thought Max did really well. He made some mistakes and they hit those mistakes, like a good team will," Otto said. "We made a lot of young mistakes against a veteran team, and they took advantage of them."

The Steers return to action Friday when they travel to Brownwood. Game time is 7 p.m.

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W — Taylor; L — Poppajohn

Lady Steers fall to Snyder

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Lady Steers would like to have a few innings back from their game against Snyder Tuesday afternoon.

Big Spring jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead, then watched as that advantage vanished under an avalanche of Lady Tiger runs during the course of an 11-4 Snyder victory in District 5-3A softball action at the Big Spring ISD softball complex.

The Lady Steers (13-14 overall, 1-1 in district action) scored the game's first two runs in the bottom of the first, taking advantage of four Snyder errors in the process.

With one out, Logan Yarbar reached base on an error, stole second, then came home on a Hayley Dimidjian single to center.

Dimidjian then advanced to third on an error before scoring on another Snyder miscue.

But Big Spring returned the generosity in the second inning, committing two errors and a passed ball that led to four unearned runs for Snyder (13-11, 1-1), who never surrendered the lead after that point.

Snyder pitcher Adrianna Hernandez recovered from her rocky first inning to pick up the win, while Big Spring starter Yarbar was tagged with the loss.

Neither team sparkled defensively in the game — Snyder committed seven errors while the Lady Steers were tagged with five miscues — but the Lady Tigers did a better job of taking advantage of both Big Spring's mistakes and their own opportunities.

The Lady Steers, meanwhile, squandered their chances to make the contest more interesting by stranding nine runners on base. A prime example of that came in the fifth inning when, trailing 10-2, Big Spring scored a pair of runs on five hits and had

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Area roundup:

Clanton's no-hitter paces Bulldogettes

Herald Staff Report

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogettes had little trouble with Lubbock Roosevelt, racing to a 15-0 run-rule victory in district softball action Tuesday.

The Bulldogettes (9-17 overall, 2-2 in league play) collected nine hits and took advantage of eight Roosevelt errors en route to the win. Jennifer Castilaw, Savannah Neff and Kyla Clanton each clubbed doubles for Coahoma.

In the pitcher's circle, meanwhile, Clanton was almost perfect, throwning a four-inning no-hitter and walking only one batter.

The Bulldogettes return to action with a district game at Colorado City at noon Saturday.

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W — Clanton; L — Ramirez

Buffs trounce Midland Trinity

MIDLAND — They don't get much more one-sided than this.

The Forsan Buffaloes out-pitched, out-hit and out-classed Midland Trinity in non-district baseball action Tuesday, waltzing to a 23-0 victory.

The Buffs launched 23 hits Tuesday, paced by

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Courtesy photo

Forsan High School's Kolten Self, flanked by his parents, Michael and Kristi, and joined by his brother and sister, signed a letter of intent Tuesday to play football for Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. Self was a first-team all-district receiver for the Buffaloes this past season. Also shown is Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips.

In brief

Coahoma softball signups this week

This is the final week for girls to sign up for Coahoma Girls Softball Association summer league play.

The league is open to girls ages 3 through 18.

Signups will be held at Big Spring Mall and the Coahoma Community Center from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday ande Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, contact Billy Newton at (325) 207-2640 or Amy Overton at 816-1968.

KBSB to host kickball event

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will host its inaugural Kickball Klean-Up tournament April 2 at the Cotton Mize Complex in Comanche Trail Park.

Cost is $100 per team. All proceeds go to KBSB.

For more information, call Danny Valle at 213-8579 or Chad Averette at 213-3828.

Howard to hold cheerleader tryouts

The Howard College Cheerleading Squad will hold try-outs Saturday, April 30 at 9 a.m. in the Harold Davis Fitness Center on the Howard College campus.

A clinic will be held for applicants to learn all try-out material Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29 from 4-6 p.m. in the fitness center.

All interested persons need to fill out the online application, found on the Howard College athletic website (www.hchawk.com), under the Cheerleading tab.

For more information, please see the website, or contact Hollie Allred at 432-264-8538 or hallred@howardcollege.edu.

Ragball tourney in Snyder

SNYDER — The St. Elizabeth Youth Group will host a ragball tournament here Friday and Saturday.

Registration fee is $10 per person with a maximum of 15 people per team.

All proceeds benefit the youth group, which is raising money to finance a trip to a World Youth Day event in Spain.

Lady Bears hold off West Virginia

WACO (AP) — Brittney Griner spent much of the first half watching from the Baylor bench. The Lady Bears held on just fine until she could get back in the game.

"Those other kids did pretty good," coach Kim Mulkey said. "They maintained the lead. ... So I guess those other players that don't have names can play."

Griner had 30 points even after sitting the final 9 minutes of the first half with two fouls, and the top-seeded Bears rolled over West Virginia 82-68 on Tuesday night to reach the NCAA tournament's round of 16 for the sixth time in eight years.

Baylor (33-2) already had a 14-point lead and Griner had 10 points when she picked up her second foul, but West Virginia managed to only trim that deficit to 11 points before the 6-foot-8 standout sophomore returned and quickly re-established herself after halftime.

"It was hard sitting on the bench," Griner said. "But my team did great and they held it, and I was able to come back in the second half and help my team."

That is when Mulkey leaned in to mention how good Griner's teammates played. The coach's microphone hadn't yet been turned on, but her message was clearly heard.

On the first Baylor possession after halftime, Griner again took advantage of the one-on-one coverage that West Virginia had said it would be willing to play against the Big 12 player of the year.

After the Mountaineers (24-10) had a turnover to open the second half, Griner was fighting for position under the basket when she signaled point guard Odyssey Sims. Next came a lob pass to Griner, who took a step behind the defender and converted an easy layup.

"She's a great player," Mountaineers coach Mike Carey. "She and (Connecticut's) Maya Moore in my opinion are the two best players in the country."

West Virginia lost senior guard Sarah Miles to a right leg injury when she rolled awkwardly in a collision with about 16 minutes left. Soon after she went to the locker room, her teammates responded with an inspired a 9-0 run — including a 3-pointer by 6-3 center Ayana Dunning — to close the gap to 58-51.

Griner made sure the Mountaineers got no closer.

After blocking Liz Repella's shot on West Virginia's next possession, Griner quickly got the ball on offense and made a strong inside basket. That started a 16-2 run in which Griner had seven points and two assists.

"We were going to go at her. We knew she was going to block some shots, but we weren't going to shy away or try to alter our shots," said Repella, who finished with 29 points.

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the bases loaded with only one out, but were unable to get any other runners home in the frame.

Head Coach John Sparks said his team needed to show some resilience after falling behind early.

"After we got down, we should have just gotten back up, forgotten what happened early and gotten on with the rest of the game, but we didn't do that, and I'll take my share of the blame for that," Sparks said.

If his team is going to have a measure of success during the district portion of its schedule, Sparks said it needs to have a short memory.

""They just have to stay focused on the task at hand," he said. "They know what they can do. They just need to do that, and go on from there."

Big Spring returns to action Friday at Brownwood. Game time is 5 p.m.

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Trevor Burchett, who was 4-for-4, and Zane Herren, Foster Burchett and Patrick Robles, who each had three hits.

Foster Burchett pitched three innings of scoreless ball for the win, while Patrick Suazo tossed an inning of relief.

"Those are a couple of guys who haven't pitched much the past few weeks, so it was good to get them some playing time there," Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips said.

The Buffaloes return to league action Saturday when they travel to district-leading Slaton. Game time is noon.

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Lady Buffs blank LCHS

FORSAN — Head Coach Shanna Taylor believes the Forsan Lady Buffaloes are rounding into shape — and that might be bad news for their district opponents.

The Lady Buffs rode the hot pitching hand of Ashley Buzbee to a 10-0 run-rule victory over Lubbock Christian High School in non-district softball action Tuesday.

Buzbee had nine strikeouts for Forsan, which improved to 14-7 overall with the victory.

"I thought we played pretty well," Taylor said of her team's effort. "Ashlee had those nine strikeouts ... and we didn't commit any errors in the field. I think the girls are coming together ... and playing like they should be playing."

The Lady Buffaloes, 3-1 in district play, will return to league action Saturday when they travel to Slaton.

Game time is 1 p.m.

Bulldogs fall to Roosevelt

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogs found themsleves on the short end of a 26-7 decision against Lubbock Roosevelt in District 3-2A baseball action Tuesday evening.

No game details were available at press time today.

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Another wild tourney weekend on tap

By JOHN MARSHALL
AP Basketball Writer

For the second straight year, the NCAA tournament had a wild first weekend filled with upsets, buzzer beaters and virtuoso performances by star players.

And, for the second straight year, people across the country had to rip up their brackets, left with no chance of winning because they didn't see Morehead State bumping off Louisville, Butler making another run to the round of 16 or any of the other how'd-that-happen games.

Next up are the regionals and there are still plenty of great teams, great players and exciting story lines.

Duke, the defending national champion, is still in the bracket, as are Kansas and Ohio State, two of the other three No. 1 seeds.

Upset specialists Butler, Marquette and Virginia Commonwealth have made it through, setting up another potential mid-major breakthrough. And there's still plenty of stars, from The Jimmer to King Kemba.

It should be a fun week. Here's a few things to keep an eye on while you're planted in that worn down recliner.

DYNAMIC DUOS

Jon Leuer and Jordan Taylor, Wisconsin. Leuer is a big banger, but also has a deft touch from the perimeter. Taylor is difficult to keep out of the lane, can also shoot outside and has a knack for making big plays. Nice combination.

Kyle Singler and Nolan Smith, Duke. Smith became the first player to lead the ACC in scoring and assists, while Singler is as multi-dimensional as they come. They won a title together.

Matt Howard and Shelvin Mack, Butler. Howard is the kind of guy who could get his teeth knocked out and not even slow down. Mack has quietly become one of the best guards in the country. They're both winners, too, as evidenced by the past two NCAA tournaments.

MARQUEE MATCHUPS

They're all marquee at this point, right? Well, some have a little more pizzaz than others. Here's the ones you need to make sure to at least get the DVR rollin' for:

Ohio State vs. Kentucky, East Regional, Friday in Newark, N.J. There's going to be so many athletes on the floor it's going to look like an All-Star game. Soaring dunks and 3-pointers will be flying in from everywhere. Strap in and enjoy.

Arizona vs. Duke, West Regional, Thursday in Anaheim, Calif. This one's worth watching just to see what Arizona's Derrick Williams will do next. Throw in the defending national champions and it's time to let the couch mold around you for 2½ hours.

BYU vs. Florida, Southeast Regional, Thursday in New Orleans. One word: Jimmer. Well, that and watching to see if CBS announcer Gus Johnson gets fired up when Fredette starts pouring 'em in.

THE OTHER GUYS

Most of the teams left in the tournament have a singular star, such as San Diego State's Kawhi Leonard and Kemba Walker of Connecticut.

But these teams wouldn't have gotten here with just a star and a bunch of no-names; Kansas' Danny Manning and the Miracles or Larry Bird at Indiana State are usually anomalies.

To get this far, even teams with a star need a Robin to pick up the slack when Batman is struggling. Here's a few of the guys behind the guy:

Jon Diebler, Ohio State. Big freshman Jared Sullinger gets the hoopla, Diebler a lot of the hoops, at least from the outside. Known as "3-bler," he's hit 110 3-pointers this season, giving the Buckeyes an impressive inside-outside game. Consider David Lighty, who hit seven 3s against George Mason, Ohio State's Robin II.

Markieff Morris, Kansas. During their first two years in Lawrence, Marcus was considered the better Morris twin. This season, 'Kieff has upped his game, giving the Jayhawks not just one banger who can also bang in 3-pointers, but two.

Kendall Marshall, North Carolina. Harrison Barnes was a preseason All-American and started right away, but it was his fellow freshman who helped the Tar Heels make an impressive late-season run. Since Marshall took over as the starting point guard, the Tar Heels have won 16 of 18. He is the wheel that makes the Heels go.

NUMBERS

2 — Big East teams remaining out of a record 11 to get in (UConn and Marquette).

3 — Number of ACC teams (Duke, North Carolina, Florida State) in the round of 16, most of any conference.

4.03 — Assist-to-turnover ratio of Wisconsin's Jordan Taylor, best in the nation.

5 — Times Ohio State and Kentucky have met in the NCAA tournament, all won by the Buckeyes.

23 — Years since Richmond reached the NCAA's round of 16.

27 — Times Kansas has reached the round of 16.

31.5 — Ohio State's average margin of victory in its first two NCAA tournament games.

33 — Tournament scoring average of BYU's Jimmer Fredette, who led the nation at 28.3 points per game in the regular season.

191 — Combined points between BYU and Florida in the first round last season. They meet again Thursday in the Big Easy.

BEST NAMES

There's only 16 teams left in the NCAA tournament, but still some pretty memorable names around the bracket. Check 'em out:

Buzz Williams, Marquette coach. Has the hair to match.

Shaka Smart, VCU coach. Hard-to-forget name is going to be heard a lot for some of the bigger jobs out there.

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MoMo Jones, Arizona guard. OK, so his real name is Lamont. We just like saying MoMo.

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Tech to introduce new coach Gillespie

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech is set to introduce new basketball coach Billy Gillispie.

Gillispie will meet Red Raiders fans and media members at the school's arena Wednesday morning.

He and Tech have agreed to a five-year contract.

The51-year-oldAbilene native, who is 140-85 in seven seasons as a Division I coach, led UTEP and Texas A&M to remarkable turnarounds. Texas Tech officials are hopeful he can do the same in Lubbock.

In 2004 he led UTEP to its first NCAA appearance since 1992.

Gillispie led the Aggies to three consecutive 20-win seasons. In 2005, he was chosen AP Big 12 coach of the year.

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Goodell: Owners' offer may not stay on table

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Owners haven't talked about using replacement players if the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987 stretches on, Commissioner Roger Goodell said Tuesday, and the league might not keep its last contract offer on the table if bargaining doesn't resume soon.

"We have not had any discussions or consideration of replacement players," Goodell said at a news conference closing the annual owners meetings. "It hasn't been discussed, it hasn't been considered, and it's not in our plans."

He also said the Miami Dolphins and four other teams have been fined or been told the NFL is investigating them for violating offseason rules prohibiting contact with players. Goodell was asked specifically about the Dolphins; he did not reveal other teams involved.

NFL general counsel Jeff Pash said the violations aren't related to the league's lockout of players, which began March 12, hours after negotiations with the players broke off, and the union dissolved. Even during normal offseasons, from the end of one season until around March 15, NFL rules bar teams from holding organized workouts, practice or meetings, and don't allow position coaches to supervise players.

"It's a 'go home and relax' period," Pash said.

Since the lockout began, no contact between the league's 32 clubs and players has been allowed. Players don't get paid and can't negotiate new contracts; they aren't allowed to use team facilities.

Goodell said he hasn't spoken to NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith since March 11, when talks ended after 16 days of federal mediation.

NFL: Kickoffs moved to 35

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The NFL will move kickoffs up 5 yards to the 35-yard line, keep touchbacks coming out to the 20 and allow the number of players in a blocking wedge to remain at two.

Kick coverage players now will be limited to lining up 5 yards or fewer from the spot of the kickoff.

Team owners also voted Tuesday to make all scoring plays reviewable by the replay official and referee. But they tabled a proposal to ban players launching themselves to make a tackle, and will reconsider it in May.

The league's competition committee proposed placing the ball at the 25 after touchbacks on kickoffs and banning the wedge altogether. Several coaches expressed concern about making too many changes to kickoffs, also saying bringing touchbacks out 5 more yards would affect field position too much. Coaches worried about an increase in touchbacks from the 16 percent of kickoffs last season.

"Any time there's a touchback and now it's not coming to the 20," Saints coach Sean Payton said, "I think that that probably was the most drastic of the four or five items that constituted one rule."

Making kickoffs safer was the objective, and Payton believes the owners met it, voting 26-6 for the new rule.

"The bottom line is it's ... the highest risk of injury play," he said.

Browns standout returner Joshua Cribbs wasn't thrilled by the changes, tweeting: "Essentially taking returners out of the game...injuries will still take place, then what move it up again, or eliminate it all together."

On touchbacks, competition committee chairman Rich McKay said coaches were concerned about an increase in high kicks from the 35 intended to trap returning teams deep and severely decreasing the number of returns. He also said the two-man wedge was not a driving force in the uptick in injuries on kickoffs. Indeed, more injuries occur in coverage than on the return squads.

As for the six no votes, McKay said: "The objections were, 'Hey, you're affecting my team.' Clearly, some teams have good kick returners and they said, 'What if there's 10 percent less returns?'


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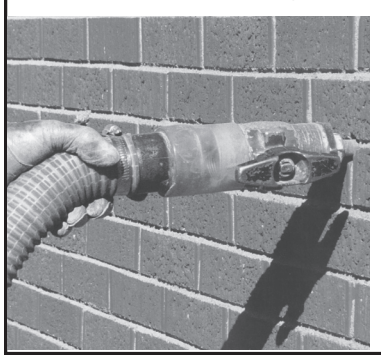
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Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to City of Coahoma, PO Box 420, Coahoma, TX 79511. A copy of the proposal format is available at Coahoma City Hall.

The City must receive proposals no later than 5pm April 6, 2011 to be considered.

The City of Coahoma reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711. (Telephone (512)463-6792).

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

When inspiration strikes, it is not always cause for immediate action. Sometimes it takes time to process. The early day is ruled by the thoughtful and introspective Scorpio moon and is then overtaken by the extroverted energy of Sagittarius. Apply your passion to an adventure. The afternoon and evening will open up a strange new world of possibilities.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will add an exciting appointment to your calendar. Make sure you tell others who might be affected by this commitment. Communicating well now will prevent misunderstandings later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a challenge at work. You realize that there is a limit to how much you can improve the situation without making a significant change. And yet, handling small details helps you wrap your head around the next move.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The need to feel important is in everyone to some degree. What makes you feel important is not the same thing as what makes another person feel important. You'll effectively cater your attention to the individual recipient.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You strive for a stress-free day and will attain it to a great degree. Keep in mind that some stress is good for you. Tranquility for too long a stretch of time will breed stagnation and boredom.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your friend needs a listening ear. Try to resist the urge to tell your own story — especially if it happens to be more exciting and glamorous than your friend's tale. The selfless attention you give others will be rewarded in time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You thrive when you do work that you are well suited to doing. However, the perfect work for you is not always what's needed or wanted in the moment at hand. Remain flexible and open-minded.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The challenges of the day call for boldness. You bravely speak your mind, support the side you think is right and facilitate justice. You'll sleep soundly tonight knowing you've put in a solid day's work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A new friend enters your scene with romantic potential in tow. This may not involve you directly, but you and your loved ones will be affected by the amorous influence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). All the little things about you that you think are so weird may just be the most appealing and adorable qualities of all. So come out of hiding — bring your quirks into the light!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone you know well is no longer seeing the full glory of who you are. When another person takes note of all of your wonderful qualities, it will shake things up. Suddenly you will get the attention you deserve.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll take on an issue that affects many more people than just you. You will think of the problem differently than the others. Because of this, you will be an important part of the solution.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A big assignment is in your future. As long as you are allotted enough time to do it well, you'll be satisfied by the endeavor. If that is not the case, negotiate to make it so.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 23). Your idealistic views will lift others up. As you strive for the highest good, you'll be joined in your efforts. Next month brings a fresh source of income. You'll hear loving declarations in May. June highlights far-away places and new transportation. Your studies will add up to an important decision in August. Leo and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 6, 24, 19 and 34.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Once upon a time, Keri Russell was so identified with her hair that a certain haircut rocked the ratings of her television series. These days, it's her stellar acting that gets all the glory. Russell is an Aires, with many planets in intuitive water signs. Trivia question: What does Russell have in common with Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera and Justin Timberlake? They were all members of The Mickey Mouse Club.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I am 47 years old and am living with so many regrets. I married my husband because I did not think anyone else would ask me. I have never been in love with him.

Fast-forward 25 years. Our children are off on their own. I have been in counseling, and my therapist suggested I bring my husband in with me.

He has refused, saying there is nothing wrong with our relationship. We are intimate several times a week, and I do everything around the house. That is all he requires of a relationship.

But honestly, if he did come to counseling, how could I tell him that I am not attracted to him, that I never am aroused by him, that I love him like a brother?

I am ready to ask for a divorce so I can try to find a passionate man to fall in love with. I want to feel needed and desirable.

Is this a lost cause at this late stage of my life? Is it better to strike out searching for love that I may never find? Or do I stay in this safe, amicable, boring marriage? — *Jennifer*



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Jennifer: It is possible to find someone more exciting, but that tends to be temporary.

It's also possible to find passionate love, and that might free up your husband to find someone who truly loves him, as well.

Or you could discover that this marriage is more worthwhile than you believe and be sorry you left.

If you are looking for a man to fulfill your fantasies, the odds are against you.

You need to ask yourself that Ann Landers question: "Are you better off with or without him?" And only you can supply the answer.

Dear Annie: My husband and I discussed giving his five grown children annual cash gifts now instead of having them wait for an inheritance.

The problem is, one of my stepsons, "Clark," is 33 and has no interest in becoming employed.

My husband has offered many times to pay for additional education, but he doesn't want it.

Clark lives with his mother and stepfather.

He is a kind and thoughtful man who does not drink or use drugs. But his life seems to revolve around the Internet and TV.

The cash gift we are considering is not that much, but it would enable Clark to continue living comfortably under his current circumstances.

I worry it means he will never learn to provide for himself.

I am concerned for his financial future. I looked into setting up an IRA for him, but he has to have earned some income to qualify.

My husband wants to treat all his children equally. How would you handle this situation? — *Worried Stepmom*

Dear Stepmom: Treating all the children equally means just that — if your husband chooses to give annual cash gifts to one, he must do it for all.

And unless Clark's mother kicks him out, the extra income is unlikely to make a big difference.

You can advise Clark to save the money for his upcoming "rainy days," but he is a grown man, and his financial future is not your responsibility.

Dear Annie: I enjoy your column over my morning coffee, but this is the first time I have felt compelled to write.

I loved the letter from "Smelling Better," who started taking zinc supplements for body odor and was helped tremendously. I, too, had the same great results for another condition.

After my divorce, I developed a horrendous case of scalp psoriasis. Visit after costly visit to the dermatologist only resulted in using the same cream over and over, and the psoriasis kept getting worse.

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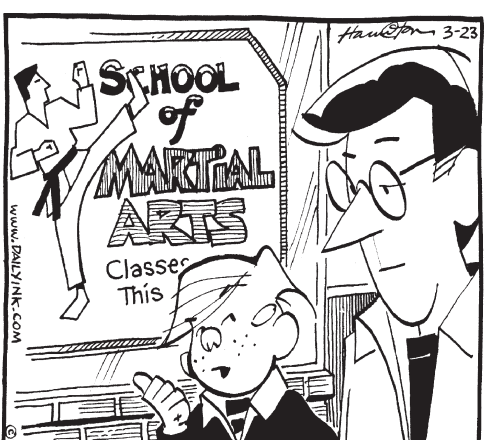
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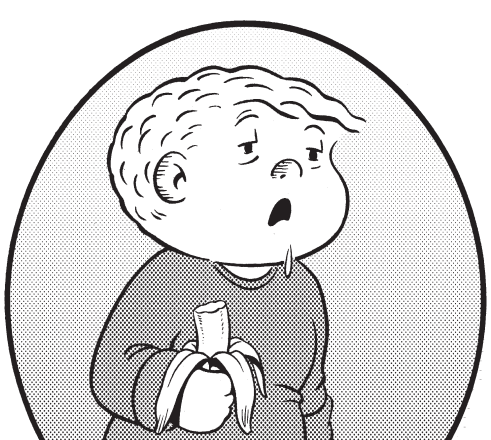
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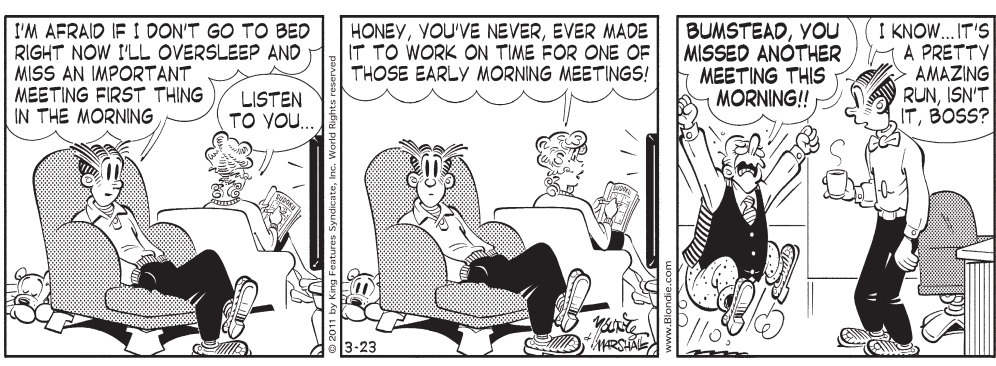


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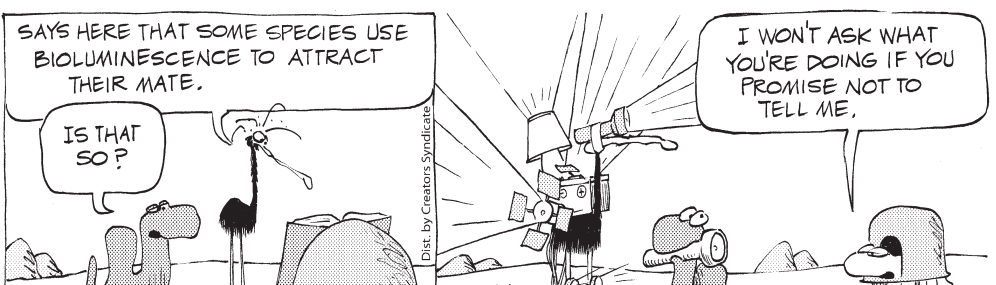
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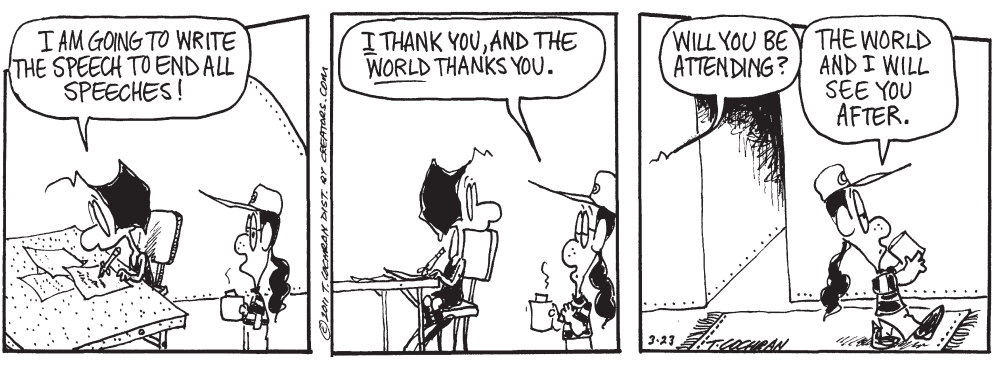
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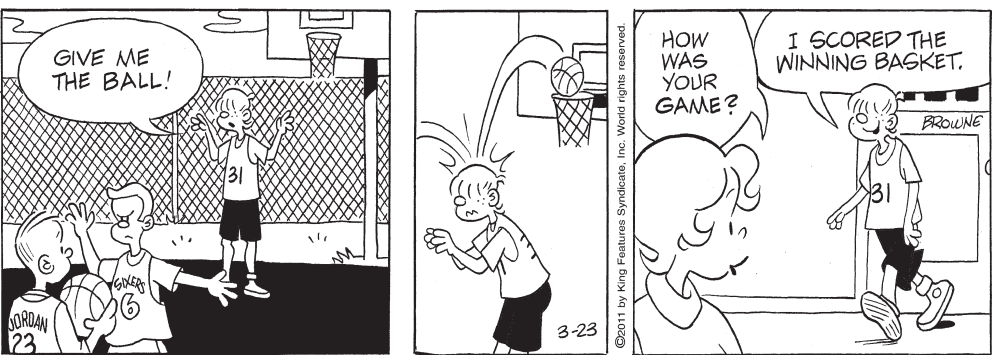
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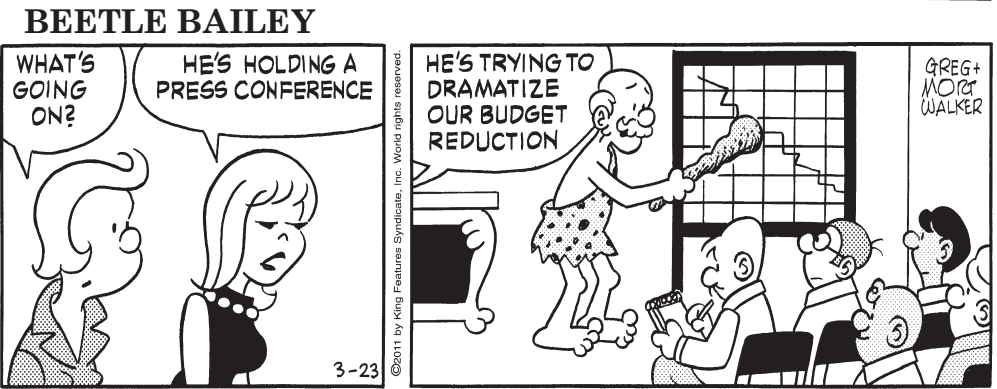
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, March 23, the 82nd day of 2011. There are 283 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 23, 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!"

On this date:

In 1743, George Frideric Handel's oratorio "Messiah" had its London premiere.

In 1792, Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 94 in G Major (the "Surprise" symphony) was performed publicly for the first time, in London.

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

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 1956, Pakistan became an Islamic republic.

In 1965, America's first two-person space flight began as Gemini 3 blasted off with astronauts Virgil I. Grissom and John W. Young aboard for a nearly 5-hour flight.

In 1981, the U.S. Supreme Court, in H.L. v. Matheson, ruled that states could require, with some exceptions, parental notification when teenage girls seek abortions.

In 1994, Wayne Gretzky broke Gordie Howe's National Hockey League career record with his 802nd goal.

In 1996, Taiwan held its first direct presidential elections; incumbent Lee Teng-hui (lee dung-hway) was the victor.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Marty Allen is 89. Sir Roger Bannister, who broke the 4-minute mile in 1954, is 82. Movie director Mark Rydell is 77. Motorsports Hall of Famer Craig Breedlove is 74. Singer-producer Ric Ocasek is 62. Singer Chaka Khan is 58. Actress Amanda Plummer is 54. Actress Catherine Keener is 52. Actress Hope Davis is 47. Comedian John Pinette is 47. Actor Richard Grieco is 46. Country musician Kevin Griffin (Yankee Grey) is 46. Actress Marin Hinkle is 45. Rock singer-musician Damon Albarn (Blur) is 43. Actress-singer Melissa Errico is 41. Rock musician John Humphrey (The Nixons) is 41. Actress Michelle Monaghan is 35. Actress Keri Russell is 35. Gossip columnist-blogger Perez Hilton is 33. Actress Nicholle Tom is 33. Country singer Paul Martin (Marshall Dyllon) is 33.

Thought for Today: "What some call health, if purchased by perpetual anxiety about diet, isn't much better than tedious disease." —Alexander Pope, English poet (1688-1744).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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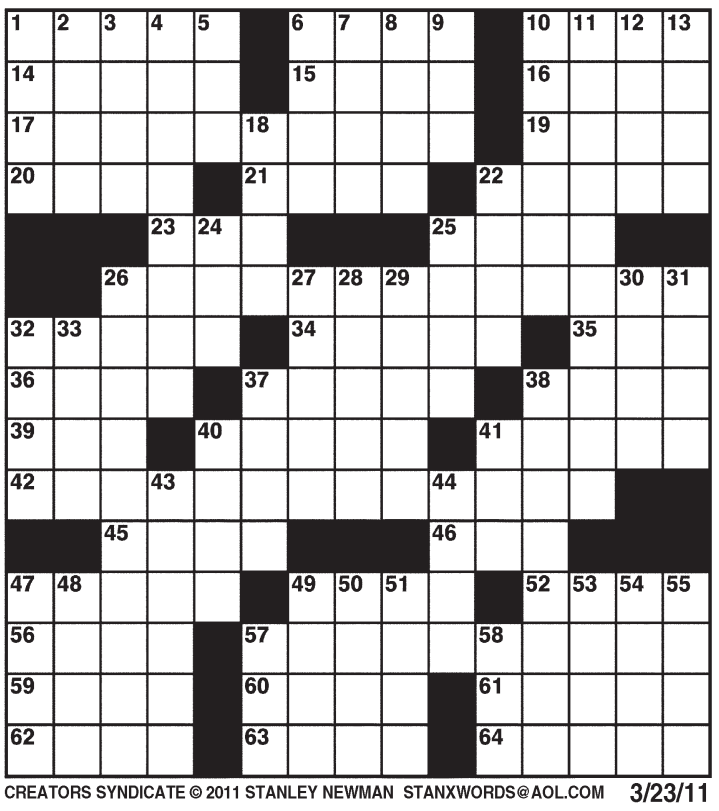
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1 Leveling tool
6 Cave dwellers
10 Up to the task
14 Make known
15 Double-reed instrument
16 Thunder sound
17 Free
19 McIntosh center
20 Nobel author Morrison
21 Cultural pursuits
22 Add fuel to
23 Up to, in ads
25 Drop in the mail
26 Free
32 Peddler's successes
34 AKA
35 Calendar pgs.
36 Nectar flavor
37 Needing a scrubbing
38 Visibility obstacle
39 Flub it
40 Seat of Utah County, Utah
41 Israeli leader Shimon
42 Free
45 Chowder morsel
46 Be in the red
47 Soothe, as fears
49 Plunder
52 Mud-bath sites
56 In a bit
57 Free
59 *60 Minutes* sound
60 Fully demolish
61 Prohibition starter
62 Calligraphers' supplies
63 Pop singer Tori
64 "Trumpeter" birds

DOWN

1 Novel's essence
2 Late-night TV host
3 Business memo abbr.
4 Pitcher's dream game
5 Compass reading
6 Unmannered fellow
7 Touch upon
8 Horseshoes turn
9 "Get it?"
10 Bankbook ID
11 Brunch quaff
12 Merry adventure
13 Blunted blade
18 Sign of a saint
22 Solidifies
24 Elected pols
25 Hang around
26 Waker-upper
27 Billiards bounce
28 Greek-salad morsel
29 Fair-bound boy of rhyme
30 Flow slowly
31 Takes advantage of
32 Risky business, for short
33 Prefix for nautical
37 Bleak
38 Short toast
40 Get in the game
41 Handle roughly
43 Platform components
44 Baum barker
47 __ spumante
48 Beef cut
49 Good soil
50 Ricelike pasta
51 Till stack
53 __ colada
54 Unknown auth. credit
55 GI drillers
57 Lobster __ Diavolo
58 Six-pt. plays



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