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Frank Acosta, center, is congratulated by friends and family members after being named recipient of the Presidential Award at the Howard College Awards Convocation Tuesday evening at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Acosta top HC student

John Fisher named outstanding educator

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Frank Acosta received the highest honor at Tuesday evening's Howard College Awards Convocation.

Acosta, a sophomore psychology major at HC, was named recipient of the Presidential Award, given to the college's outstanding student of the year.

More than 200 college students were honored for their collegiate accomplishments during the convocation, held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Acosta compiled a hefty resume during his time at Howard.

He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society — currently serving as the local chapter's president — and the National Scholars Honors Society. In addition, he has been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges."

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Willing to serve

Forum candidates profess strong desire to represent cities, schools

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Sixteen of Howard County's 21 residents seeking to represent their schools or cities spoke passionately about their desire to serve during a forum sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night. Unfortunately, a crowd of less than one hundred heard them and most of those were family or supporters or both.

An overflowed parking lot looked promising until it was learned that Western Container was hosting an employee function in the same building – Dora Roberts Community Center. The bottling company's fling, youth ballgames, work and Howard College's convocation were all cited as reasons for a lack of would-be voters in attendance. In fact, allowances were made for two candidates who needed to be at the convocation, during which the college honored its brightest students and instructors.

What: Elections for school board, city council and mayor.

When: Election Day is May 9. Early voting is April 27 through May 5.

Where to vote: Polls will be at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and the Coahoma Community Center May 9. The early voting poll will be on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

Terry Hansen, a candidate for District 6 on the Big Spring City Council, was one of those individuals who had other obligations. As executive vice president and chief financial officer for the college, missing convocation was not an option.

Tuesday's forum, however, was not a debate, simply an opportunity for the public to meet the candidates, who each had five minutes to say whatever they wanted.

Hansen cited his 31 years of working with budgets, construction matters and methods, the state bidding laws, bonds, public meeting law, investments and tax laws as experience he could bring to the council.

"I think it's a good time to

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HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

David Justice, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce president elect, looks over a list of candidates with Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde at Tuesday's forum. Justice served as moderator for the event.

Dance Show to begin run at HC

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Howard College Dance Department will present its third annual Dance Show beginning Thursday at the Hall Center for the Arts.

The show, titled "Fantasy in Motion," will run nightly through Saturday beginning at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are $5 for adults and $3 for students and seniors.

College dancers, joined by students from Big Spring High School, the Dance Gallery and Legacy Dance of Midland, will perform dance interpretations of music from popular video games ranging from 1980s classics to today's popular entries such as "Guitar Hero," college instructor Eulaine McIntosh said.

"Video games have become so widespread," McIntosh said. "And it's a wide variety of music. Some of it is orchestral in nature, some of it is rock 'n' roll and some is as basic as simple acoustics."

Previously, the department

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Playoff bound

Lady Steers edge Lake View, 5-4, to clinch 4-4A postseason berth

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

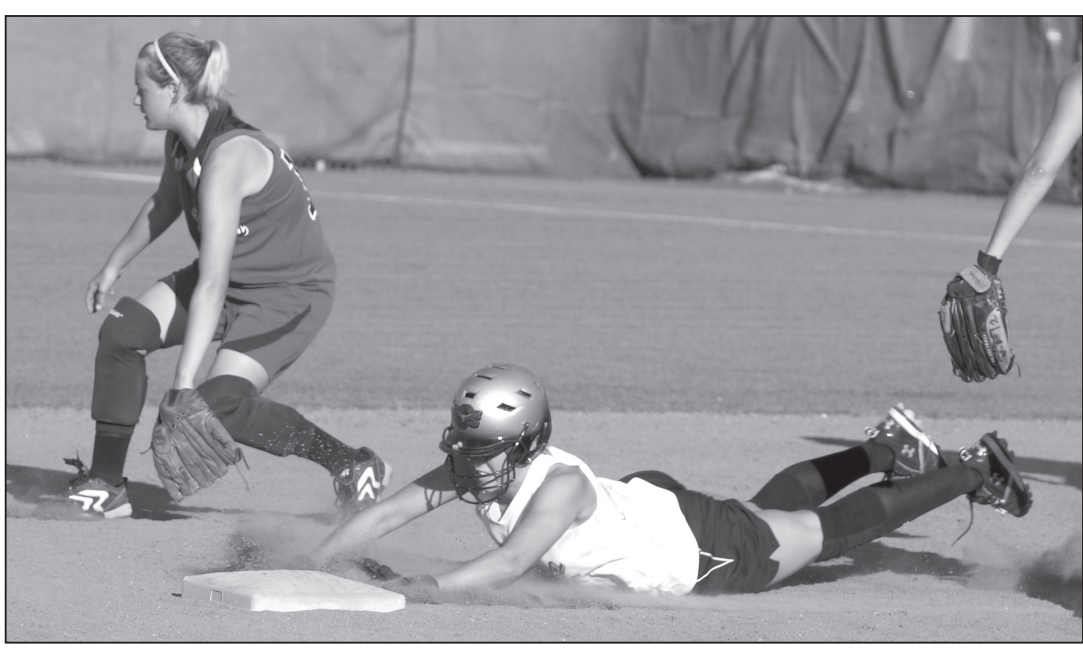
Big Spring's Lady Steers softball team is headed back to the postseason. However, it's still unclear exactly who they will play.

The Lady Steers won their regular season finale, edging San Angelo Lake View, 5-4. The win forces a seeding game with Plainview at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Monterey High School in Lubbock to decide which team will enter the playoffs as District 4-4A's third-ranked squad.

The Lady Steers split their two games with Plainview this season with each team winning at home. In the last meeting, the Lady Steers pulled out a 3-2 victory in eight innings.

"I feel good about us playing Plainview again," said Big Spring

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Linzee Yarbar (right) slides safely into second on a steal attempt in a Distrcit 4-4A softball game against San Angelo Lake View Tuesday at Lady Steer Park. Big Spring won, 5-4, clinching a spot in the postseason.

Steers crush Cooper

BSHS improves playoff potential with 7-3 victory

By BILL NORRIS
Special to the Herald

Good teams make big plays in big games.

By that theory, the Big Spring Steers have become a good baseball team.

The Steers kept coming up with big plays in the field and at the plate as they took out Abilene Cooper, 7-3, edging even closer to the playoffs.

Time and again, the Steers came up with sterling defensive plays to

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Jeremy Solis (11) is congratulated by teammate Cade Hollandsworth as he crosses home plate following a solo home run to left in a District 4-4A baseball game against Abilene Cooper at Steer Park Tuesday. The Steers won, 7-3.

BSHS golf places 9th

Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Although the season might now be over, it was a landmark year for the Big Spring Steers golf team.

The Steers finished ninth out of 16 teams in the Region I Tournament at Quicksand Country Club in San Angelo Tuesday, but it was the furthest a team from Big Spring had advanced since 2004, when Big Spring won District 4-4A. That team finished eighth at regionals.

Big Spring shot a 337 the first day and a 327 the second for an overall score of 664. Aledo won the event with a 625, just a stroke better than Canyon Randall at 626.

The Steers shot the sixth best round Tuesday, allowing them to climb a spot in the final team totals after placing in 10th Monday.

"Other than the front-nine of the first day, I thought we shot very well," said Big Spring Golf Coach Chris Joslin. "We had a good score on the second day and if we could've posted that same score on the first day, then we would've climbed a few

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Bulldogs set stage to garner piece of district title

Herald Staff Report

WALL — Coahoma's Bulldogs have set the table to play for a share of the District 7-2A baseball title Friday.

The Bulldogs routed Wall Monday, 15-2, improving their district record to 8-1. The win puts a lot of meaning on Coahoma's regular season finale with Grape Creek at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Coahoma.

Grape Creek is 9-0 in 7-2A. Coahoma's only district loss came to the Eagles to the tune of 8-5.

All-state outfielder Corey Roberts stepped up as the hero for the Bulldogs Monday, belting two homers and scoring four runs with five RBI.

Chance Hart (6-2) picked up the win for the Bulldogs, pitching a complete game and allowing two earned runs on one hit. Hart (6-2) surrendered a 2-run homer in the bottom of the fifth inning. He struck out six batters and walked one.

Hart also had two RBI. Dakota Griffith had a double and knocked in two runs.

Lady Buffs win 2-A outright

Herald Staff Report

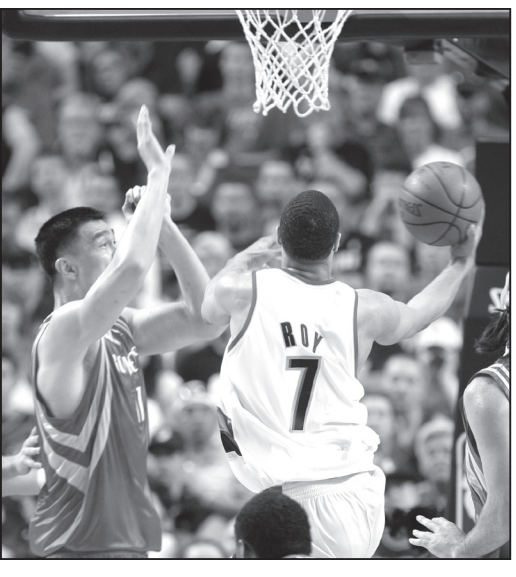
FORSAN — Forsan's Lady Buffaloes softball team claimed an outright District 2-A title with a dominant win over Miles, 12-2.

Its the first outright softball title for Forsan, which has had the program for just four years.

The Class A playoffs are set to start May 1, but with the district championship the Lady Buffs earn a first-round bye that will keep them out of action until at least May 7.

Forsan had a come-from-behind 9-4 victory over Junction Friday at Lady Steer Park in order to set up the opportunity to play for a league title Tuesday.

The last two years, Forsan has made deep playoff runs, advancing to the regional semifinals in 2007 and the regional quarterfinals in 2008.



AP photoRick Bowmen

Portland's Brandon Roy (7) goes up on Houston's Yao Ming in the Blazers' 107-103 victory over the Rockets in Game 2 of their NBA Western Conference playoff series Tuesday in Portland.

Roy's 42 leads Blazers past Rockets, 107-103

By ANNE M. PETERSON
AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — After winning their first playoff game in six years, the Portland Trail Blazers couldn't help but be a little amazed with their victory over the Houston Rockets.

"We kind of laughed about it, 'Man, it's hard winning games in the playoffs. It takes a lot of work,'" said Brandon Roy, who had 42 points in Portland's 107-103 victory Tuesday night.

The playoff series, now even at a game apiece, moves to Houston for Game 3 on Friday.

Aaron Brooks led a late charge and finished with 23 points for Houston, which has not made it out of the first round since 1997. Von Wafer came off the bench to add 21.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 27 points and 12 rebounds for Trail Blazers, who had never dropped the first two games of a playoff series at home and played one of their most physical games of the season.

"Now we know what we have to do," Aldridge said. "We have to be physical with these guys and play with confidence."

Greg Oden's dunk pulled the Blazers into an 89-all tie with 4:45 left, before Steve Blake's finger roll put them ahead.

Portland extended the lead to 96-90 after Travis Outlaw hit a jumper and Roy made a falling-down 3-pointer.

The Rockets closed to 104-100 on Brooks' 3-pointer with 6.3 seconds left. After Roy hit a free throw, Brooks made another 3 to make it 105-103 with 1.5 seconds to go.

Rudy Fernandez sealed the win hitting two free throws for Portland.

"Now we've got ourselves a playoff series," said Houston guard Ron Artest.

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Obituaries

Bobby Wayne Roman



Following a brief illness and surrounded by his family, Bobby Wayne Roman entered his heavenly home on April 21, 2009. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at Kelview Heights Baptist Church at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 23, 2009, with the Rev. Jerry Berry officiating. Interment will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 23, 2009, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Bobby was born in Knott Oct. 10, 1929, to Fred and Velma Reid Roman. In 1948 he married the love of his life, Alice Merle Chapman, in Knott. On Nov. 23, 2008, Bobby and his sweetheart celebrated sixty years of marriage.

After working as office manager at McMahon Concrete Company for 37 years, he retired in 1990. Bobby was a kind, generous and loving man with strong faith and love for his Lord and Savior. His greatest treasures were family and friends, and he always greeted them with his "one of a kind" smile. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, "going to the farm" and he deeply loved his country.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Merle Roman; daughter, Sharon Diane Marcum and husband David of Midland; son, Alan Wayne Roman and wife Cathey of Midland; sister, Joyce Walker of Big Spring; grandsons, John Minnick and wife Tamara of Midland, Jeffrey Roman and wife Kristen of Weatherford, Josh Marcum and wife Kimberly of Aubrey and Stephen Marcum of Midland; granddaughter, Jennifer Jobe and husband Jason of Grapevine; and great-grandchildren, Rylee and Braden Marcum.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Velma Roman; one brother, Jerry Roman; and one grandson, Michael Minnick.

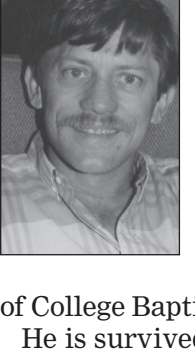
Pallbearers will be Bill Buskirk, Tom Stephan, Jerry Dunn, Drew Wyrick, Ed Slate, Howard Williams, Charlie Lytle and Bobby Gene Fishback.

In lieu of flowers memorials should be directed to Kelview Heights Baptist Church Benevolence Fund, 402 W. Scharbauer, Midland.

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

Paid obituary

Hank Smoot



Hank Smoot, 58, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at his residence. Memorial Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born May 13, 1950, in Colorado City. He came to Big Spring in 1962. He was a self employed computer consultant. He was a member of College Baptist Church and the Optimist Club.

He is survived by one son, Michael Smoot of Benbrook; one daughter, Jennifer Smoot of Big Spring; mother, Honey Smoot of Midland; one sister, Mary Gingerich and husband Tom of Waco; one brother, Carl Smoot and wife Olga of Midland; two granddaughters; four nieces; one nephew; and several great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joe H. Smoot.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respect online at www.myersandsmith.com

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

• Celebrate Recovery, a 12-Step program, meets from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 308 Aylford.

•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.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

• ORLANDO SANCHEZ, 24, of 1407 Virginia, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant and a charge of burglary of a habitation.

• JUSTIN SPEER, 33, of Colorado City, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of no motor vehicla inspection certificate.

• JESUS SOLIS, 17, of 1502 Chickasaw, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1400 block of Wood.

• THEFT was reported:
in the 1300 block of Stanford.
in the 200 block of FM 700.

• MANUFACTURE/DELIVERY OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 300 block of Main Street.

• EVADING ARREST/DETENTION was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:
in the 2500 block of Chanute.
in the 2500 block of Albrook.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 4800 block of Highway 80.

• ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY – FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 800 block of Creighton.

• ASSAULT CLASS C – FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
in the 1300 block of Stanford.
in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

Sheriff

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

An arrest report was not available from the HCSO Wednesday morning due to problems with the law enforcement agency's computer system.

Fire/EMS

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of N.W. Ninth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Baylor. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Rosemont. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 5700 block of Cedar. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2100 block of Monticello. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• A Forsan Rabies Clinic sponsored by Western Hills Animal Clinic will be held from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday at the Forsan Fire Station. Costs are $8 rabies; $14 K-9 distemper/parvo; $20 feline CVR-C and Flev.

• A benefit account has been established at Woodforest National Bank (Account 1652331339) for John Allison and Jacoby Rivera, who lost their belongings in a residential fire on Runnels. Donations can also be made by calling (431) 213-4091.

• American Legion Post 506 will hold its fifth annual Fajita Cook Off Saturday at 3208 W. Highway 80. Entry is $10 for beef or chicken (three pounds each). Cooking begins at 9 a.m., judging at 11 a.m. and serving at noon. Winners will be announced at 2 p.m. Plates will be available for $8 each. Call 263-2084 for more information.

•The Salvation Army has funding for Texas military personnel who have served or are currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Apply at the Salvation Army, 511 W. Fifth St. These funds were granted by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• We are currently seeking Class of 1999 classmates from Big Spring High School. Our 10-year reunion will be Sept. 18-19. Send your information to bshs1999@gmail.com or contact Jennifer Davidson at (432) 213-0257.

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TODAY

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 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.

• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. 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.

MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

Lottery

There has been another rollover in the grand prize for the multistate Mega Millions game, pushing Friday's estimated jackpot to $155 million.

No players matched all the winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing.

The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing were: 5, 24, 37, 47, 52. The Mega Ball was 6.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 12 - 24 - 27 - 32 - 37.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: $23,955.

Winning ticket purchased in: Arlington.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4 - 4 - 0 - 1. Sum It Up: 9.

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Kinsler, Cruz homer as Rangers beat Blue Jays, 5-4

TORONTO (AP) — The Texas Rangers don't really enjoy facing Roy Halladay but they sure don't shy away from him, either.

Nelson Cruz and Ian Kinsler each hit two-run homers and the Rangers again roughed up the Toronto ace, beating the Blue Jays 5-4 on Tuesday night.

"He's a great pitcher," Cruz said. "We really don't want to face him too much but when we have to, we'll get prepared."

The game was delayed for 10 minutes in the top of the sixth when home plate umpire Kerwin Danley was hit on the head by a broken bat and had to leave the field on a stretcher.

Danley was taken to a hospital with a possible concussion but did not lose consciousness, crew chief Dana DeMuth said.

"He was in a lot of head pain and didn't want to talk," DeMuth said. "But he knew where he was and he said he had feeling in everything."

The Rangers won on the road for the first time in four tries and have won back-to-back games after losing seven of their previous eight.

Halladay (3-1) gave up five runs and eight hits in eight innings, walking none and striking out a season-high nine. Five of the eight hits he allowed were for extra bases.

"The couple of mistakes he made, we made him pay," outfielder Marlon Byrd said. "That guy battles out there. If you're not ready mentally, he'll just eat you alive."

In 20 games against Texas, Halladay is 7-7 with a 5.36 ERA, his highest against any AL opponent. He lost his only start against the Rangers in 2008, giving up four runs and 11 hits in nine innings.

"There's obviously some good hitters in their lineup," Halladay said. "The tough part is a couple bloops and you can make a mistake and all of a sudden you're down two or three runs. That's the tough part, they have the ability to hit home runs, especially when you don't make quality pitches."

Texas opened the scoring in the second with just that mix. Byrd's bloop to right fell for a double and Cruz followed with a two-run shot to left, his sixth.

Chris Davis drove in the third run with a fourth-inning, two-strike single just beyond shortstop Marco Scutaro and Kinsler added a two-strike homer in the seventh.

The homer made a winner of right-hander Brandon McCarthy (2-0), who gave up three runs and six hits in six innings. He walked two and struck out two.

Texas manager Ron Washington praised McCarthy for getting through six despite struggling to command his slider.

"He was able to make pitches when he had to and he kept the damage to a minimum," Washington said. "They scratched one run at a time off him."

Toronto scored a run in the eighth to make it 5-4 on shortstop Elvis Andrus' throwing error and Adam Lind's RBI single off reliever C.J. Wilson, then loaded the bases with one out but couldn't score.

Closer Frank Francisco entered after Lind's hit and gave up a single to Scott Rolen and a walk to Lyle Overbay.

But Francisco got Rod Barajas to line sharply to third and Travis Snider flied out to center.

Aaron Hill doubled and went to third in the ninth but Francisco got Vernon Wells to fly out for his second save.

"Frankie was as tough as he's ever been, especially in that ninth inning," Washington said of the five-out save. "He ended up having to do something tonight that you normally don't do."

Danley was struck by the barrel of Texas designated hitter Hank Blalock's broken bat on an infield popup, knocking him to the ground. Hunter Wendelstedt moved from second base to home plate.

"It was a high and inside fastball, a cutter that broke my bat," Blalock said. "I heard something happen behind the plate and I figured the barrel hit somebody. As soon as the out was made I turned around and Kerwin was lying down. I felt bad, it was an accident."

On April 26, 2008, Danley was taken off the field on a stretcher after being hit in the head by a pitch from Los Angeles Dodgers right-hander Brad Penny.

He was released from the hospital the next day and returned to the field in June.

Danley also was knocked out of a June 2006 game between the Houston Astros and Chicago Cubs after being hit on the collarbone by a pitch.

Down 2-0, Toronto tied it in the third on an RBI double by Alex Rios and Wells' sacrifice fly.

Davis' RBI single made it 3-2 but Hill tied it again with a homer in the fifth.

Texas went ahead for good on the seventh-inning shot by Kinsler, who batted .556 (15-for-27) with two homers and six RBIs last week, splitting AL player of the week honors with Kansas City pitcher Zack Greinke.



AP photo

Texas Rangers closer Frank Francisco high-fives teammate Jarrod Saltalamachia (21) after finishing the ninth inning of the Rangers' 5-4 win over the Toronto Blue Jays Tuesday in Arlington.

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COLLEGE

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Acosta compiled a 4.0 grade point average during his two years at Howard, was named to the President's List as well as being honored as an outstanding student in history and math.

After graduation, he plans to attend the University of Texas-Permian Basin with the ultimate goal of obtaining a doctorate in clinical psychology at Texas A&M University.

Other persons receiving special recognition at Tuesday's convocation included:

• John Fisher, associate professor of criminal justice, who was named Outstanding Educator of the Year.

• Sophomores Tisha McCartney and Nick Ross, who were named to the All-USA Academic Team.

• Jason Flores and Amanda George, recipients of the American Legion Award, given to students who have shown outstanding leadership, character and citizenship qualities during their time at the college.

• Nathan Leamons, named Outstanding Workforce Training student of the year.

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Texas Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — After months with little or no action, Texas lawmakers are stirring up the emotional cauldron that always brews with abortion-related bills.

A House committee was hearing testimony on a bill that would require women seeking abortions to first have an ultrasound and be shown the results. A Senate panel on Tuesday approved creating new "Choose Life" license plates.

HERE COMES THE SUN

Texas would develop a $500 million solar energy rebate program to help make it easier for homeowners and businesses to tap into the power of the sun under a bill passed in the Senate.

Environmentalists hailed the 26-4 vote as a big step toward a greener future for Texas.

And by getting more Texans using solar power, consumers can reduce dependence on foreign oil, said the bill's sponsor, Sen. Troy Fraser, a Horseshoe Bay Republican.

The fund would be paid for with fees built into monthly electric bills.

Homeowners would pay 20 cents, commercial users $2 and industrial users $20 a month.

Fraser's bill is designed to collect up to $100 million annually over five years.

It would pay rebates of up to 30 percent of the cost of installing solar technology.

The federal government also allows tax credits of up to 30 percent.

The bill also requires developers to offer solar as a standard option in developments with 50 or more homes, creates a loan program for schools and prohibits neighborhood associations from banning homeowners from installing solar projects.

DIVORCE WAITING PERIOD

The House gave tentative approval Tuesday to waiving the state's 60-day waiting period for a divorce if there's sufficient evidence that family violence in the case makes an earlier divorce necessary.

In a non-recorded voice vote, House members backed a measure by Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Laredo, who said the bill would potentially help saves lives.

Jodie Laubenberg, R-Rockwall, argued against Guillen, saying she has another bill that would help protect Texans from domestic violence and that divorce should be "deliberative and purposeful."

"It should not be entered into lightly," she said.

Guillen's bill is expected to get a final vote Wednesday.

DANCE

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presented its annual show in conjunction with the theater and music departments but will be flying solo this year, McIntosh said.

"It used to be a collaboration," she said. "But this year they opted not to join us ... so now we're kind of on our own feet."

Dances in the concert will vary from balletic and lyrical styles to contemporary modern and hip-hop styles. More than 30 dance students are expected to participate.

Choreographers will include McIntosh and guest choreographers Stevi McKinnon of Big Spring's Dance Gallery and Terry Lane of Legacy Dance of Midland. Howard Cosmetology students will also participate by designing hair and makeup for the show.

The show has sold out the past two years, so McIntosh urged people to buy their tickets in advance. Advanced ticket sales are available through the college by calling Cynthia Weeks at 264-5161.

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FORUM

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offer my experience to the community. I believe my work experience is so relevant to what is going on with the city," he told the small crowd.

Hansen is one of three candidates seeking the District 6 seat, currently held by Greg Biddison, who chose not to seek re-election. Also vying for the post are Steve Campbell and Bahola DeLeon.

Campbell said his vision was for Big Spring "to be a place where my granddaughter will be proud to grow up." And, he added, "I really hope she can afford to live here."

He cited a hope to lower taxes and replace infrastructure and said he wanted to take a look at initiative and referendum. He also said he would like to limit government spending to 5 percent or less when compared to the previous year.

DeLeon, who said, "I've always wanted to do this," said it is her desire to be a voice for the people. She said she plans to earn the public's trust and respect.

"I want us to make Big Spring a great place to live," she said, adding "I strive for excellence and won't settle for anything less."

There are three council seats up for election in Big Spring, including District 4, where incumbent Gloria McDonald is facing challenges from Joyce Crooker and John (Huck) Huckabee.

McDonald, whose slogan is "Aggressive for Big Spring," cited some accomplishments during her two terms of office. They include AMR or automatic meter reading, which she said has saved countless man hours and streamlined a once-tedious task; the Big Spring Living Memorial Tree program; and construction of a chapel at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

"They said if you can raise half the money, we'll see if we can raise the other half," she told the audience. "I did and they did and now we have a beautiful chapel out there."

Crooker said she was running for city council because "I think we should have a bigger vision. We need to develop more industry, jobs and permanent people."

Specifically, she said Big Spring should place more emphasis on its airpark and the fact that Interstate 20 and U.S. Highway 87 intersect in the city.

"Let's elect a council who will pursue big business," she said.

Huckabee said he wants to "see Big Spring prosper again." But, he noted, "We have to focus on the fundamentals first. By fundamentals, I mean what good does it do to have a new golf course when people are afraid to leave their homes because of the crime rate? We need to hire more police officers," he said, referring to recent renovations at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

He also said Big Spring taxes are too high. "Big Spring has one of the highest property taxes in the state of Texas."

Manuel Ramirez Jr. is hoping for a return to his District 2 seat on the council. He is facing opposition from Raul Marquez and Terena Rustman.

Ramirez wanted the audience to know "I'm not a yes man. I have butted heads with the mayor several times."

He said he is a "big proponent" of giving power "back to the people and said he believes there are many ordinances that should be left up to a vote of the people.

He pointed out that he is the only candidate to have enlisted in the Adopt-a-Highway and Adopt-a-Spot program because he believes that the roads into Big Spring make an important "first impression."

Marquez walked forum-goers through a long list of community achievements that include LULAC, Rotary Club and the YMCA, of which he has served both locally and on the national board. Taking a line from former President John F. Kennedy, Marquez said the late president's words "Ask not what your country can do for you" touched him deeply as a youth. He said, "Ask not what your city can do for you. Ask what you can do for the city. I would be proud to serve the great city of Big Spring."

Rustman, who moved to Big Spring six years ago from Arizona and received a degree from Howard College, said her goal was "to make Big Spring the best community for my children."

She said she wanted to see Big Spring grow so that residents don't feel the need to go to larger communities for entertainment, shopping, dining and the like.

Tuesday's forum went on for about an hour and a half. Here is a synopsis of what candidates had to say:

Coahoma mayor

Coahoma Mayor Bill Read chose not to run after 22 years of service. Candidates are Linda Luce and Warren Wallace.

Luce cited her education – including a master's degree from Texas A&M – and experience as an engineer, teacher as qualifications for the position.

"We must be innovative and creative," she said, while calling for the protection of property values, maintaining infrastructure and new development.

"My vision is that when people come to Howard County, or if they relocate to beautiful West Texas, that they chose to live in Coahoma and attend Coahoma ISD school district," she said.

Wallace also cited his experience – teacher, oil field worker, building contractor and 18 years as district executive for the Boy Scouts of America – as qualifications. He also noted that he has served 10 years on the Coahoma City Council.

"We share some basic principals. Duty to God, duty to country, which includes our community."

Coahoma City Council

Candidates Ronnie Dodson, Jay D. Holt, Elmer F. Lindsey and Ray Lee were unable to attend.

Big Spring ISD, District 2

Edwin Ware is challenging incumbent Marie Padilla.

Padilla: "The most important thing for all of us is the education of our children," she said. "I would like to continue to have the great team we have on board," she added, calling herself a hard worker for the district.

Ware: "If you want to know what's going on, you need to get involved," said Ware, who cited his experience in the car business, transportation and oil energy as qualifications. He said he is a member of the city's Traffic Commission and would like to get involved with the school board.

Coahoma ISD at-large

Incumbents Jody Reid, Alan Wright and Kirk Allen have filed for re-election. Also seeking one of three spots up for election is Brian Moore. Allen was absent Tuesday night.

Moore: Saying he wants to "help our children reach their full potential," Moore noted that it was an exciting time for students, parents and teachers as the district completes a $16 million bond renovation project. He promised wise money management and community pride.

Reid: Reid pointed to Coahoma's "high rate of students graduating and going on to find success." Seeking his fourth term, he told the audience he wanted to see the bond project through "to achieve all the goals we set out to do."

Wright: He said his three years on the board have been a "blessing" and wants to continue because "these children will be our future." He also said his 34 years in the oil field, including most recently as a consultant, helps him bring experience to finances and other important tasks.

There are no elections for Forsan ISD or the city of Forsan because there were no contested races.

Early voting will be held April 27 through May 5 on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse. Voting on Election Day, May 9, will be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and the Coahoma Community Center.

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Lee helps Astros end Dodgers' 8-game win streak

HOUSTON (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers looked like they were on their way to another easy victory in the first inning in Houston. Then the pitching crumbled, the bats went silent and the Dodgers' eight-game winning streak was over.

Carlos Lee hit a two-run homer and Russ Ortiz pitched well after a rough first inning in the Astros' 8-5 victory on Tuesday night.

Miguel Tejada drove in three runs and Jose Valverde shrugged off a bruised right heel to shut out the Dodgers in the ninth for his first save.

Manny Ramirez hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning for Los Angeles and drove in three runs to pass Honus Wagner for 18th on the career list. The dreadlocked slugger has 1,735 RBIs.

The Dodgers scored three runs in the first off Ortiz (1-0), who admittedly struggled with his control all night. He walked the first two hitters and Ramirez blooped an RBI single into left to pass Wagner. James Loney and Russell Martin knocked in runs later in the inning.

But Ortiz held the Dodgers to only one hit over the next four innings and the Astros rallied to take the lead. Los Angeles stranded 10 runners in all after scoring 23 runs in their last two games.

"We had a lot of confidence," Dodgers manager Joe Torre said.

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STEERS

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snuff out Cougar rallies.

"It wasn't just one player tonight, "Big Spring Head Coach Bert Otto said. "We had 12 or 13 Steers that came in and knew what we had to do and did it."

The defensive stops throughout the game made the difference.

In the third, Jeremy Solis, Kaegan Hunt and Cade Hollandsworth thwarted a hit-and-run attempt by the Cougars. Solis scooped up a hot smash at third and fired to Hunt covering second, who whirled and fired low to first. However, Hollandsworth scooped it up to complete the double play and end a threat by Cooper.

Hollandsworth had another alert play in the fifth. After Caston Gillitt legged out an infield hit, Hollandsworth caught Matt Freeman off third and made a perfect throw to Solis who applied the tag.

Catcher Rance Terry got in the act in the sixth, killing a Cooper rally, when he gunned down Grayson Bunnell trying to steal third.

Offensively, it was Matt Ritchey and Solis carrying the load.

Ritchey got the Steers offense rolling with a 2-RBI double in the third for a 2-0 lead.

Cooper came right back with two in the fourth and one in the fifth, taking a 3-2 lead.

However, Ritchey once again came through for the Steers.

Martin Yanez led off the Steers' part of the fifth with a double to left and later scored on a single by Solis.

After Solis stole second, Ritchey picked up his third RBI of the night with a single to right. Ritchey alertly took second on the throw and eventually scored on a Jon Benavides single to left, making it 5-3 in Big Spring's favor.

Big Spring added two insurance runs in the sixth on a sacrifice fly by Yanez and a towering home run to left by Solis for the final of 7-3.

"This was a pressure game and we have not had many of these in quite some time," Otto said. "Just to see the kids come out, never panic and never get down to come up with a lot of key hits is big. I can't say enough about them."

Jon Benavides started and went five solid innings to get the win. The right hander gave up five hits and three runs before giving way to Hollandsworth who went the final two innings for the save.

Big Spring (9-13, 3-4) wraps the regular season Friday against Lake View.

The Steers clinch a playoff spot with a win, but Lake View is also fighting for its postseason hopes.

Big Spring still has a chance to finish as high as second in the standings this season.

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Bunnell, Gillitt(5), Martinez(6) and Freeman. Jon Benavides, Cade Hollandsworth (5) and Terry.

W—Benavides, L—Bunnell. 2B: BS—Matt Ritchey, Martin Yanez. 3B: BS—Kaegan Hunt. HR: BS—Jeremy Solis.

RBI: AC—Wise, Martinez. BS—Ritchey 3, Solis 2, Benavides, Yanez.

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spots in the rankings."

Jake Moore was Big Spring's top golfer of the event, shooting a 160 over two rounds. Gerald Harris was three strokes behind him with a 163. Blake Brorman shot 169.

Andrew Fillingham had a tough opening round, shooting 91, but improved by 10 strokes Tuesday with an 81 for a 172 total. Kade Parker, the only senior on the team, shot 188.

Most encouraging for Joslin is the fact that four of the five players return next season, giving him a solid core to work with.

"Our goal next season is to get back to regionals and make a better run at the title," said Joslin. "I'm not going to say we're going to go to state, but we could move into the top four. A lot of those teams in front of us had a lot of seniors on it. It all depends on how often these guys get on the course before next season as to how well we'll perform."

Team totals: 1. Aledo, 311-314-625; 2. Randall, 318-308-626; 3. Fort Worth Arlington Heights, 311-325-636; 4. Frenship, 319-320-639; 5. Canyon, 315-328-643; 6. North Richland Hills Birdville, 311-335-646; 7. Lake Dallas, 322-333-655; 8. Granbury, 336-323-659; 9. Big Spring, 337-327-664; 10. Wichita Falls Rider, 335-335-670; 11. El Paso Chapin, 341-337-678; 12. Joshua, 349-354-703; 13. Fort Worth Arlington Heights B, 349-355-704; 14. Canutillo, 403-405-808; 15. El Paso Burges, 405-413-818; 16. El Paso Riverside, 414-423-837.

Big Spring, 337-327-664: Jake Moore 78-82-160, Andrew Fillingham 91-81-172, Blake Brorman 86-83-169, Gerald Harris 82-81-163, Kade Parker 95-93-188.

ROCKETS

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The Rockets took the first game 108-81 by building a big lead and stunning the nervous Trail Blazers from the start. Yao Ming was perfect, making all nine of his shots from the field and all six of his free throws for 24 points, all in the first half.

Blazers center Joel Przybilla changed it up against Yao for Game 2, fronting him rather than playing behind him. And coach Nate McMillan used both Przybilla and Oden — both 7-footers — at the same time, something he's done just once before.

Yao had 11 points and eight rebounds but got into foul trouble.

"We guessed what they would try to do, which was obviously fronts and double teams," Yao said. "They used both tonight and tried to get the ball out of my hands. I think they did well."

But Przybilla provided more than just defense, according to Outlaw.

"Joel pulled us together telling us we can do this," he said. "We talked with each other. When we got down, no one would go into their individual mood. No one got out of their game. We played together.

Portland had not been to the playoffs since the 2003 season. The team clinched the West's fourth seed and home-court advantage with a win over Denver in the finale.

Fans at the Rose Garden were undeterred by the Game 1 loss. One held a sign reading: "I Still Believe."

Ron Artest gave the Rockets a 24-18 lead with a fadeaway late in the first quarter.

But the Blazers rallied to take a 28-26 lead on Roy's 3-pointer.

It was back and forth until Wafer's 3-pointer made it 49-45 and gave Houston an opening late in the half.

But Roy hit a layup late to make it 53-51 at the break. He and Aldridge scored the Blazers' final 19 points of the half.

Portland was cold to start the second half and the Rockets went on an 8-1 run to go up 59-54.

The Blazers were helped when Yao collected his fourth foul midway through the third quarter and went to the bench. Roy's 21-foor jumper put Portland ahead 66-63 en route to a seven-point lead.

Houston recovered, and Artest's dunk at the end of the third quarter tied it at 72.

The Rockets went up 86-83 midway through the final quarter, but could not put together any sustained runs.

"They're a great team, but we came in here and stole one and now it's time to go home," Brooks said.

Rockets center Dikembe Mutombo injured his left leg in the first quarter and left the court on a stretcher.

Mutombo appeared to get tangled with Portland center Greg Oden and came down hard. He was prone on the court under the Blazers' basket for several moments before he was taken from the court. A preliminary examination showed a left knee strain, the Rockets said.

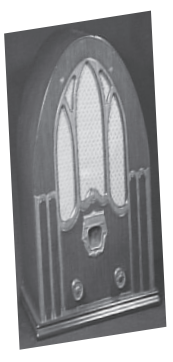
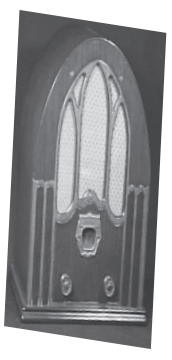
After the game, Mutombo fought back tears and suggested he was not only done for the playoff, but for his career. The 7-foot-2 left the arena on crutches.

"For me, basketball is over," he said.

Mutombo, who has played for 18 seasons in the NBA, played 18 minutes in Game 1 of the series and had nine rebounds.

"I cried so much about it when I was laying on the floor but when I got in the locker room I decided to be positive and thank God for the wonderful 18 years that I had."

Mutombo, an eight-time All-Star won the NBA's Defensive Player of the Year award four times and stands at second on the NBA's career blocks list with 3,289.


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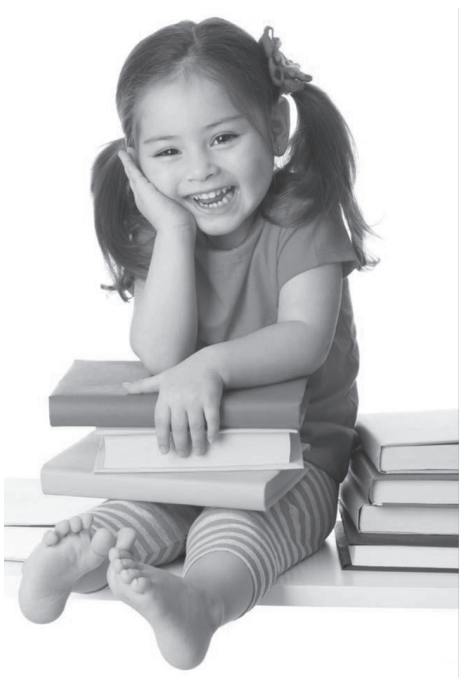
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OUR VIEW

HC Dance Show promises to be interesting one

Video games and fine arts — two mediums that many of us would say don't mix — will do just that this week when the Howard College Dance Department presents its third annual Dance Show beginning Thursday at the Hall Center for the Arts.

Entitled "Fantasy in Motion," the show will run nightly through Saturday beginning at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 2.

College dancers, joined by students from Big Spring High School, the Dance Gallery and Legacy Dance of Midland, will be performing dance interpretations of music from popular video games ranging from 1980s classics to today's popular entries, like "Guitar Hero."

"Video games have become so widespread," college instructor Elaine McIntosh said in explaining the show. "And it's a wide variety of music. Some of it is orchestral in nature, some of it is rock 'n' roll and some is as basic as simple acoustics."

As a result, dances in the show will vary from balletic and lyrical styles to contemporary modern and hip hop, with more than 30 dance students participating.

Ticket prices are $5 for adults and $3 for students and seniors.

The show has sold out the past two years, so we're recommending readers to buy their tickets in advance. Advance ticket sales are available through the college by calling Cynthia Weeks at 264-5161.

It promises to be both an entertaining and interesting show, and we recommend the public take the opportunity to provide something different in its plans for the weekend.

We believe you'll be rewarded.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we yearn to know You, Lord.

Amen

Congress, Treasury both blew it

The recent contortions of Congress and the Administration over lucrative bonuses to executives at American International Group (AIG) are a predictable result of the failure of Congress and the Department of Treasury to be clear about what taxpayers deserve in return for their investments.



RYAN ALEXANDER

And unless lawmakers and the Administration step up to the plate it won't be the last of the outrages.

If there is any recipient of bailout funds for whom Treasury should have laid down clear, unambiguous standards, it's AIG. After a $182.5 billion investment taxpayers own roughly eighty percent of the company. Further, AIG just reported a $61 billion loss for its most recent financial quarter.

We have heard a litany about how the $165 million in bonus payouts were contractually obligated.

But contracts can be renegotiated, revised and rewritten, particularly when there is a major change in circumstances.

Say … for example … the federal government provides a significant cash injection into a company. Hmm, sounds kinda like AIG. But Treasury did not suggest AIG alter bonus contracts as a condition of their receiving a massive public investment.

Strike one.

Not only did Treasury fail to demand the renegotiation of these contracts, but Congress may have added an extra hurdle to making changes. A last-minute addition to the stimulus bill purported to limit future bonus payments but may have actually added legal protection to those already paid.

Strike two.

Now there are efforts to create a special tax scheme to claw back some of the bonus money. Politically seductive as that may be, micro-targeting the tax code to punish specific contracts is the wrong way to make tax policy.

Strike three.

Congress and the Administration screwed up and they need to take their lumps and learn from their mistakes. The "Good Cop" routine has failed.

Instead of pleading with executives to do what is in the national interest, those executives need to be given a dose of tough medicine. If you want our money, you'll have to become a good citizen. Otherwise, you are not going have a job.

Every step of the way, Congress and the administration have given the financial industries flexibility to respond to this crisis. The failure to set clear, tough standards has left us with little ability to hold banks accountable.

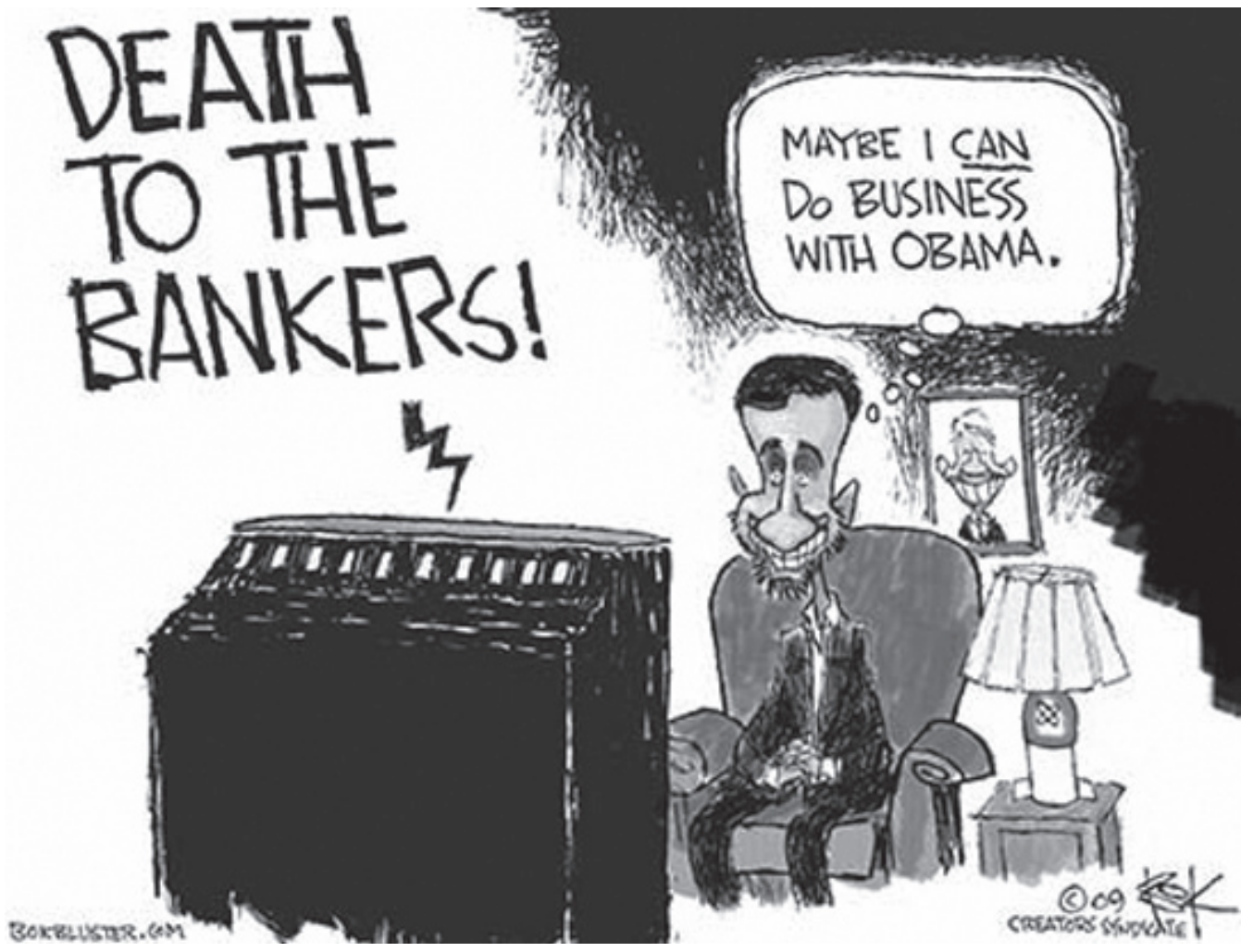
As Bob Dylan sings, "steal a little and they throw you in jail, steal a lot and they make you king."

The kings of AIG and other Wall Street titans are working hard to abscond with as much taxpayer money as possible, while refusing to take any responsibility for the financial mess that is bringing the U.S. and world economy to its knees.

AIG is the most glaring and stupefying example of questionable spending. But hundreds of other financial institutions and a couple major car companies have also received billions from taxpayers.

The outrage of AIG bonuses — small potatoes in dollar terms — should reinvigorate Congress and the Administration to do their constitutionally appointed duties and hold recipients of taxpayer dollars accountable.

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Will we miss newspapers?

In late February, I had just finished writing my twice-monthly media column for the Rocky Mountain News in Denver, when I got an email announcing that the newspaper would be closing the very next day.



JASON SALZMAN

My column, which I had already submitted to my editor, was about how reporters were letting state Republicans get away with empty statements about how they planned to fix Colorado's highway mess. They were attacking the Democratic governor's plan to fix unsafe bridges, but the Republicans had no plan of their own. Reporters were covering the Republican attacks but not pointing out that they lacked a plan for a problem they agreed was serious.

So with the Rocky closing, my column would never run. Neither would the other stories that were planned or already written. One Rocky reporter, Laura Frank, wrote in the Rocky's final edition about her articles that were ready to be published in the next few editions, which would never exist.

"We had stories ready to go on abused children in state custody, alleged misuse of public money and the future of the energy boom in our state," Frank wrote. So, the abused kids are still out there, and so is their story, but it may never be told, because the newspaper is gone. The public money is probably still being abused, and who knows?

Frank also wrote that on the last day of her job, she got a call from a citizen who wanted to contact a public official who was quoted in a previous story Frank wrote. Another citizen wrote Frank and asked that she investigate something. When journalism dies, fewer news tips get investigated. Fewer public officials are called by citizens. Stories don't get told. Information remains private, stuck in databanks. Corruption goes unnoticed.

But when stories are never told, never see the light of day, their absence isn't missed as deeply. And so the closure of a newspaper is missed less than you might expect by a community.

It seems that the loss of journalism is less tangible than, for example, the loss of a factory or a restaurant.

Newspapers themselves are products, but the journalism they contain is so current, so forward-looking, that its absence seems to have less impact on a community than it should.

When you start thinking about it, maybe that's why there's little panic in America over the dismantling or outright disappearance of newspapers across the country, and about the hits that serious journalism is taking on TV, radio and elsewhere.

Journalism faces a crisis, yet its slow death isn't being taken seriously enough.

It makes you wonder if there will be a tipping point, when the absence of journalism will be felt so deeply, that the depth of the loss of a newspaper like the Rocky Mountain News will be felt with the force that it deserves to be felt by the community.

Denver still has a good daily newspaper, after all, in The Denver Post. So things could be much worse.

But will people realize how much worse things are when we reach that point?

Jason Salzman is the author of Making the News: A Guide for Nonprofits and Activists and board chair of Rocky Mountain Media Watch, a Denver-based media watchdog organization.

Lions expect deal with No. 1 pick before draft day

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Lions are avoiding even subtle hints about who they will take No. 1 overall.

Lions general manager Martin Mayhew, though, said Tuesday the chances were "very good" an agreement will be reached with a player to be determined before the NFL draft.

"We plan on getting something done prior to making that selection," he said.

Mayhew declined to say much else during a news conference with just under 100 hours left on the clock before the first pick is made Saturday.

"I hope nobody is expecting anything earth-shattering," he said in his opening comments.

Mayhew acknowledged the list of candidates has narrowed, but he wouldn't talk about specific players when he was asked a general question about Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford.

Detroit is expected to draft Stafford, Wake Forest linebacker Aaron Curry or Baylor offensive tackle Jason Smith with the No. 1 pick, hoping one of the college stars will help turn around the NFL's first 0-16 team.

Messages seeking comment were left with agents for Stafford, Curry and Smith. Smith's and Stafford's representatives work for the same company.

Smith said during a conference call from Waco, Texas, that he's focusing on football and letting his agent handle negotiations.

Stafford has made it clear he hopes to play in Detroit.

"I think it'd be an honor to be able to be picked No. 1," Stafford said last month after his pro day in Georgia. "And also, I want to get a chance to turn something around. It'd be a heck of a place for me to be able to go."

Mayhew said there has been some "moderate interest" from other teams seeking a trade for the No. 1 pick, but reiterated that it's not an attractive slot because of the requisite contract demands.

"I think the system is broken," Mayhew said. "The idea, I believe, was to have teams who hadn't been as successful have an opportunity to get better by picking first. Now, if you miss at that pick, or you miss early, which we have, it really sets you back even more."

The Lions are 31-97 since 2001 — the worst eight-year stretch by an NFL team since World War II — in large part because the Matt Millen-led front office drafted busts: Joey Harrington, Charles Rogers and Mike Williams.

Whomever Detroit decides to make the first pick of the post-Millen era, the franchise will have to guarantee $30-plus million in a contract with that player.

"It's very complex," Mayhew said. "That's another reason to try and get something done earlier."

Two of the last three No. 1 picks — Miami's Jake Long and Houston's Mario Williams — had contracts before they were drafted, and seven of the last eight were signed by July at the latest.

The exception was JaMarcus Russell, who didn't join the Oakland Raiders until September in what was the longest holdout by a top pick since 1986 when Bo Jackson chose to play baseball instead of signing with Tampa Bay.

Mayhew sees only positives in getting a deal done before the draft.

"Then you know that you have that player throughout the entire offseason," he said. "You don't have a contentious situation with the player. You don't have a holdout."

AP Sports Writers Jaime Aron in Dallas and Charles Odum in Atlanta contributed to this report.

Goodell: Vick's ticket back is "genuine remorse"

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP) — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell says Michael Vick has paid a significant price for doing an "egregious thing" and will have to show genuine remorse and that the experience has changed him in order to get a chance at resuming his career in the league.

Goodell appeared Tuesday night at Washington & Lee University, engaging in a panel discussion about leadership in sports and taking questions from the audience.

Afterward, Goodell said he has not kept up with Vick's legal issues since suspending him from the league after his conviction in a federal dogfighting case.

Vick is serving a 23-month prison term and has a team of lawyers trying to settle his finances in bankruptcy court.

A major component of the bankruptcy lawyers' efforts to find a way for Vick to satisfy his creditors is based on his ability to again earn millions in pro football.

"I don't stay in touch with them," Goodell said after the panel discussion, reiterating that he'll consider Vick's case only after all his legal issues have been resolved.

"At that point in time, I will want to meet with Michael, I will want to meet with his people, I will want to meet with other professionals to understand: does he understand the mistakes he made and is he genuine and have remorse for those actions and is he prepared to handle himself differently going forward. That will ultimately be my decision," he said.

Many have speculated that Vick would become a lightning rod for animal rights groups and others if he is reinstated and added to a team's roster, but Goodell said he think the public will apply the same standard he'll use when determining whether to allow him to return.

"Our issue is trying to do the right thing and represent the NFL in the best possible way," said the commissioner, whose institution and enforcement of a personal conduct policy has seen him send Vick and numerous other stars to the sidelines for off-the-field trouble.

"Michael did an egregious thing. He has paid a very significant price for that. If he's learned from that and is prepared to live a different life, I think the general public is forgiving on that when people are genuine and they show remorse and are prepared to live a different life," he said. "That's something he has to prove to myself and the general public."

LADY STEERS

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Head Coach John Sparks. "We can't take that game as lightly as we did today's against Lake View. We've got to get ahead and keep trying to score."

It looked like the Lady Steers were going to run away with Tuesday's game against the Maidens.

The first five Big Spring batters reached base in the opening inning and the first three scored. Linzee Yarbar, Jillian Valle and Mirella Torres hit back-to-back-to-back singles to open the game and each eventually were plated.

However, the Maidens were able to put an end to the Lady Steers early onslaught with two runners in scoring position after centerfielder Tabi Carney caught a well hit line drive by Cerbi Ritchey for the first out, then doubled up Kenzie Hunt at second.

Lake View pitcher Natalie Flores then got Baylea Fox — one of four seniors honored before the game — to pop out to short to end the inning.

After the opening frame, Lake View played stellar defense behind Flores and the Lady Steers struggled to get any more runs across.

"Getting out to an early lead might have been the worst thing that could have happened to us in this game," said Sparks. "The girls got complacent. We've got a bad habit of that. We've done that a couple other times this year. We get out in front and we start trying to coast. We can't do that anymore. I told them after the game, that kind of play won't work in the playoffs."

Meanwhile, Big Spring pitcher Hunt was working around several Lady Steers' fielding errors. Big Spring committed five errors in the field, but only two Lake View runs got across because of those mistakes.

Lake View cut the lead to 3-1 in the top of the third after Carney scored on a fielding error by Torres.

Big Spring was able to add two insurance runs in the bottom of the fifth when Yarbar led off the inning with a single. Two batters later, Torres joined Yarbar on the basepaths.

Ross plated Yarbar with a single and Kenzie Hunt brought in Torres with a fielder's choice to second, placing the Lady Steers ahead 5-1.

It turned out Big Spring needed those two extra runs as Lake View put two across in the sixth and one in the seventh.

With two outs in the final frame and Carney on first, Lake View's Chloe Grigg ripped a double down the left field line.

Carney came all the way around from first to score, making it a 5-4 game in favor of Big Spring.

While creating an opportunity to be the hero, instead Grigg made a costly baserunning mistake. Miranda Wendt hit a grounder to Torres at short, but instead of holding at second, Grigg took off for third, colliding with Torres, who had fielded the ball, and causing herself to be the final out of the game.

If the Lady Steers defeat Plainview, they'll face Canyon in the opening round of the playoffs. A loss will match them up with District 3-4A champion Canyon Randall.

"We've got a lot of girls on this team with at least three years of playoff experience," said Sparks. "I feel like this team knows what it takes to win in the postseason. We've got a good chance in the opening round. Nobody in that district we'll face off with is unbeatable. There's no reason to think we can't make a three-round deep run like we did last season."

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"We got three in the first inning, which was a good sign, especially after an off day. I thought we were very patient early on. We just couldn't hold it. They had patience on their side."

The Dodgers put two men aboard in the ninth — Orlando Hudson hit a hard grounder into Valverde's heel and the closer limped around and took some warmup pitches before finishing the game.

Houston manager Cecil Cooper and catcher Ivan Rodriguez tried to convince Valverde to come out of the game, but Valverde refused. He struck out Loney and Martin to end it.

"I wanted to pitch," Valverde said. "I wanted to support my team, and that's what I did today."

Valverde said he'd be re-evaluated on Wednesday. He could barely walk about 45 minutes after the game ended, hobbling into the clubhouse after getting treatment. The ball hit him near his ankle and Valverde said he strained his right calf when he went down to field Hudson's grounder.

The Dodgers came in with the highest batting average in the majors (.302) and an NL-leading 82 runs and they still thought they had a chance to rally in the ninth.

"I thought we were going to come away with the win, but Valverde came in," said Dodgers center fielder Matt Kemp, who tripled to extend his hitting streak to 14 games. "I thought we had a chance, but he fell back and got the save."

Cardinals 6, Mets 4

At St. Louis, Rick Ankiel hit a go-ahead RBI double and the Cardinals rallied from four runs down.

Jason Motte (1-0) got two outs in the eighth to earn his first major league win. Ryan Franklin pitched a perfect ninth for his third save.

Carlos Beltran had an RBI double, and Jose Reyes, David Wright and Murphy had RBI singles for the Mets.

Pirates 3, Marlins 2

At Pittsburgh, Jeff Karstens allowed one run and three hits in six sharp innings, Freddy Sanchez homered off Anibal Sanchez (1-1) and the Pirates won their fourth in five games

Cameron Maybin hit his first homer for Florida, which has lost two straight against the Pirates after opening the season with an 11-1 stretch.

Nationals 4, Braves 3

At Washington, Adam Dunn homered, Washington's beleaguered relievers tossed three scoreless innings for the second day in a row and the Nationals won their second straight.

Shairon Martis (2-0) went six innings and gave up three runs — two earned.

Atlanta starter Kenshin Kawakami (1-2) left after failing to record an out in the sixth.

Cubs 7, Reds 2

At Chicago, rookie Micah Hoffpauir homered and hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly and Rich Harden pitched six strong innings for the Cubs.

Harden (1-1), gave up three hits and two runs, and walked two while striking out eight.

Micah Owings (0-2) gave up five runs — two earned — and five hits in 4 2-3 innings.


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Bird Poop:

Woman's call, game warden save baby owl

The woman on the other end of the phone was frantic. "You have to stop him! He's moving out and taking that young hawk with him." Afraid that a young man would leave her apartment complex before someone could stop him, she had called us in desperation.



Bebe McCasland

Quickly explaining that we were in rehab, not law enforcement, I was interrupted. "You know who to call?" she asked. After reassuring her that I would find the game warden, she hung up.

Since the officer did not answer at home, I called the sheriff's office. Within minutes our phone rang and a familiar voice asked, "What's going on?" Even with the little information I had, it was enough for the game warden. From somewhere out in the county he promised to get there in five minutes. "What's that apartment number?" he asked again. "One eleven, 111," I answered.

Hours passed and the phone was silent. Since the woman had said it was a young hawk, we prepared a small carrier. One disturbing thought kept coming to mind. It was the wrong time of year. Our winter hawks had departed for northern pleasures, and the summer birds had not yet arrived. Year-round residents were known to delay their families until small mammals were in abundance.

When the warden finally called, he advised, "You've never had a hawk like this one. I'm on my way." Not knowing what to expect, we were even more puzzled when he stepped from his truck. In his large, weathered hands was a faded red cloth often seen for wiping dip sticks. Cuddled inside was a rolled-up ball of down and bare skin.

As the infant raised its wobbly head, Art and I realized it wasn't a hawk, but a baby great horned owl. Chuckling, the game warden teased, "I thought you knew the difference!"

Laughing, I responded, "The woman said it was a hawk! Glad you stopped the man from leaving."

Fortunately, the game warden had driven in to the apartment's parking lot just as the man closed and locked his front door. Walking to his car, he placed a cardboard box on the front seat beside him. At that moment, the officer appeared at the driver's side and motioned for him to lower the window.

"Going somewhere?" caused the tenant to reply, "Moving." Asking to see what was in the box, the officer was told he had bought an owl. "Any more of them?" was the warden's next question. "One, but the guy said he was going to keep it."

Amazingly, the man could not recall the name of the vender or where he might live. After arriving at the courthouse, his memory improved.

"The woman who called said this man had been showing the bird to residents," I added. Knowing it would be difficult to feed properly, and incensed that someone had stolen the babies from a nest, she had reacted upon learning of his imminent move.

"How old do you think it is?" asked the game warden. "Twelve to 14 days." The game warden and we were well aware of the January and early February courtships of great horned owls. Their displays and screams could not be ignored. In our hands was the creation of a new family member from those amorous desires.



Courtesy photo

From a few ounces, these baby great horned owls will have an adult weight of three pounds. They will develop widely separated ear tufts, or "horns," and powerful feet that may grab almost any prey their size or smaller.

Settled into a warm and cozy man-made nest, the youngster slept while I thawed and minced a small mouse. Immediately opening its mouth for feeding as I barely touched its black beak, the owl then slept until its insatiable appetite demanded more.

From a home in an old hawk's nest, the crook of a tree, or a rocky bluff, this growing life would soon show evidence of the coloration to come. In weeks, emerging feathers would suggest a tawny and gray with mottling of pale buff, black and white. Even when immature and as an adult, nature would cloak the owl in an appearance similar to old tree bark.

Although its eyes were open, the owl's focus was limited. Often it would miss a mousey morsel only to swallow it greedily when offered a second chance. From bluish, milky orbs to large, bright yellow eyes was a transformation to be enjoyed.

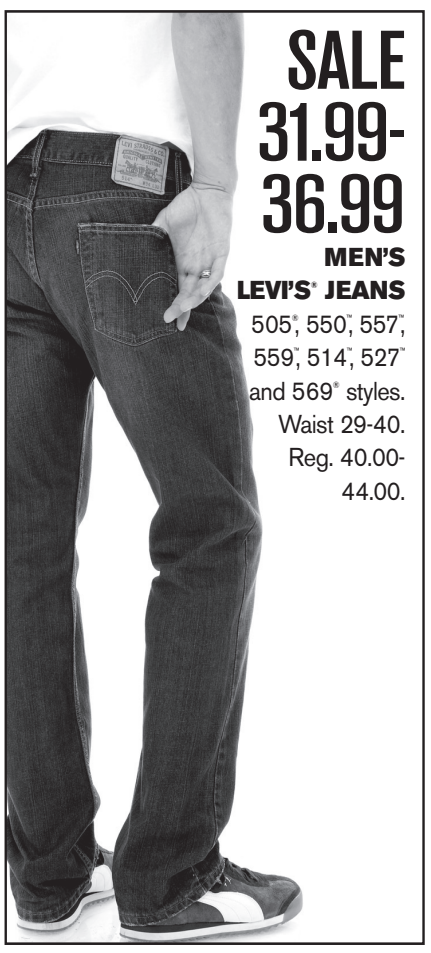
Knowing the downy chick in the cup of our hand would emerge into the largest of Texas owls, we made plans to visit the Midland sanctuary. Some day, with a 4-foot wingspan, this powerful predator would hunt for skunks, rabbits, squirrels, rats, mice, porcupines and raccoons as it began another cycle of raising the young.

From being vulnerable, the struggling young raptor would become an aggressive denizen of the night sky. It would even hunt during the day if its offspring required more and more of nature's larder.

The ultimate monetary fines and the people involved would never be ours to know. Although the missing sibling and its outcome were troubling, that one of the young could be raised and released had to be enough.

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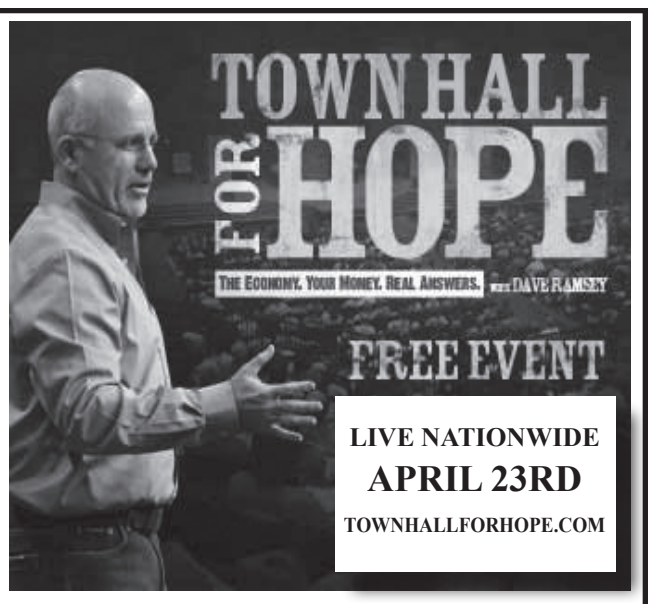
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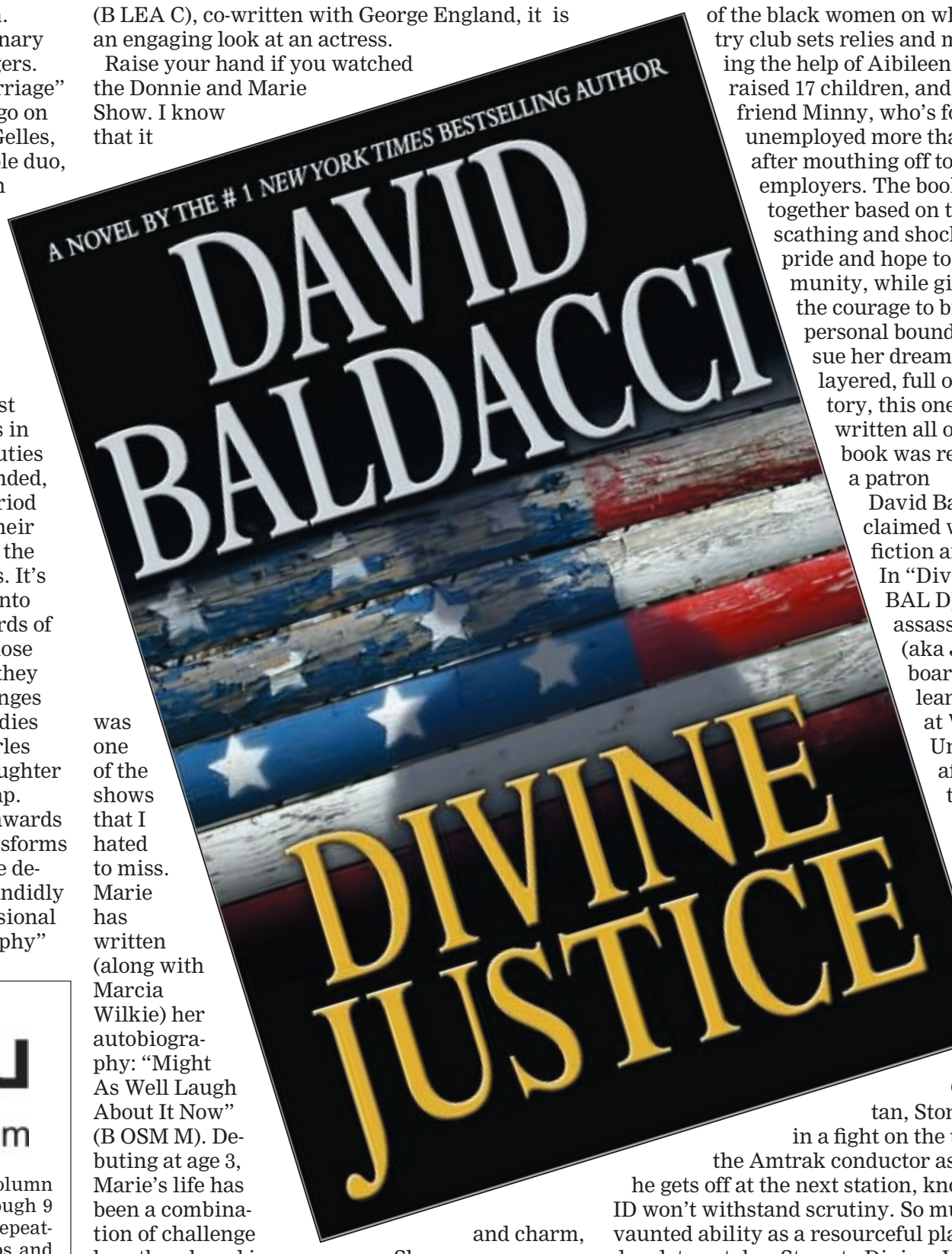
Some great biographies have come in. They run the gamut from Revolutionary heroes to current actresses and singers. "Abigail and John: Portrait of a Marriage" (B ADA J) has just been processed and will go on the shelves this week. Written by Edith B. Gelles, Abigail and John were a uniquely compatible duo, and in their remarkable union we can see the strength of a people determined to achieve full independence in the face of daunting odds. Married in 1764 by Abigail's father, the young couple worked side by side for a decade, raising a family while John's status as one of the most prosperous, respected lawyers in Massachusetts grew. As his duties within the new republic expanded, the Adams' endured a long period of sporadic separations. But their loyalty and love kept their bond firm across the distance, as is evident in their tender letters. It's in this correspondence that Abigail comes into her own as a woman of politics, offering words of advice and encouragement to a husband whose absences were crucial to the independence they both cherished. And it's also in these exchanges that they worked through the familial tragedies that tested them: the death of their son Charles from alcoholism and early death of their daughter Nabby. This description is from the book flap.



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

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Raise your hand if you watched the Donnie and Marie Show. I know that it was one of the shows that I hated to miss. Marie has written (along with Marcia Wilkie) her autobiography: "Might As Well Laugh About It Now" (B OSM M). Debuting at age 3, Marie's life has been a combination of challenge and charm, heartbreak and joy. She opens up on the stresses of being an Osmond, singer, actress, spokesperson and most important of all, a mother. This is a charming, entertaining account of a life that has been publicly lived.



In a review from Publishers Weekly, "The Help" (F STO K) by Kathryn Stockett is an optimistic, uplifting debut novel set during the nascent civil rights movement in Jackson, Miss., where black women were trusted to raise white children but not to polish the household silver. Eugenia Skeeter Phelan is just home from college in 1962, and — anxious to become a writer — is advised to hone her chops by writing about what disturbs you. The budding social activist begins to collect the stories of the black women on whom the country club sets relies and mistrusts, enlisting the help of Aibileen, a maid who's raised 17 children, and Aibileen's best friend Minny, who's found herself unemployed more than a few times after mouthing off to her white employers. The book Skeeter puts together based on their stories is scathing and shocking, bringing pride and hope to the black community, while giving Skeeter the courage to break down her personal boundaries and pursue her dreams. Assured and layered, full of heart and history, this one has bestseller written all over it. This book was recommended by a patron

David Baldacci is an acclaimed writer of both fiction and television. In "Divine Justice" (F BAL D), former CIA assassin Oliver Stone (aka John Carr) boards a New Orleans–bound train at Washington's Union Station after shooting to death a well-known U.S. senator and the nation's intelligence chief, the two men responsible for his wife's murder. Ever the Good Samaritan, Stone intervenes in a fight on the train, but when the Amtrak conductor asks to see his ID, he gets off at the next station, knowing his fake ID won't withstand scrutiny. So much for Stone's vaunted ability as a resourceful planner. This sudden detour takes Stone to Divine, Va., a mining town where he becomes enmeshed in corruption and intrigue — and falls, in just one of several clichéd situations, for an attractive if beleaguered widow. This review is from Booklist.

Our Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us. Johnny is tinkering with it, and we will begin adding items to the calendar, book reviews, cool sites to visit and anything else we can think of. You can reach Johnny at the reference desk at hclref@hotmail.com.

Plans are being made for the Summer Reading Program. Donna is preparing crafts, speakers, projects and other fun things for young readers to enjoy. SRP will be held in the basement children's room each Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. during the month of June. Children who are in Pre-k to grade 6 may begin registering May 1; registration ends May 31.

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

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American Profile

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Never Is a Long Time

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♠ K 6 4
♥ A Q J
♦ Q 10 8
♣ Q J 7 2

WEST
♠ Q J 10 8 5
♥ 10 7 4 3
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♣ A 9 5

EAST
♠ A 9 7
♥ 2
♦ 9 7 5 3 2
♣ 8 6 4 3

SOUTH
♠ 3 2
♥ K 9 8 6 5
♦ A K J 6
♣ K 10

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥			

Opening lead — queen of spades.

General rules are helpful in the bidding and play of many hands, but they can be self-defeating when they are applied indiscriminately. The player who blindly follows "standard procedure" is sure to stumble occasionally because he does not recognize that there are valid exceptions to many rules.

Consider this deal where West muffed a chance to defeat four hearts. He led the queen of spades, followed by the jack and another spade. When South ruffed and then led the ten of clubs, West made the mistake of following low. After the ten held, declarer cashed the A-Q-J of hearts, led a diamond to the king, drew West's last trump and cashed his remaining diamonds to produce 10 tricks.

Had West been more alert, he would have defeated the contract by taking the club ten with the ace and returning a spade. True, this would present South with a ruff-and-discard — he could ruff in one hand and discard from the other — but West was in position to know that the ruff-discard would not help declarer; on the contrary, it could only harm him.

All players are taught to avoid yielding a ruff-and-discard like the plague, but this broad advice is not intended to cover every conceivable case and should surely have been ignored by West in the present deal.

West should realize that if the spade is ruffed in dummy, his ten of trumps will become a trick, while if declarer ruffs in his own hand instead, West will (unless South started with six hearts) then have more trumps than declarer and will eventually score a trump trick. The dictum against yielding a ruff-and-discard — and for that matter the advice to play second-hand low — should not be applied when the violation is clearly beneficial to the defense.

Tomorrow: A light in the tunnel.

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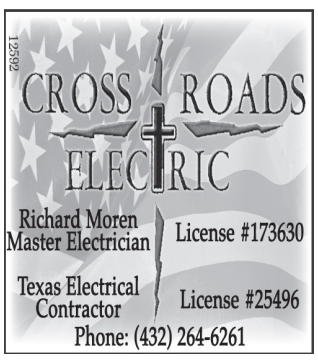
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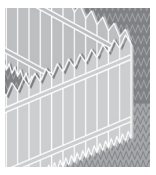


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From left, Keep Big Spring Beautiful members Pat Simmons and Debbie Wegman are shown with Rosie and Roger Heyer, co-managers of the Best Western Palace Inn Tuesday afternoon. The motel, Big Spring's newest, was named May winner of the "Doing Your Part" Award, presented to the residence or business that helps with beautification efforts in the city.

Record attempt reaps 217K texts, $26K phone bill

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Their thumbs sure must be sore.

Two central Pennsylvania friends spent most of March in a text-messaging record attempt, exchanging a thumbs-flying total of 217,000.

For one of the two, that meant an inches-thick itemized bill for $26,000.

Nick Andes, 29, and Doug Klinger, 30, were relying on their unlimited text messaging plans to get them through the escapade, so Andes didn't expect such a big bill.

"It came in a box that cost $27.55 to send to me," he said Tuesday. He said he "panicked" and called T-Mobile, which told The Associated Press it had credited his account.

News in brief

Prosecutors bring charges against teenaged pirate

NEW YORK (AP) — Prosecutors say Abdiwali Abdiqadir Muse was not shy about making his presence known on the Maersk Alabama, brazenly tearing through the ship in a way that belied his young age and skinny, 5-foot-2 frame.

He was the first to board the ship, he fired a shot at the captain, he helped steal $30,000 in cash from a safe, and he bragged about hijacking ships in the past, authorities said.

But the swagger authorities say the 18-year-old displayed on the ship had evaporated by the time he entered a federal courtroom Tuesday to face a piracy charge that carries a mandatory life prison sentence. He is the first pirate charged in the United States in more than a century.

The tough demeanor he was alleged to have shown on the high seas dissolved into audible sobs as his lawyers notified the court that they had spoken to his family in Somalia.

When the judge asked him if he understood that court-appointed lawyers would represent him, the teenager responded through a translator: "I understand. I don't have any money."

He still had a tattered white bandage on his left hand that resulted from getting stabbed by a sailor during the skirmish.

Fiancee of accused Craigslist killer says he's innocent

BOSTON (AP) — The fiancee of accused Craigslist killer Philip Markoff stood by her man and swore he couldn't hurt a fly.

And she should know: The two met in 2005 while volunteering at a medical center and became engaged three years later. They share an upscale apartment just south of Boston while awaiting their Aug. 14 nuptials on a beach at sunset.

But authorities say his computer and surveillance video paint a picture of a suspected serial criminal who targeted women offering erotic services through Craigslist. Now he's accused of killing one and suspected of robbing and tying up another. And police have said there could be more victims.

"This was a brutal, vicious crime — savage, and it shows Philip Markoff is a man who is willing to take advantage of women, to hurt them, to beat them, to rob them," District Attorney Daniel Conley said Tuesday. "He probably thought he was going to get away with it. He thought he was too smart for us."

Police also say they found a semi-automatic weapon, duct tape and restraints — what prosecutors called "critical, powerful" evidence — in the couple's Quincy apartment.

Castro says Obama 'misinterpreted' remarks

HAVANA (AP) — Fidel Castro says President Barack Obama "misinterpreted" his brother Raul's remarks regarding the United States and bristled at the suggestion that Cuba should free political prisoners or cut taxes on remittances from abroad as a goodwill gesture to the U.S.

Raul Castro touched off a whirlwind of speculation last week that the U.S. and Cuba could be headed toward a thaw in nearly a half-century of chilly relations.

The speculation began when the Cuban president said leaders would be willing to sit down with their U.S. counterparts and discuss "everything," including human rights, freedom of the press and expression, and political prisoners on the island.

Obama responded at the Summit of the Americas by saying Washington seeks a new beginning with Cuba, but he also said Sunday that Cuba should release some political prisoners and reduce official taxes on remittances sent to the island from the U.S.

That appeared to enrage Fidel Castro, 82, who wrote in an essay posted on a government Web site that Obama "without a doubt misinterpreted Raul's declarations."

The former president appeared to be throwing a dose of cold water on growing expectations for improved bilateral relations — suggesting Obama had no right to dare suggest that Cuba make even small concessions.

He also seemed to suggest too much was being made of Raul's comments about discussing "everything" with U.S. authorities.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Sometimes we as people do not fully understand what we are feeling until our natural reactions wake us up. Such surprises are in store as Mars, the warrior planet, enters Aries, which is his home base. There will be action between now and June 6 and it will have an effect. When people follow their impulses, things change.


HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are susceptible to seduction, especially in the form of slick advertisements. The truth is, you don't need to pay a steep cost to attain the result you desire — in fact, it might come free of charge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You work fast. You'll do twice as much as your colleagues in half the time. Try not to gloat and definitely don't expect anyone to catch up. Tonight, a Pisces or Cancer will have a calming influence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will enjoy learning the culture of a different kind of group than you would normally mix in. You will be received warmly because you are so respectful of customs that are foreign to you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Non-conformists are attracted to you and oddities delight you. Before noon, you will already have experienced one weird and wonderful occurrence. Stay receptive and you'll be entertained all day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll look back fondly on the strange unfolding of this day. You may be caught off guard by a turn of events, but you quickly regain your balance. Aries or Sagittarius beams a little sunshine in your life this afternoon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Wander and explore. You will meet interesting characters along your way. Also you'll get an answer to something that's been perplexing. Singles may run into a future sweetheart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You might not think that you are searching for tenderness, affection and friendship, but you'll find it anyway, and when you do you'll realize how much you needed it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You could be feeling overly reserved and will benefit from counteracting those shy tendencies with a friendly action. Start up a conversation. Your life may not be changed by the discourse, but then again, it could be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your ideas are interesting and important so be sure to express them in a way that will be easy for others to understand. When you do, you inspire others to build on your work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be honoring someone, perhaps in a casual, low-key way. Consider turning up the effort a few notches. Make the extra gesture to create a specific and memorable experience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There will be an opportunity to get training in some area in which you'd like to, or need to, improve. Your finances will improve when you become proficient in this regard and add new skills to your set.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your whimsical and spontaneous mood will inspire once-in-a-lifetime occurrences. Events line up in an unlikely order. By the time you go to sleep you will have been through an entire array of emotions.

ASTROLOGY 101: WHAT ARE TAURUS PEOPLE LIKE?: Venus-ruled Taurus is attuned to the bountiful beauty of the earth. Taurus is keenly aware of what pleases the senses and from an early age starts to discern the very best that life has to offer from anything sub par.

This pleasure-seeking sign believes in appreciating the splendorous array of what's available. Life is for the living! According to Taurus, lovely experiences should be had each day.

Luxury is a state of mind. The phase that accompanies Taurus is "I have" and many Taurus people are collectors. They are excellent at learning all there is to know about the things they collect because this helps them maintain their possessions, as well as find value and enjoyment in them. The symbol of Taurus is the bull and they can definitely be as stubborn as one.

They can be strongly individualistic, unafraid to take a different opinion or direction than others in a group. However, they also can go along with the group if it pleases them, seems like more fun and is their own idea.

Taurus rules the throat and often those born under a Taurus sun have an interesting voice because it is particularly strong, soothing or unique in character.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: He has been nominated 12 times for Academy Awards and has won the Oscar three times. Jack Nicholson is an icon of "cool." This treasure of American cinema has legendary charm. His anti-authority air is reflected in his natal chart — sun, Mercury and Uranus in stubborn, independent Taurus. Venus in Aries indicates a fiery, passionate approach to anything he loves (or hates!).

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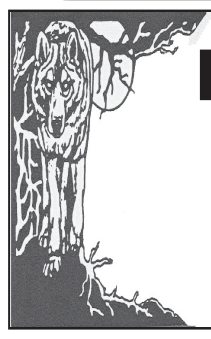
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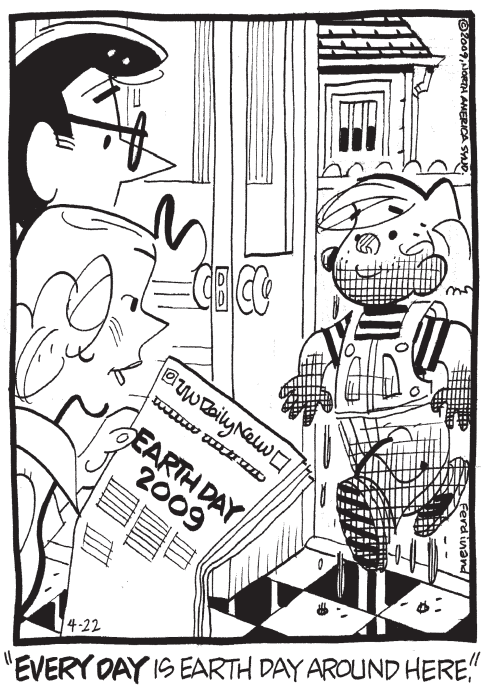
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Thank you
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5 :PM	News	News	Locura	Lopez	News	Noticias	News	Raymond	Cortes	BBC	Cash Cab	**Movie:** *Reign of Fire*	CSI: NY	Bones	*106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live*	Phineas	Horn	SportsCenter
:30	ABC	ABC	Noticiero	Lopez	CBS	Noticiero	NBC	Friends	Harris	Business	Cash Cab					Montana	Interrupt	
6 :PM	News	Jeopardy!	Tontas Cielo	Two Men	News	12 Cora-zones	News	Seinfeld	Mark	News-Lehrer	Time Warp		CSI: Crime Scn	Law & Order		Suite Life	Football	Homecoming
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7 :PM	Scrubs	Scrubs	Cuidado-Ángel	Lie to Me	Christine	Doña Bar-bara	Law & Order	Payne	Israel	Secrets of the Dead	Time Warp	**Movie:** *Bat-man Begins, Liam Neeson*	CSI: Crime Scn	NBA Basketball: First Round -- Teams TBA.	**Movie:** *Waist Deep, Larenz Tate*	**Movie:** *Minutemen*	SportsCenter	*MLB Base-ball: New York Mets at St. Louis Cardinals.*
:30	Better Off	Better Off			Gary			Payne	House				UFC Un-leashed				PBA Bowling	
8 :PM	Lost	Lost	Mañana es	American Idol	Criminal Minds	El Rostro de Analia	Law & Order: SVU	Payne	Light of the Southwest	Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean Adventures	MythBusters					Phineas		
:30								Payne			Pitchmen		The Ultimate Fighter		Game	Wizards	Baseball Tonight	
9 :PM	(:02) The Unusuals	(:02) The Unusuals	Don Fran-cisco	TMZ	Criminal Minds	Sin Senos	Law & Order	Payne						NBA Basketball: First Round -- Teams TBA.	**Movie:** *Waist Deep, Larenz Tate*	Montana		
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10 :PM	News	News	Impacto	Raymond	News	Noticiero	News	Sex &	Israel	Charlie Rose	Time Warp	**Movie:** *Catwoman, Sharon Stone*			So Raven			
:30	Nightline	Nightline	Noticiero	King-Hill	Late Show	Decisiones de	Tonight Show	Sex &	Dr. Young				CSI: NY			Life De	NASCAR	Baseball Tonight
11 :PM	Insider	Jimmy Kim-mel Live	La Casa de la Risa	Law Order: CI	Late Late Show	Decisiones de	Late Night-Jim	My Boys	CCM	Smiley	MythBusters				Harlem	Cory	NFL Live	
:30	Jimmy Kim-mel Live	Extra	Contra Viento	RENO 911	Consumer	Insider	Pagado	Pagado	**Movie:** *Out of Time, Sanaa Lathan*	House	Smiley				Game	Replace	Football	SportsCenter
12 :AM	News	Paid	Mujer...	Friends	Entertain	Pagado	**Pelicula:**	News	Israel	(Off Air)	Pitchmen	*Breaking Bad*	*Amazing Video*	*Inside the NBA*	Game	Kim	Fastbreak	
:30	Paid	Basco	Güereja	Consumer	Paid			Poker After Dark	Sanchez						The Deal	Emperor	NHRA Drag Racing:	SportsCenter
1 :AM	Paid	Paid						**Movie:** *The*	Light of the Southwest		Into the Unknown	Return to House	Disorderly Con.	Law & Order		Dragon		
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"EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY AROUND HERE."

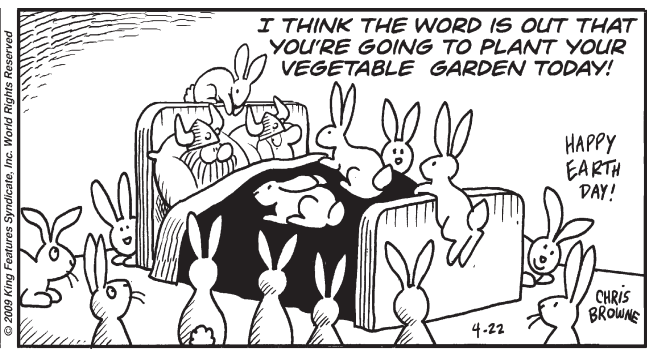
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"... because havin' her here makes life GRAND!"

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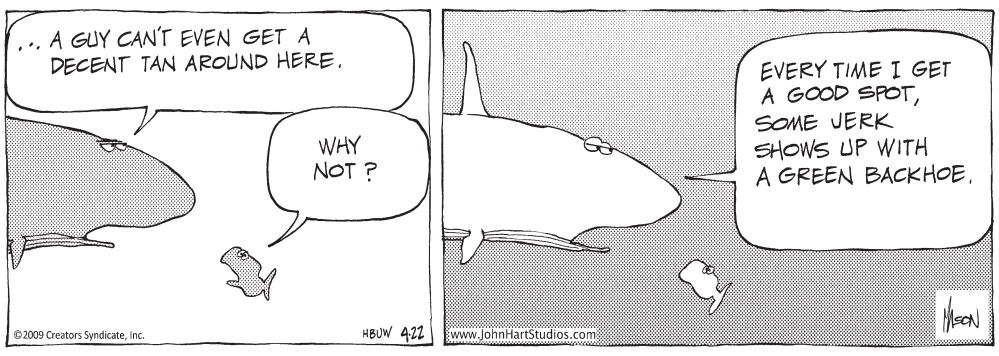


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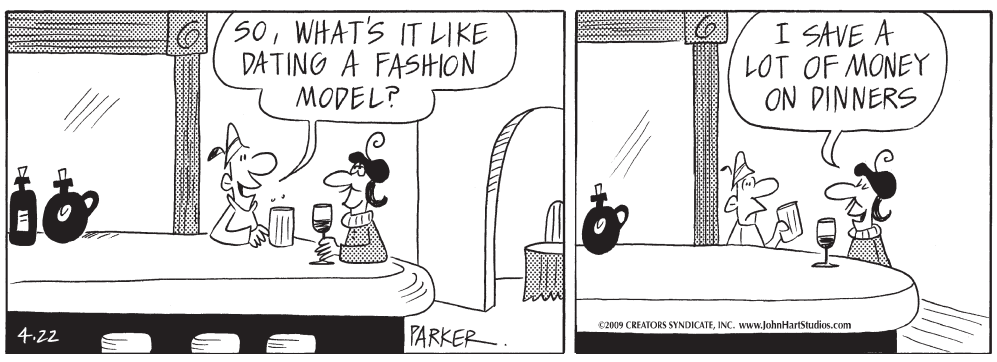
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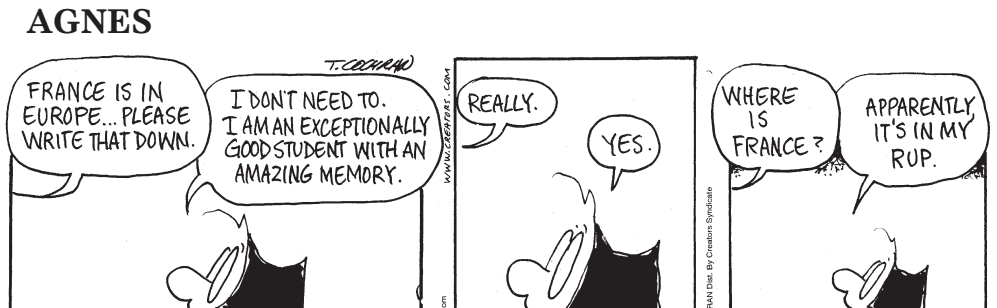
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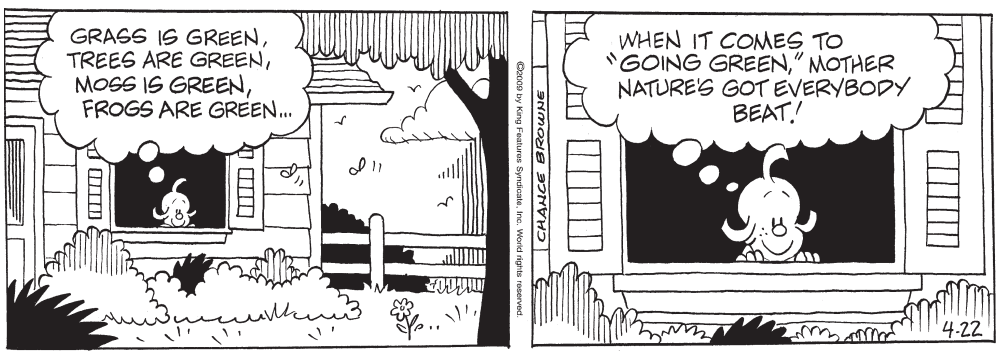
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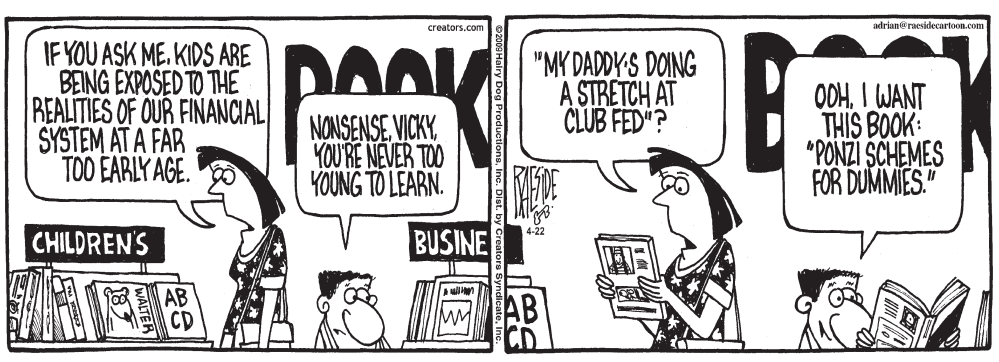
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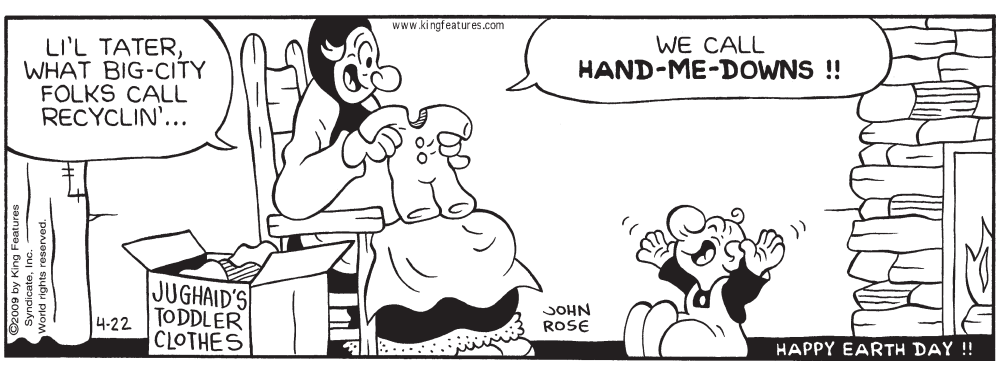
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THE OTHER COAST



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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, April 22, the 112th day of 2009. There are 253 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 22, 1898, with the United States and Spain on the verge of formally declaring war, the U.S. Navy began blockading Cuban ports. The USS Nashville captured a Spanish merchant ship, the Buena Ventura, off Key West, Fla. Congress authorized creation of the 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry, also known as the "Rough Riders."

On this date:

In 1864, Congress authorized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

In 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.

In 1938, 45 workers were killed in a coal mine explosion at Keen Mountain in Buchanan County, Va.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began invading Japanese-held New Guinea with amphibious landings at Hollandia and Aitape.

In 1954, the publicly televised sessions of the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings began.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson opened the New York World's Fair.

In 1970, millions of Americans concerned about the environment observed the first "Earth Day."

In 1983, the West German news magazine Stern announced the discovery of 60 volumes of personal diaries purportedly written by Adolf Hitler. However, the diaries turned out to be a hoax.

In 1994, Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, died at a New York hospital four days after suffering a stroke; he was 81.

In 2000, in dramatic pre-dawn raid, armed immigration agents seized Elian Gonzalez from his relatives' home in Miami; Elian was reunited with his father at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington.

Today's Birthdays: Actor George Cole is 84. Actress Charlotte Rae is 83. Actress Estelle Harris is 77. Singer Glen Campbell is 73. Actor Jack Nicholson is 72. Singer Mel Carter is 66. Author Janet Evanovich is 66. Country singer Cleve Francis is 64. Movie director John Waters is 63. Singer Peter Frampton is 59. Rock singer-musician Paul Carrack (Mike and the Mechanics; Squeeze) is 58. Actor Joseph Bottoms is 55. Actor Ryan Stiles is 50. Boston Red Sox manager Terry Francona is 50. Comedian Byron Allen is 48. Actor Chris Makepeace is 45. Rock musician Fletcher Dragge is 43. Actor Jeffrey Dean Morgan is 43. Actress Sheryl Lee is 42. Actress-talk show host Sherri Shepherd is 42.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Fido's foot
4 Disputes
9 Suspect's story
14 "That's disgusting!"
15 Carnation location
16 Odometer count
17 Sis' sibling
18 Monthly mail
20 Sandwich filler
22 Nev. neighbor
23 Assign a value to
24 Arena attraction
26 Thin nails
28 Queue
30 Takes risks
33 Deck the halls, perhaps
35 Functions
36 Pal of Tom and Huck
39 Words to live by
40 After-school org.
41 Minute amount
43 Beer alternative
44 More like a fox
46 South Pacific nation
47 Giants of rock
49 Landlord's collection
50 Wholesale quantity
52 Fries and onion rings
54 Advance
55 Shoebox letters
58 Features of some sports cars
61 Playhouse presentation
64 Chihuahua cheer
65 Chihuahua farewell
66 Lake near Reno
67 Innovative
68 Small sample
69 What matter is
70 Slip into

DOWN
1 Servers of 43 Across
2 Taj Mahal city
3 Music symbol
4 Irrigation channel
5 Feast activity
6 News serv.
7 Supermarket section
8 Lost traction
9 Author Tan
10 Virgo neighbors
11 Trojan War epic
12 Auto parts
13 Wight, for one
19 Coffee or water follower
21 Turn aside
25 Downtown L.A. attraction
27 Sits down
28 Priest of Tibet
29 Teen fave
31 Tour-book listing
32 Sounds loudly
34 They smell
36 Daniel Craig character
37 Computer-screen image
38 Substantial portion
42 Not as common
45 Strong light
47 Witticism
48 *Friends*, e.g.
50 Party cheese
51 Director Harold
53 Fists, informally
54 Exam for an atty.-to-be
56 *"Cómo __ usted?"*
57 French state
59 Butter alternative
60 Stitched up
62 Language ending
63 "What have we here!"

