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Chaplains corps seeks volunteers

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The local Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is looking for a few good men and women to lend a hand — and a shoulder — when tragedy strikes in the Crossroads area.


Miller

Chaplain Joel Miller, who handles the training of prospective chaplains in the program, said the group is looking for area volunteers to help fill the gaps sometimes left amid tragic situations.

"The program is carried out by volunteers and works through grants and local donations," Miller said. "We used to wait to hold classes until we had enough trainees, but we've changed the way we do that. Now, we train them on an individual basis year round, which really allows for a better experience for everyone."

Miller said chaplains with the program often help fill a very tough void in the lives of people who find their lives shaken by tragedy.

"All of us are religious men. Most of us are pastors," Miller said. "We're prepared to do whatever we can to help the families. We make telephone calls for them, help them make funeral arrangements. We've also presided over funerals for the families that don't have pastors of their own. Most of all, we try to show them the love of God and that whatever has happened to them isn't the end of the world. That's one of our

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HERALD file photo

Area schoolchildren perform a medley of songs in the Texas State Capitol Rotunda during Howard County Day in Austin in this March 2009 file photo. The bus carrying people to this year's Howard County Day at the Capitol leaves the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum parking lot at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Staff gets OK to resell bonds

City hopes to realize $5,000 or more in savings

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With barely a quorum, the Big Spring City Council approved a measure Monday night that could save the municipality thousands in the coming years on general obligation bonds.

The council — with members Stephanie Horton (District 1), Manuel Ramirez Jr. (District 2) and Terry Hansen (District 6) absent — approved the ordinance on a unanimous vote, giving the city administration the go-ahead to refinance bonds in an effort to take advantage of lower interest rates.

According to City Finance Director Peggy Walker, the measure will allow the city administration to re-sell bonds quickly as long as the overall savings is $5,000 or more and the change won't lengthen the period it takes for the note to be paid off.

Unfortunately, how much the measure could save during the next several years is anyone's guess, according to Lubbock-based First Southwest representative Eric Macha.

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Water smart

Council signs on to CRMWD education, conservation program

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Anticipating a shortage of water in the coming months, Big Spring City Council on Tuesday approved first reading of a resolution supporting and participating in a regional water education and conservation program developed and implemented by the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

CRMWD lakes, current level (as of Jan. 31):

J.B. Thomas, 11,256 acre feet (5.61% full)

E.V. Spence, 13,997 acre feet (2.71% full)

O.H. Ivie, 177,150 acre feet (31.96% full)

Talks between CRMWD and its member cities have been ongoing for some time now, centering around water conservation heading into the coming summer.

According to City Manager Gary Fuqua, the water district is launching an education campaign that includes an advertising blitz to remind water customers of the importance of water conservation in the area.

Two of the water district's four main sources of water — Lakes Thomas and Spence — are at critically low levels, leaving Lake

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4 agencies to vanish under Perry plan

JAY ROOT
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry will ask the Legislature on Tuesday to indefinitely suspend funding for four Texas agencies and consolidate the functions of dozens more as part of a sweeping budget plan that would make deep spending reductions across state government.

Funding for the Texas Historical Commission and the Texas Commission on the Arts would be eliminated altogether, according to a summary of Perry's top government efficiency proposals obtained by The Associated Press ahead of Perry's State of the State address on Tuesday.

Those two agencies, which provide funding for the promotion of Texas arts and culture and the upkeep of state historic structures, were given over $100 million in the previous budget when bond proceeds and federal dollars are counted.

Two smaller agencies, the Board of Professional Geoscientists and the Board of Professional Land Surveying — which oversee licensing requirements for people in those professions — would also disappear under a list of "suspensions/consolidations" that will accompany the governor's budget proposal to the Legislature, documents obtained by the AP show. Those agencies got about

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Obituaries

Letha Margaret Nunley



Letha Margaret Nunley, 89, passed away Feb. 6, 2011, at Hospice House in Odessa. She was born Dec. 2, 1921, in Honey Grove.

Her long career in public education began in Big Spring, where she taught first grade from 1951 until 1965. After completing two masters degrees from Texas Tech University, she moved to Odessa to accept a position as a speech pathologist. She was promoted to supervisor of special education in 1970 with Ector County Independent School District. Mrs. Nunley retired after 40 years of service to the district.

Mrs. Nunley served on the Texas Council for Exceptional Children, where she was president of the South Plains Chapter. She held membership in the American Speech and Hearing Association, Texas Professional Educators, Texas Association of Children with Learning Disabilities, American Association of Realtors and Delta Kappa Gamma. She was chosen for Who's Who of American Women in 1981.

She attended St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church with her beloved husband, Ronnie Nunley, for 38 years.

Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors, located at 4635 Oakwood Dr. in Odessa.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, located at 7601 N. Grandview in Odessa. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens on Highway 80 in Odessa.

Mrs. Nunley was preceded in death by parents, four brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her husband, Ronnie Nunley; son, Pat Armstrong of Big Spring; and daughter, Jean Armstrong of Carlsbad, Calif. Grandchildren are Whit Armstrong of The Woodlands; Holley Armstrong of Lubbock and Austin McKeever of Oceanside, Calif. There are six great-grandchildren.

Services are entrusted to Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Paid obituary

James P. Washburn

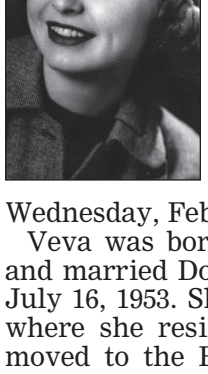
SAN ANGELO — James P. Washburn, 72, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011, at his residence. Visitation will be Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 8 and 9, 2011, at the funeral home. Graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011, at Pioneer Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home/Grape Creek.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Washburn of San Angelo; his son, Ricky Washburn of Big Spring; and his brother, Don Washburn of Wichita Falls.

George Ferguson

George Ferguson, 70, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Vevagene 'MeMa' Williams



Vevagene "MeMa" Williams, 78, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, went to be with our Lord on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Calvary Callender, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011, at the funeral home.

Veva was born Dec. 17, 1932, in Fairfax, Okla., and married Don Williams, also of Big Spring, on July 16, 1953. She moved to Big Spring as a child, where she resided until she and husband, Don, moved to the Baptist Retirement Community in San Angelo in October 2010.

Veva attended Big Spring schools and graduated from North Texas University with a degree in education. She taught in public schools for 26 years prior to her retirement. She loved the Lord and was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring. Veva was very active as a teenager in Rainbow Girls and attained the state position of grand worthy advisor. Veva loved to travel with her husband, Don, especially to the Rocky Mountains of New Mexico and Colorado. She also loved traveling to the Texas Hill Country to view the wildflowers in the spring.

She enjoyed sitting on her front porch at her home south of Forsan looking at all the wildlife. She also enjoyed reading, especially books about Biblical heroes and her Lord, Jesus Christ. She loved making quilts with her quilting group in Big Spring.

Her family was first and foremost to her. She really enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Don Williams of San Angelo; daughters, Cindy Brooks and husband Dean of San Angelo and Kay Sauls and husband Don of Odessa; four grandchildren, Leslie Gentry, Blake Alderton, Terry Sauls and Kayla Sauls; and five great-grandchildren, Kelsey, Shawn and Haley Harris and Faith and Paige Gentry.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J.B. and Ruth Apple.

The family suggests memorials be made to In Touch Ministry, P.O. Box 7900, Atlanta, Ga. 30357 or online at www.intouch.org; or to the Salvation Army National Organization, located online at www.salvationarmyusa.org

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

Paid obituary

Norma Nell Kelley

Norma Nell Kelley, 85, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

• MARIO ILDEFONSO SALAZAR, 21, of 1604 E. 11th Place, was arrested Monday on a charge of burglary of a habitation – assault.

• TAMMIE KAY ROGERS, 30, of 3410 Sherrod, was arrested Monday on a warrant for disregarding a stop sign.

• KODY CHANCE JACKSON, 25, of 3217 Fenn, was arrested Monday on warrants for speeding, failure to appear (four counts), no inspection certificate, driving while license invalid and expired license plate.

• JIMMY MELCHOR, 48, of 710 E. 14th St., was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.

• QUENTIN O'BRIAN DICKSON, 35, of 2626 Fairchild, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

• THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Third Street.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 2700 block of Cindy.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

• ROBERT ALLEN STOVER, 54, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a Wichita County warrant for criminal trespass – bond forfeiture.

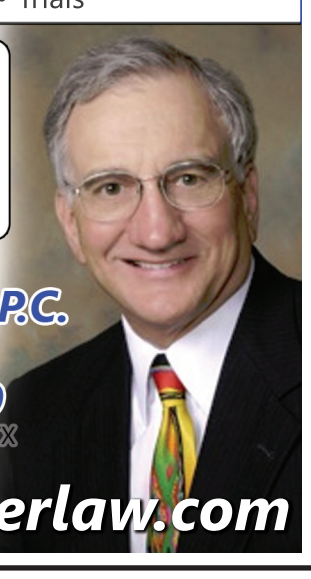
• KODY CHANCE JACKSON, 25, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for speeding, violation of a promise to appear (four counts), no valid inspection certificate, driving while license invalid and expired driver's license.

• JIMMY RAY MELCHOR, 48, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated – second offense.

• GILBERTO CORONA, 31, was arrested Monday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a Midland County warrant for failure to appear – assault causing bodily injury (family violence) and motions to revoke probation for criminal mischief (two counts).

• QUENTIN O'BRIAN DICKSON, 35, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a

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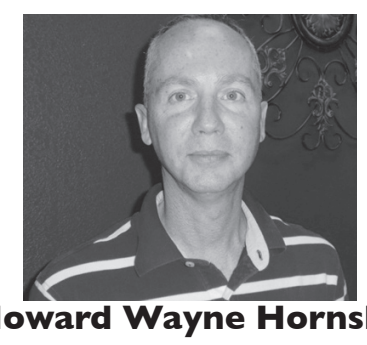
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Howard Wayne Hornsby



Howard Wayne Hornsby, 52, of Big Spring passed away on February 1, 2011 at his mother's home in Bedford, Texas. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring, Texas. The family requests in lieu of flowers please send donations in his honor to Signal Mountain Emmaus Community, PO Box 2997, Big Spring, Tx 79721 or Howard Hornsby Foundation, 901 Main St., Big Spring, Tx. 79720.

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• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will hold its annual pancake supper from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 11 at the Howard College Cafeteria. Tickets are $5 per person and can be obtained from any Kiwanis Club member or by contacting Don McGonagill at 267-7601.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 2/9	Thu 2/10	Fri 2/11	Sat 2/12	Sun 2/13
36/15	47/22	58/27	67/35	75/41
Intermittent snow showers and windy early.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 20s.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.
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Texas At A Glance



CHAPLAINS

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main goals.

"Also, law enforcement can't always stay there, but we can. We can stay there until other members of the family arrive. One of my chaplains stayed up until 12:30 a.m. at the hospital with a woman who had just lost her husband in a traffic accident. The next morning, he got up and went back to the hospital to stay with her until her family arrived from Nebraska."

Chaplains work alongside emergency services personnel in many different circumstances, according to Miller.

"The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps was formed about five-and-a-half years ago," he said. "We now have chaplains trained and serving law enforcement, the fire department, emergency medical services, the hospital emergency room and Victim Services, just to name a few.

"We give comfort and contact to those who need it. We help with any of the planning and other things that need to go on in people's lives after something tragic happens. We go with law enforcement officers when they have to deliver death notices or critical incidents to family members."

Miller said the emergency responders are as much a part of the training process as the men and women who volunteer their time.

"We invite representatives from all of the different agencies we serve, and they come in and talk to us about what they expect from us as chaplains," Miller said. "We also serve as counselors for the members of the different agencies we serve. When a policeman has to see a small child who's had his head crushed by a car, he needs to be able to relieve himself of that. There are two of us who are trained as counselors."

Those interested in being a chaplain in the program had best brace themselves when getting the details from Miller, as the local pastor said he doesn't sugarcoat the ups and downs of what he and the other chaplains do.

"I never pull any punches when I talk to people interested in participating in the program. I always give them the worst scenarios I've seen in three-and-a-half years, that way they will have an idea of what to expect," he said. "It can be pretty rough at times.

"They have to be approved by the program's board of directors and undergo an extensive background search. If they are not already a pastor, they have to have a recommendation from their pastor pertaining to their character.

"It's a calling from God," he added firmly. "And it very definitely has to be a calling, because you can't go through some of the things we've had to see and do if you're not supported by God."

Anyone interested in learning more about the program can do so by contacting Miller at 432-213-1221.

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

BONDS

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"How much the city can save depends solely on the interest rates, and no one really knows what they will do," Macha told the council members. "They reached an all-time low recently. However, based just on a .01 percent change, that can change the amount saved from the $25,000 we're looking at now to something much lower.

"No one really knows what's going to happen with interest rates between now and then, so it's impossible to project an accurate amount the city will save. All of the costs associated with selling the bonds have been figured in."

Mayor Tommy Duncan said the ordinance is a step in the right direction.

"I think any time we can save the taxpayers some money, we should do everything we can to make that happen," Duncan said.

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WATER

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Ivie and the Ward County underground water well fields as CRMWD's only dependable sources of water, according to CRMWD General Manager John Grant.

Grant confirmed that maximum water deliveries to member cities will be cut by 10 percent effective Feb. 1.

A reduction in maximum deliveries won't adversely effect water deliveries until the peak months of June through August, when demand is at its highest, Grant said.

This marks the first time in the water district's 61-year history that it has had to restrict water deliveries, he added, but with no significant rainfall in the long-range forecast, CRMWD's decision became unavoidable.

"We were faced with this situation last summer … but we had some good rains, and just enough inflow into Spence to keep things going," Grant said. "But right now, I'm just not seeing it. The weather outlook for the next six months is not good."

Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua recently told the city council officials from the district's member cities were meeting to help plan efforts to deal with the upcoming rationing.

"At the same time, we're looking at ways to save water here in the city," Fuqua said. "We're also looking at our available reserve funds for possible water main replacement projects … and identify areas that need repair or replacement.

"We are going to develop a plan to deal with this situation and hopefully we'll take action in the very near future," Fuqua added.

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$2.4 million to spend in the current budget.

Taken together, the proposals to zero out funding for some agencies while consolidating others would save the state about $50 million. That's a tiny fraction of the multibillion dollar budget shortfall confronting lawmakers this year, but it marks a significant departure from what other Republican leaders are discussing.

Perry's office declined to discuss in detail the governor's policy initiatives ahead of his speech scheduled for Tuesday morning in the Texas House of Representatives. But spokesman Mark Miner said the governor would talk about "streamlining government and making it more efficient."

"State government must live within its means," Miner said.

Texas is facing a budget shortfall of at least $15 billion. Republican leaders from Perry on down are vowing not to raise any new taxes to make up the shortfall. Like the draft budgets already released in the House and Senate, Perry will propose billions of dollars in cuts that would make dramatic reductions touching every corner of the state budget.

There will be plenty of give-and-take before the Legislature concludes its regular session at the end of May. But Perry's bureaucratic streamlining proposals represent a different approach from draft proposals being debated in the two chambers.

Besides the four agencies that would go away, Perry would target at least 21 agencies for consolidation and put their responsibilities into 11. He would put the Texas Facilities Commission, which oversees government buildings, into the General Land Office, for example.

Perry would also create a new Health Professions Agency, and fold into it a variety of agencies that oversee health professionals — including the Texas Medical Board, the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners, the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Dental Examiners.

The governor traditionally submits a budget to the Legislature every year, but they are under no obligation to enact any of it. The governor's main budgetary authority comes from his veto power, including "line-item" discretion to zero out specific spending proposals.

"The governor doesn't talk about any kind of vetoes until the end of the session," said Miner, the Perry spokesman. "It's premature to talk about vetoes until something hits his desk."

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we put You at the top of our priorities, Lord. Amen

Discriminatory application of laws

Is there anything about the Obama administration that doesn't reek of discriminatory application and enforcement of laws and the arbitrary and capricious abuse of power?



DAVID LIMBAUGH

Obama's best defense against the charge that he's doing outrageous things is that to correctly accuse him of committing these actions makes one look like a kook. Viewed alone, they are quite disconcerting. Taken together, especially with levels of audacity and arrogance that would impress any tyrant, they are immensely troubling.

Obama's selective and inequitable wielding of governmental power suggests that he's on a mission to correct perceived injustices, to settle the score or to exact revenge. His attitude lends credence to this.

Everything about his governance smacks of picking winners and losers and defying accountability — just because he can and no one is going to stop him. On the accountability point, consider that his Department of Justice didn't bother to file responsive pleadings until way past the default deadline in a major lawsuit by Missouri officials against the feds on Obamacare.

Now he's openly defied Rep. Darrell Issa's document request deadline — sending a signal that these executive thugs can just do whatever they darn well please without consequences.

It's one thing for a branch of government to hold its own against another on a matter involving a bona fide separation of powers issue, but this case is hardly that dramatic. Issa is requesting information from Department of Homeland Security officials about alleged political interference with Freedom of Information Act requests. Adding insult and outrage to injury, Issa believes that top DHS officials instructed career employees not to search for the requested documents.

You've also doubtlessly read about the ongoing discriminatory exemptions from Obamacare the Department of Health and Human Services has granted to entities — the number now exceeding 700, with more than 2 million enrollees — many of which are heavy contributors to Obama's political campaign.

CNSNews.com reports that the administration gave one-year waivers to 28 separate local chapters of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, exempting them from an Obamacare requirement that bans annual limits on what insurance plans will pay for coverage. The UFCW's political action committee spent $673,309 in independent expenditures promoting Obama's 2008 election. Further, columnist Michelle Malkin reports that one-fourth of waivers have been in favor of Big Labor groups.

Do you suppose there's any possibility under the sun the administration was upfront with the Congressional Budget Office about these upcoming waivers when it submitted its data seeking a passing score on Obamacare's budgetary impact?

Then there's the matter of Obama's lawless Environmental Protection Agency's issuing global warming rules in January, which is a flagrant circumvention of the will of the people, who, through their duly elected representatives in Congress, have rejected radical environmentalist cap-and-trade legislation.

As if that weren't bad enough, in February, this same EPA granted an exemption to Obama pal Jeff Immelt's General Electric for its stalled power plant project in California. If the agency is so worried about greenhouse gas emissions, why would it go out of its way to "grandfather" a plant under the old regulations?

Even the administration's new "Startup America" program, designed to help struggling small businesses with infusions of capital and other federal assistance, involves the federal bureaucracy sticking its nose in the private sector and making itself the sugar daddy and arbiter of who gets government aid. This money bureaucrats will be doling out will be coming from other taxpayers trying to pay their own bills and meet their own needs — all in service to the failed notion that private business can't suck its thumb or survive without federal beneficence.

None of this should surprise us, because this is the administration that selectively applies civil rights laws based on the victims' and actors' race, punishes government watchdogs for uncovering corruption of friends of the administration, crams down a restructuring of Chrysler to favor unsecured union buddies and discriminate against secured creditors, holds border enforcement hostage to Republican capitulation on its open-border demands, subsidizes clunkers, picks winners and losers in the housing market, defies federal court orders on drilling, doles out federal "stimulus" money as if it were Don Corleone's private stash, pledges $140 billion of your money to the International Monetary Fund for redistribution to Third World countries in defiance of Congress, is already attacking and thumbing its nose at the federal order (and its issuing judge) invalidating Obamacare, and selectively targets segments of the population (the rich) and industry (fat-cat banks, discriminatory insurance companies) for government mistreatment. I'm leaving so much out.

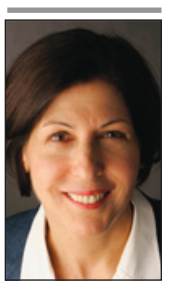
As disturbing as are this administration's bankrupting policies, its abuses and discriminatory applications of power are a very close second.

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Missing moderate Republicans

One of the more disagreeable traits of many tea party "spokespeople," aside from their loose connection with facts, is their zest for threatening Republicans who don't leap when they say "jump."



FROMA HARROP

I appreciate that these voices are largely self-appointed, and that many subscribers to the movement may not agree with this approach. But boy, it's painful to see grown statesmen cower at the commands of puffed-up "revolutionaries" inflicting damage on their party, never mind the country.

You might think that a liberal leaner like me would relish tea partiers' causing havoc in the Republican camp — storming the primaries to replace plausible candidates like Delaware's Rep. Mike Castle or Nevada state Sen. Sue Lowden with unelectables. But I don't because I want a two-party system that offers acceptable choices. And I want a political leadership that can do America's business without having to sate the populist passions of folks unacquainted with economic realities or the art of compromise.

I used to vote for select Republicans running for national office. That's become next to impossible because tea party groups have pushed GOP leaders to treat any cooperation with the Democratic foe as abject surrender. You might like your Republican, but your Republican is no longer free to act his or her conscience without being called all kinds of things.

Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar is a classic conservative with a deep understanding of foreign affairs. Tea partiers are very upset with him for pushing an arms reduction agreement with Russia. Why would they object to a treaty that has the full support of the U.S. military establishment? There's no rational explanation other than ignorance of the world we live in — or perhaps a simple lust to push powerful people around.

Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch should be nobody's idea of a liberal, but the tea party faction has been sending him through the wringer for voting yes on the financial bailout — the only responsible way to go — and for improving children's health coverage. The Tea Party Express ultimately backed off on a primary challenge to Hatch in 2012. But it has left blood in the water around which the anti-tax Club for Growth has started circling.

That was a strange spectacle, Rep. Michele Bachmann competing with her party's official response to President Obama's State of the Union address with her "tea party" version. More jarring still was Utah Rep. Jason Chaffetz's apparent need to apologize to the Minnesota Republican for calling this "bad form."

After a couple of drinks, a moderate Republican friend confided that he sometimes wishes his party would nominate Sarah Palin for president, get its clock cleaned, then go back to being old-fashioned, thinking conservatives. I ventured that the angry right is not the all-powerful force it purports to be. The Republican leadership might figure this out before the 2012 election and stand up to its incoherent demands.

Otherwise, the GOP's 2010 triumph will be a onetime deal. Presidential races bring out a broader electorate. One of the choices is very likely to be Barack Obama, whose ardent supporters are not necessarily older white people who think that every government program, except for Medicare, is socialism. Meanwhile, an improved economy will have left voters in a better mood. And those still determined to "throw the bums out" will find more Republicans among the bums.

Thus, the strong tea party brew will be greatly diluted by liberals, moderates and old-school conservatives. Republicans would do themselves a favor by recognizing this sooner rather than later: They need not fear the displeasure of Michele Bachmann as much as the displeasure she stirs in others.

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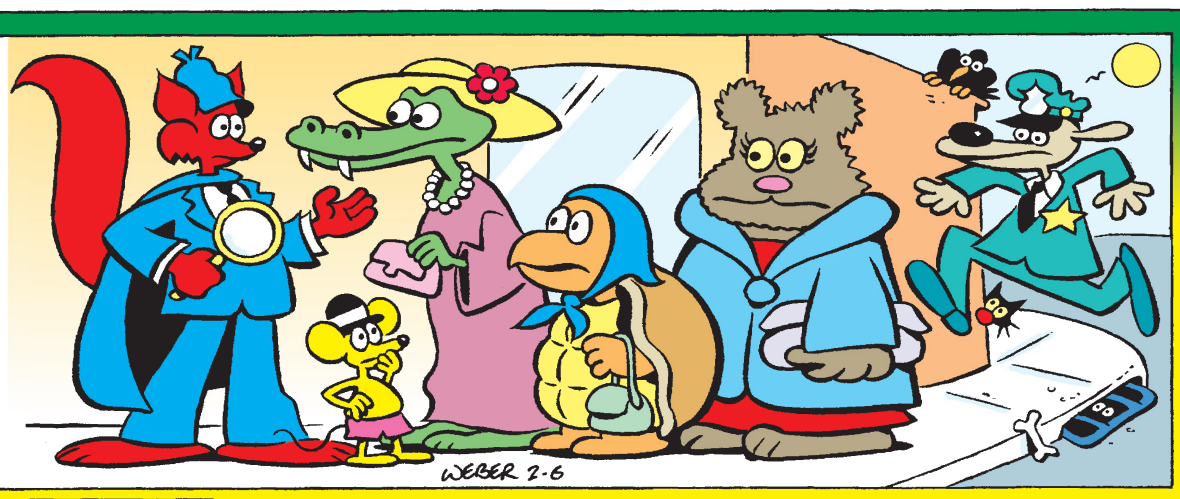
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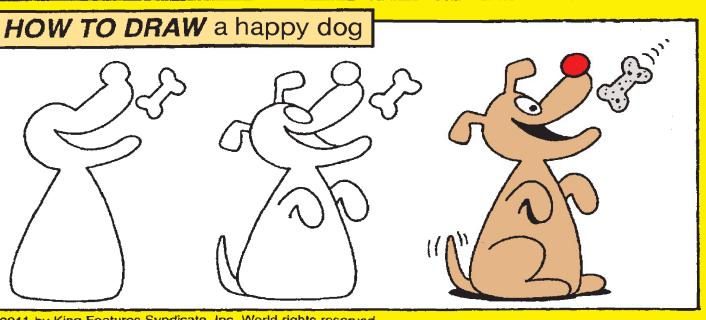
BY BOB WEBER JR.

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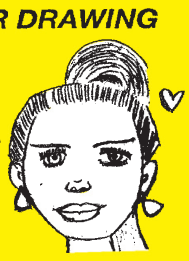


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Buteo regalis, up, up and away

BIRD POOP

By Bebe McCasland



Soaring in the emptiness of a winter sky, it had been seen for weeks. Spotted atop a weathered telephone pole, the large bird had been watched by a game warden as it searched the ground for any movement. Having seen it lift its prey as it flew away one afternoon, the officer was grateful to have shared a brief moment with such a magnificent being.

"Robert Lee," said the male voice when I asked again for a location through the static of his call. "Who?" I asked. "Not who, but where," he jokingly replied.

"Coke County," he added. Hearing me say southeast of Mitchell County, near Lake Spence, the game warden sounded grateful when I told him we'd meet him in the small community.

As Art loaded a large box in our vehicle, he was relieved to know that it was an officer who had called. Through the first years of our rescue work we had learned quickly that the words big, large, and huge were often exaggerated.

Agreeing to meet in front of the old jail afforded us the opportunity to see a part of the town's past. Sitting in his vehicle in front of the structure, the game warden said he had been there only a few minutes.



Courtesy photo

Migrating from as far north as the state of Washington and southern Canada, the ferruginous hawk winters in the southwestern part of the United States and Mexico. Included in its diet are prairie dogs, rabbits, and ground squirrels.

Inside a large dog carrier was a bird of prey much bigger than our customarily handled red-tailed hawks. Everything about this raptor was large, including its head and bill.

As I brought it out of the enclosure, the bird spread its wings. At almost five feet, its wingspan was impressive.

Maintaining its composure after being placed in a box appropriate for its size, the hawk was regal in appearance. Looking at it from above, we estimated it was, at least, two feet long.

"Did you find it? Where was the bird? Did it try to fly?" were quickly answered by the officer telling us he had noticed the hawk by the side of the road. In a familiar area to both man and bird, the terrain offered an abundance of small mammals, as well as carrion.

Jackrabbits hit during the night might have provided an easy source of food and lured the predator toward the pavement. An effort to fly only allowed it to elevate one to two feet above the ground.

As the game warden started to leave, we said we'd let him know what we found, and the outcome. Heading north, we were excited about handling our first ferruginous hawk.

After preparing an enclosure and roosts appropriate for such a large raptor, we brought the bird out of our box. Flapping its wings repeatedly acquainted us with how much air could be moved by such an array of feathers. Created by its powerful movements were strong gusts of wind.

Positioning the back of the hawk against my chest, with its head well below my face, I extended one wing, then the other. With no obvious breaks, the bird could have sustained bruising or a hairline fracture. At least someone had seen it try to fly.

When placed inside its temporary home, the raptor readily grasped with its talons a low roost. Then it turned and stared at us.

First identifying species, ornithologists had been wise to choose the adjective, ferruginous. To describe this specie's wing feathers and leggings as rusty, or the color of iron, was and is appropriate.

Seen in flight, Buteo regalis is often described as a Mexican eagle. While soaring, its white tail and head resemble in size and partial coloration our national emblem. Readily seen, but often overlooked is the dark V formed by the hawk's feathered legs as its feet come together underneath its tail.

From our freezer, a neighborhood squirrel that had met its demise by a speeding motorist, and large mice seemed satisfactory to our ravenous visitor. Fortunately, our stock of road kill did not include skunks that are known to tempt a ferruginous' palate.

At a wildlife center, the raptor utilized varying tree limbs as it acquainted itself with new surroundings. Since x-rays revealed no breaks, the bird was allowed to mend on its own. Daily exercise and short flights ensued.

Having mastered the flight cage, the ferruginous was taken to a release site that offered open plains, hills, gullies, and canyons. As it took flight, it seemed sluggish, as if its wings were too heavy for its body. Compared to other raptors, the flapping of its wings was almost awkward.

Persistent in becoming airborne, it gained altitude and speed. Soon, the gracefulness of its species became evident.

A February thermal helped elevate it into ever widening circles. Reintroduced into its realm, the sky, the grandiose bird of prey soon was lost in the welcoming clouds.

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

Take time to watch the sunset

PARENT'S CORNER

By Darrell Ryan



I read a story recently about Lisa Beamer, who appeared on Good Morning America. She's the wife of Todd Beamer, who was killed when he helped take down the plane over Pennsylvania that was heading for Washington DC on 9/11. She said it's the little things that she misses most about Todd, such as hearing the garage door open as he came home, and her children running to meet him.

During an interview, Lisa recalled this story: "I had a very special teacher in high school many years ago whose husband died suddenly of a heart attack. About a week after his death, she shared some of her insight with a classroom of students. As the late afternoon sunlight came streaming in through the classroom windows and the class was nearly over, she moved a few things aside on the edge of her desk and sat down there. With a gentle look of reflection on her face, she paused and said, 'Class is over, I would like to share with all of you, a thought that is unrelated to class, but which I feel is very important. Each of us is put here on earth to learn, share, love, appreciate and give of ourselves. None of us knows when this fantastic experience will end. It can be taken away at any moment. Perhaps this is the powers way of telling us that we must make the most out of every single day.'

"Her eyes, beginning to water, she went on, 'So I would like you all to make me a promise. From now on, on your way to school, or on your way home, find something beautiful to notice. It doesn't have to be something you see, it could be a scent, perhaps of freshly baked bread wafting out of someone's house, or it could be the sound of the breeze slightly rustling the leaves in the trees, or the way the morning light catches one autumn leaf as it falls gently to the ground. Please look for these things, and cherish them. For, although it may sound trite to some, these things are the "stuff" of life. The little things we are put here on earth to enjoy. The things we often take for granted.'

"The class was completely quiet. We all picked up our books and filed out of the room silently. That afternoon, I noticed more things on my way home from school than I had that whole semester. Every once in a while, I think of that teacher and remember what an impression she made on all of us, and I try to appreciate all of those things that sometimes we all overlook."

Take notice of something special you see on your lunch hour today. Go barefoot or walk on the beach at sunset. Stop off on the way home tonight to get a double-dip ice cream cone and pay particular attention to the sunset. For as we get older, it is not the things we did that we often regret, but the things we didn't do.

We must remember we pass this way only once so we must make the best of the passing. As one writer once said: Follow your dreams, except the one where you're naked in church!

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Egypt: Mubarak forms reform committees

By HAMZA HENDAWI
Associated Press

CAIRO — President Hosni Mubarak set up a committee Tuesday to recommend constitutional amendments to relax presidential eligibility rules and impose term limits — seeking to meet longtime popular demands as a standoff with protesters seeking his ouster enters its third week.

Mubarak's decrees were announced on state television by Vice President Omar Suleiman, who also said that Mubarak will set up a separate committee to monitor the implementation of all proposed reforms. The two committees will start working immediately, he said.

The government has promised several concessions since the uprising began on Jan. 25 but has refused the protesters' main demand that Mubarak step down immediately instead of staying on through September elections. Tuesday's decision was the first concrete step taken by the longtime authoritarian ruler to implement promised reforms.

Mubarak's efforts to stay in office got a boost from the Obama administration, which conceded that it will not endorse calls for the president's immediate departure, saying a precipitous exit could set back the country's democratic transition.

After several days of mixed messages about whether it wants to see Mubarak stay or go, Washington stepped up calls for a faster, more inclusive national dialogue on reform in Egypt. Under Egypt's constitution, Mubarak's resignation would trigger an election in 60 days. U.S. officials said that is not enough time to prepare.

"A question that that would pose is whether Egypt today is prepared to have a competitive, open election," State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said. "Given the recent past, where, quite honestly, elections were less than free and fair there's a lot of work that has to be done to get to a point where you can have free and fair elections."

"I think that would be a challenging undertaking," he said.

Mubarak also ordered a probe into last week's clashes between the protesters and government supporters as well as mass detentions of human rights activists and journalists. The committee will refer its findings to the attorney-general, Suleiman said.

"The youth of Egypt deserve national appreciation," he quoted the president as saying. "They should not be detained, harassed or denied their freedom of expression."

The committee considering constitutional and legislative changes will be led by the head of Egypt's highest appellate court and composed of six senior judges and four constitutional experts, according to a statement issued later by the official news agency MENA. It will make its recommendations to Suleiman by the end of this month.

The latest government announcement came two days after Suleiman met for the first time with representatives of opposition groups, including the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood — the country's largest and best organized opposition group — to debate a way out of the ongoing political crisis.

The fundamentalist Islamic group issued a statement earlier Tuesday calling the reforms proposed so far as "partial" and insisting that Mubarak must go to ease what it called the anger felt by Egyptians who face widespread poverty and government repression.

The Brotherhood also accused pro-Mubarak thugs of detaining protesters, including Brotherhood supporters, and handing them over to the army's military police who torture them.

"We call on the military, which we love and respect, to refrain from these malicious acts," said the statement.

The president went on with official business Tuesday, receiving the foreign minister of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Thousands of protesters, meanwhile, remained camped out in the central Tahrir Square, many hoping for an appearance by Google Inc. executive Wael Ghonim.

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previous conviction or suspension.

• CRISTA CAROLYN COKER, 20, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of no safety seat for child passenger and speeding and municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear (two counts).

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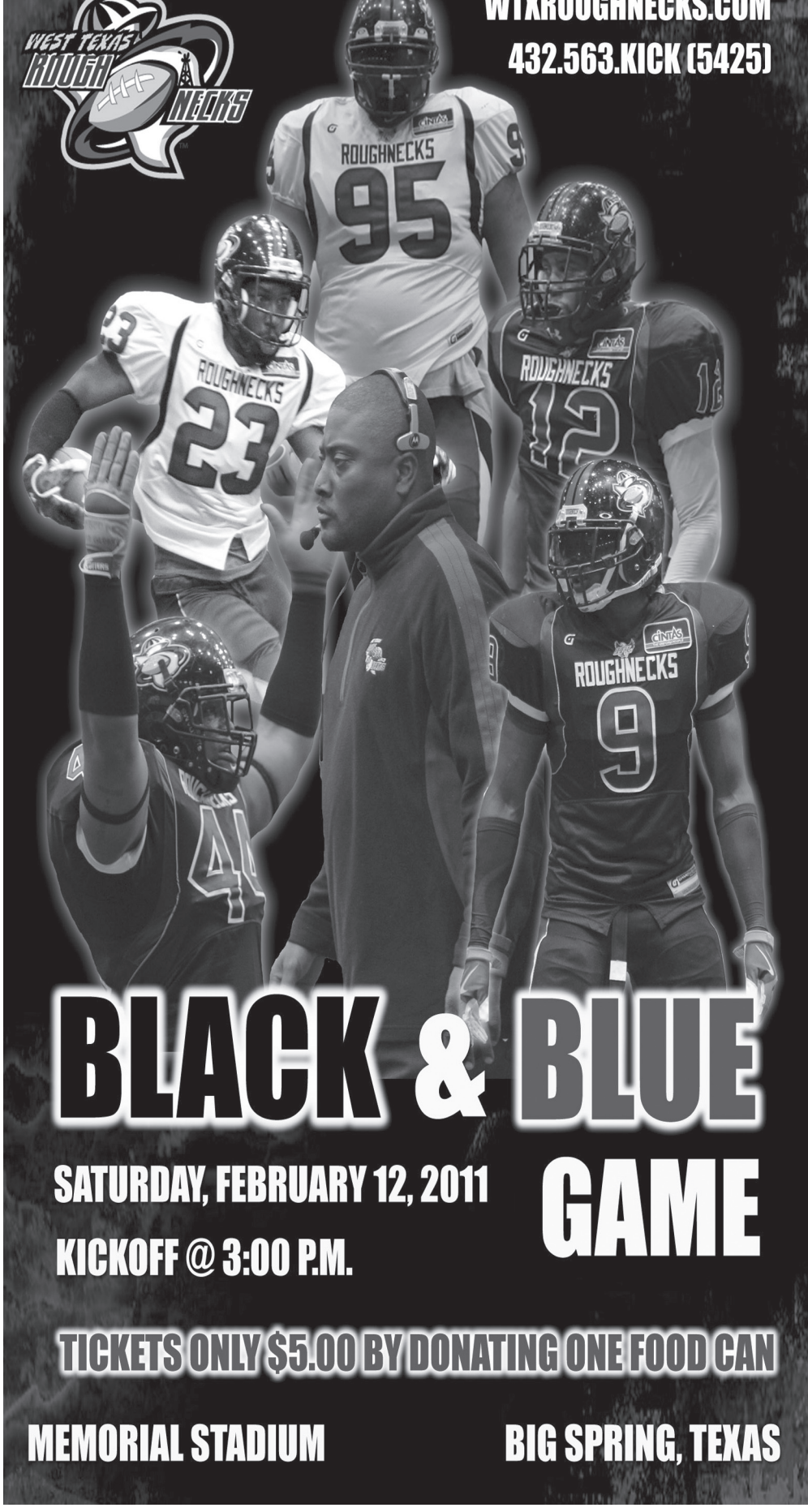
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Young, Adams send Steers past Lions

Lady Steers fall, but still in hunt for playoff spot

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Brownwood sent the wrong player to the line with 3.2 seconds left.

The Lions were clinging to a 49-48 lead when Luke Adams was fouled and sent to the charity stripe and at that point, it was just a matter of playing defense for three more seconds.

"I knew they were going in," Adams said of the late free throws. "Without my teammates, it wouldn't have been possible."

Those two free throws did go in as Big Spring edged the Lions for a thrilling 50-49 win and Adams is right. The Steers wouldn't have been in position to win if it weren't for Dayvion Young's late heroics.

With 46 seconds left and Brownwood hanging on to that 49-48 lead, Adams jacked up a shot in hopes it would give the Steers the lead back. He missed, but Adams got the rebound and called a timeout, giving Big Spring another shot to steal the win.

On the next play, Tristian Clay missed a shot and Brownwood got the board, but the Steers immediately fouled and that may have been one of the biggest plays of the game.

At that point, Young stole the inbounds pass from the Lions and he was immediately fouled, sending him to the free-throw line.

Young missed his lone free throw, but made up for it when he got the ball back and called a timeout. Big Spring drew up a play in the huddle, but was relieved when Adams was fouled on the next play, sending him to the line for the two go-ahead buckets.

Brownwood's Derek Longoria got the last shot of the game off, but it was off the mark, sending Steer Gym into a frenzy.

Young didn't score a point in Monday's game, but Adams and head coach Cliff Thompson heralded him as the hero. Young gave Big Spring new life in an otherwise close affair.

"I just try to play for my team," Young said. "I knew if we stole the ball, we could call timeout right after the play. I know we have some good players like Luke to make shots."

The Steers are glad they pulled this out, too.

The win ensures Big Spring a playoff spot and a chance to still win District 5-3A is still possible, albeit a tough task.

The Steers have to beat Snyder at 7:30 p.m. today in Snyder and Abilene Wylie in Abilene Friday for a chance to win district. These next two games will mainly be about positioning, though. A third-place finish would make the Steers' route to state tougher.

"Even if we lose the next two, I think we're in the playoffs," Thompson said. "It really sets us up to really have a chance at that district championship like we've been talking about all year. We've got to take care of business (today) and Friday. None of that would've mattered if we would've lost (Monday)."

Big Spring 50, Brownwood 49
Brownwood 17 10 9 13 - 49
Big Spring 16 12 12 10 – 50

Big Spring — Marc Segundo 3, Tristian Clay 7, Mike Menefield 4, Luke Adams 19, Seth Pearson 2, Chazzell Robinson 2

Brownwood — Michael Ballejo 11, Graylon Brown 10, Greg Jefferson 3, Derek Longoria 14, Maques Barnes 4, Derrick Johnson 3

3-point field goals — Brownwood 6 (Ballejo 3, Brown 2, Johnson 1), Big Spring 7 (Adams 5, Clay 1, Segundo 1)

Total fouls — Big Spring 12,

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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Luke Adams (31) hit two late free throws to send Big Spring past Brownwood for a 50-49 win Monday night in Steer Gym.



HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Desiree Anderson is pictured signing on to run track for Texas State University next season as coach Nick Roberson watches on. She was joined by her family, friends, teammates and other coaches. She still has one more season with Big Spring, though. The Lady Steers start their season in the Texas Tech Indoor meet Feb. 19 in Lubbock.

Howard men, women take care of NMJC

Howard men

The Howard College men's basketball team battled through a tough game to beat New Mexico Junior College 62-57 Monday in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Joe Bright had 17 points. Carlos Emory had 10 points and five rebounds and Corey Stern had seven points and seven rebounds.

New Mexico Junior College was up by three at halftime, but Bright's big game was a catalyst for the Hawks.

The Hawks improved to 17-6 overall, 7-2 in conference play. They have New Mexico Military Institute at home at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Howard women

The Howard women beat New Mexico 71-61 in WJCAC action Monday night.

Taniqua Ards and Tasha Tubbs were key as usual. Ards had 19 points and Tubbs had 15 points, including five 3-pointers. Kali Jerrell chipped in eight points.

Howard shot 43 percent from the field in Monday's win. The Hawks get a break

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Cavs lose 25th straight, another NBA futility mark

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Over one season or two, no team in NBA history has lost as many games in a row as these Cleveland Cavaliers.

The surging Dallas Mavericks beat Cleveland 99-96 on Monday night, making it 25 straight losses for the Cavs.

Cleveland already held the record for the most losses in a single season, but the league also keeps a record for losses spread over two seasons. This topped that one, too, making it the most consecutive losses in league history, period.

The previous record also was held by the Cavaliers, set from 1982-83.

Cleveland had a chance to tie it with a 3-pointer in the final seconds, but made one pass too many and time expired without a shot going up.

Jason Terry scored 11 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter to make sure the Mavs avoided the embarrassment of being Cleveland's streak-buster. It would've been especially surprising because Dallas came in with the longest active win streak in the NBA, now nine straight.

Shawn Marion had 17 points and 10 rebounds, and Dirk Nowitzki scored 12.

Tyson Chandler had 12 points and 11 rebounds, and Ian Mahinmi had 11 points and eight rebounds.

Peja Stojakovic had eight points and five rebounds over 20 minutes in his Dallas debut.

He signed a few weeks ago, but had been rehabilitating a knee injury.

Cleveland's J.J. Hickson scored 26 points and Ramon Sessions had 19 points and 13 assists.

Antawn Jamison scored 18 points and Christian Eyenga 15.

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Brownwood 12
Records: Big Spring (21-7, 5-1)

Big Spring girls

Things went from bad to worse for the Lady Steers when Brownwood's Sara Byrd decided the game was too close.

The Lady Lions upended Big Spring 70-44 thanks in part to Byrd's 3-point shooting in the third quarter.

Brownwood was a step ahead of the Lady Steers for most of the game, but Byrd put it out of reach when she hit three of her four 3-pointers in the third to help the Lady Lions to a 51-30 lead, when it was originally 40-23 at the start the quarter.

"She's not their No.1 threat," BSHS head coach Mike Warren said. "(Patricia Wilson) is, (Sydney Darden) is. That's who we intended to stop. She's their fourth best player and she goes off on us. That shows how good they are."

Byrd had 12 points, but Wilson led the Lady Lions with 14. Darden had 11 and Trinity Ansons chipped in 10. Cerbi Ritchey led the Lady Steers with 14.

Not much was going right for the Lady Steers in this one. They never led, although they were within striking distance a few times early.

Diamond Mayes' bucket made it 20-16 Brownwood early in the second, but Darden had no problems answering back with a 3-pointer.

Later in the second, LaShaunte Anderson's shot made it 24-20 Brownwood, but once again, Wilson completed a 3-point play to extend the lead.

The Lady Steers faltered a little bit toward the end of the first half, but had reason to be encouraged. Brownwood had a 38-23 at halftime, but that was before Byrd went off.

The loss has Big Spring and Snyder tied in the District 3-5A standings, making tonight's game an interesting one.

Warren said the winner of the Snyder-Big Spring game at 6 p.m. today in Snyder can clinch third place in the district, good enough for a playoff berth.

District play has been turbulent for the Lady Steers, but Warren said his team is excited they still have something to play for.

"We've been resilient all year," he said. "We've come back after games we hadn't played well. There's no practicing, we just have to go play tomorrow."

Brownwood 70, Big Spring 44
Brownwood 17 21 20 12 - 70
Big Spring 12 11 12 9 – 44
Big Spring — Gabrie Gallier 6, Logan Yarbar 4, LaShaunte Anderson 2, Bridgette Tuitt 4, Valerie Ross 4, Cerbi Ritchey 14, Diamond Mayes 2
Brownwood — Sydney Darden 11, Sara Byrd 12, Keeton Vaccaro 2, Patricia Wilson 14, Kelsey Gober 2, Trinity Ansons 10
3-point field goals — Big Spring 2 (Gallier 2), Brownwood 7 (Darden 3, Byrd 4)
Total fouls — Big Spring 17, Brownwood 13
Records: Big Spring (18-8, 2-5)

Senior Night

Monday was the last time a handful of seniors for the Big Spring girls and boys' basketball teams will play in Steer Gym.

For the Lady Steers, Gabrie Gallier, Taryn Kennedy, Valerie Ross and Stormi Smith played their last game in front of the home crowd.

While Ross has been a mainstay on varsity for four years, Gallier, Kennedy and Smith have been key players off the bench and more importantly, model students.

"Valerie has been a starter and all-district player for me," Warren said. "Taryn Kennedy does a great job coming off the bench for me. Smith has done a great job for me this year. She's probably the most in-tune girl during the game of knowing what we're in and what we're doing. She's like a coach for me on the bench. Gabrie probably played her best game of the year (Monday). Came in as a forward and I was proud of her. All four of our seniors, we're going to miss them next year."

The Steers honored Young, Clay, Mike Menefield, Chris Turner, Adams, Marcus Watson, Seth Pearson and Devante Lloyd.

These seniors made their mark as key players in the rotation and starting lineup. Thompson, who coached in Big Spring as an assistant before taking the head coaching job, said his seniors' growth made this year's team what it is today.

"When I was here before, they were the eighth grade and freshman team," he said. "It's crazy when I left and came back, how much they have grown and matured as young men. We're going to miss all these guys. It's going to be hard to replace guys like that."



HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Bridgette Tuitt and the Big Spring Lady Steers lost Monday night, but still have a shot at the playoffs against Snyder at 6 p.m. today in Snyder.

Men's Caprock Bowling Report

Things are really heating up for the run of first place in the Men's Caprock bowling league. Everyone looks forward to Monday nights to get back the bowling action. There are ten teams that are really close in points won for first place. The top ten teams are: The Real Deal with 28 points won and 12 points lost; United Country with 28 points won and 12 points lost; The Veterans with 28 points won and 12 points lost; Culligan with 26 points won and 14 points lost; Pollard with 24 points won and 16 points lost; Claibornes with 24 points won and 16 points lost; Team 2 with 22 points won and 18 points lost; H&S Construction with 22 points won and 18 points lost; Fricking' 10 Pin with 20 points won and 20 points lost, and And 1 with 20 points won and 20 points lost. Total pin falls makes the differents between the teams that have the same points won and lost.

The top bowlers of the week are: Richard Rowden 214, 247 games with a 643 series; Michael Rowden 213 game; Greg Clark 205 game; Jimmie Wood 210 game; Eddie Gonzalas Jr. 223, 234 games with a 655 series; Charles Garcia 265, 220, 213 games with a 698 series; John Dodd 244, 215 games with a 626 series; Jackie Lecroy 212, 233, 230 games with a 675 series; Justin May 237 game with a 609 series; Tony Sarmiento 229 game; Florencio Hewtty 214 game; Adrian Zarate 236 game; Paul Johnson 246, 203 games; Sam Gonzales 258, 212 games with a 652 series; Don Ewing 211, 202, 232 games with a 645 series; Ray Gutierrez 205 game; Sammy Torres 223 game; Fabian Ontiveros 223 game; Ronnie Midkiff 210 game; Blake Lance 225, 204 games with a 627 series; Thomas Fletcher 202 game; Steve Barker 215 game; Junior Barber 257, 202, 203 games with a 662 series. Lots of good bowlers and teams that are in this league. Good Bowling. Men's Caprock Report is wrote by Claud Fryar league secratary.

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in conference play Wednesday with a trip to face College of the Southwest Junior Varsity in a make-up game.

Other Howard College sports:

The Howard College softball team will play Cisco College at 12:30 p.m. today in a rescheduled game at Big Spring High School.

Howard College baseball and softball games have constantly been rescheduled because of the harsh weather. The Hawk baseball team won't play until Friday when they take a trip to Mt. Pleasant for a doubleheader against Seminole State College.

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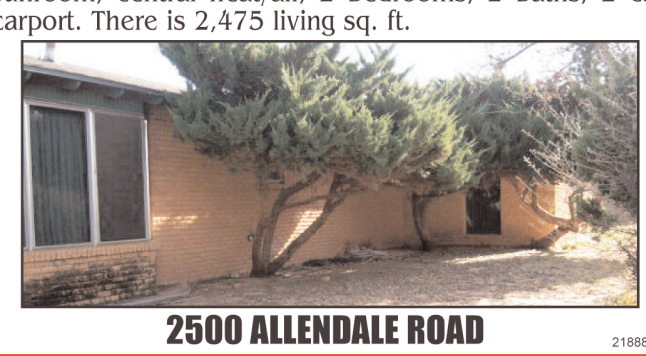
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The Aquarius sun is focused on the whole picture. As long as one person is suffering, the others cannot be completely happy. So anyone who makes life better for someone who needs help, or who stands up for the defenseless and the meek, will be favored by the astrological omens. The Aries moon inspires valiant efforts.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Routine work will be healthy for your creativity. As you follow the same steps over and over, your mind will roam to dreamy places where solutions abound.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). New business will come to you because you have a reputation for being practical and down to earth. You will methodically turn each new lead into a loyal customer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will be improvement-oriented, and you will find ways of streamlining your daily tasks. Others will imitate your style, especially at work. You will bring your colleagues up to the maximum level of efficiency.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are a genius at public relations today and will present your work and life in such a light as to get exactly the response you want. Your most brilliant work happens when you shoot from the hip.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your heart's desire is to reach the top. Not everyone has this wish, though the ones who do will give you stiff competition. In the end, your victory will be sweet because you worked so hard for it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have a high tolerance for discomfort and should by no means take advantage of this quality. You are as deserving of pleasure as anyone else. Indulge yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may feel uncomfortable being fussed over, but that won't stop your friends from doing just that. Be patient and graceful. Soon the attention will leave you, and you can relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have impressive skills, but you still need to add a few more to your arsenal in order to succeed in your chosen arena. Consider learning new software or taking a course in public speaking.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't always feel that you fit into the conventional molds that others seem to embody so easily. You'll express your more unique and possibly unpopular views today and will be accepted anyway.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When someone says you can't do it, that's precisely when you think you absolutely must do it. In this context, proving someone wrong is one of the supreme pleasures of life!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have a one-track mind, though today it is not likely on the track that others want it to be on. Instead of fighting it, see what happens when you indulge your strong will to see where it will lead you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Three is the magic number for you, and you will excel in a trio of some kind. There really is a value to you in this regard that cannot be duplicated by you alone or with only one other person.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 8). You give so much of yourself, and this year loved ones give back twofold. You'll make a magnificent discovery in March. April brings emotional sunshine and satisfying work. May is your chance to spread your wings. There's an unexpected windfall in July. Someone needs you, and you deliver in October. Aries and Sagittarius people are crazy for you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 22, 9 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was wondering if it is predetermined that some people are very good with money and others are not. I have had no luck with money. When I have it, it doesn't last. I work hard, but I guess I play hard, too. I wonder if things will ever change, or will I always have trouble with having enough? What do you think? I'm an Aries."

If you don't think you're good with money, there's a lot you can do to change your fate. Aries people tend to be impulsive, and they also take risks that more prudent signs wouldn't take. The upside of this is that risk generates excitement. Also, without risk, there is no reward. But you know the downside. Risk takers will inevitably lose, too. That's just part of the package. If you want to do better financially, you can start by realizing that money is just an energy you exchange. What do you give that has value? When you focus on that, you will more easily attract money and develop a healthy attitude toward finance. Otherwise, you are chasing paper money, which is a symbol and not the actual thing that makes a person wealthy.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Newlywed Seth Green is a prolific actor, writer, producer and voiceover artist. This Aquarius has a natal chart that is well-balanced and widespread, indicating the kind of person who gets along with everyone, has many talents and finds much to enjoy about life on a daily basis. His moon in Virgo suggests a hard worker, and Venus in Capricorn shows a definite knack for business.

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♥ 9 5
♦ A K 9 8 3
♣ K Q 4

WEST
♠ A Q 5
♥ 7 3
♦ J 10 4 2
♣ 10 9 7 6

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

SOUTH
♠ K 10 9 4
♥ A K Q J 10 2
♦ 7
♣ A J

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♥	

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Assume you're in six hearts and West leads a club. You win with the ace and must decide how to proceed from there. You can count 11 sure tricks, and the problem is to find the line of play that offers the best chance for a 12th trick.

You observe that if you draw trumps and cash the A-K of diamonds and K-Q of clubs, discarding two spades, you will be left with the K-10 of spades. You may or may not get a spade trick out of this combination, but this is not a desirable position to look forward to. In the actual deal, you would go down if you played this way.

Instead, you should attempt to develop your 12th trick in an entirely different way. The best approach is to try to establish an extra diamond trick in dummy. If the suit is divided normally — that is 4-3 — you won't have to worry about the possibility of losing two spade tricks.

Accordingly, you cash the ace of hearts at trick two, then play the A-K of diamonds, discarding a spade, and ruff a diamond high. When both defenders follow suit, you're home. You next lead the deuce of hearts to dummy's nine and ruff another diamond. Then you draw the missing trump, lead the jack of clubs to the queen and cash the king of clubs and nine of diamonds, discarding two more spades. The only trick you lose is a spade.

If the diamonds prove to be divided 5-2 instead of 4-3, you will be faced with the unpleasant spade situation you were trying to avoid sometime later in the play, and you may or may not make the slam. However, come what may, you will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that you gave yourself two chances to make the slam instead of only one.

Tomorrow: A two-edged sword.

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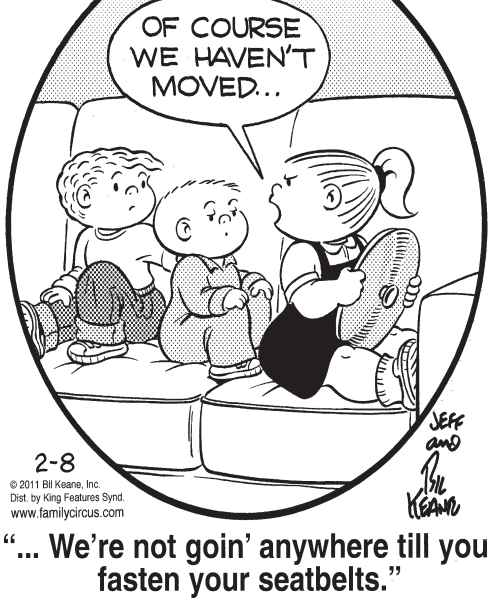
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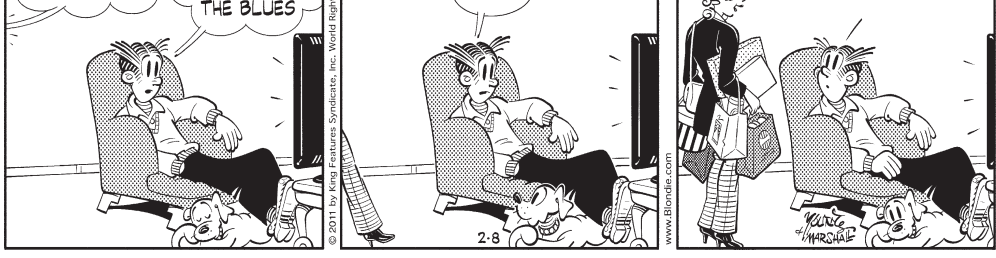


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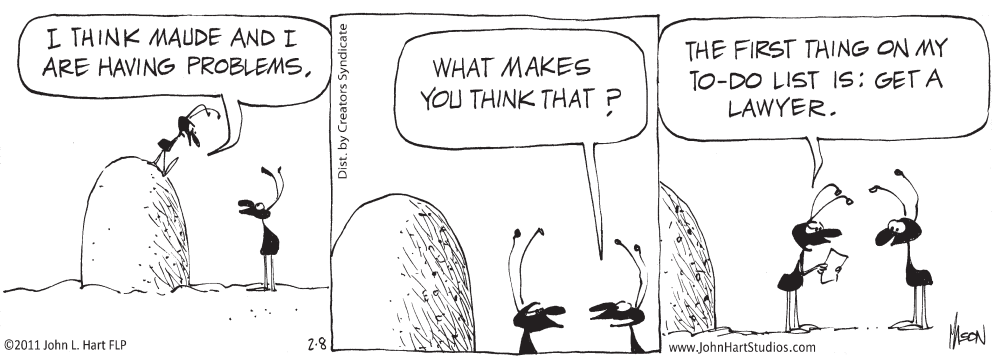
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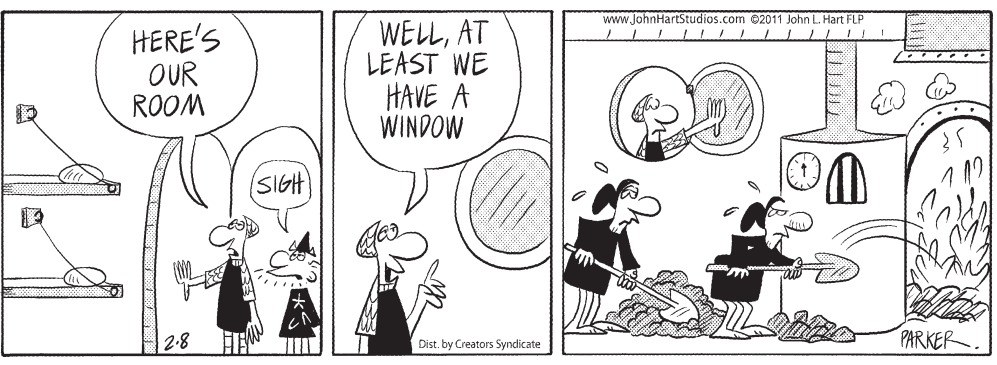
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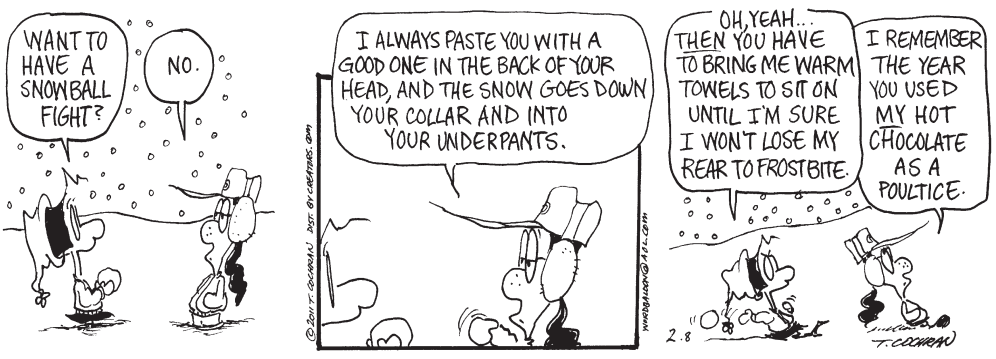
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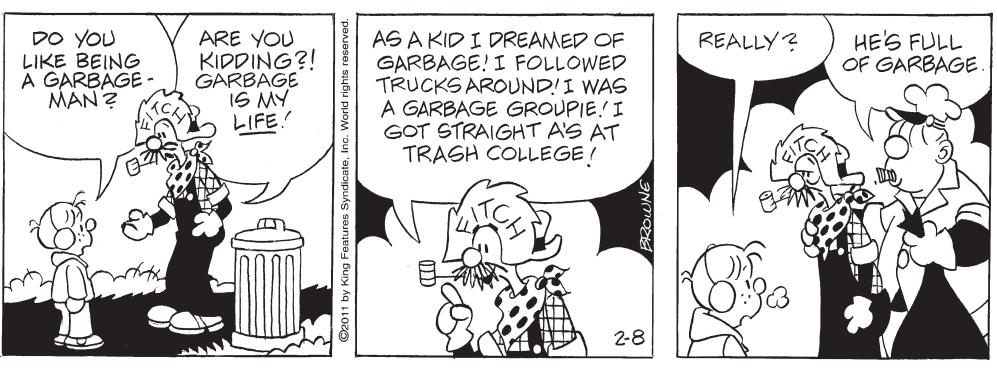
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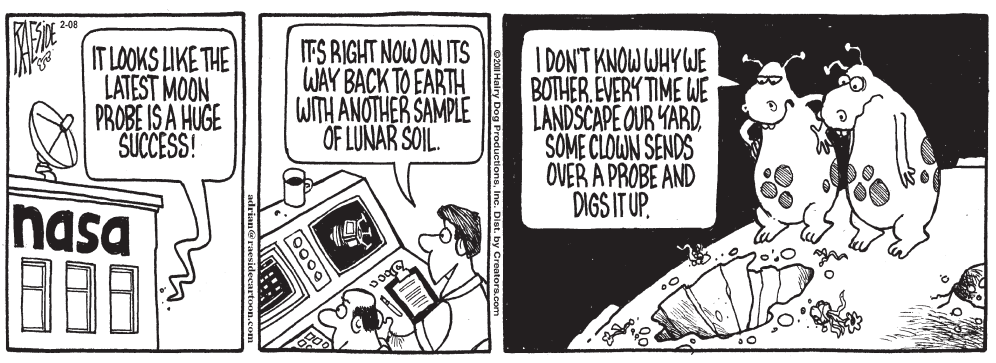
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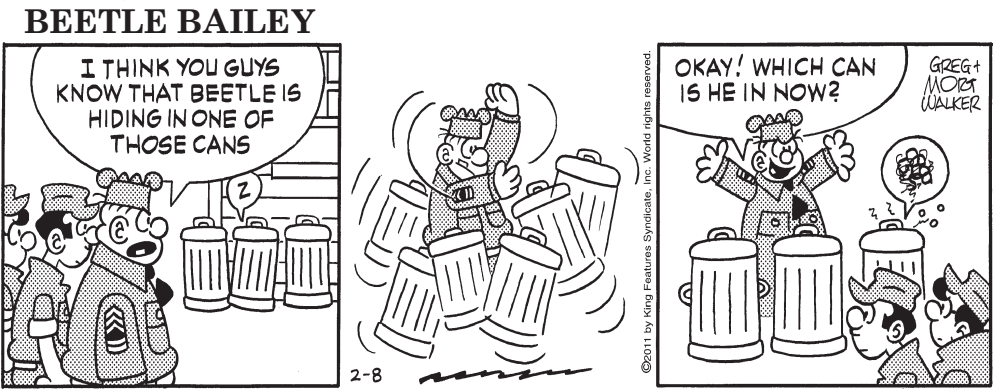
THE OTHER COAST



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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2011. There are 326 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 8, 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.

On this date:

In 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1693, a charter was granted for the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg in the Virginia Colony.

In 1837, the Senate selected the vice president of the United States, choosing Richard Mentor Johnson after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

In 1904, the Russo-Japanese War, a conflict over control of Manchuria and Korea, began as Japanese forces attacked Port Arthur.

In 1924, the first execution by gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City as Gee Jon, a Chinese immigrant convicted of murder, was put to death.

In 1960, work began on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, located on Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street in Los Angeles.

In 1968, three college students were killed in a confrontation with highway patrolmen in Orangeburg, S.C., during a civil rights protest against a whites-only bowling alley.

In 1971, NASDAQ, the world's first electronic stock exchange, held its first trading day.

In 1989, 144 people were killed when an American-chartered Boeing 707 filled with Italian tourists slammed into a fog-covered mountain in the Azores.

In 2007, model, actress and tabloid sensation Anna Nicole Smith died in Florida at age 39 of an accidental drug overdose.

Today's Birthdays: Composer-conductor John Williams is 79. Former ABC News anchor Ted Koppel is 71. Actor Nick Nolte is 70. Comedian Robert Klein is 69. Actor-rock musician Creed Bratton is 68. Singer Ron Tyson is 63. Actress Brooke Adams is 62. Actress Mary Steenburgen is 58. Author John Grisham is 56. Actor Henry Czerny is 52. Rock singer Vince Neil (Motley Crue) is 50. Rock singer-musician Sammy Llanas (YAH'-nus) (The BoDeans) is 50. Environmental Protection Agency administrator Lisa P. Jackson is 49. Actress Mary McCormack is 42. Rock musician Keith Nelson (Buckcherry) is 42. Retired NBA player Alonzo Mourning is 41. Actor Seth Green is 37. Actor Josh Morrow is 37. Rock musician Phoenix (Linkin Park) is 34. Rock musician Jeremy Davis (Paramore) is 26. Rock musician Max Grahn (Carolina Liar) is 23.

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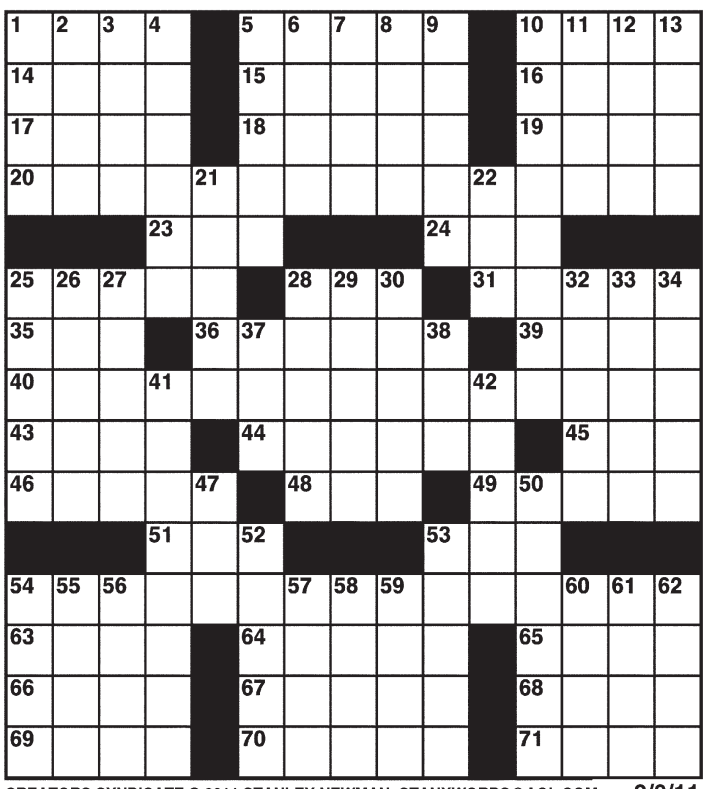
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 At a distance
5 Play a ukulele
10 Like a clear sky
14 Birthday-party dessert
15 Shanghai's country
16 Hoarse voice
17 Quick job for a barber
18 Desert spring
19 Formerly
20 "Don't ask me"
23 Former soldier, for short
24 Opposite of "yeah"
25 Midafternoon hour
28 Certain NCO
31 Tears down
35 Sandwich bread
36 City near Mount Vesuvius
39 Recuperate
40 Cost of a ticket
43 Gator's kin
44 Iran's former name
45 Outdated
46 White-sale purchase
48 Coloring agent
49 Workbench clamps
51 Mediterranean, for one
53 Visibility problem
54 Place to shoot hoops
63 Neighborhood
64 From head __
65 Threesome
66 Clothes-dryer fluff
67 Nonsensical
68 Quaint hotels
69 Prom partner
70 Gives over
71 Chiding sounds

DOWN
1 Stage-play starter
2 Crop-growing place
3 Similar
4 Take away
5 Go quickly
6 As compared to
7 Move upward
8 Military group
9 Bricklayer
10 Overblown ruckus
11 Come to shore
12 Seagoing rescue org.
13 Fencing sword
21 High-schoolers
22 Cookie container
25 Stretch of land
26 Prefix meaning "water"
27 Cut the grass again
28 Noticed
29 Hero's acclaim
30 Nervous
32 "Goose eggs"
33 National bird
34 Snow sliders
37 Poisonous snake
38 Biol. or chem.
41 Play on a frozen lake
42 Utter chaos
47 Civil War general
50 Outfielder's cry
52 Storage room
53 Runs away
54 Treadless, as tires
55 Diva's performance
56 Shipped off
57 Dog-biscuit shape
58 Just minimally
59 Solitary
60 Coffee dispensers
61 Hockey venue
62 Throw lightly



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