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## Public invited to ride for Relay Saturday

**By NANCY KOGER**  
 Special to the Herald  
 The complaint of “there’s nothing to do in Big Spring” has been answered for Saturday

by the Relay Riders team from Howard College.  
 The group is staging the first Relay Riders Bike-a-thon from 8 a.m. to noon at the Harold Davis Fitness Center for bike riders of all ages. They hope to attract as many people as possible to ride laps around the campus and to take part in a poker run for prizes like gift certificates and movie passes — all

for a fee of \$10.  
 Free water and sodas will be supplied to participants, and Domino’s pizza will be available for \$2 per slice.  
 Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, but entry forms and contest rules may be picked up at the Fitness Center during the week or by calling

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Courtesy photo  
 Pete Buske, rehab director at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, watches as second graders from Coahoma Elementary try out some of the equipment. The students' field trip to the hospital was a reward for them reaching their reading goals.

## PD seeks robbery suspects

*Duo allegedly surprise taxi driver at knifepoint*

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Investigators with the Big Spring Police Department are searching for a pair of suspects they believe robbed a taxi driver at knifepoint early Sunday morning.

According to BSPD Lt. Terry Chamness, the driver was responding to a call when a pair of Hispanic males took him by surprise.

“The call came in at approximately 3:45 a.m.,” said Chamness. “A driver for Dependable Cab was dispatched to the 1100

block of 10th Street to make a pickup, but the call was bogus.

“While the driver was driving around looking for the address, he stopped at a stop sign. That’s when a pair of Hispanic males jumped into the car and put a knife to his throat. They asked for the money and the driver complied, and the two suspects exited the vehicle.”

Chamness said the two suspects were described as between the ages of 15

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## City to resume large-item pick up service

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Let the spring cleaning begin, as the city of Big Spring prepares to get its annual large item pickup program under way Friday in District 1 of the

municipality.

The program has been a huge success since it was reinstated several years ago, according to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden.

“More and more people are taking advantage of

the program each year, so we’re very happy with it,” said Darden. “We expect a good turnout this year, as well.

“We’re trying to target people who are elderly, handicapped or otherwise don’t have the means to

get these large items to our landfill. This is a service the city is going to provide as a courtesy to those people and gives them the opportunity to get things off of their property they might not be able to otherwise.”

Darden said there’s no charge to use the program, which gets under way Friday in municipal District 1 — represented by City Councilwoman Stephanie Horton — and will continue through the other five city districts

once a month until completed.

However, residents do need to be aware of what can and cannot be collected, said Darden.

“Some of the more typi-

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Courtesy photo  
 The Big Spring High School band, shown in this file photo, won Sweepstakes honors at his weekend’s University Interscholastic League contest. The band earned that honor by earning Division I ratings in Concert and Sightreading competition. A feature on the band will be in Wednesday’s edition of the Herald.



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# Sports

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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## IN BRIEF

### Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar TODAY

Forsan softball vs. Eldorado for district's top playoff seed at Angelo State University, 6 p.m.

Big Spring baseball vs. San Angelo Lake View, 4:30 p.m.

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

Coahoma baseball vs. Anson, 7 p.m.

Big Spring softball at Snyder in practice game.

Coahoma softball vs. Levelland in Lamesa for practice game.

### FRIDAY

#### Bi-District playoff

Big Spring softball vs. Canyon Randall in best-of-three series at Lubbock Coronado, Game 1 is at 4 p.m. Game 2 is approx. 45 minutes after Game 1.

Big Spring track at regional meet in San Angelo through Saturday.

Big Spring baseball vs. Lubbock Estacado, 4:30 p.m.

### 2008 West Texas Disc Golf tourney set for this weekend

The 2008 West Texas Disc Golf Champions Tournament will be played Saturday and Sunday at the 27-hole course at Comanche Trail Park.

Registration is open to any age, gender or experience level with those factors deciding the sign-up fee.

Trophies and prize money will be awarded. The first 100 entrants will receive a players package.

Registration is from 8-9 a.m. Saturday at Comanche Trail Park or show up Friday at 5 p.m. for a random draw doubles tournament to register for the weekend's event.

Pre-registration can be done by contacting Greg Brooks at (432) 528-5076.

### Country club hosts scramble benefiting cancer society

The Big Spring Country Club along with several local sponsors are hosting the 2008 Cancer Scramble Golf Tournament Saturday and Sunday with all proceeds from the event benefiting the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life.

The tourney's setup is a four-person scramble. Entrants can either make their own team or be assigned to one. The field will be flighted by first-round score.

Entry fee is \$75 per player plus a \$20 cart fee, however, private carts are welcome.

Prizes will be given to first, second- and third-place teams in the form of BSCC Pro Shop gift certificates.

Call the BSCC to enter at 267-5354.

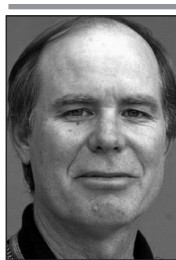
Call Sports Editor Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, ext. 237, to submit a sports brief or e-mail him at sports@bigspringherald.com.

# Beware Pacman and his story

There's going to come a day in the not-too-distant future when Pacman

Jones takes the witness stand and tells all he knows about the night things got out of hand at a Las Vegas strip club and a bouncer ended up in a wheelchair for life.

When that day comes — and it



TIM DAHLBERG

likely will now that an arrest has been made of the alleged shooter — we'll know a lot more about just what happened after Jones made it rain with a garbage bag full of money at the Minxx strip club. We'll have a better idea whether he was involved in the bloody aftermath that left Tom Urbanski paralyzed.

Until then, it's hard to make a judgment call about the corner-back who can't seem to stay out of strip clubs even when NFL commissioner Roger Goodell is watching.

Look at Jones' past record, and the natural assumption is to lean toward guilty until proven innocent. Listen to those trying to get him back in the NFL, and it's simply a matter of him being in the wrong place — usually one where young women disrobe for money — at the wrong time.

The plot thickened Monday when it was revealed that Jones paid \$15,000 in what he said was extortion money to the man police believe fired shots outside the strip club in the early morning hours of Feb. 19, 2007. It got

even thicker with the revelation Jones went to Washington state last week to pick the man out of a lineup, which prompted an arrest on attempted murder charges.

Just what caused Jones to suddenly become a model citizen and actively help police try and solve the shooting isn't exactly clear. He might have thought he would be paying money to the alleged shooter for a long time, or maybe he was merely concerned with the safety and wel

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# Ortiz powers Sox sweep of Rangers

By **HOWARD ULMAN**

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — It didn't take Boston rookie infielder Jed Lowrie long to experience the strong offense he was joining.

In the 12 games since he was called up on April 10, the Red Sox have scored at least five runs 10 times. On Monday they did it with a lineup that was missing Manny Ramirez and Sean Casey, two of their leading hitters.

"We're playing well and having good at-bats all throughout the game," the infielder said. "We're pitching well and everything seems to be clicking right now and it's one of those things where you try to hold onto it as long as you can."

The Red Sox beat the Texas Rangers 8-3 Monday to complete a four-game sweep. They reached base on 12 hits and 11 walks. And they did it while Ramirez, batting .338, and Casey, hitting .349, were given the Patriots Day game off.

Julio Lugo went 4-for-4 to raise his average to .314, one of six regulars batting over .300, and Boston won for the ninth time in 10 games to boost its record to an AL-best 14-7.

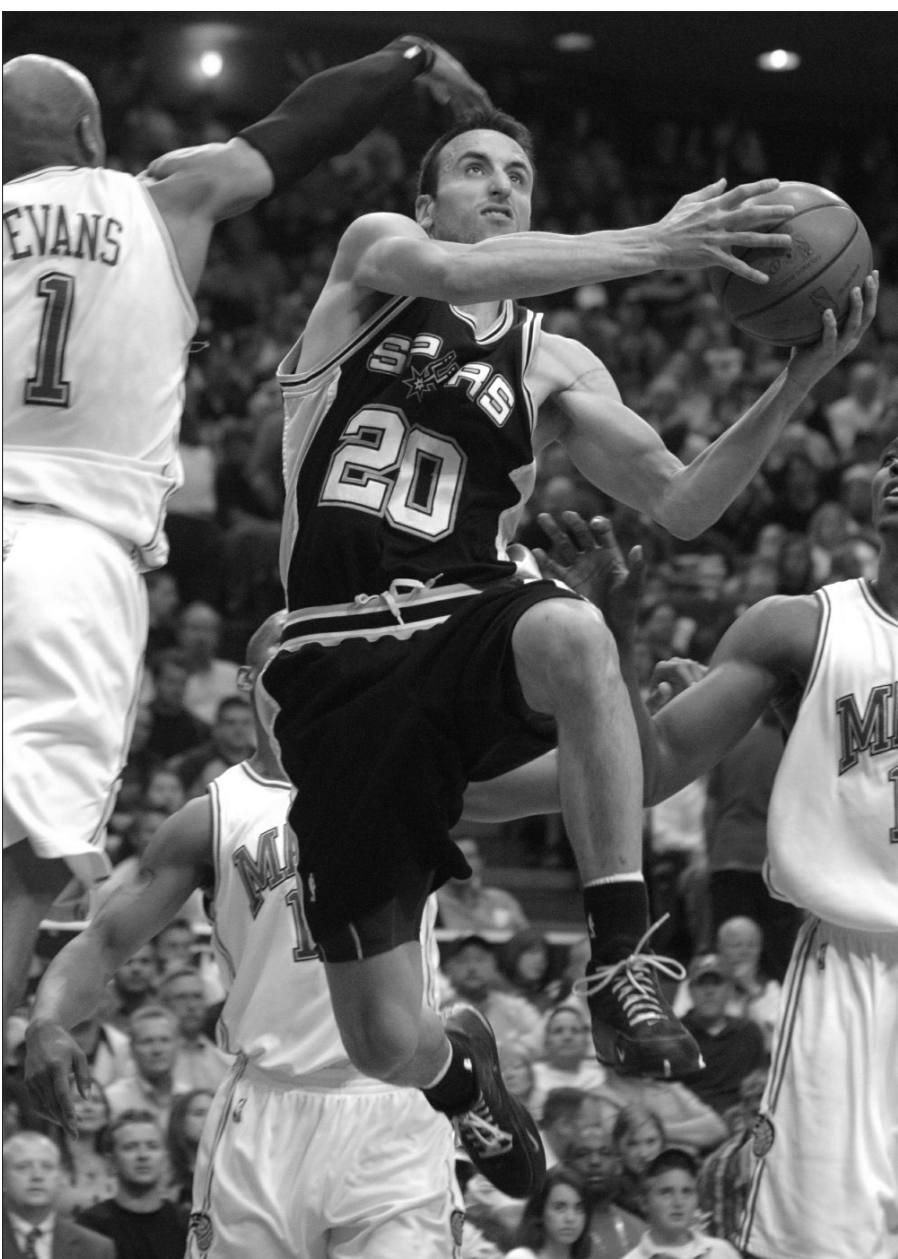
"They rely on everybody and it seems like everybody seems to contribute," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "I think (if) you ask any manager if it's nice not to see Manny in the lineup and they'll tell you, 'yes.' I'm no different. These guys, they scored runs."

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AP photo/Winslow Townson

Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz goes flying safely into home with the game-tying run during the eighth inning of their 6-5 win over the Texas Rangers in a MLB baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Sunday. Ortiz hit two doubles Monday in the Red Sox 8-3 win, giving them a four-game series sweep over the Rangers.



AP photo/Phelan M. Ebenhack

San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili, center goes up for a shot between Orlando Magic's Maurice Evans, left, Keith Bogans, behind, and Dwight Howard, right, during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Orlando, Fla., in this March 25 file photo. Ginobili won the NBA's sixth man award Monday, given to the league's best reserve.

# Spurs' Ginobili named NBA's best reserve

By **ELIZABETH WHITE**

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili — good enough to be a starter on about any team — won the NBA's sixth man award given to the league's best reserve on Monday.

Ginobili led the Spurs in scoring, averaging a career-high 19.5 points to go with 4.8 rebounds and 4.5 assists. Ginobili came off the bench in 51 of the 74 games he played this season.

"I really don't care about coming from the bench if that helps the team to win a championship," Ginobili said.

The Spurs have a 1-0 lead over the Phoenix Suns in their best-of-seven first-round playoff series. Suns guard Leandro Barbosa won the award last year and Ginobili came in second.

"He's one of the better players in the NBA, who just happens to come off the bench," said Spurs starting guard Michael Finley. "Any other team in the league, he'd probably be starting, but for him to come off the bench and put his ego aside it just shows what kind of team we have, and more importantly what kind of player and All-Star he is."

Ginobili got 123 of 124 first-place votes for 615 points. Barbosa came in second with 283 points and the Dallas Mavericks'

Jason Terry was third with 44.

"It was no race. Just like, when (is it) going to happen," said Spurs point guard Tony Parker. "He was our best player all year long."

The 6-foot-6 guard who gives the team a boost of energy off the bench. He was drafted by the Spurs in 1999 in the second round with the 57th overall pick. The Argentinian has been with the team for three of its four title runs.

"That is what I'm going to remember when I retire, the rings I have," Ginobili said. "Not the fact I played 28 minutes or 33 or my name being called in the starting lineup. That's not going to make the difference in 10 to 15 years."

Ginobili enters the game, usually about midway through the first quarter, to huge roars from the crowd when the Spurs announcer yells "Here comes Manu!"

"I just consider myself a player, a team player," Ginobili said. "So this year he (Spurs coach Gregg Popovich) thought it was more important for me to come from the bench, so I just try to do it the best way I can."

Popovich gave all the credit to Ginobili, who is the first Spurs player to win the award.

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Obituaries

Sgt. Roger Sweatt



Sgt. Roger Sweatt, 50, longtime Big Spring police officer, died Sunday, April 20, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Randy Cotton and the Rev. Joel Miller officiating. Burial will be at the Iatan Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Roger was born July 15, 1957, in Colorado City to Dora and Roy Sweatt. He graduated from Colorado City High School and Western Texas College in Snyder, majoring in criminal justice. He grew up in Colorado City, moving to Big Spring in 1979. Roger served with the Big Spring Police Department from 1979 until his death, serving in all departments. Roger married Jonetta Dunn Oct. 20, 1984, in Big Spring.

Roger is survived by his wife, Jonetta of Big Spring; one sister, Sandra Chambers of Snyder; one brother, Charles Leon Sweatt and his wife, Linda, of Lawton, Okla.; eight nieces and nephews; and his “kids” and companions, Tux, Hershey, Leo, Dixie, Marge and Kujo.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Paid obituary*

Wesley W. Fortenberry



Wesley W. Fortenberry, 70, of Colorado City, a former longtime resident of Big Spring, died Friday, April 18, 2008, at his residence. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2008, in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Fortenberry was born Aug. 14, 1937, in Colorado City to Loyd and Rae Tickle Fortenberry. He worked in the maintenance department for the Texas Highway Department in both Colorado City and Big Spring. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in the late '50s and early '60s. He was very active in the Relay for Life and a Baptist.

He is survived by two sons, Steve Fortenberry of Colorado City and Ron Fortenberry of Florida; a stepson, James Martin of San Angelo; two grandchildren, Breanna Fortenberry and Brice Fortenberry, both of Big Spring; and a brother, “Dub” Fortenberry of McAllen.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

*Paid obituary*

Frankie ‘Bea’ Miller-Farris



Frankie “Bea” Miller-Farris passed away Sunday, April 20, 2008, at the age of 86. She was born in Fort Worth on Jan. 4, 1922, to her parents, G.M. and Ivey McClelland. She married Clint Miller on May 22, 1940. He preceded her in death in 1977. She then married M.O. Farris on Jan. 9, 1982, in San Angelo. He preceded her in death in June of 2002.

Bea was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Clint Miller and M.O. Farris; son, John Miller; daughter, Eva Pauline Kraemer; sisters, Eva Hudec and Doris Boothe; and brother, Foy McClelland.

She is survived by a daughter, Elaine Farris and husband, Arthur, of San Angelo; a son, Marshall Miller of San Angelo; and grandchildren, Shelly and husband, Frank, of Miles, James and wife, Shawna, and John and wife, Kim, all of San Angelo, and Roy and wife, Maria, of Sugarland, Cassie Rodriguez, Kennett Sigmon and Melissa Miller. Bea had 16 great-grandchildren, Jairod and Jairus Farris; Ty and Trystan Banks; Tianna, Cierra and Savannah Farris; Adam Farris; Makayla, Brett and Autumn Farris; Jacob and Michael Gagnon; and Marci, Anita and Bubba. She had three great-great grandchildren. Bea is also survived by special niece, Glenda Russell, and nephew, Kenneth Hudec.

Pallbearers will be the great-grandsons Jairus, Jairod, Ty and Trystan.

Bea was a member of Chadbourne North Church of Christ. Viewing will be Tuesday evening at Johnson’s Funeral home with services Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 2 p.m. with burial following at Belvedere Cemetery.

*Paid obituary*

Hassie Belle Anderson

Hassie Belle Anderson, 89, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 22, 2008, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Lottery

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-4-2-5. Sum It Up: 13

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-9-8. Sum It Up: 26



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Police blotter

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

- **CHARLES HENDRICKS**, 39, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested Monday on a local capias warrant.
- **SARA JIMENEZ**, 17, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 100 block of Marcy.
  - in the 1800 block of Owens.
- **TERRORISTIC THREATS** was reported:
  - in the 1400 block of 11th Place.
  - in the 500 block of Young.
- **FRAUDULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION** was reported in the 400 block of Willard.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.

Sheriff’s report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 53 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ISAIAS BUJANDA LOYA**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a Jefferson County warrant for driving while license invalid.
  - **JAMES ROBERT SIMPSON**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
  - **ALICIA ANN ROBINSON**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of forgery.
  - **AUDREY JOAN LICON**, 30, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of no liability insurance, violation of a promise to appear, driving while license invalid and driving on the wrong side of the road.
  - **RICHARD NELSON MCCORD**, 38, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of probation violation.
  - **DAVID ARNULFO GARZA**, 44, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
  - **RUBEN CISNEROS**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and unlawful delivery/manufacture of a simulated controlled substance.
  - **SARA JIMENEZ**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
  - **MELISSA YOUNG**, 38, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of bondsmen off bond for criminal mischief, bail jumping/failure to appear, resisting arrest, search or transportation and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
  - **JOLANDA GONZALES**, 38, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for fictitious inspection/insurance document for display.
  - **RICHARD ERNEST QUILLEN**, 51, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the area of Comanche Trail Park. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1300 block of Baylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Wright. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Tonight...Increasing clouds. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds around 15 mph.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Highs around 90.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Not as warm. Highs in the upper 70s.

### Tee’s At Moss Creek Ranch

#### Menu For April 25-26

Surf & Turf Weekend

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TODAY

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- 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. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. 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.

SATURDAY

- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

Take Note

• Ackerly Lunch Bunch will meet Saturday at 10 a.m. at the 14th and Main Church of Christ Fellowship Room. Lunch will be served. Call 267-1449 or 213-4452.

• Tickets for the Big Spring High School Prom will be on sale at the high school from noon until 1:30 p.m. each Friday leading up to the prom. Tickets cost \$20 each and must be paid for in cash. For more information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Karen Martin at 213-1388.

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

• Nurses’ Hospice of Big Spring Volunteers will meet at 1 p.m. for singing and fellowship Saturday, May 10, at Marcy House. If you are interested, call Gina at 517-4073.

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

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses’ Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an “Angel” or “Teen Angel” in someone’s life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

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## RANGERS

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In the only other AL game on Monday, Detroit beat Toronto 5-1.

David Ortiz is even back to normal with two doubles and three RBIs Monday.

The slugging designated hitter is batting .306 (11-for-36) in his past eight games since struggling at .070 (3-for-43) in his first 12.

On the holiday that commemorates Paul Revere's ride and the battles of Lexington and Concord, Boston's first two batters in the game that began at

11:06 a.m., Jacoby Ellsbury and Dustin Pedroia, reached base five times in 10 trips.

"That's the key for us," Ellsbury said, "getting on base and allowing our great batters in our lineup to get up. As long as we get runners on, we know we're going to score some runs."

They didn't need many as Clay Buchholz (1-1) pitched six scoreless innings for his first win as a starter since Sept. 1 when he threw a no-hitter in his second major league start.

"I felt a lot more comfortable today when there were people on base for some reason," he said. "I felt I had four pitches working and I could throw

them in any count."

Texas didn't score until the seventh on RBI doubles by Gerald Laird and Josh Hamilton, who also doubled in a run in the ninth.

The Red Sox didn't need any late comeback like the ones that gave them wins on Saturday and Sunday.

"We could have easily split this series," Laird said. "They battled back and now they swept us so it makes it tougher when you have a couple of games that you think you should win and you can't hold onto them."

Kason Gabbard pitched a perfect first for Texas but hurt his back when he slipped while

pitching to Kevin Youkilis, leading off the second. He finished the inning then left with a stiff back.

Dustin Nippert (1-2) relieved and allowed five runs in the fourth when one run scored on an error by first baseman Ben Broussard and another when left fielder Milton Bradley lost Ortiz's fly ball in the sun for a double.

Pedroia also doubled in two runs.

"You can't make mistakes against them," said second baseman Ian Kinsler, whose throw eluded Broussard. "They didn't make too many this weekend."

were luck, and what we called, when I was growing up, fluke shots," said Finley, formerly of the Dallas Mavericks. "Now that I'm his teammate and I see him on a daily basis, that's his game."

GINOBILI hit the game winning layup in the Spurs' Game 1 win

## Tigers 5, Blue Jays 1

At Toronto, rookie Armando Galarraga won his second straight start, Edgar Renteria homered and the Tigers beat the Blue Jays.

Ivan Rodriguez had four hits and Renteria scored twice for Detroit.

Galarraga (2-0) has won back-to-back starts since being called up from Triple-A Toledo last week to replace Dontrelle Willis, sidelined by a hyperextended knee.

The 26-year-old Galarraga blanked the Blue Jays on three singles for 5 1-3 innings. He struck out four and walked four.

## GINOBILI

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"Manu is a person who's much more concerned with the group than he is about himself," Popovich said. "He got

over himself a long time ago. ... I don't think there are too many All-Stars that coaches in this league can go to and say, 'You've been great. Now you're going to come off the bench.' So I'm very fortunate."

GINOBILI shot better than 40 percent from 3-point range in

his sixth regular NBA season and when he drives the lane — routinely picking up bumps and bruises along the way — he's known for putting the ball in from seemingly impossible angles.

"Before I got here I used to think those shots that he made

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## PACMAN

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fare of the Las Vegas community.

The more cynical among us might even suggest he wanted to show Goodell that he isn't such a bad guy after all at precisely the time that the Dallas Cowboys and he are pushing for his reinstatement to the NFL. It takes a lot of guts, after all, to risk being branded a snitch among the type of crowd Jones is known for hanging around with.

"He's very satisfied now that the proper attention can be put on the reasonable parties and the true victims," said Manny Arora, Jones' Atlanta-based attorney. "Unfortunately it puts him back in the lime-light. You'd think with somebody else being arrested it would validate what we've been saying all along."

If only it was that easy. With the baggage Pacman carries, it's hard to be a believer.

According to a police report, Jones said he saw the man for the first time

after being thrown out of the Minxx following an altercation that began among dancers vying for the money Jones was throwing at them. The man, Jones said, told him he would take care of things, but that Jones did not know what he was talking about and simply told him, "Whatever."

Jones said he was walking away looking for a taxi when he heard shots coming from the man's direction. Apparently sticking around to help an injured man or help police find the shooter weren't as important as getting a ride home.

Whether Jones' story stands up in court when 29-year-old Arvin Edwards is brought to trial remains to be seen. Jones entered into a plea bargain in December that

requires him to testify against anyone charged in the shooting in exchange for probation on a plea of no contest to a disorderly conduct charge.

But that won't happen for many months, long after Pacman needs Goodell to cut him some slack and let him return to the NFL. And that means the commissioner will be put on the spot, with just Pacman's word to rely on.

So far that word hasn't been too good. Goodell warned Jones to stay away from strip clubs while under suspension, but he went to one in January anyway, prompting the commissioner's ire.

Still, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones is in Pacman's corner. The owner has made a cot-

tage industry out of troubled reclamation projects in Texas, though even he can't be so desperate that he would take somebody he believes was involved in a shooting.

Or maybe he can.

Jones has to stay awake at nights wondering what difference a shutdown corner like Pacman might have made in the playoff loss to the New York Giants. The more he watches film of Pacman, the more forgiving he figures to become.

Goodell's decision making shouldn't be nearly as clouded. Part of his job is to keep troublemakers out of the league — something he's taken quite seriously in his brief tenure as commissioner — and without his blessing Pacman won't be playing for the Cowboys or any other team in the

NFL.

Goodell said last week he was "encouraged, to some extent" by Jones' recent behavior, and that was before he even fingered the alleged shooter. Pacman's chances of playing this upcoming season likely increased when he picked Edwards out of a police lineup.

My guess is that Goodell, under the prodding of a strong owner like Jones, will reinstate Pacman for the upcoming season. He'll tell him he has one last chance and if he blows it, he's out for good.

Then Goodell will cross his fingers and hope that Pacman's story doesn't fall apart in court.

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**Most game-going hands** are played in notrump or a major suit, largely because it is easier to score nine or 10 tricks in those contracts than 11 in a minor suit. But hands do occur where the best contract is five clubs or five diamonds, and here is a case of that sort.

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS  
Happy Earth Day, nature lovers! The

Cretans once celebrated this time of year with bull-leaping festivals (a fertility rite for the goddess Tauropolos), symbolically seizing the "bull by the horns." Mars, allied with Uranus today, takes a modern leap on bravery; by tackling what's holding our spirit down, we round a hurdle triumphant.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Hopefully people you work with realize that you're the one they should be consulting when new problems crop up. Your finger is on the pulse now. You come up with the cutting-edge solutions.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're active, endeavoring physical feats before thinking about whether you should. The result is either a performance of stunning grace or an accident. Either way, you're learning your limits.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're simply aching to get into a rather exclu-



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Tomorrow's Horoscope

sive situation. When you're not armed with all that's needed to make it through the gate, you know how to be disarming toward the gatekeeper. Pour on the charm.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Stamina is kind of your thing these days. Whatever the battle, you'll endure. There are extra bonus points if you do so with a smile. After all, you know you're going to win eventually.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Following the line of reason presented to you by a smart friend, you could become conscious of the unconscious. The most beautiful moment of your day will be an "aha!" moment.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (APRIL 22). You have eagle vision for the next three weeks and can see all possible paths and where they lead. By June, you decide the absolute right way for you. You have support, both emotional and financial. In September, you make it your business to help your friends, and your friends help your business. Scorpio and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 11, 20, 14 and 45.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have an inkling that your idea is true, but you observe no evidence of it -- at least not on the outside. Go with internal knowledge. What you can't see, you can feel.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may follow a plan for adventure, but thank goodness it veers off course now. Because what goes as expected is less than thrilling. Adventure is always in the cracks and crevices of the plan.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The action that goes

down not is all happening in a little way. Small scale trials, tests and transformation are getting you ready for the big stuff. Think of this as a drill for the real deal.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Excellence is what you're striving for -- more than money, power and even more than love. That's why you'll turn down offers and invites that others would take in a heartbeat. You care that much about being great.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You already have all of the parents you need. So stand up to the one who is bossing you around. State kindly that the advice given is largely unnecessary and unwanted.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Life requires a whole lot of physical exertion. You may not think you have any excess energy or aggression to work off, but get moving and you'll find out that perhaps you do!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your personal life brings a baffling twist. Don't try to figure it all out just yet. Milk the delicious mystery of it all. It's more fun not to know right away, and maybe not ever to know.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I was born 6/19/69. Since 9/11/01, my professional life has taken a huge hit and I've constantly struggled to rebound, yet continually find myself with a company that the cover of the book doesn't match the contents. I'm single and my career has come before marriage and my own family. What do you see for me professionally and personally?"

Geminis are in the fortunate and precarious position of being adaptive spirits, clearly

advantageous in the modern world. Be it an emergency trip to a satellite office to fix sales figures, or helping a co-worker with a presentation, you're interested and engaged. Yet facile busy-ness scatters energies. Imagine lying on your deathbed when the epiphany hits: Oops, I forgot to get married and have kids! Perhaps this sounds dramatic. But Saturn's transit through Virgo has you (and other Geminis) remembering the life you forgot to live, the person you forgot to be while on the way to "somewhere else." Somewhere else may be an illusion. We only have this moment. So start where you are. For a life that supports your whole being, you've got to create it. In fact, inflexibly, insist on it.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Taurus Michael Moore is a on a mission. Agree with him or not, his unrelentingly bull-headed tactics has fostered cultural dialogue about pressing issues. What's next for Michael? Having covered terrorism, gun control and health care, I'd venture to say his next effort involves exposing environmental polluters -- he could even team up with Al Gore. Taurus-born are protectors of the earth.

*Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars." If you would like to write to her, please go to [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com) and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).*

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Annie's Mailbox ®:  
Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My husband and I are in our 40s. We have been married for 15 years and had a marriage most people would envy. We have no children.

My husband recently admitted to an indiscretion with a woman he has known for four years. This is not a woman he would ever take out in public. His pursuit of her was purely for sex. Once it happened, he never saw her again. (She confirmed this.) He only confessed because he developed a medical problem and was scared.

We are now separated and he is seeking counseling for self-esteem issues. He has begged and pleaded with me not to divorce him, but I feel as though I am married to a complete stranger. How could an intelligent, educated man who supposedly loves his wife actually go through with such an unspeakable act? Is it true "once a cheater, always a cheater"? Is there an explanation (other than midlife crisis) to assure me this was just a one-time experiment? -- Heartbroken in the South

Dear Heartbroken: We don't know why your husband felt the need to cheat, although therapy should help him find out. And we can't promise he won't do it again, but if therapy helps him, there is a possibility this was a one-time deal. The issue, as always, is trust. Which is why we recommend counseling for you, too. Marriage doesn't come with guarantees. Counseling will help you decide if you can live with the uncertainty. You have to do what lets you



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sleep at night.

Dear Annie: My dad is a longtime survivor of Hodgkin's disease, but his battle has become a losing one and the doctors say he is terminal.

This wonderful man has always been the strength in my life. I would not be who I am today without him. I am heartbroken by what he has gone through this past year. I want him to get something like a last wish sort of thing, like they do for sick children. Is there something out there to grant wishes for adults who deserve that, too? My dad is very special, and I would love to remember him with a big smile on his face. -- Daddy's Little Girl

Dear Daddy's Little Girl: While most such organizations deal with sick children, there are a few for adults, although they are not as expansive in scope as the more well-known groups. Try Dream Foundation ([dreamfoundation.com](http://dreamfoundation.com)), 1528 Chapala St., Suite 304, Santa Barbara, CA 93101; Fairygodmother Foundation ([fairygodmother.org](http://fairygodmother.org)), 213 West Institute Pl., Suite 509,

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Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Perplexed in the Midwest," who can't afford a diamond ring and asked if it was OK to get his girlfriend cubic zirconia.

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Dear Ben Dare: The value of the stone is only one factor in the selection of a ring. But it is important that the recipient not be tricked into thinking it's something other than what it is.

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# Official: Parents sought counseling for bomb plot student

By SEANNA ADCOX

Associated Press Writer

CHESTERFIELD, S.C. — A teenager accused of plotting to bomb his high school is a straight-A student whose parents sought help from mental health experts when he slammed his head into a wall last week, authorities said Monday.

Ryan Schallenberger's parents took him to a hospital three days before his Saturday arrest after he made a 4-inch indentation in the wallboard,

prosecutor Jay Hodge said at a court hearing.

Schallenberger, 18, was not badly injured, but his parents also called a local mental health clinic that offered no help, Hodge said. A spokesman for the clinic would not confirm or deny any contact with the family, citing state law.

Hodge said he plans to ask that Schallenberger undergo a mental evaluation at the teenager's bail hearing Tuesday.

Schallenberger was arrested

after his parents called police because he had ordered 10 pounds of ammonium nitrate, an explosive commonly used as fertilizer and was employed in the deadly 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

Authorities checked the school for bombs over the weekend and on Monday students walked through newly installed metal detectors and past law officers. Still, officials said 60 percent of the school's 544 students stayed home.

The quiet teenager with a

slight build and a wispy mustache had apparently been planning the potentially deadly attack for months, authorities said.

"This kid had the intellect and the means and the materials to carry it out," Hodge said.

Police said they discovered a hate-filled journal lauding the Columbine killers, an audiotape to be played after he perished during his rampage and a year's worth of plans for the bombing that included a hand-drawn map of the school.

"He's just a soft-spoken little kid," Hodge said, adding that Schallenberger threatened to do something "very violent."

Schallenberger was charged with making a bomb threat and will be charged Tuesday with possession of bomb-making material, Hodge said. He was assigned a lawyer, William Spencer, who did not return calls from The Associated Press.

During a brief court hearing Monday, the teen was silent but appeared agitated.

# Supreme Court rejects appeals for 3 condemned inmates

HOUSTON (AP) — Prosecutors moved quickly Monday to set new execution dates for three death-row inmates, hours after the Supreme Court lifted a reprieve it granted last fall so it could consider the constitutionality of lethal injection.

The court blocked the executions of Thomas Arthur of Alabama, Earl Wesley Berry of Mississippi and Carlton Turner of Texas last fall while it con-

sidered a challenge to Kentucky's lethal injection procedures.

The high court ruled 7-2 last week that the procedures are not cruel, and the justices' last-minute orders temporarily sparing the three inmates automatically expired when the justices denied their appeals Monday.

Lisa Smith, a Dallas County assistant district attorney who handles capital cases, said

Monday that the execution of Turner, who was convicted of killing his parents, likely will be set for summer.

"It's not going to be within 30 days although technically we could," she said.

Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood asked the state Supreme Court on Monday to set a May 5 execution date for Berry.

"On a procedural matter if things go as they should, as the

law says, then this one is over," Hood said. "But in a death penalty case, never say never."

Alabama Attorney General Troy King said the court's ruling was expected and that his office immediately requested a new execution date for Arthur.

"It's just a shame that Tommy Arthur continues to benefit from delays that have kept him on death row for far, far too long," King said.

Several other death row

inmates also lost their appeals Monday, but they had not been facing imminent execution.

They included Juan Velazquez in Arizona; Samuel Crowe and Joseph Williams in Georgia; Michael Taylor in Missouri; Kenneth Biros, Richard Cooley and James Frazier in Ohio; and Lester Bower in Texas.

It is unclear whether they can mount new appeals to stop their executions.

## BIKE

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Brandi Stewart at 816-6234 or 264-5108 or Cadet Bryant at 264-5631.

Bryant and Stewart, co-directors of the bike-a-thon, will be assisted by other members of their Relay for Life team Relay Riders. They include Terry Watkins, Gaylon Knowlton, Paige Knowlton, Freddy Olivas, Richard Cypert, Jon Green, Brendan Stanislas, Josh Nalley, Tyna Milton

and Jordan Stanislas.

Stewart, who serves as education chair on the Howard Glasscock Relay planning committee, is assistant to the director at the Harold Davis Fitness Center. She has worked on Relay for the past six years in various capacities. The Forsan graduate knows first-hand the seriousness of the fight against cancer, having had surgery for a brain tumor and follow-up treatment at age four.

"I've gone from team captain to entertainment

to door prizes to education for Relay; I know how important the money we raise is," she said.

Co-chairman Bryant is the biking expert of the team. The Howard College English teacher is the 2007 ACA West Texas XC MTN Bike Series champion and aspires to be a professional mountain bike rider. He was unable to be present for a team "trial run" of the Bike-a-thon April 19 because he was in Tennessee at a series race. Bryant had hoped to

have the bike relay as part of the 2008 Howard Glasscock Relay in May, but logistical problems prevented that and the team opted for a stand-alone event.

Getting youth riding their bikes is one of his goals. As he commented recently to Sports Editor Jonathan Hull, "I was in my first bike-a-thon when I was seven or eight years old and I outlasted just about everyone in the event."

Both Stewart and Bryant encourage anyone

with a bike to enter and ride as many laps as possible. In the poker run, bikers ride to pick up cards, with the best poker hand winning the prize. For the lap ride, first-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded. Door prizes will be given to people with special tickets.

"We hope to have a good crowd; but even if we get a small number this year, it will be a start to something we hope to grow bigger every year," they asserted.

## ROBBERY

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and 19 years, both with dark hair. One suspect is believed to have been wearing a dark navy shirt with white stripes and matching shorts, and is approximately 5 feet 7 inches tall.

The second suspect is believed to be approximately 5 feet 6 inches tall and wearing a white shirt

at the time of the crime. His physical build is unknown, said Chamness.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to call Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477).

"Anyone calling can remain anonymous," said Chamness.

And while no one was injured in the aggravated robbery early Sunday, one Big Spring woman

wasn't quite as lucky earlier in the evening, as the BSPD is also investigating an aggravated assault reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore Saturday.

Sara Jimenez, 17, of Midland, was arrested at 1507 Sycamore and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after police officials say an altercation with another female turned violent.

"There were two

females at the residence just after 10 p.m. Saturday," said Chamness. "They got into a pushing and shoving match, at which time Jimenez pulled out a small pocket knife. She stabbed the other female several times in the arm and in the torso. None of the knife wounds were serious or life threatening."

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## CITY

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cal items we pick up are appliances that don't work anymore, couches and mattresses," said Darden. "Those are the kind of things that we can take to our landfill and we're allowed to pick up. However, we can't pick up any household hazardous waste. That means any kind of chemicals including lawn chemicals, car batteries and tires and things of that nature. We also won't be picking up any tree branches, shrubs or things like that this year."

Darden said customers need to be aware of gas, water and electricity meters and lines when they put their large items out to be collected.

"A lot of time we have to bring in equipment to pick those large items up," he said. "If you cover the meters up, it's hard for us to know where they are. Using the equipment

makes the pick up go quicker and we want to make sure our employees are safe while they are picking these things up."

All items must be by the curb in the city's right-of-way no sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled collection. Items need to be separated as much as possible for its trip to the municipal landfill.

"To be placed on the pick-up list, all residents have to do is call 264-2504 or 264-2501, and we'll get

them set up. If they don't call and get on the list, we can't pick up their items."

For more information on the Large Item Pick Up program and maps of the six city districts, visit the city of Big Spring Web site at [www.ci.big-spring.tx.us](http://www.ci.big-spring.tx.us), or call 264-2504.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Let's do our part in fighting crime in our community

Activity and commerce in Big Spring are at a longtime high, with most hotels and motels filled to capacity, apartments scarce and local retailers bringing in more customers than anyone has seen in years.

And while this boom in the local economy — fed by wind energy developers and Alon USA employees here to help the Big Spring Refinery rebuild after the Feb. 18 explosion — is a step forward for the city, growing pains are an inherent part of the process.

Unfortunately, they has also been an extremely violent part, as gang activity and narcotics trafficking seem to have reached fever pitches since the beginning of 2008.

And while the Big Spring Police Department's newly formed narcotics unit is netting drug dealers and traffickers at a break-neck pace, the dragon has many, many heads — when one is lopped off it seems two more spring up in its place.

The string of shootings throughout the city since the beginning of the year also has local law enforcement scrambling, with more than two dozen reports of discharge of a firearm this year alone. According to police, these shootings are gang and drug related.

Last month, an 11-year-old boy was rushed to the emergency room after being hit in a drive-by shooting in the 1500 block of Owens. And while law enforcement officials investigate these matters, they run into the same brick wall: Witnesses are mum, mostly because they fear they will be the shooter's next target if they assist investigators.

And while the brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces fight terrorism throughout the world, it's this type of "local terrorism" that's racking this once sleepy community.

However, these terrorists only have as much power over the citizens of Big Spring as the community — mothers, fathers, white and blue collar workers — is willing to give them.

It's time for the citizens of Big Spring to take back their community and send a solid message to those who would peddle poison or shoot up our neighborhoods. Enough is enough.

By calling Big Spring Area Crimestoppers, residents can give law enforcement officials the information they need to put an end to these acts of destruction and put those behind them where they belong — behind bars.

As we've said many times before, you can help investigators without ever revealing your identity. Just a few words — a suspect's name or location — can be the key to investigators solving these crimes and making our streets a safer place.

Don't wait until it's someone you care about lying in an emergency room — or worse — before you stand up and take action.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may we seek You out for important information.

Amen

# Justice brings end to holiday

Case closed. Lethal injection is not unconstitutional. So the U.S. Supreme Court ruled with a 7-2 decision Wednesday. After years of bad lawyering and bogus medical research on lethal injection, common sense has prevailed.

Chief Justice John Roberts, joined by two justices, wrote the main Baze vs. Rees case opinion. There were three concurring opinions, and one dissent, written by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and joined by Justice David Souter.

"In essence, seven judges agreed with the core ruling, that the Kentucky process was not unconstitutional," noted Michael Rushford of the pro-death penalty Criminal Justice Legal Foundation in Sacramento. In that Kentucky's lethal-injection protocol is similar to California's three-drug protocol, this 7-2 decision should spell an end to the pricey, frivolous and utterly disingenuous lawsuits filed in California and other states to stall the execution of guilty killers.

Ralph Baze killed two cops serving warrants against him in 1992, and does not regret doing so. Fellow plaintiff Thomas Bowling shot and killed a young couple and wounded their 2-year-old son

in 1990.

They're stone-cold killers, so it should be no surprise that their attorneys presented a patently dishonest argument — that they do not oppose capital punishment per se, but want the court to order lethal injection by a massive dose of barbiturate. You see, the plaintiffs conceivably might feel pain under the three-drug injection process that starts with barbiturates, is followed by a paralytic agent and finishes with a drug that causes cardiac arrest. Unlike their victims, these killers argue they should not face the possibility of pain.

Of course, if the Big Bench ever were to grant that disingenuous request, attorneys could appeal anew on the grounds that no state had ever used a one-drug protocol.

It is hard to respect the plaintiffs' argument when it plays off of lawmakers' good intentions. As Justice Clarence Thomas wrote, "It is not a little ironic — and telling — that lethal injection, hailed just a few years ago as the humane alternative in light of which every other method of execution was deemed an unconstitutional relic of the past, is subject to today's challenge." Having failed to persuade courts to overrule capital punishment as unconstitutional "in an exercise of raw judicial power," death-penalty foes turn to "the next best option" — that is, "never-ending litigation."

This bad lawyering would have

gotten nowhere were it not for bad science. In 2005, the British medical journal The Lancet reported that blood samples taken from executed prisoners showed concentrations of barbiturate that "were lower than that required for surgery in 43 of 49 executed inmates." To their credit, the justices were aware that the so-called study was stacked. Blood samples were taken several hours to days after execution.

Where does Roberts' ruling leave California? In 2006, U.S. District Judge Jeremy Fogel stayed executions in California after entertaining an appeal against the three-drug protocol filed for convicted murderer/rapist Michael Morales.

Dane Gillette, a senior assistant attorney general, expects the ruling to "resolve the Morales federal litigation." (It's too bad a Marin County judge ruled in October that the new protocol proposed to meet Fogel's concerns must be stalled to accommodate public comment.)

While the ACLU is unhappy with the ruling, ACLU donors should rejoice. Now the civil-rights group can save its money for appeals representing innocent clients — instead of on laughable briefs that bring credit to no one. Not even the likes of Baze and Bowling.

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# Between devil and deep blue sea

It was in the 90s and sunny all weekend here in Southern California. With the start of the workweek, it's cooled down a bit, to the comfortable 60s and 70s. Still sunny. No rain.

And, oh, yes, there's a 99 percent chance of a major earthquake in the next 30 years. Just that.

I hear Pompeii had good weather, too.

On Monday, a team of seismologists issued the first statewide report on the probability of future earthquakes, and the news, for those who chose to pay attention to it, was pretty terrifying. The chance of a 6.7 magnitude quake striking one of the many active faults in California within the next 30 years is now more than 99 percent.

Which is to say it's a virtual certainty.

And that's not all. There is also at least a 46 percent chance of a much more damaging quake of a magnitude of 7.5 or more, and that would probably be in the southern part of the state, which is, of course, where I happen to live.

It's not that these numbers are particularly new. But it's the first time federal and state scientists have gotten together to do a statewide report, and the calculations for Southern California are more detailed than in prior

reports, which makes them slightly more difficult to forget immediately upon reading.

According to David Schwartz, a member of the team that put together the new estimates and an earthquake geologist at the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, denial seems to be what we Californians do best. "In our two major metropolitan areas where odds are high that a large quake is coming, people think a lot about quakes whenever even a smaller one shakes ... but 10 days later most folks forget them, and they shouldn't."

But what can you do, other than forget?

There is, of course, the rationalization approach, very popular I have found among native Californians.

You look around the rest of the country and the world, with their hurricanes and tornadoes and ice storms and unremitting heat waves, and compare how often and how many people are injured or killed by that kind of disaster as opposed to ours.

Besides, it also rains in all those places and gets very cold in the winter, so we're in better shape, work out more, eat healthier, etc. Doesn't that count for something?

Then there's the Girl/Boy Scout approach, which is really the purpose of these reports. Unlike people in parts of the country where earthquakes are rare, we actually prepare for them in California. We bolt our houses to their founda-

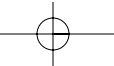
tions, put our skyscrapers on wheels, keep running shoes in our cars and slippers under our beds — even if, in my experience, when the last big quake struck, I went tearing down the hall barefoot to wake up my kids, leaving the slippers under the bed and ending up with wide-awake children and bleeding feet.

Of course, Mr. Schwartz is right. We should be prepared. We should think about it for more than the 10 days that follow the last quake — the 10 days when native Californians reassure the newcomers that this too shall pass, the 10 days when we put brackets on the furniture, secure the televisions and check our insurance policies before reverting to our shirt sleeves and convertibles.

But there's another lesson we should learn, the one most of us try to remember every day, and succeed, most of the time, only with great difficulty. It is to be grateful — to be grateful for every day the sun comes up and the earth doesn't shake and we are lucky and blessed enough to live in a special place.

The lesson of the latest report, like so many others we receive each day in both our private and public lives, is to be thankful, to be grateful, to realize that we are, for all the risks and uncertainties we face, indeed, precisely for all of them, truly blessed.

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**Bird Poop:****Two lesser goldfinch chicks rescued, but only one lives**

**P**ounding the roof with infrequent bursts of rain, the storm lived up to the reputation given it by a weather forecaster. As it whipped the trees with what seemed like relentless winds, the violent outburst finally lessened to a typical spring shower.

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Expecting the phone to ring the next morning, we were relieved by its silence. With the promise of another assault from nature following the previous night's moisture, we dreaded the predicted dust and high winds. The damp earth, dried by the force of westerly gusts, would soon be airborne. Trees once again had to withstand weather's blasts.

Following the two varying storms came a day of relative calm. We were hoping families might

have been spared. The neighbor's driveway, except for a few pine needles and cones, showed no evidence that any homes had been wrecked.

The previous spring had been similar in weather events, but seemingly more destructive. When our doorbell rang a year ago, we were greeted by cupped hands protecting a small, intricately woven cup-like creation. Inside were two nestlings. Cuddled in soft rags, the tiny beings were transferred to an incubator to simulate their mother's warmth. Feeding them would be a challenge.

Since these lesser goldfinches would have been raised on unripe dandelion seeds, and regurgitated, partly digested weed and thistle seeds, we used a special dog food diet that consisted of cereal grains, vitamins, minerals, protein and calcium. Both accepted it readily.

While the nestlings slept, we examined their miniature home. The mother bird had instinctively gathered tiny bits

of twigs, dried grasses and weeds. Intertwining and compacting these materials, she had constructed a sturdy home that had to be secure during high winds.

Having gathered plant down, bits of cotton, a few small feathers and leaves, she had created a soft cradle for her bluish-white eggs. While the opening was three inches in diameter, the depth of about an inch and a half insured that eggs and babies were protected from rolling out of the nest.

Intricate was the placement of materials. It was hard to tell where each thin blade of grass or stem began or ended. After hatching, the young would grow quickly and leave a nest that would probably never be used again.

After several feedings, our charges gained strength and actively pushed against their temporary home. Upon their arrival, we had been relieved to see that their eyes were open. At least

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Courtesy photo

About four inches long, the lesser goldfinch is the smallest of all North American goldfinches. In addition to having an appetite for seeds produced by weeds, grasses, trees and thistles, the bird is attracted to sunflowers and the fruit of creosote bushes.

**Parent's Corner:****We should help one another with our obstacles**

**B**ooker T. Washington once said, "I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."

A story which gives a good example of his meaning is this:

Just up the road from my home is a field where there are two horses. From a distance they just look like regular horses. But if you stop your car or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing. Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is

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blind.

His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him.

This alone is amazing. If nearby and listening, you will hear

the sound of a bell.

Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the other horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see how she is always checking on him and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to her, trusting that she will not lead him astray. When she returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, she stops occasionally and looks back, making sure her friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like these two horses, we are not thrown away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. Others are brought into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the

blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who have been placed in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see. Good friends are like this. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours. We never know what

obstacles others are facing or what problems have entered their lives; but we can be kinder to those we meet; we can smile and offer words of encouragement and try to be of assistance.

There is an old saying: Instead of giving myself reasons why I can't, I give myself reasons why I can. For if I refuse to

embrace a unique opportunity, I lose the prize as surely as if I had failed. So, when I feel like giving up, I must remember why I held on for so long in the first place.

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# Practical cats

## Office felines continue keeping shop, carrying on a tradition

By HARPER CLARK

Temple Daily Telegram

SALADO — Some may think keeping a cat at a business is a quaint notion from the past. The custom goes back centuries in England and spread to America in Colonial days.

But in Central Texas the concept is alive and well.

Eddy-Puss, or Eddy for short, holds court at Fletcher's Books and Antiques in Salado. Owner Tyler Fletcher said Eddy, 16, is a greeter for customers and also patrols St. Joseph's Episcopal Church next door.

Eddy came to him by way of the British attache at Fort Sill, Okla., Col. John Harrington.

"Harrington and his wife were returning from a New Year's Eve party when they spotted a bloody little ball of fur by the curb," Fletcher said of the young cat who had been hit by a car, breaking its back legs and severing its tail. The Harringtons couldn't take the cat with them to England.

"Lt. Gen. Colby Broadwater at Fort Sill was an old friend and former customer at the shop," Fletcher said of the retired officer. "He called and asked me if I wanted a cat. I said no."

A few weeks later Harrington showed up at the bookstore with the cat and some carpentry tools.

"I kept telling him 'I don't want a cat,'" said Fletcher. "Instead he began cutting a cat door in an antique door to my shop."

After Harrington left the cat immediately jumped into Fletcher's lap and claimed him as his own.

"He's very sociable," said Fletcher. "He greets customers. And in the last two years he has killed about 200 mice."

Eddy is also a regular visitor at the church next door where he comes uninvited during services and sits in the pews next to the worshippers.

"If he gets bored, he turns and leaves."

At Marine Outlet in Temple, Yamaha and Marina hold forth, said Linda Smith.

Linda Smith said Yamaha, an orange male, came to live at the shop three years ago a gift from a friend.

"Everyone loved him so much he's still here," she said.

Yamaha's main job today is to lounge on merchandise and give the store local color.

Marina has been at the store 10 years, she said. She once got into a fishing boat a customer had parked in the drive. When



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Yamaha, an orange male cat, lounges on an outboard motor at the Marine Outlet store in Temple. Yamaha came to the marine shop three years ago as a gift from a friend. The cat's main job is to lounge on merchandise and give the store local color. At right, Eddy-Puss, the resident cat at Fletcher's Books and Antiques in Salado, basks in the sun. Owner Tyler Fletcher said Eddy, 16, is a greeter for customers and also patrols the church next door.

he drove off, away went Marina looking terrified.

They reached the customer at home, who said he had made only one stop at a bank in downtown Temple. Linda and her husband, Rick, spent five days combing the streets for her.

"I didn't know there were so many gray cats in downtown Temple," she said.

Two weeks later Marina showed up at the store. She had crossed the Santa Fe railroad tracks and six lanes of Interstate 35 to make her way home to the shop.

"She had lost weight and was very vocal," said Ms. Smith. "She got up on the fish tank and drank a lot of water. Then she ate a bunch and went to sleep for three days. She doesn't go out anymore."

Sharon Robbins said her mother, Vernell Rayzor, found Lucky, outside their business Aunt Minnie's Antiques on Third Street in downtown Temple five years ago.

"He was only 5 weeks old just a handful and hollering," said Ms. Robbins.

She told the solid black kitten he was "lucky" not to have been run over by a car. The name stuck.

Lucky is a natural customer greeter and gives tours of the shop, she said. A lot of times customers will pick him up and carry him around.

"We do have customers who come here just to see him, not to shop," she said, explaining that he recognizes certain customers when their cars drive up and he greets them at the door highly excited."



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## BIRD

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their mother had been able to complete the necessary nurturing of newborns.

As more color emerged on one nestling than the other, we knew we had both female and male goldfinches. While she would develop a drab, greenish color above and dull yellow below, he would have a black cap and back. Noticeable would be his bright yellow underparts. Black wings and tail, accented

with white patches, would complete his adult plumage.

Even though the female's role included future nest building, incubation and raising young, the male would be responsible for feeding his chosen mate some day while she raised his family. Each could contribute to future generations.

Knowing the wiggling twosome needed additional expertise as they grew, fledged and learned how to sustain themselves, we delivered the goldfinches to the wildlife center in Lubbock. Not hearing

about them for weeks was not surprising. In the middle of "baby season," the volunteers were kept busy by the daily feeding of birds and cleaning of cages.

Finally, a phone call related the outcome of our twosome. The female had failed to thrive. This phenomenon often occurred among the young. Appearing healthy one day, she had gone into a sudden decline, as if nature had sensed a weakness.

Flourishing, the male would remain until the middle of June. Strong of wing and capable of find-

ing food, he weaned himself from the backyard feeder to join a flock of his kind. In the future, his undulating flight and high pitched whisper would be welcome in anyone's backyard.

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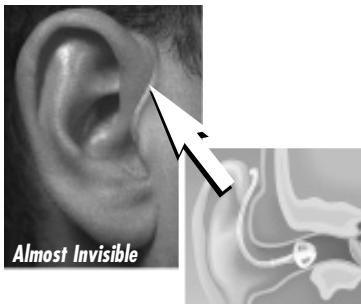
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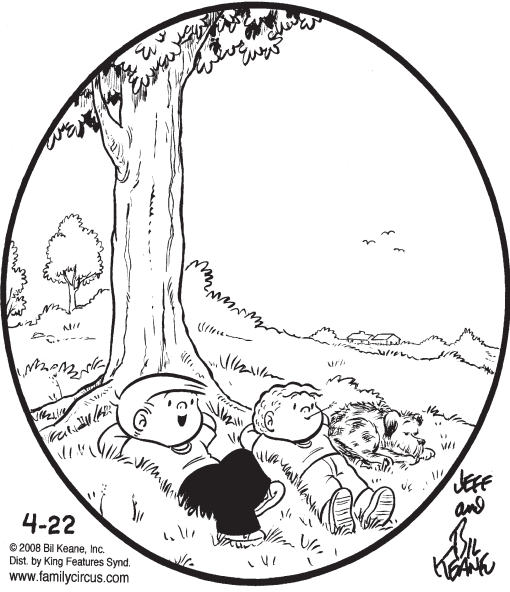
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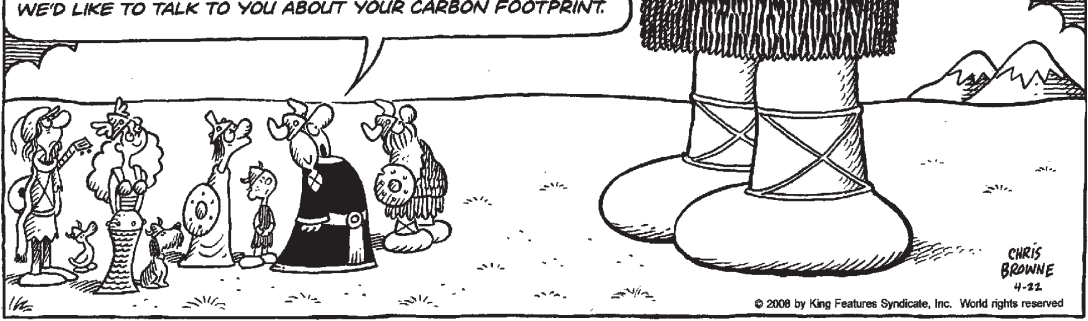
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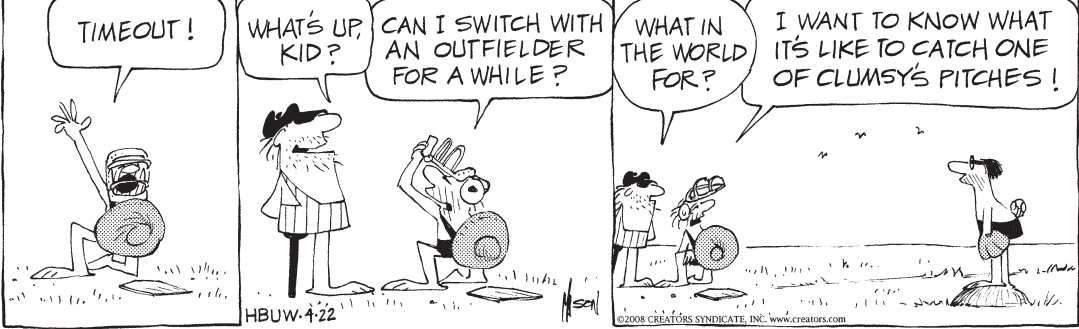
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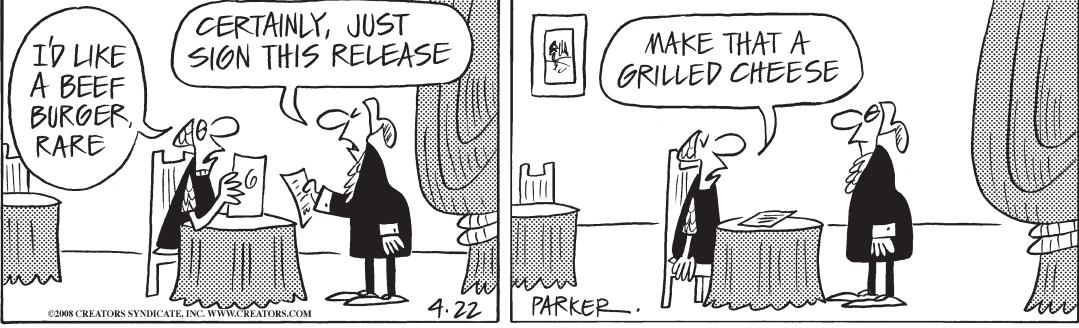


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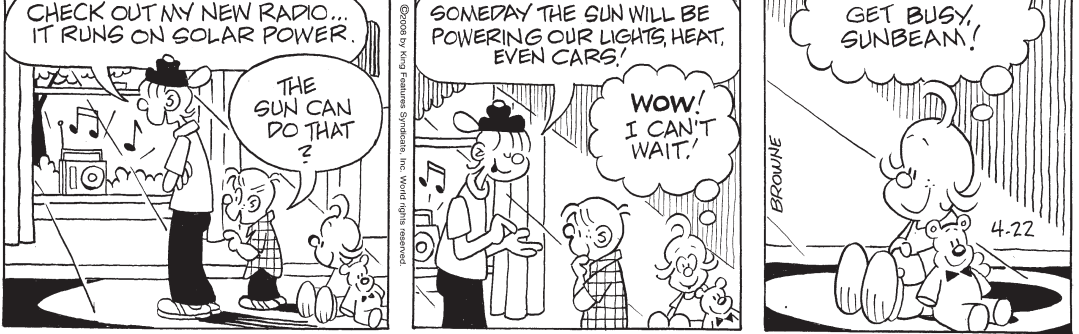
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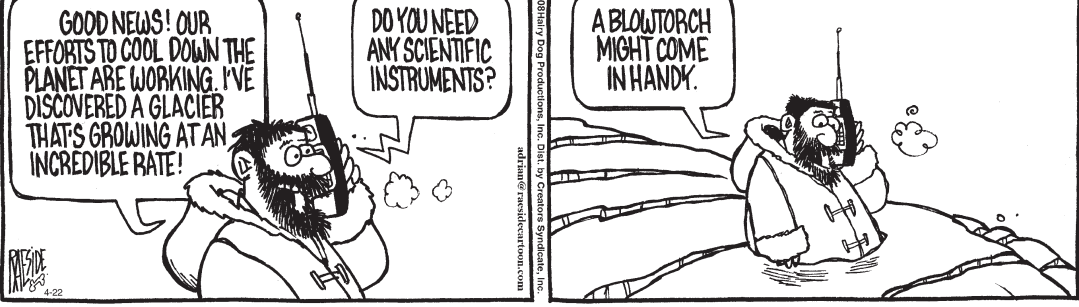
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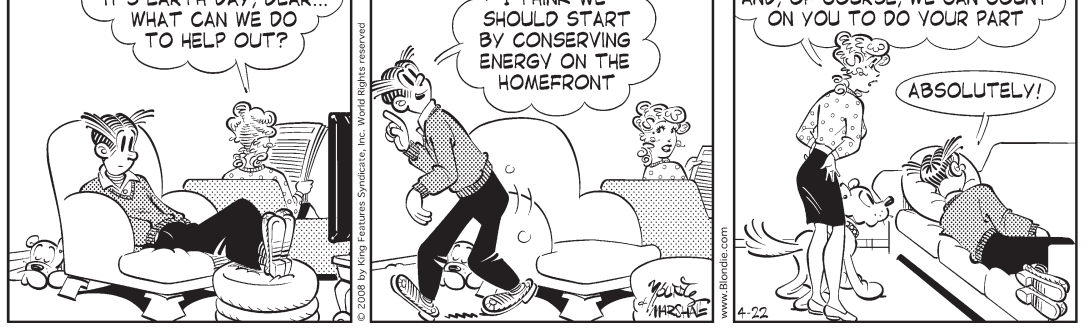
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 22, the 113th day of 2008. There are 253 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 22, 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.

On this date: In 1509, Henry VIII became king of England following the death of his father, Henry the VII.

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

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 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 a 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.

One year ago: In the first round of the French presidential election, conservative Nicolas Sarkozy and Socialist rival Segolene Royal received enough votes to advance to a runoff, which Sarkozy won.

Today's Birthdays: Actor George Cole is 83. Actress Charlotte Rae is 82. Actress Estelle Harris is 76. Singer Glen Campbell is 72. Actor Jack Nicholson is 71. Singer Mel Carter is 65. Country singer Cleve Francis is 63. Movie director John Waters is 62. Singer Peter Frampton is 58. Rock singer-musician Paul Carrack (Mike and the Mechanics; Squeeze) is 57. Actor

Joseph Bottoms is 54. Comedian Byron Allen is 47. Actor Chris Makepeace is 44. Rock musician Fletcher Dragge is 42. Actor Jeffrey Dean Morgan is 42. Actress Sheryl Lee is 41. Actress-talk show host Sherri Shepherd is 41. Country singer-musician Heath Wright (Ricochet) is 41. Actor Eric Mabius is 37. Rock musician Shavo Odadjian (System of a Down) is 34. Rock singer-musician Daniel Johns (Silverchair) is 29. Actress Michelle Ryan is 24. Actress Amber Heard is 22.

Thought for Today: "Always remember others may hate you but those who hate you don't win unless you hate them. And then you destroy yourself." — Richard M. Nixon, 37th president of the United States (1913-1994).

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- ACROSS**

1 Fabric-rustling sound

6 Fly high

10 Word of regret

14 Major blood vessel

15 Singer Fitzgerald

16 Ponder

17 Is scared of

18 Store-sign gas

19 Toward the right, on a map

20 Letters before tees

21 Breakfast sweets

23 Swiss mountain

25 Pair of people

26 Permanently

31 Urges on

36 French friend

37 Informal farewell

39 Backbone

40 Fancy winter warmer

44 In that place

45 Operatic solo

46 2005, on movie copyright lines

47 Talked back to

49 Unaided sight

52 Touch on the shoulder

54 Before, in poems

55 Cowboy trousers

61 \_\_\_ days (long ago)

65 Unseal

66 \_\_\_'clock (hour after noon)

67 Because of
- 68 Ice-cream holder

69 Pekoe and oolong

70 Precise

71 Poker payment

72 Concerning

73 New \_\_, India
- DOWN**

1 Well protected

2 Trials and tribulations

3 Some nest eggs

4 Flash of lightning

5 Pain in the neck

6 Mail away

7 Margarine

8 So all can hear

9 Telephoned

10 Prayer ending

11 Maui feast

12 Helper: Abbr.

13 Goes down, as the sun

22 Residence

24 Sampras of tennis

26 True statements

27 Nebraska city

28 Goes up, as the sun

29 Prefix for chute

30 Back of a ship

32 Fitness center

33 Blackjack

34 player's phrase

35 Foe

38 Bring out a meal

38 Largest continent

41 Fractions of a day: Abbr.

42 Encounters

43 Rouse from sleep

48 Fargo, North \_\_

50 Wore away

51 Highest-quality

53 Evergreen trees

55 \_\_ Raton, FL

56 Fairy-tale second word

57 Penny

58 Leg joint

59 Uncluttered

60 Not very good

62 Transaction

63 Engrave deeply

64 Phrase of denial

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