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Big Spring City Council members and staff discuss the pros and cons of a ban on plastic bags Tuesday night. The only consensus was that the idea needs much more study.

For city council, it's *not* in the bag, at least right now

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Discussion Tuesday night by the Big Spring City Council on whether or not to ban the use of plastic grocery-type bags in the city limits ended with the panel agreeing the matter warrants more research and — most of all — a wary eye. The council's decision to approach the matter comes on the heels of similar bans proposed and instituted in Fort Stockton, South Padre Island, Austin and Pecos, a trend started last year when Brownsville became the first city in Texas to ban the use of plastic bags in nearly all consumer settings. Elsewhere, cities such as San

"I think we need to look at all of our options, different things we may be able to do to keep Big Spring beautiful. I think eliminating the use of plastic bags is not the only option."

Tommy Duncan, Big Spring mayor



Antonio, McAllen and Corpus Christi are currently considering implementing a ban on the bags. Brownsville mayor Pat Ahumada told the *New York Times* the ban had eliminated 350,000 plastic bags per day, a decrease that "transformed our city from littered and dirty to a much cleaner city." However, Mayor Tommy Duncan and the rest of the Big

Spring council say the matter deserves a great deal more research before the Crossroads area decides whether or not to follow suit. "It's a topic that seems to be going around in several states right now, whether we should ban the use of plastic bags or regulate their use," Duncan said. "I have

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Water cuts are coming

City may have to curtail residents' usage even more

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

It appears the city of Big Spring will have to start off its summer watering season a bit on the dry side, as City Manager Gary Fuqua told the council Tuesday night municipal water customers will be asked to cut their water usage even more than this time last year. Fuqua said the city has received a letter from the Colorado City Municipal Water District laying out its allotted water deliveries for the summer months.



Fuqua

"We've received our letter from CRMWD telling us what our allotment will be through the summertime," Fuqua told the council. "Beginning April 1, we will be limited to 6.3 million gallons per day. Just to kind of give you an idea where we were at the same point last year, we were working with 6.8 million gallons per day, so we need to reduce by approximately 500,000 gallons a day." According to Fuqua, many of the other cities currently served by the Colorado River Municipal Water District — which has found itself drought stricken and with a dwindling supply of water at its reservoirs — have moved to a system of allowing watering for only two hours each week.

The city of Big Spring currently allows for

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Deadline extended for health fair booths

By AMANDA MORENO
 Staff Writer

There is still time to get a booth for the 30th annual health fair. The theme this year — Pearls of Wisdom of Good Health — is aimed at celebrating the past 30 years. Once again, the fair will take place at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 8 a.m. until noon April 14.

In order to provide the infor-



mation and medical screenings to the community, area businesses in the medical industry are asked to register for a booth. Booth registration deadlines have been extended, according to Chamber of Commerce officials. Booth spaces reserved by March 20 will be \$85 and those reserved through March 30 will be \$100. According to Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the health fair started out being held in Highland Mall and moved to Big Spring Mall and eventually outgrew the facility and was moved to its current

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Relay is coming up in short order

By AMANDA MORENO
 Staff Writer

The calendar year may have barely begun, but for the local American Cancer Society, the year is about to conclude. With Relay For Life approaching, conversation has centered around planning last-minute details for the April 20-21 event. According to Relay For Life Chair Manny Negron, there are a total of 23 teams registered and 189 prospective participants. "Numbers have really grown as far as participants since the last meeting," Negron said. "The goal for this year is to have 30 teams registered and we are getting closer to that." In support of Relay For Life, there are a couple of fundraisers scheduled in the next few weeks. Saturday, the YMCA will be hosting a dodgeball tournament beginning at 4:30 p.m. Registration will take place from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. with a registration fee of \$8 per person. Each team is limited to 10 members.

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Obituaries

Robert Earl Morehead



Robert Earl Morehead entered into heaven on March 8, 2012. He was born July 17, 1937, in Big Spring, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gilbert "Pops" Morehead; mother, Thelma "Mom" Morehead; and his brother, Jimmy Morehead.

He is survived by his wife, Sissy, and their three daughters, Kristen Townsell and her husband Paul,

Cynthia Mally and husband Ken, and Brandi Morehead; grandchildren, Austin and Matthew; sister, Doris McCullough; brothers, Michael Parrish and Gilbert Reyna; and a host of nieces and nephews as well as the loyal patrons of The Depot Saloon.

Robert graduated from Big Spring High School in 1955 and completed his undergraduate at Baylor University. He is an alumnus of the University of Houston where he completed his graduate work and was also employed for 46 years as a psychologist. Upon his retirement in 2005, he was the person longest employed by the university.

Robert and Sissy are the proud owners of The Depot Saloon where he was dearly loved by employees and patrons alike.

We love and miss you Daddy and because of God's grace, we will see you again one day.

A gathering will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2012, in the chapel of SouthPark Funeral Home in Pearland, Texas. Services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2012, at SouthPark Funeral with interment to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association of Houston.

Paid obituary

Amy Jennifer Phillips



Amy Jennifer Phillips, 31, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 11, 2012, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial mass will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, with Msgr. Bernard L. Gully officiating.

She was born Aug. 12, 1980, to Ellen and Greg Phillips. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1998. She attended Howard College and received her bachelor of science degree at the University of North Texas in 2003. From 2003 until 2008, she was a consultant for Prizm and Wacor Warranty Associates Corporation in Atlanta and Denver. For the last three years, she has been a realtor for Ellen Phillips Realtors. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by her mother, Ellen Phillips of Big Spring; two brothers, Connor Phillips and Brady Phillips, both of Lubbock; grandmother, Linda Phillips of Abilene; two uncles; one aunt; and several nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Greg Phillips on June 1, 2001; and grandparents Mary Alice Anderson and Waymon Phillips.

The family suggests memorials to the Big Spring Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring, Texas 79721-823; or American Society for Prevention of Cruelty of Animals, ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, DC, 20090-6929.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

MB Maxwell Jr.



MB Maxwell Jr., 87, died Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at an Abilene nursing center. He was born Jan. 11, 1925, in Brownwood, Texas, the son of Florence Gertrude (Massey) and Michael Berry Maxwell Sr.

He attended elementary school in Big Spring before finishing high school in Llano in 1943. Upon graduation, his family moved to Clyde where he met Joyce Jennings.

They married in August of 1945. He served in the Army Air Corps and legally changed his name to MB (initials only) during that time.

MB completed his degree at Abilene Christian College in 1950 and his master's degree from ACC in 1956. His first job was coaching at Blackwell High School.

He later taught and coached at Ackerly, Novice and Vealmoor and returned to Ackerly. In the fall of 1963, he was named superintendent of Sands CISD. In 1978, he was hired as superintendent at Hobbs (Texas) ISD, and remained there until his retirement in 1985.

For 24 years MB had been a resident of Abilene where he was a member of Baker Heights Church of Christ.

MB was preceded in death by his wife and his parents.

Survivors include two sons, Lynn Maxwell of Abilene and Kynn Maxwell and wife Jan of Midland; two brothers, Fowden Maxwell of College Station and Doyle Maxwell of Abilene; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at The Hamil Family Funeral Home Chapel, 6449 Buffalo Gap Rd., Abilene, with Gary Montgomery and Ron McElyea officiating. Interment will follow in Clyde Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Online condolences may be posted at www.Hamil-FamilyFuneralHome.com.

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.

• VERONICA MARTINEZ, 29, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear (two counts), fail to maintain financial responsibility.

• BRANDON HEATH WINTERS, 34, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by BSPD on issuance of bad check and theft of property by check between \$20 and \$500.

• JOHN WILLIAM SALAZAR, 36, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by BSPD on charges of harrasment (two counts), possession of drug paraphernalia, violate promise to appear, failure to appear (two counts) and assault by threat.

• MICHAEL RENE ROBLES, 39, was arrested Tuesday by HCSO on warrant for failure to appear.

• MELISSA VELASQUEZ, 47, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by BSPD on a charge of theft.

• FIDEL GALVAN, 17, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by BSPD on a charge of no drivers license.

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Police blotter

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

• VERONICA HALARIO MARTINEZ, 29, of 1002 N. Main 46, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for fail to appear (two counts), expired registration and failed to maintain financial responsibility.

• JOHN WILLIAM SALAZAR, 36, of 4215 Calvin St., was arrested Tuesday on warrants for assault by threat, fail to appear, harassment (two counts) and warrant from other agency (three counts).

• BRANDON HEATH WINTERS, 34, of 1214 Lloyd Avenue, was arrested Tuesday on warrants from other agency (two counts).

• MELISSA URANGA VELASQUEZ, 47, of 4400 Beachnutt, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft less than \$50 for shoplifting.

• KAILA RASHAE THOMPSON, 21, of 1429 E. Sixth St. 26, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for failed to maintain financial responsibility.

• LEE TORRES ESCOBAR, 33, of 811 E. 16th St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• BRODIE LEE DUNN, 32, of 1706 Young St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• JASON ORTEGA, 30, of 1208 Lloyd St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault: family violence threat or offensive touch.

• MICHAEL RENE ROBLES, 39, of 712 S. Johnson St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from other agency.

• JAMES ANDREW MCMILLIAN, 40, of 3220 Cornell, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams.

• LONNIE BORDEN LOVERN, 30, of 119 Ebner, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• THEFT was reported:
In the 1700 block of State Street.
In the 200 block of E. FM 700.

• HARASSMENT was reported in the 1000 block of W. Third Street.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

Fire/EMS

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

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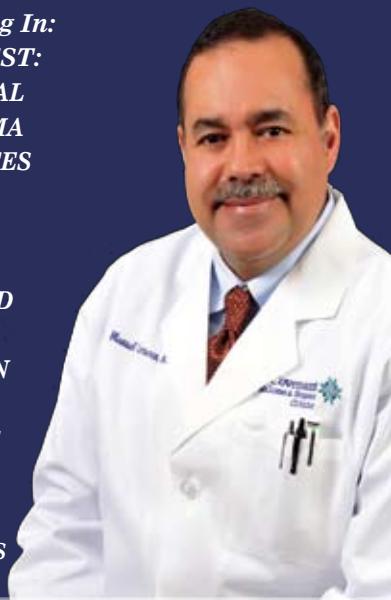
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OUR VIEWS

Snakes are slithering back into Big Spring

If you hear rattling next weekend, don't be alarmed. The population of snakes in Big Spring is about to go up — and then drop drastically — for the 48th Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup.

Snakes will be rattling and slithering around the fair grounds Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25. Doors will be open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday and again from noon until 4 p.m. Sunday.

For those who aren't all about the slithering snakes, there is still something to see. The entry barn will contain plenty of booths for those wanting to go shopping at the arts and crafts show, which will accompany the roundup. The snakes will be secluded to the east most barn of the fairgrounds.

Area snake hunters have the opportunity to get involved with the roundup, as well. If going to look at snakes isn't all you want to do, snakes will be accepted from area hunters. Those snakes will be weighed by AMUBCS members Friday, March 23. The heaviest snake and the snake with the most rattles will be named during the roundup from snakes submitted.

Of course, it wouldn't be a roundup if there wasn't someone brave enough to get in the arena with the snakes and provide a little bit of education. Both days there will be demonstrations including snake handling and milking.

For those who really enjoy seeing the snakes, there will be souvenirs available for purchase including snake skins and mounted snakes. If you get hungry while attending the show, take the opportunity to try snake meat (they say it tastes like chicken).

No matter what your interest is there seems to be something for everyone involved in the roundup.

Roundup weekend will be a time to spend with the family, learn a little bit about snakes and to try something new.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we make a difference in others lives,
Lord, through You. Amen

Taking the journey called life

I have arrived at a very pleasant stage on this journey called life. I am young at heart, my mind is crisp and clear most of the time, and I have great energy and avidity for living every day to the fullest. I am much less ignorant than I was when I was a youngster and have learned how to appreciate the things that have genuine value and are worthy of my devotion and passion.

One of the things I am enjoying the most at this point of life's passage is what I call "controlled nostalgia." I will be more definitive of that term in a few moments.

I was blessed to be born to great parents who loved me and did their best to provide all the security and provision any child could possibly need and I have countless childhood memories which I treasure and hold very dear. I had the privilege of knowing all of my grandparents well and even one great-grandmother lived 'till after Leah and I were married and then passed away a few days before her 101st birthday.

I was visiting with one of my precious church members this past week and as we were discussing some of the tragic conditions of our society I lamentingly made the statement that we aren't living in an Ozzie and Harriet world anymore.

You see, remembering the past has its blessings and its curses. That's why I coined the phrase "controlled nostalgia." If one is so consumed with the past that it is impossible to accept or adapt to the present then social and emotional dysfunction is lurking close by. That's why controlling nostalgia is so important.



EDDY PRINCE

It is unquestionably a healthy thing to remember the things from our past that inspires comfort, joy, peace and stability. At the same time it is unhealthy to dwell on things which threaten our ability to enjoy life and accept things which have drastically changed.

I remember the first television the Prince family owned. I was probably in the first grade when a man from our church gave us an old set from his repair shop.

Its first dwelling place was in our garage, where my younger sister and I would sit in front of it and listen to Lassie, The World of Disney, Zorro, or Roy Rogers because the picture didn't work. However, it was eventually repaired and life began to change.

As it found its way into our living room we discovered the comic genius of Red Skelton, the terror found in the Twilight Zone, what it meant to love Lucy, and how perfect life was in the households of Father Knows Best, Leave it to Beaver, and Ozzie and Harriet.

Somewhere around 1960, television gave me my first taste of being in love, thanks to Mary, Donna Reed's daughter. Don't worry, I've told Leah all about it and she handled the news well.

I received a great email this week from my good friend, Ralph Kennedy, which contained a list of all the things recently sold at auction that had belonged to the greatest cowboy of them all, Roy Rogers. The amazing amounts of money paid for his belongings was a testament to how beloved he was as a role model and hero for so many growing up in that era. As an example, his 1964 Bonneville sold for \$254,500 and Trigger sold for \$266,500.

So much of television programming today is generally vile, vulgar, violent and depressing. Much of today's movies and music has evolved into mediums

promoting hatred, prejudice, violence, rebellion and immorality. I recently sat at a red light right here in Big Spring and was forced to hear horribly obscene lyrics being pumped out of the car in the lane beside me. It reminded me of a bumper sticker I read once that said, "If I wanted to hear your music I'd get in your car."

The potential problem with being nostalgic is basically found in its definition; "a bittersweet longing for things, persons, or situations of the past." No matter how wonderful the past may have been, we can't go back there.

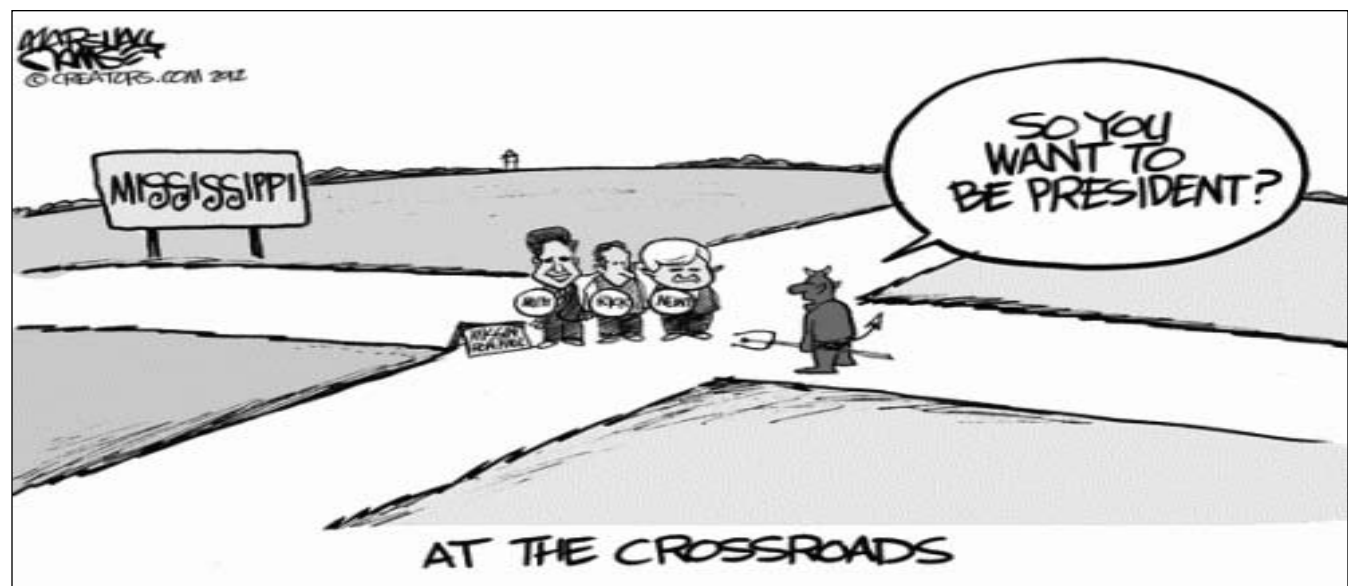
It's gone and it isn't coming back. Therein lies the challenge we face as we cope with the reality of a world that has undergone major change, and much of it for the worse. But it's still our world and we have to live in it so we must make the most of it.

So here is my take on nostalgia and the need for controlling it. Great joy comes from remembering the good that has influenced our lives. But if it paralyzes us from moving on it isn't healthy and can ruin our future and keep us from a glorious present which is ours to enjoy as well. If you know your Bible, you will remember Paul declaring, "Brothers, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before" (Phil 3:13).

The past is gone, but the present is ours to enjoy. So don't let today pass you by while you are staring into the windows of yesterday.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

Eddy Prince is the senior pastor at Grace Fellowship Church in Big Spring. He can be reached by email at pastorprince@msn.com



The sheriff enters guilty plea

San Francisco Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi agreed to a plea bargain on a misdemeanor domestic violence charge and two related charges that began with a New Year's Day argument during which Mirkarimi allegedly bruised his wife's arm. The district attorney dropped the three original charges; Mirkarimi pleaded guilty to misdemeanor false imprisonment. His sentence includes three years' probation, one year of domestic violence classes, plus family counseling, community service and fines. I'd add another item; Mirkarimi should tell San Francisco voters what happened.

Public defender Jeff Adachi summed up the deal: "The district attorney gave in by not insisting that the sheriff plea to a domestic violence charge. At the same time, the district attorney got the sheriff to agree to one year of domestic violence counseling." (Hence, the sheriff should be able to carry a gun.)

Is it a good deal for the city? I don't think voters will know until Mirkarimi levels with the public. Defense attorney Lidia Stiglich tells me he will do so after Monday's sentencing.

Mayor Ed Lee is reviewing his options, given a "new set of legal issues that must be thoroughly reviewed." One option could be to charge Mirkarimi with misconduct and push for his removal.

Bay Area Legal Aid staff attorney Minouche Kandel neatly summed up the oust-Mirkarimi argument: "I think it's problematic for a man who's been convicted of false imprisonment to lead a department whose purpose is imprisonment."

Attorney and former San Francisco Supervisor Angela Alioto, on the other hand, argued he should stay because "the people of San Francisco elected him." And Alioto is not a fan of Mirkarimi's reported behavior.

Optimists might call the outcome a win-win situation.

Mirkarimi agrees to counseling without being weighed down with the professional baggage of a domestic violence conviction.

I'm not so sure.

Pretrial testimony got pretty ugly. An ex-girlfriend accused the sheriff of grabbing and bruising her arm four years ago — which allowed experts to label Mirkarimi as a repeat offender. It doesn't matter that she didn't file charges at the time, because her testimony fits the narrative of abused women not talking because they are not empowered.

Two months after a stay-away order divided her family, Eliana

Lopez, Mirkarimi's wife, hasn't emerged with the liberating rush of empowerment. Lopez didn't want this trial. Her attorney Paula Canny contends that in her client's opinion, "this shouldn't have been a criminal case."

I understand that men who abuse women often start with a shove that escalates to broken bones — and horribly worse. Prosecutors want to stop an abuser before he becomes a batterer or a killer. A trial, however, is about not how a group acts, but what a defendant did or did not do.

The prosecution's "home run was," defense attorney Stiglich maintains, "if everything they say was true, he grabbed her arm too hard in an argument. And there's no context to it."

Now that Mirkarimi has pleaded guilty, after saying he wasn't, there's still no context to the story. It's time the sheriff shared what happened with the people of San Francisco.

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DEBRA SAUNDERS

News in brief

It's Romney vs. Santorum as GOP race plods ahead, with Puerto Rico up next

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The plodding Republican presidential nomination fight is grinding forward toward Puerto Rico — and a two-man race, with Rick Santorum ascendant and Mitt Romney vanquished in the Deep South.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, the former Georgia lawmaker whose Southern strategy stalled, was all but relegated to an asterisk in the contest even as he vowed to stay in it.

"Now is the time to pull together," Santorum declared to conservatives in Lafayette, La., after winning Tuesday's primaries in Alabama and Mississippi, urging the party's faithful to unite behind him to beat Romney.

"We are campaigning everywhere there are delegates because we are going to win this nomination before the convention."

Unbowed, Romney issued a statement noting his strong lead in the hunt for delegates to the GOP convention, saying, "I am pleased that we will be increasing our delegate count in a very substantial way after tonight." Earlier Tuesday, in an interview with CNN, Romney had said Santorum was "at the desperate end of his campaign."

Romney fared much better in the night's two Pacific island contests. He salvaged a win in the Hawaii caucuses and won the support of all nine delegates at GOP caucuses in American Samoa.

Bus crash in Swiss tunnel kills 28 people, including 22 school children returning from trip

GENEVA (AP) — A bus smashed into a tunnel wall in the Swiss Alps, killing 22 Belgian 12-year-olds returning from a ski vacation and the six adults who were accompanying them, police said Wednesday.

Another 24 students were hospitalized with injuries, Valais cantonal (state) police spokesman Jean-Marie Bornet told The Associated Press.

The bus carrying 52 people, including young students from two different Belgian schools, hit the tunnel wall shortly after 9 p.m. local time Tuesday on the A9 highway near Sierre, Switzerland, in the southern Swiss canton of Valais, an area of popular ski resorts.

Authorities were still identifying all the victims, said Didier Reynders, the Belgian foreign minister. It was unclear exactly how the accident happened, he said.

"It is incomprehensible," Reynders said.

GOP, Democratic lawmakers want to 'stick to plan' in Afghanistan despite deadly incidents

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans and Democrats alike insist the United States should stay the course in Afghanistan, sticking to President Barack Obama's timetable for withdrawing American troops despite the massacre of Afghan civilians and the burning of Qurans — two offenses blamed on the U.S. military that have stoked anti-American anger.

Key proponents of keeping troops in Afghanistan, like Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., say these tragic incidents shouldn't diminish the American resolve to finish a job begun more than a decade ago.

"When you look at the war through that terrible, violent act — it can seem hopeless and lost," McKeon, the House Armed Services Committee chair-

man, said of the American soldier suspected of killing 16 Afghan civilians, including women and children. "But the reason we liberated Afghanistan in 2001 was right then, and it is the same reason we fight today to keep it liberated."

McKeon's argument for a continued U.S. presence in Afghanistan more than 10 years after the war began reflects the view of the nation's military commanders and was echoed by several lawmakers, including the Senate's top Democrat and Republican.

Support for the current policy puts them at odds with two Republican presidential candidates — Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul — and a growing number of Americans exasperated with the drawn-out conflict and clamoring for the 90,000 troops to come home.

McKeon was scheduled to deliver his remarks in a speech Wednesday at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif. The Associated Press obtained excerpts of his remarks.

World stock markets rise after positive Fed assessment sends Wall Street soaring

BANGKOK (AP) — World stock markets rose Wednesday, with Japan's benchmark closing at its highest level in more than seven months, as investors snapped up shares amid signs of a strengthening U.S. economy.

Benchmark oil hovered below \$107 per barrel while the dollar rose against the euro and the yen.

Gains in European and Asian markets came after a strong rally Tuesday on Wall Street sparked by optimism over the economic outlook. U.S. government figures showed improving retail sales and the U.S. Federal Reserve said it expects the unemployment rate to keep falling.

"Exports stocks, especially focusing on the U.S. market, will definitely benefit," said Dickie Wong, executive director of Kingston Securities Ltd. in Hong Kong.

Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.3 percent to 5,974.56. Germany's DAX was 0.8 percent higher at 7,054.96 and France's CAC-40 added 0.6 percent to 3,571.32.

Cameron, Obama navigating tricky issues in White House meeting ahead of formal dinner

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is welcoming British Prime Minister David Cameron to the White House with all the pomp of a state visit as the allies stress their unity in dealing with hot spots like Iran, Syria and Afghanistan.

Amid concerns in Britain that U.S. focus is drifting toward East Asia, Obama is seeking to reassure the British leader with a formal White House dinner and talks on how to coordinate policies on a host of thorny problems.

The serious talks follow a more relaxed day in which Obama and Cameron flew to Dayton, Ohio, to watch an NCAA tournament college basketball game between Mississippi Valley State and Western Kentucky — a new experience for the British leader.

Obama gave Cameron the royal treatment, inviting him to fly on Air Force One and enjoy a quintessential American tradition.

The attention to Cameron comes at a time of weighty foreign policy challenges. Britain has been an important U.S. ally in Afghanistan and the bombing campaign in Libya that led to the removal of Moammar Gadhafi.

Obama and Cameron will discuss the upcoming NATO and G-8 summits on Wednesday, followed

by a state dinner at the White House.

Iran's parliament questions Ahmadinejad in blow to embattled president

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's parliament grilled President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Wednesday over a long list of accusations, including that he mismanaged the nation's economy and defied the authority of the country's supreme leader.

Ahmadinejad is the first president in the country's history to be hauled before the Iranian parliament, a serious blow to his standing in a conflict pitting him against lawmakers and the country's powerful clerical establishment.

Iran's constitution gives parliament the legal right to question the president, but the body had never before taken a step that undermined Ahmadinejad's prestige and could set the stage for his subsequent impeachment should lawmakers determine his answers were unsatisfactory.

Ahmadinejad sniped back defiantly at his questioners, displaying some of the populist touch that has won him a mass following despite his strained ties with clerical leaders.

The summons follows a long-awaited petition by a group of parliamentarians for a review of policy decisions by Ahmadinejad, who has come under increasing attacks in recent months from the same hard-liners who brought him to power.

Autopsy shows 2-year-old NJ girl found dead inside septic tank drowned accidentally

LAKEWOOD, N.J. (AP) — An autopsy has determined that accidental drowning caused the death of a toddler whose body was found inside a septic tank behind her home, just hours after being reported missing by her mother.

Ocean County Prosecutor Marlene Lynch Ford said Tuesday that a preliminary investigation found "no indication of foul play or trauma."

The 2-year-old victim, identified by authorities only by the initials J.C., was reported missing by her mother, Marina Matias, shortly before 5 p.m. Monday. She had been playing in the yard with four siblings.

Search teams found a 3-foot-wide hole in the yard that led to a septic tank, and the Public Works Department was called to pump water from the tank. The girl's body was found inside it around 7:30 p.m.

Toys were strewn about the yard of the ramshackle property on Tuesday, and the front door of the small house sat open. Police tape cordoned off the area where the top of the tank had been covered with dirt..

'American Idol' finalist Jermaine Jones tweets that he's off the show

Jermaine Jones is apparently out on "American Idol."

The 25-year-old vocal instructor from Pine Hill, N.J., tweeted Tuesday night that he no longer would be on the Fox singing contest.

He wrote on his official "Idol" Twitter account: "Awww I will no longer b on the show." The post and Jones' official "Idol" Twitter account were later deleted.

The so-called "gentle giant," as he was dubbed by "Idol" host Ryan Seacrest, was among the show's viewer-selected top 13 finalists after the judges gave him a last-minute spot among the 11th season's top 13 male semifinalists.

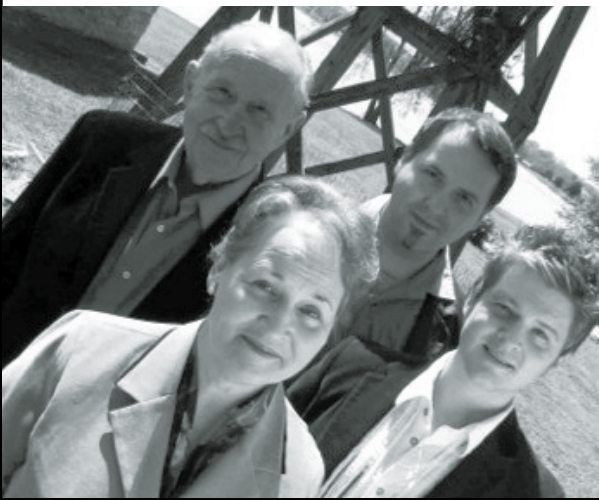
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1 dead in gunfire at spring break party in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators say one person has died after being shot during a social media-advertised party in Houston that drew hundreds of young people.

KTRK-TV reports police were dispatched to the house around midnight Tuesday after neighbors complained. Police were seeking to end the spring break party when someone in the crowd opened fire. The suspect then fled.

Police early Wednesday did not immediately provide further details on the fugitive or the person who was shot and died at a hospital.

KTRK reports more than 400 teenagers and older college students showed up for the party advertised on Facebook and Twitter.

Brazos County jailer accused of evidence tampering

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — A Central Texas jailer has been suspended with pay for allegedly lying to help an inmate she dated before he was accused of assault.

The Brazos County Sheriff's Office says Joan Burns and Willie Griffin Jr. were charged Tuesday with tampering with evidence.

Bond is \$825,000 for Griffin, who was arrested March 8 on aggravated kidnapping and aggravated assault charges.

WTAW Radio (<http://bit.ly/yDLPiA>) reports Burns was freed on \$15,000 bond Tuesday night. No information was immediately available on attorneys for the pair.

Officials say Burns on Monday told investigators she was on the phone with Griffin the night he allegedly kidnapped another person. Burns reported she heard Griffin tell the alleged victim to “put down the gun.”

The jailer later recanted and said Burns told her what to say.

Texas gets nearly \$10.5M in HUD homeless grants

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — More than a dozen Texas communities will share nearly \$10.5 million in federal grants to support programs for the homeless.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the funds Tuesday afternoon.

The HUD money goes to projects in Austin, Dal-

las, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Georgetown, Houston, Killeen, Longview, Mount Pleasant, Richmond, San Antonio, Sherman, Waco and Wichita Falls.

HUD authorities say the money is meant to help provide emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent support for individuals and families.

The Texas funds are part of about \$201 million in grants awarded nationwide.

Drug suspect arrested after apartment lockdown

MESQUITE, Texas (AP) — The FBI has arrested a man who caused a Dallas apartment complex to be locked down for several hours Tuesday after he fled when authorities tried to serve a drug warrant.

A bureau spokesman said 41-year-old Ronald William Brooks was apprehended in the Dallas suburb of Mesquite without injury Tuesday night.

Brooks fled on a motorcycle when authorities tried to serve a warrant for federal drug conspiracy charges. Police and FBI agents chased him to an apartment complex and had the building locked down as they went door to door searching for him.

A federal indictment returned on Feb. 23 charges Brooks with being involved in a drug conspiracy that's part of an ongoing FBI investigation.

Alleged cartel man indicted for conspiracy

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — An alleged lieutenant of the Sinaloa cartel has been indicted in the U.S. for conspiracy in the kidnappings and deaths of a West Texas man and three New Mexico men.

Jose Antonio Torres-Marrufo, who allegedly ran the cartel's operation in Juarez, Mexico, was also indicted on drug trafficking and money laundering counts.

Torres-Marrufo was arrested in February in Leon, Guatnajuato, Mexico, and awaits extradition. Attorney information was not immediately available.

The indictment unsealed last week accuses Torres-Marrufo of conspiring to kill a man in 2009 with the initials S.S. That coincides with Sergio Saucedo, abducted from his home and killed in Mexico.

Two men were found guilty and one more pleaded guilty of the kidnapping of Saucedo. He was taken at gunpoint from his house in Horizon City, Texas, while his wife and child watched. He was found dead with his hands chopped off several days later

Odds and ends

Deaths barred in Italian village

ROME (AP) — Since the start of the month it has been illegal to die in Falciano del Massico, a village of 3,700 people some 50 kilometers (30 miles) from Naples in southern Italy.

Mayor Giulio Cesare Fava issued the tongue-in-cheek decree because the village has no cemetery and it is feuding with a nearby town that has one — creating a logistical problem about what to do with the deceased.

The mayor told newspapers that villagers are content.

“The ordinance has brought happiness,” he was quoted Tuesday as saying. “Unfortunately, two elderly citizens disobeyed.”

Gatlinburg to be awash in Santas

GATLINBURG, Tenn. (AP) — So, where does Santa Claus go in his offseason? Gatlinburg, obviously.

in an unpaved street in neighboring Juarez, Mexico.

Upon his arrest, Mexican authorities said that Marrufo is believed to be the mastermind behind a Sept. 2009 massacre in Casa Aliviane drug rehab center in Juarez where 18 people were shot to death.

Torres-Marrufo is also accused in the indictment of conspiring in the 2010 deaths of three men whose initials coincide with three New Mexico men abducted from a wedding in Juarez and killed.

The bodies Rafael Morales Valencia, 29, his brother Jaime Morales Valencia, 25, and their uncle Guadalupe Morales Arriola, 47 were found in May 2010 in the back of a pickup truck after being snatched from the wedding of one of these. The indictment says that Torres-Marrufo conspired in May 2010 to kidnap three men with the initials R.M.V., J.M.V. and G.M.A.

Body found in North Texas identified as soldier

PETROLIA, Texas (AP) — Authorities said human remains found in a shallow grave in rural North Texas are those of a missing U.S. Army soldier, five years after they think he was killed.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday said Spc. Jose Ramirez of El Centro, Calif., was found early last month outside a home near Petrolia, just south of the Texas-Oklahoma border. Authorities were called to the home after an anonymous tipster contacted them about an unsolved murder.

According to a criminal complaint, authorities found bullet holes in a bedroom wall and blood stains in a hallway. A day later, they searched the area around the home and found a human skull with bullet marks as well as a pair of shorts with the word “Army,” the complaint said.

Authorities charged 30-year-old Justin Green with first-degree murder in February. Green, who once lived in the home where the bullet holes were found, remains in jail on \$1 million bond and will appear in court Monday. His attorney did not return a phone message.

Ramirez was 22 when he was reported missing from Fort Sill, Okla., in December 2005, a military spokesman said. Ramirez's family in California could not be reached.

Clay County Sheriff Kenny Lemons said last month that authorities didn't know how Ramirez might have ended up near Petrolia, which is about 80 miles south of the base. Lemons said Ramirez likely died sometime in 2007.

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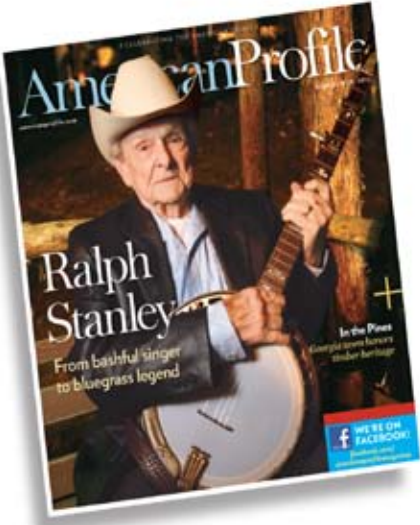
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SOUTH
♠ 9 4
♥ A K 9 6 5 2
♦ A 6 3
♣ K 7

The bidding:
South 1 ♥
West Pass
North 3 ♥
East Pass

Opening lead — king of spades.

From a team-of-four match comes this deal where the contract at both tables was four hearts. At the first table, three rounds of spades were led, declarer ruffing the third. South then played the ace of hearts, learning that he had to lose a trump trick. When he later attempted a diamond finesse, it failed, and he went down one.

This was certainly an unlucky result. Not only were the trumps divided 3-0, but the diamond finesse

also lost. However, the declarer at the second table made the contract. He also ruffed the third spade, but he then introduced a variation that clearly improved his chances.

He realized that if the trumps were 3-0 — a 22 percent probability — he could lose a trump trick and also a diamond and go down one. So, to cater to this possibility, South crossed to the queen of clubs at trick four and led the jack of hearts. East, holding the Q-10-8, covered with the queen as South won with the ace and West showed out.

It was now a simple matter to return to dummy with a club, lead a heart and finesse the nine. Declarer later lost a diamond trick but made his game.

It may be argued that East should not have covered the jack of hearts, and much can be said in favor of this contention. Had East played the eight on the jack, South undoubtedly would have played the ace or king and gone down one. However, it cannot be denied that the second declarer created the opportunity for a defensive error, and to this extent his play was better than his counterpart's at the other table.

It was a play that had everything to gain and nothing to lose. Who could ask for anything more?

Tomorrow: That number 13 again.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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What's new at the library? Come find out

Mike Eggleston, local area author, will be at Howard County Library today to sign his latest book, "The True Story of the Sharpest Ever," from 1:30 to 4 p.m.



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Please come meet Mike and buy his book. He will also have his other books available for sale. Fans of Scotland Yard's Superintendent Duncan Kincaid will be pleased to find out that we have his newest case, "No Mark Upon Her" (M CRO D) by Deborah Crombie. High-ranking Metropolitan detective Rebecca Meredith was found dead in the Thames River, ostensibly a victim on a sculling accident. When evidence suggests otherwise, the case heats up. A completely separate investigation led by wife DI Gemma James, suggests a disturbing series of crimes, thereby widening the pool of suspects. This is another exciting book by Crombie.

"The Devil in Pew Number Seven" (277.308 ALO R) by Rebecca Nichols Alonzo will make you really think how this could happen in today's world, but there is evil around us all. This is the story of a man finding his mission to serve God in spite of another man's mission to drive him away. "When the Lord gets ready for me to leave this church, He won't send the message by the devil." Robert Nichols, 1975.

In 1969, her father, Robert Nichols, moved with his family to Sellertown, N.C., to serve as a pastor. There he found a small community eager to welcome him ... with one exception. Glaring at him from pew number seven was a man obsessed with controlling the church and determined to get rid of anyone who stood in his way. The first time the Nichols family received a harassing phone call, they dismissed it. The

same went for the anonymous letter that threatened they'd leave "crawling or walking ... dead or alive." But what they couldn't ignore was the strategy of terror their tormentor unleashed, more devastating and violent than they could have ever imagined. Refusing to be driven away, Rebecca's father stood his ground until one night when an armed man walked into the family's kitchen ... and Rebecca's life was shattered.

If anyone had reason to harbor hatred and seek personal revenge, it would be Rebecca. Yet "The Devil in Pew Number Seven" tells a different story. It is the amazing, true saga of relentless persecution, one family's faith and courage in the face of it, and a daughter whose parents taught her the power of forgiveness. This description is from the back of the book.

Are you a Downton Abbey addict? We have received the first two seasons of Downton Abbey on CD and have allowed extended checkout periods for your viewing pleasure. In addition, we have a companion piece, "The World of Downton Abbey" (791.457 FEL J) written by Jessica Fellowes that contains the background material on life at Downton Abbey. It is fascinating.

Biographies are in. "Once Upon a Secret: My Affair with President John F. Kennedy and Its Aftermath" (B ALF M) by Mimi Alford; "Jeannie Out of the Bottle" (B EDE B) by Barbara Eden and "Lady Blue Eyes: My Life with Frank" (B SIN B) by Barbara Sinatra — she married Frank

Sinatra.

I guess winter is over with and spring is blowing in. Mary Irish is the author of "Perennials for the Southwest: Plants that Flourish in Arid Gardens" (635.932 IRI M). In it, she talks about soils, how to compost and plants best suited for arid areas. There is also discussion on insects and how to avoid diseases from striking your plants. It is not a "how to" plan

a garden; rather it is guide to select plants.

In a review by Wes Lukowsky in Booklist, "Twelve Mighty Orphans" (796.332 DEN J) by Jim Dent, is the story of how the Masonic Home, an orphanage outside Fort Worth became a high-school football dynasty in Depression-era Texas. Despite having virtually no equipment or uniforms, and even though their linemen were

often outweighed by 50 pounds, the Mighty Mites, as they came to be known, reached the Texas state semifinals three times and the championship game once. Dent, author of "The Junction Boys" (1999), another inspirational story of Texas football, produces a riveting narrative from the saga of the Mites and their innovative coach, Rusty Russell, who compensated for

his team's physical shortcomings with imaginative formations and trick plays. Using extensive first-person research and, when that wasn't possible, interviews with the immediate descendants of the principals, Dent builds a sense of drama and immediacy by placing readers in the heart of the Depression and a Texas that still had a

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• Effective immediately, the Blankenship Field track will be closed to the general public. The band practice field (located to the west of the track) is available for walking. There will be a timer that will turn on the lights for early morning walkers and the lights will come back on late in the evening for those who want to walk at night.

• The Howard County Clerk's Office will be closed from noon Friday through Tuesday to allow for remodeling.

• Benefit for the oldest Harley shop in Texas, Walker family, to be held March 17 at Xiled Club-house. There will be food, fun and games with special auction. Gates open at noon and charge is \$10 at the door. Contact 432-270-1212 for more information.

• An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely

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injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• As the 8th annual Powwow is coming near, organizers are seeking people interested in native American culture. The group is a family oriented organization that is looking to expand. You do not have to be native American to join. For comments, questions and answers, call Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Connie Lesser at 432-816-6772.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• American Cancer Society will have its board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the

month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

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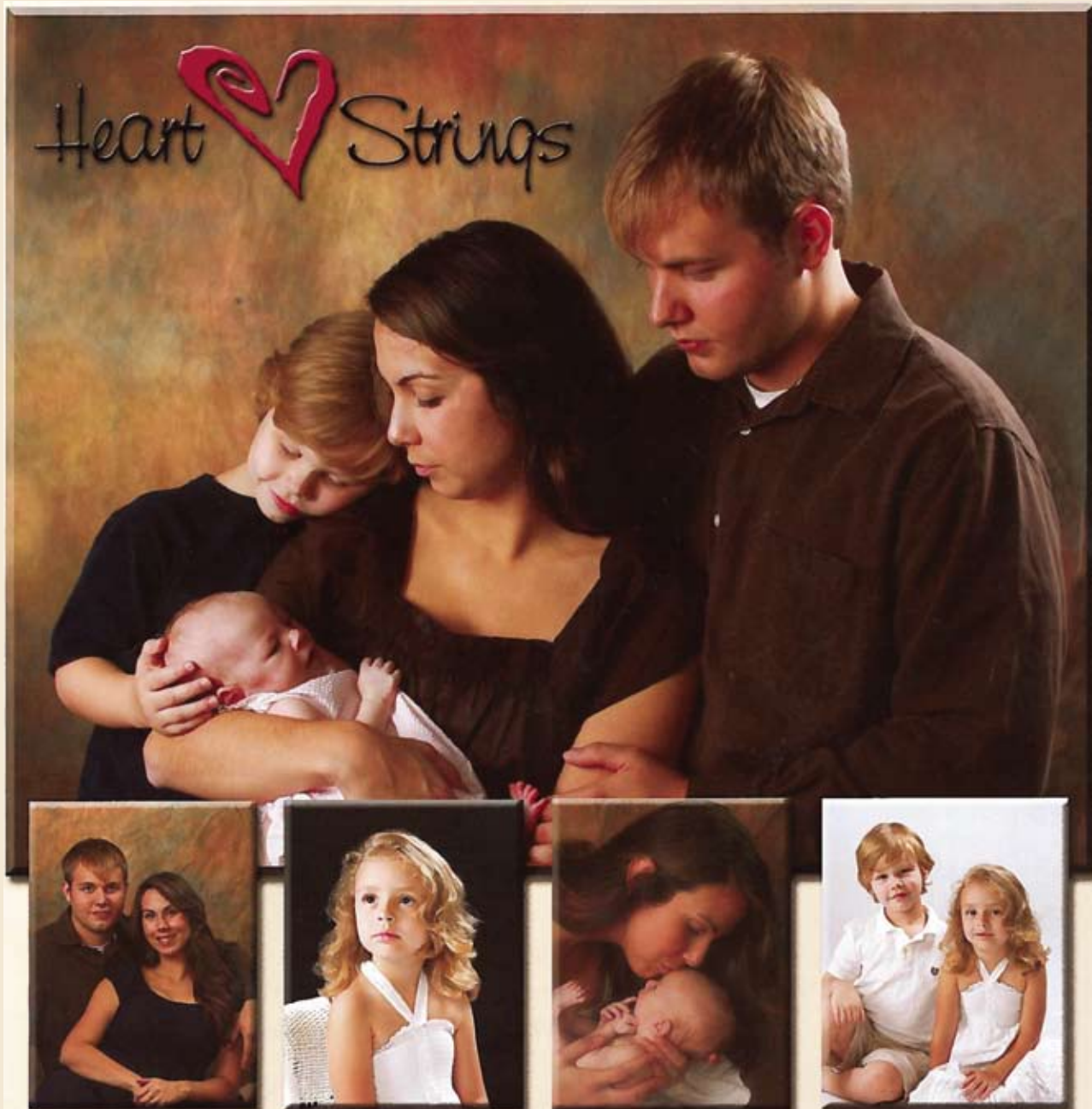
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bit of the Wild West in it. This is Seabiscuit for football fans, sure to attract narrative nonfiction fans who like to mix sports, inspiration and popular history.

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p.m. with the Internet/video room closing during lunch (noon to 2 p.m.) and at 5:30 in the evening. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the Internet/video room closing at 1:30 p.m. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260.

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Buffaloes rout Post, 11-1

Burchett no-hits Antelopes as Forsan improves to 2-0 in District 3-2A play

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

FORSAN — It was all too much for the Post Antelopes.

The combination of several hot Forsan bats and a no-hitter pitched by Foster Burnett turned out to be too much for Post to overcome as the Buffaloes took an 11-1 run-rule victory in District 3-2A action Tuesday afternoon.

The Buffs made life difficult for Post from the very start, grabbing the lead in the first inning.

Patrick Robles was the first Buffalo to reach base after smacking a double in his first at-bat. Burchett drew a walk, and was driven in by Blaise Coffman in the bottom of the first.

After a scoreless second inning, Post tied the game in the top of the third, but that would be the last time an Antelope crossed home plate the rest of the day.

The Buffaloes, meanwhile, began

putting away the game in the bottom of the third inning. Robles, Bryson Phillips and Clayton Galloway drove in one run apiece, capped by a two-run single by Coffman, giving Forsan a 6-1 lead.

“We hit the ball well, we fielded well, and (Burchett) pitched well once he settled down. Our offense was unbelievable. I wish we could play like this every time.”

Jason Phillips
Forsan coach

A sacrifice fly by Robles in the bottom of the fourth scored two more runs for the Buffaloes.

In the fifth, Trevor Burchett, who had already smacked two triples on the day, hit a single scoring Coffman, then Robles belted his third double of the game, which ended the game on the 10-run mercy rule.

The Buffs now boast a 2-0 district record, and according to Coach Jason Phillips, the focus will remain on playing well-rounded baseball.

“We hit the ball well, we fielded well, and (Burchett) pitched well once he settled down,” Phillips said. “Our offense was unbelievable. I wish we could play like this every time.”



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Forsan's Patrick Robles connects for a hit during the Buffaloes' 11-1 run-rule victory over Post Tuesday afternoon.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball

Howard College vs. Wharton Co. Community College, TBA, Houston.

Softball

Big Spring at Lubbock Estacado, 12:30 p.m.
Howard College vs. Eastern Arizona (DH), 1 p.m., Thatcher, Ariz.

THURSDAY

Baseball

Seminole at Big Spring (DH), 4:30 p.m., Steer Park.
Forsan at Denver City, noon.

Softball

Coahoma at Abilene Wylie, TBA.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com

Tuesday recap

Coahoma 15 Slaton 0

COAHOMA — Coahoma Coach Rob Glasscock's emphasis on defense is bearing fruit for the Bulldogettes, and Tuesday, Slaton was on the receiving end of that focus — as well as a productive offense that scored 15 runs in five innings.

Winning pitcher Kyla Clanton improved her record — as well as Coahoma's — to 3-0 in district play on the season.

Several Bulldogettes reached base, including: Jennifer Castilaw, who picked up four RBI with a grand slam home run; Laurel Nix, who went 2-2, drawing two walks and driving in four runs; Minnie Goodblanket also went 2-2 at the plate, with three RBI and two walks; and Savannah Ness, who picked up two RBI during her at bats.

Also scoring for Coahoma were Tobi Robinson, Jordan Mathews and Bree Hilario. The 10-run mercy rule brought the game to an end in the fourth inning.

“You always worry about spring break district games, but we did what we had to do. It's a cliché, but we are taking it one game at a time,” Glasscock said. “Our focus is on defense, defense and good pitching. Our offense is great.”

Coahoma (8-9 overall), will face Lubbock Roosevelt Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Lubbock.

Steers take two from Lake View

SAN ANGELO — Solid pitching and consistent batting put Big Spring on top of both games in a doubleheader against San Angelo Lake View Tuesday on the road.

Gunnar Kennedy pitched five innings, earning five strikeouts, as well as hitting a triple and driving in one run. Jarrod Doporto knocked in two runs and Karsten Knudson and Garrett Stuteville each scored once in game one, giving Big Spring the win by a score of 6-1.

Garrett Stuteville pitched game two, striking out six. Scoring twice for Big Spring were Karsten Knudson with two runs. Kennedy, Joseph Morelion and Brett Brorman each crossed home plate once as the Steers took the nightcap, 5-4.

BSHS Coach Burt Otto said although the Steers' record is the same as it was at this time last year (9-8), he is confident the season will be a productive one.

“We have the same exact record, but we are playing better,” he said. “We are trying to throw strikes, and make routine plays, which is what we did yesterday.”

Big Spring will be at home Thursday, taking on Seminole in a doubleheader slated for 4:30 p.m., and district play will begin Tuesday, March 20 against Snyder.

Comebacks order of the day as tourney begins

By **RUSTY MILLER**

AP Sports Writer

DAYTON, Ohio — President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron saw a huge comeback.

Had they stuck around a little longer, they could have watched the biggest one in NCAA tournament history.

Noah Hartsock scored 16 of his 23 points in the second half and the Cougars came back from 25 points down to beat Iona 78-72 in the first round Tuesday night.

It marked the biggest comeback in an NCAA tournament game, the NCAA said. Previously, the largest deficit overcome was 22 points when Duke fought back to beat Maryland 95-84 in the 2001 national semifinals.

Hartsock was a little hurt that the president wasn't around to see the fireworks in the nightcap.

“I started looking around

and didn't see him,” Hartsock said with a grin. “But I'm sure he had some important things to take care of.”

It was the second incredible turnaround of the night in Dayton. With the two heads of state watching from front-row seats on the baseline, Western Kentucky came back from a 16-point deficit in the final 5 minutes to beat Mississippi Valley State 59-58 in the first game.

That was the biggest margin overcome by a team in the final 5 minutes to win an NCAA tournament game, the NCAA said.

No matter how far they fell behind, BYU and coach Dave Rose had faith that the Cougars could somehow come back.

“Coming back from 25 points down is really satisfying now that we've won. At the time it wasn't that satisfying being down 25,” he joked. “But I don't think that any of

us, especially the coaching staff or our players, doubted the fact that we could chip into that lead.”

Brandon Davies added 18 points and Damarcus Harrison 12 for the 14th-seeded Cougars (26-8), who advanced to play third-seeded Marquette on Thursday in Louisville, Ky.

There was no consolation for Iona.

“It's going to be one that we have to live with the rest of our lives,” Gaels coach Tim Cluess said. “It's a tough one we let get away. No excuses.”

Iona (25-8) seemed assured of its first official NCAA tournament victory after dominating the first half. But despite 15 points and 10 assists by Scott Machado, the Gaels dropped to 0-8 in NCAA play. Their lone win in 1980 was vacated due to NCAA violations.

Iona came in as the nation's top-scoring team at 83.2 points

per game and didn't disappoint — at least in the opening 16 minutes. The Gaels scored 55 points in an eye-popping display of passing wizardry and outside shooting. Then they didn't score over the final 4:30 of the first half.

BYU then took control, slowly but surely. The Cougars held the Gaels without a point for 9:20 in a 17-0 run to narrow the deficit to 62-61 midway through the second half. BYU made up ground with a trapping half-court defense that forced the Gaels out of their hurry-up-and-shoot-3s attack. At the other end, the Cougars were getting buckets from Hartsock on fallaway jumpers.

“We just were more aggressive,” Cougars guard Brock Zylstra said. “We were doing to them what they were doing to us in the first half.”

Iona scored 55 points in the first 16 minutes, then managed just three field goals and

seven points over the next 16½ minutes.

Jermel Jenkins ended the lengthy drought with a 3 from the left corner with 8 minutes left.

From there on, the teams traded baskets as the pace slowed. Machado's three-point play pushed the lead to 70-64 with 5 minutes remaining before Hartsock hit an outside shot. After two missed foul shots by the Gaels, he hit another short turnaround jumper to cut the lead to two.

With 2:26 left, Hartsock popped out on the right wing to hit a go-ahead 3. It was the Cougars' first lead of the game.

“This is a team that's worked hard all year, that's never given up,” Hartsock said.

Davies added two free throws in the final minute before Zylstra scored in transi-

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Mavs get much-needed win, 107-98

DALLAS (AP) — Rodrigue Beaubois finished for the Dallas Mavericks, a good sign for a team trying to get back on track while also preserving veterans like Jason Kidd.

Beaubois made some acrobatic moves to keep balls in play and scored 19 points, including five straight in a clinching stretch early in the fourth quarter as the Mavericks got a desperately needed 107-98 victory over the Washington Wizards on Tuesday night.

“From start to finish, you look at offense, defense, decision making, it’s one of his best game’s he’s had,” coach Rick Carlisle said. “Really significant because down the stretch I wanted to keep Kidd out if possible. ... He did a great job, so there’s some real growth there.”

Kidd, only 10 days shy of his 39th birthday, wasn’t needed in the fourth quarter.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 27 points and Jason Terry, who like Beaubois played the entire fourth quarter, had 24. Vince Carter added 14, while Shawn Marion had 10 points and 13 rebounds.

The defending NBA champions had lost eight of their previous 10 games. There were three road losses in three nights before a short break leading into consecutive home games against the league’s two worst teams.

“I thought Roddy gave us a lift,” Nowitzki said. “We’ve got to work for everything we get and grind those wins out.”

After Terry’s short jumper early in the fourth quarter, Beaubois quickly followed with five consecutive points in less than a minute. That 7-0 run put the Mavs up 92-79 with 8 1/2 minutes left.

Beaubois made a 12-footer, then followed up Terry’s miss with a putback layup and extended his personal run with a free throw on the next possession with 8 1/2 minutes left.

“We weren’t playing that good so we needed this,” Beaubois said. “I try to attack and play my game. I made jumpers and made some layups. I try to be aggressive but I’m also a point guard so I try to get other guys the ball. I’m learning.”

Trevor Booker had 20 points and 12 rebounds for the Wizards (9-32).

John Wall had 18 points and 10 assists. Jordan Crawford and Nick Young had 15 points each.

“We competed,” Wall said. “We just gave up too many easy baskets. We’ve got to figure out how to close.”

The only team with fewer wins than Washington is Charlotte (6-34), which plays in Dallas on Thursday night before Southwest Division-leading San Antonio is in town Saturday night.

After being called for a foul against Young that led to two free throws and got the Wizards within 70-68 with 4:21 left in the third quarter, Beaubois more than made up for that on the next possession.

Shawn Marion’s crosscourt pass appeared headed out of bounds when Beaubois leaped up near the sideline to grab it. While still in the air, Beaubois passed the ball to Vince Carter for a 3-pointer.

Beaubois had another nifty save late in the first quarter after Young stole the ball from Nowitzki. Young took off on a breakaway, but Beaubois hustled back and stripped the ball under the basket. He then grabbed the ball and managed to keep his feet up in the air above the baseline while throwing the ball out to Terry.

When the ball got back to the other end, Beaubois hit a long jumper right in front of the Mavericks bench for a 27-26 lead after the first quarter.

“I just liked the way Roddy was playing. You could tell the guys had lot of confidence in him,” Carlisle said. “The only mistakes he really made were a couple of shots he turned down that he had. ... He’s changing speeds, he’s doing a great job guarding people. He’s solid. His decision-making is improvement. This is big.”

Dallas went ahead to stay in the second quarter, when they shot 82 percent (14 of 17 from the field). They ended the half with a 10-3 run for a 60-51 lead.

That half-ending run came after Nowitzki, who had made his first seven shots, missed a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 2:55 left. But he had a 17-footer and two free throws in the final 44 seconds, giving him 20 points in the first half. He finished 10-of-14 shooting overall.

“Beaubois gave them a big lift,” Wizards coach Randy Wittman said. “To come in off the bench with 19 points, that was a big thing that hurt us.”

NOTES: Dallas scored 60 points in the first half for the fourth time this season, the first in 18 games — since 64 against Denver on Feb. 8.

Rockets rally late to beat Thunder

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — With both their starting guards sitting out and no momentum at all after the All-Star break, the Houston Rockets got just the kind of victory they needed to break out of their second-half slide.

Courtney Lee and rookie Chandler Parsons each scored 21 points, Patrick Patterson blocked Serge Ibaka’s point-blank putback attempt in the final 2 seconds, and the Rockets charged back from an 11-point deficit in the last 3 minutes to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 104-103 on Tuesday night.

Houston had lost six of seven and coach Kevin McHale said beforehand that “the bottom line is we haven’t played well since the All-Star break.”

Maybe this is the turning point they needed.

“If it’s not this one, I don’t know what will do it,” said Luis Scola, who chipped in 18 points. “It’s very difficult to get a win that will pump you up more than this one because of all the circumstances.”

Scola listed off all the adverse conditions, one after another:

— Starting point guard Kyle Lowry is out two to four weeks with a bacterial infection and backcourt mate Kevin Martin sat out with a strained right shoulder.

— The rumors have been growing before Thursday’s trade deadline around a team that nearly was part of a blockbuster Chris Paul deal at the start of the season.

— Too many losses after the All-Star break.

— The Thunder’s position as the best team in the West and impressive 18-2 home record coming in.

Then there was the matter of a 102-91 deficit with 2:29 remaining.

“It’s very difficult to get an emotional win better than this one,” Scola said.

Ibaka had three dunks, one on a putback and two along the right baseline on feeds from James Harden, as the Thunder pulled away by holding Houston without a basket for 5½ minutes. His final dunk, a two-handed slam on Durant’s missed reverse layup, provided the 11-point lead.

It wasn’t over yet, though.

Goran Dragic answered right back with a driving layup to start a string of eight straight Houston points, punctuated by Lee’s free throw brought on by a technical foul against Oklahoma City All-Star Russell Westbrook. Westbrook rushed back to confront Dragic after he was fouled with 48.5 seconds left, then hit only one of two free throws that followed Lee’s shots for the technical.

Lee then drove for a layup to get Houston within a basket before stealing the ball from Westbrook to set up his go-ahead 3-pointer from the left corner with 15 seconds left.

“It’s never over. I’ve been in the NBA four years and I’ve seen some crazy stuff happen,” Lee said. “We were just all out there just telling ourselves we’ve got to keep fighting and keep competing. It’s not over until the time runs out.”

Kevin Durant led the Thunder with 28 points but missed a turnaround jumper from the top of the key in the closing seconds after fumbling the ball and recovering.

Ibaka grabbed the rebound but his follow try was swatted from behind by Patterson to get the Rockets leaping in celebration.

Oklahoma City also had a fourth Ibaka dunk wiped off the board during Houston’s 13-1 closing stretch when officials determined after an instant replay review that it came after the shot clock expired.

“We just weren’t able to close it out,” said Westbrook, who had two turnovers, a missed jumper and the technical foul in the final stretch.

“They stuck around the whole game and found a way to win.”

Asked about the confrontation with Dragic that drew the critical technical foul, Westbrook stood silently and offered no answer.

After one more question, a team spokesman cut off Westbrook’s interview less than 2 minutes after it started and the All-Star headed out of the locker room without answering a follow-up question on the run-in.

“I think we had this one in our hands throughout the fourth,” Westbrook said earlier. “We just let it go at the end.”

Westbrook finished with 19 points and Harden scored 16 for Oklahoma City, which has lost two of three at home after a 14-game winning streak at the Chesapeake Energy Arena.



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Receivers get big paydays

(AP) — Wide receivers grabbed the big money as NFL free agency began Tuesday.

Vincent Jackson is headed to Tampa Bay, Pierre Garcon to Washington and Marques Colston will stay in New Orleans, all getting huge deals.

Josh Morgan also caught a hefty contract from the Redskins, while Miami dealt its top receiver, Brandon Marshall, to Chicago for two third-round draft choices.

Jackson got a five-year, \$55.55 million contract with the Buccaneers. He will be paid \$13 million in each of his first two years, then \$10 million for the third year. Jackson will provide a deep threat for Josh Freeman, whose other receivers, Mike Williams and Arrelious Benn, are more short-range targets.

Garcon gets \$42.5 million over five years from the Redskins, with \$20.5 million in guaranteed money, including an \$11 million signing bonus.

Garcon had 188 catches for 16 touchdowns and a 13.4-yard average in four seasons with the Indianapolis Colts. Last year he had 70 receptions for 947 yards.

Washington, which is losing \$36 million in salary cap space over the next two seasons for excessive spending in the uncapped 2010 season, also grabbed Morgan for \$12 million over the first two years of a five-year deal.

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tion and turned it into a three-point play, and the comeback was complete.

It was a shocking turn of events because of how well the Gaels — who also got 13 points from Jenkins, 12 from Mike Glover and 10 by Sean Armand — started out.

“You’re looking for answers out there, looking for guys to make a play,” Cluess said. “Their good player is drilling it with

guys in his face and guys draped all over him. Big-time players have to make big-time plays.”

Rose, a co-captain for the old Phi Slamma Jamma teams at Houston, has tasted disappointment before. But not this night.

During a timeout in the middle of the comeback, he saw something he’ll never forget.

“The look in our players’ eyes at that time was, ‘Game on. We’ve got a chance here,’” Rose said. “And we were able to finish it off.”

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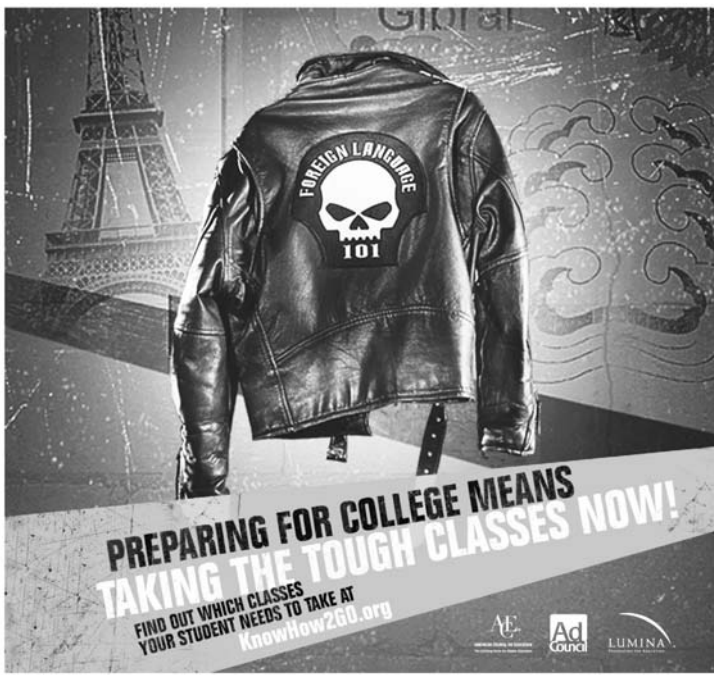
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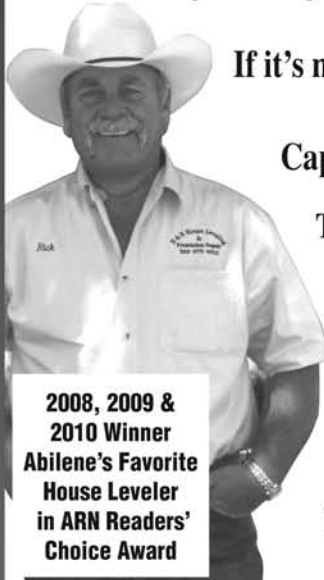
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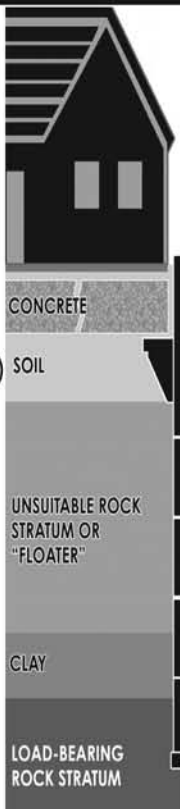
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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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

#7294 March 14, 2012

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

The owner of 1.9 acres located on Goliad between 22nd & 23rd Street, described as Lots 1-12, Block 41, Amended College Heights Addition, has requested a Specific Use Permit for the proposed use of a Storage Building Facility.

#7295 March 14 & 18, 2012

Venus and Mars trade moves as though they were playing a cosmic game of chess. Action-oriented Mars ultimately wins this game, but Venus insists that winning is not the point. It's the beauty of the game and the love of the players that matter most.

The Sagittarius moon agrees, spurring us on toward future adventures.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You get the sense that your talent and skills are being used in the wrong way. Pull back to get perspective. Nothing good comes of forcing yourself into a situation to please those



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

around you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The latest research suggests that improving your weaknesses, while noble in intent, may very well be a waste of time. Finding out your strengths and focusing there will make you more effective.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You carry a question around with you now. Your mind will find a way to answer it. Believing this will help to relieve the degree of anxiety that goes along with not knowing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be excellent at motivating yourself. Time pressures can really work for you now. You'll excel with the creative tension that happens when you're close to a deadline.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Self-discipline isn't fun. In fact, it can be quite uncomfortable, which is why many people don't have as much of it as they want. But you'd rather suffer the discomfort of self-discipline than the pain of regret.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Steer clear of dented cars because they show their history of collision. Similarly, be wary of people who talk of old battles and of being victimized, hurt or wronged.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're a splendidly expressive conversationalist. So what if some of the things you say don't come out quite right?

What counts is that you are contributing. You're a giver.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Determination and resolve will pay off, though it would be nice not to feel that life is an uphill battle. Everything you do shouldn't require such a great deal of energy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Ideas bounce

around in your head, and you want so badly to be able to pursue each one to its natural conclusion. But you can't. You have to prioritize and let some of it go.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may value someone's opinion and still not agree with it. You'll run into a case or two like this today. The important thing is to stay humble, appreciative and diplomatic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You want to spend time playing with your loved ones and creating fun memories. Remember that working together builds a bond, too — maybe one that's even more powerful than leisure-time glue.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sudden changes are around the corner. In order to get ready, build up your strength, flexibility and stamina. This calls for exercise, reading, meditation and extreme self-care.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 14). People are only as young as their dreams. Yours happen to be particularly youthful, lofty and colorful and extremely possible. There will be a surprise twist in April that sends you in a new direction. Friends, allies and partners help you with an important project from May through July. Refreshing domestic renovations happen in August. Leo and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 7, 1, 33 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Virgo whose self-esteem is really low, and I'm depressed. My husband works all of the time. I'm a virtual assistant by day, and I take care of our school-aged son in the afternoon and evenings. All of the housework and bill paying falls on me, and I don't think I do a very good job of it. I love my husband, and I know

he's doing his best so we can keep our heads above water financially. But it doesn't change how tired, hopeless and lonely I feel most of the time. What can I do to get through this strange time?"

Virgos are among the finest caretakers of the zodiac, though they sometimes forget to take care of themselves first. They often take on too much, with too high of an expectation, and succeed nonetheless. But at what cost? It is particularly challenging for Virgo mothers to make their own needs a priority. But if you're not loving life, you're not setting a good example for your son. You need to make yourself happy every day, no exceptions. So make a list of what you love and what makes you smile and gives you pleasure, and do something from that list every single day, no exceptions.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Happy birthday to legendary impresario Quincy Jones. Through his creative orchestrations and spot-on intuition about people and art (his sun and Venus in Pisces), Jones has been a creative catalyst for more than 50 years of pop culture. Born under the harmonious Libra moon, Jones cultivated the talents of Michael Jackson and introduced the world to stars such as Oprah Winfrey and Will Smith.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I am getting married in May. My fiancé, "Stan," didn't like his last job, so my brother hired him. Stan has been working there for a year.

I recently found out that Stan has been pulling nasty pranks on my brother. He never mentioned it to me. My brother works alone during the busiest part of the day, with the pressures from sales people, supervisors, repair people, etc. Stan works the evening shift and has a helper, but they are the only two in the building. Still, Stan is apparently upset by things my brother doesn't get to during the day.

I have seen the pictures of the pranks: cutting the fingertips off the gloves my brother uses for his work; putting spray powder and piles of wood on the chair my brother sits in. He hides tools and rags. The list is endless.

I think Stan is being disrespectful and childish. I have never treated his family members with such disrespect. I am upset and disappointed. These pranks are ridiculous and uncalled for, and I am stuck in the middle.

My brother is under enough stress. He hasn't said anything to Stan, but his wife told me it takes him an additional 40 minutes every morning to find the tools that are missing and get things ready for his day.

Stan is a 39-year-old man. Should I intervene or let them work this out on their own? My brother has said he doesn't want to come to our wedding. I know he wouldn't miss it,

but I'm sad he feels this way. — *Disappointed in Pittsburgh*

Dear Pittsburgh: If it were up to us, there would be no wedding for your brother to miss. Stan is an immature idiot. He may think these pranks are funny, but we suspect the only reason your brother hasn't fired him is because he is engaged to you. Tell Stan to knock it off immediately and grow up. If he has a problem with management, he should discuss it like an adult.

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for 20 years. He is in the military reserves and could be called up for active duty at any time.

Six months ago, he did a 180-degree turn. Now I feel like I am living with an alien in my home. He has totally detached himself from me. He is an excellent father to the children, but won't speak to me. He says if I ask him how his workday was, he will lie. His reasoning is that he does not want to put more stress on me, because I suffer from anxiety. He sees the anxiety as a weakness. He will not hug or kiss me, and intimacy is out of the question. He says he is happy "coexisting."

He refuses counseling and won't discuss it with his family. He will not go to the doctor for a physical. I finally broke down and gave him 30 days to change. He said he wants six months. My question is: How much can a person take? We

are both in our 40s. I would love to know whether other military spouses understand this. — *Lost in the USA*

Dear Lost: We have no idea what's going on with your husband. Is he stressed from the possibility of being deployed? Is he seeing someone else? Is he punishing you for some reason? If he won't address it and you are miserable, get counseling without him, and chart the best path for yourself and your children.

Dear Annie: I am sorry that "Amazed in Honolulu" receives unwanted advances and inappropriate comments from male business associates. However, my gripe is about when she says the advances invariably come from "a short, older, heavyset, balding guy." How rude to slam individuals based on physical characteristics. Shame on her.

When we are born, we aren't given the option of being short or tall, getting bald or having thick hair, etc. She's missing out on a lot by having such a judgmental and shallow attitude. — *D.S.*

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Tips for Saving Money on Taxes

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Who isn't looking to save a little money these days? Here are some easy ways you can save money on preparing your taxes, as well as ways you might be able to pay out a little less.

IRS Free File: More Savings, Less Taxing

Looking for a fast, easy and free option to do your taxes? IRS Free File allows everyone to prepare and e-file their federal tax returns for free. And, the step-by-step, brand-name software offered by IRS' commercial partners helps you find the tax breaks you are due.

Each of the approximately 20 private-sector partners tailor their offerings based on criteria such as income, age or state residency. If you need help finding a Free File match, just select the "get help finding a Free File company" as your option. Simply enter a little information about yourself and the matches will appear. Some also offer state returns for free or for a fee.

- While all the companies have different criteria, if you made \$57,000 or less in 2011 — and that's 70 percent of us — you will be eligible for at least one free tax software program.
- If your income was higher than \$57,000, you can still prepare and e-file your return for free by using Free File Fillable Forms. This is the electronic version of IRS paper forms. It's more basic and is probably best for people comfortable preparing their own paper tax returns. It does not support state tax returns.

Just go to www.irs.gov/freefile to get started.

Organize Records

The IRS recommends keeping all tax-related documents for three years, in case of an audit. Keeping track of income-related documents can help you take full advantage of deductions available to you. If you don't have the information, you might be losing out on money.

What should you have handy when it's time to fill out this year's returns? Records such as:

- A copy of last year's tax return
- Valid Social Security numbers for yourself, spouse and children
- All income statements, i.e. W-2 forms, from all employers
- Interest/dividend statements, i.e. 1099 forms
- Form 1099-G showing any state refunds
- Unemployment compensation amount
- Social Security benefits
- Expense receipts for deductions
- Day care provider's identifying number

Did You Know?

- Because of a holiday, the 2012 tax deadline is April 17.
- Everyone can do their taxes for free with IRS Free File.
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is for working families, yet 20 percent overlook it.

- Eighty percent of taxpayers get a refund.
- IRS2GO is a new smartphone app that lets you track your refund.
- No phone? Visit "Where's My Refund?" at www.irs.gov.
- The official website, www.irs.gov, has a new look, and the latest info.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

If you need personal assistance to prepare your tax return, there are 12,000 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites nationwide. These sites offer free help to those earning around \$50,000 or less. To locate the nearest VITA site, search for "VITA" on IRS.gov.

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE), which is supported by AARP, offers free tax help to people who are age 60 and older. To locate the nearest AARP Tax-Aide site, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit AARP.org.

Find Out if You are Eligible for the EITC

No tax benefit offers a greater lifeline to working families than EITC. Yet, one out of every five eligible taxpayers fails to claim it, according to the IRS. Because of the economy, even more people may be eligible if they have had changes in their earned income. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- The amount of qualifying income depends on your situation. For example, married workers, who earned \$49,078 or less from wages, self-employment or farm income last year, are filing jointly, and have two qualifying children, could be eligible. The maximum credit for 2011 tax returns is \$5,751 for workers with three or more qualifying children.
- Eligibility for the EITC is determined based on a number of factors including earnings, filing status and eligible children. Workers without qualifying children may be eligible for a smaller credit amount.
- You must file a tax return, even if you do not have a filing requirement, and specifically claim the credit. Those who typically fail to claim the EITC include rural workers and their families; non-traditional families, such as grandparents or foster parents raising children; taxpayers without qualifying children; individuals with limited English proficiency; and taxpayers with disabilities.
- If you claim EITC, it can be complex so try to avoid the common errors such as mistakes on income amounts, filing head of household when you should file as married, or claiming children who have not lived with you for more than half the year.
- If you use a paid tax return preparer, make sure to seek out a reputable one. Tax professionals must sign returns they prepare and use their Preparer Tax Identification Numbers.

To learn more about EITC, go to www.irs.gov/eitc and use the EITC Assistant, or ask your tax professional.

All EITC claimants are eligible for free tax help from the 12,000 volunteer sites nationwide or to use Free File at www.irs.gov/freefile.



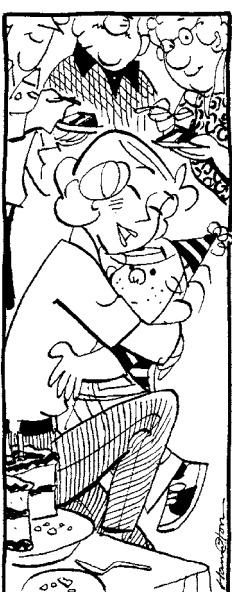
EITC Rules: Are You Eligible?

Rules for Everyone

- Your adjusted gross income cannot be more than the limit.
- You must have a valid Social Security number.
- Your filing status cannot be "Married filing separately."
- You must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien all year.
- You cannot file Form 2555 or Form 2555-EZ.
- Your investment income must be \$3,150 or less.
- You must have earned income.

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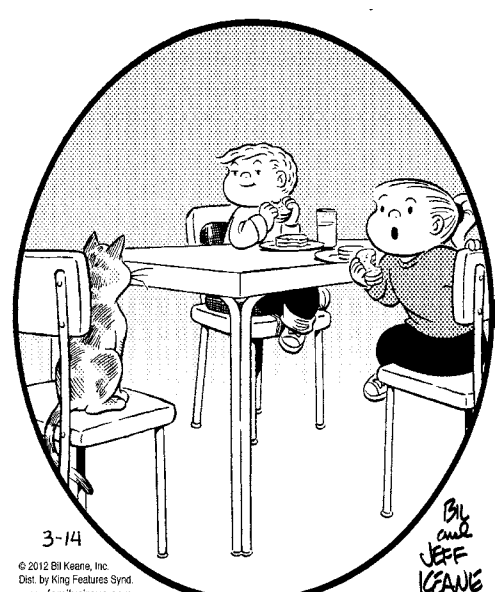
DENNIS THE MENACE



"LET ME HUG MY BIRTHDAY BOY."

"NO MUSHY STUFF! I'M PRACTICALLY ALL GROWN UP NOW."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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"Who told Kittycat we were eating tuna sandwiches?"

HAGAR



WHAT CAUSES WARS, DADDY?

BASICALLY, WARS ARE CAUSED BY SOMEONE WANTING WHAT SOMEONE ELSE HAS...

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THAT SOMEONE GETS THAT SOMETHING HE WANTS?

HE FINDS A GOOD TAX SHELTER FOR IT

BLONDIE



YOU KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS COUNTRY?

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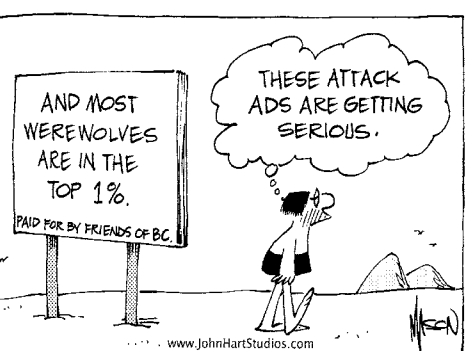
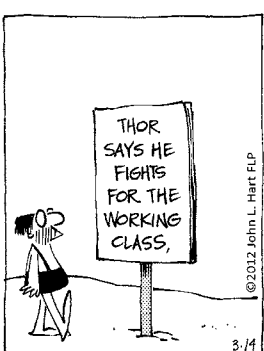
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DO YOU WANT ME TO TELL YOU?

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SEE? THAT'S WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS COUNTRY!

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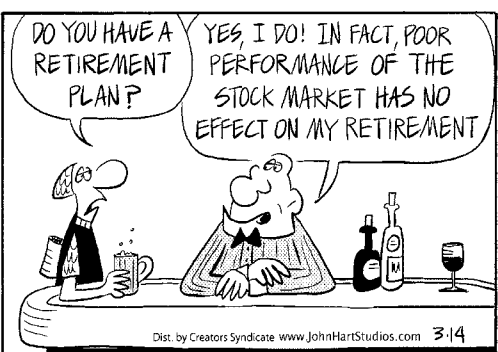
THOR SAYS HE FIGHTS FOR THE WORKING CLASS.

BUT SOME SAY HE'S ACTUALLY A WEREWOLF.

AND MOST WEREWOLVES ARE IN THE TOP 1%.

THESE ATTACK ADS ARE GETTING SERIOUS.

WIZARD OF ID



DO YOU HAVE A RETIREMENT PLAN?

YES, I DO! IN FACT, POOR PERFORMANCE OF THE STOCK MARKET HAS NO EFFECT ON MY RETIREMENT

IF ANYTHING, THE MORE BAD NEWS, THE MORE HE DRINKS

AGNES



WELCOME TO AGNES' FAVORITE THINGS DAY!

YEA

FIRST UP, I LIKE TO SAY "WOOLLY DOOLBY" OVER AND OVER, FASTER AND FASTER, UNTIL SPIT SPRAYS OUT OF MY MOUTH IN A CLOUD OF MIST!

FEEL FREE TO JOIN ME!

MY FAVORITE THING IS TO GO HOME UNTIL YOU'RE FINISHED WITH YOUR FAVORITE THINGS.

HI AND LOIS



I CAN SCORE MY AGE IN GOLF NOW.

COOL!

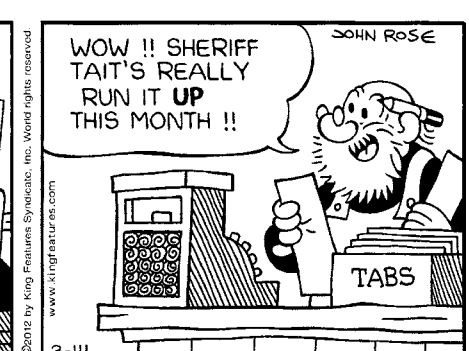
I CAN SCORE MY AGE IN FOOTBALL. IF I KICK THE EXTRA POINT.

THE OTHER COAST



THE FIRST HAIRPIECE:

SNUFFY SMITH

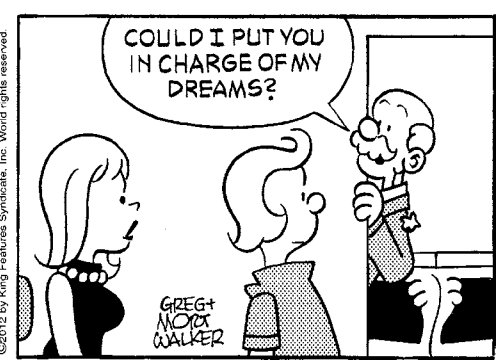
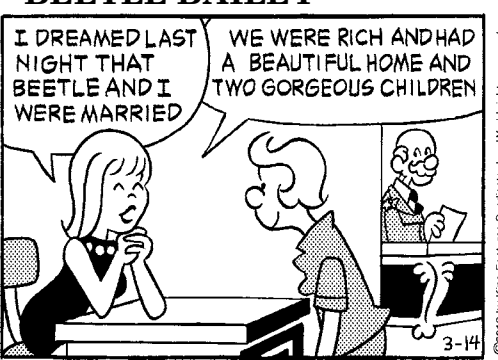


THUTTY DOLLARS?! LAST TIME IT WUZ TWENNY, SHERIFF!! WHAT GIVES?!

WELL...UM, ER...

WOW!! SHERIFF TAIT'S REALLY RUN IT UP THIS MONTH!!

BEETLE BAILEY



I DREAMED LAST NIGHT THAT BEETLE AND I WERE MARRIED

WE WERE RICH AND HAD A BEAUTIFUL HOME AND TWO GORGEOUS CHILDREN

COULD I PUT YOU IN CHARGE OF MY DREAMS?

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, March 14, the 74th day of 2012. There are 292 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 14, 1962, Democrat Edward M. Kennedy officially launched in Boston his successful candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat from Massachusetts once held by his brother, President John F. Kennedy. (Edward Kennedy served in the Senate for nearly 47 years.)

On this date:

In 1743, a memorial service was held at Faneuil (FAN'-yul) Hall in Boston honoring Peter Faneuil, who had donated the building bearing his name.

In 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

In 1885, the Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera "The Mikado" premiered at the Savoy Theatre in London.

In 1900, Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act.

In 1923, President Warren G. Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax report.

In 1932, photography pioneer George Eastman, founder of Eastman Kodak Co., died by his own hand at age 77 in Rochester, N.Y.

In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation of Czech areas and the separation of Slovakia.

In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul (sohl).

In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, and sentenced him to death. (Both the conviction and death sentence were later overturned, but Ruby died before he could be retried.)

In 1967, the body of President John F. Kennedy was moved from a temporary grave to a permanent memorial site at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1980, a LOT Polish Airlines jet crashed while attempting to land in Warsaw, killing all 87 people aboard, including 22 members of a U.S. amateur boxing team.

In 1991, a British court overturned the wrongful convictions of the "Birmingham Six," who had spent 16 years in prison for a 1974 Irish Republican Army bombing, and ordered them released.

Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Frank Borman is 84. Singer Phil Phillips is 81. Actor Michael Caine is 79. Composer-conductor Quincy Jones is 79. Former astronaut Eugene Cernan is 78. Actor Raymond J. Barry is 73. Movie director Wolfgang Petersen is 71. Country singer Michael Martin Murphey is 67. Rock musician Walt Parazaidar (Chicago) is 67. Actor Steve Kanaly is 66. Comedian Billy Crystal is 64. Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., is 64.

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Substitute for situation

6 Barbershop sharpener

11 Vehicle for hire

14 Partner of Charles Rolls

15 Common Sense pamphleteer

16 Cable film channel

17 Bakery worker's request

19 Sense of sound

20 Iditarod competitors

21 Cabaret director

23 Where surgeons work

24 The Faerie Queene poet

26 Trinidad's partner

30 Easy-to-swallow tablet

31 Bridge declaration

32 '70s Egyptian leader

33 S&L offering

36 Spice holder

37 Pirate's pal

38 Tourney favorite

39 Yellowstone roamer

40 Springboard performer

41 Battery type

42 Get really steamed

44 Tough questions

45 Replaces in a pinch

47 Cleverness

48 See eye to eye

49 Drier device

54 Korean automaker

55 Resolve a situation

58 Yale student

59 Short and direct

60 "Drop me __"

61 Family room

62 GNP, S&P indices, etc.

63 Big tops

DOWN

1 Sciences partner

2 Mined fuel

3 Youngster

4 Passed with flying colors

5 Veteran mariners

6 Cowboy accessories

7 Beret cousins

8 Poke fun at

9 Unspecified individual

10 Improve to the max

11 Knight or bishop

12 Degrade

13 Agricultural pest

18 Fictional sleuth

22 "Put __ Happy Face"

24 Exodus commemoration

25 Get in the game

26 Become bushed

27 October birthstone

28 Overexertion result, perhaps

29 Set as a price

30 Like some private communities

32 Spendthrift's opposite

34 Bring up

35 Says further

37 Spanish Surrealist Joan

38 Family nickname

40 Flaws

41 "Oh, no!"

43 Suffix for legal

44 Ale bottle size

45 Prepared potatoes, perhaps

46 Light on one's feet

47 Paperless cash transfers

49 Hang in there

50 Prefix for commuter

51 Parade spoiler

52 "It __ Necessarily So"

53 Co. VIP

56 Allow

57 Historical span

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