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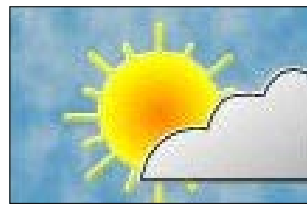
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City suffers seal coat scarcity

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

County officials aren't the only ones scratching their heads at the lack of asphalt in the Crossroads area, as the Big Spring City Council agreed this week to hold off on its annual seal coat program until next



Darden

year. Assistant City Manager Todd Darden said the lack of available asphalt from the Big Spring Refinery — which is recovering from an explosion and a separate fire earlier this

year — is perplexing, at best. "The county also has this problem, so we're not the only entity in Howard County — or even the surrounding area — trying to make decisions as what to do with future projects pertaining to street construction or repair," Darden told the council. "We have enough

material on hand now to get us by without any unforeseen emergencies relating to our normal street maintenance, like utility repair and replacement projects." Darden said skyrocketing fuel prices have driven the price of materials for the seal coat project through the roof, and local

product may not be available until sometime in September. "In talking to some of the vendors that provided material to us last year, we will be looking at about a 17-cent increase for trucking to get the material here from Lubbock," said See **CITY**, Page 3A

Science labs on ISD bond issue list

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

A state requirement is adding to Big Spring Independent School District's facility woes. The lion's share of attention focused on the district's \$34 million bond election May 10 is focused on intentions to construct a new elementary campus, but needs at the high school also will be addressed, officials said.

And one of the biggest needs is for science lab space.

In 2005, the Texas Legislature approved a bevy of school reforms, including a requirement that high school students receive four years of science instruction.

The requirement, which will take full effect during the 2010-2011 school year, has officials scrambling to find lab space.

The biggest problem, they say, is that the high school wasn't designed with that many science classes in mind.

"When the high school was built ... students

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AP Photo/Susan Walsh

President Bush talks with Dr. Michael DeBakey, 99, renowned international medical spokesman from Baylor College of Medicine, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday during a ceremony honoring DeBakey with the Congressional Gold Medal.

Famed heart surgeon DeBakey receives honor

By **SUZANNE GAMBOA**
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Famed heart surgeon Michael DeBakey can add Congressional Gold Medal to his long list of honors.

President Bush presented DeBakey with the medal during a ceremony Wednesday in the Capitol Rotunda.

The Houston surgeon pioneered such procedures as heart bypass and has invented medical devices to help heart patients. He's also recognized

"His legacy is holding the fragile and sacred gift of human life in his hands and returning it unbroken."

—President George W. Bush, speaking on Michael DeBakey

for developing the idea of battlefield

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Local woman to Walk like MADD

Mourns friend killed in alcohol-related accident

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring woman is preparing to take to the streets of Round Rock and "Walk Like MADD" in memory of a Big Spring woman killed in an alcohol-related accident in 2006.

April Gutierrez, an employee with Kennedy Bail Bond, is hoping the loss of her close friend, Leticia "Tic" Terry, will serve as a reminder to local residents that drinking and driving don't mix.

"Her mom, Annette Nesbit, was planning to walk in her honor," said Gutierrez. "Tic's twin sister, Alicia, posted a bulletin on Myspace.com about the walk in Round Rock and was asking for donations. I e-mailed her and let her know I had been participating in local MADD walks and I would love to donate and walk with them. Her mom set everything up and I just sort of joined in."

Leticia Hernandez



Gutierrez

Terry, 21, was pronounced dead at the scene in October 2006, near the south exit ramp at mile marker 144 on Interstate Highway 20 in Midland County. According to Department of Public Safety reports, Terry attempted to take the ramp onto IH 20 and failed to negotiate the curve, sending the 2001 four-door Chevrolet she was driving into a side skid down the embankment.

Terry, who was not wearing a safety belt, was ejected from the vehicle.

Gutierrez said she plans to make the trip to Round Rock to participate in the walk to raise funds and awareness for MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) May 3, but needs help from the community to reach her fund-raising goal.

"All of the funds go to MADD organizations to raise awareness about drunk driving and for support groups and all the different things MADD does," said Gutierrez. "So far I've raised \$150."

"Anyone who would

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Sect children face tough transition outside ranch

By **MICHELLE ROBERTS**
 Associated Press Writer

SAN ANGELO — The hundreds of children from a polygamist compound taken into state custody are on their way to group homes, shelters and residences, but experts and lawyers fear their transition may be much harder than it is for other foster children.

The 437 children taken

from the compound in West Texas will be plunged into a culture radically different from the community where they and their families shunned the outside world as a hostile, contaminating influence on their godly way of life.

Many of the children have seen little or no television. They have been essentially home-schooled all their lives.

Most were raised on garden-grown vegetables and twice-daily prayers with family. They frolic in long dresses and buttoned-up shirts from another century.

"There's going to be problems," said Susan Hays, who represents a toddler in the custody case. "They are a throwback to the 19th century in how they dress and how they behave."

Buses have already shipped 138 children to group homes or boys' and girls' ranches, but most of the remaining children will be separated from their mothers for the first time when they are sent out of San Angelo in the coming days.

The state Child Protective Services program said it

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

FRIDAY

Bi-District playoff

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

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

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

Coahoma baseball vs. Merkel for District 5-2A's second playoff seed. Time and site TBA.

Pictures of Steers' spring sports needed for banquet

Anyone with pictures from the 2008 Big Spring High School spring sports season willing to temporarily donate them for use in a slide show for the 2008 Spring Sports Banquet scheduled for May 22.

Anyone with pictures please contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685

2008 West Texas Disc Golf tourney set for this weekend

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

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

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

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

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

Country club hosts scramble benefiting cancer society

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

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

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

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

Call the BSCC to enter at 267-5354.

Call 263-7331, ext. 237, to submit a sports brief.

Pacman headed to Dallas



AP file photo/Mark Humphrey

In this Dec. 17, 2006 file photo, Tennessee Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones celebrates in an NFL football game in Nashville, Tenn. The Titans finally washed their hands of Jones, Wednesday, agreeing in principle to trade him to the Dallas Cowboys for a fourth-round pick.

Cowboys surrender fourth-round pick for troubled defensive back

By TERESA M. WALKER

AP Sports Writer

Suspended cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones is getting what he's wanted for months with a trade sending him to the Dallas Cowboys.

That is if the cornerback who hasn't played in the NFL since December 2006 passes a physical.

"He's a fanatical work-out person, so he'll be in just fine shape," Jones' agent, Manny Arora said. "I don't think that's going to be an issue."

Jones' physical ability never has been a problem. It's been his behavior away from the football field that finally pushed the Tennessee Titans to trade their top draft pick in 2005, swapping a gifted cornerback and dazzling kick returner for a fourth-round selection this weekend and a sixth-rounder in 2009.

That is if NFL commissioner Roger Goodell lets him actually put on that Cowboys' uniform and play much this season.

If not, the Titans will have to return a draft pick in 2009 under the terms the teams agreed to Wednesday. The Titans only issued a two-sentence statement confirming the trade, adding that terms had to be finalized and Jones had to pass a physical. Cowboys team spokesman Rich Dalrymple said terms could be announced as early as Thursday.

"What I can confirm is that we have agreed in principle with the Tennessee Titans on a trade that will bring Adam Jones to the Cowboys," Dalrymple said.

This deal allows the Titans to quit hearing questions about Jones' latest off-field incident, a chance to do exactly what coach Jeff Fisher has said the team did months ago and move on without him. They won't miss him much on the field. They had a defense that gave up the most yards with Jones in 2006 and the fifth-best in 2007 with-

out him.

The Cowboys are taking a calculated gamble.

Jones can fill two big holes if reinstated this year. Dallas owner Jerry Jones, who twice within the past week had said the talks were stalled, can try to reclaim Jones as he did receiver Terrell Owens and defensive tackle Tank Johnson, who was suspended for parts of 2007.

Arora said Wednesday night they had not been told of the trade by either team, but were cautiously optimistic. Jones has talked often of his desire to play for the Cowboys in recent weeks, even appearing on Michael Irvin's radio show in Texas.

"We recognize the fact of where we are with regards to the league," Arora said. "We recognize the fact he's got a guaranteed contract with Tennessee, and we recognize the fact there's risks involved at this point. We

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Dirk, Mavs feel it can't get any worse

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki has it all figured out.

To snap out of their funk, and start climbing out of an 0-2 hole against the New Orleans Hornets, all the Dallas Mavericks have to do is get on the court Friday night in front of their home fans.

OK, he acknowledged, they also need to "play in attack mode," which means getting more physical on both ends of the court.

And it would be great if they could play better defense and hit a few more open shots.

Turning to specifics, he mentioned needing to contain Chris Paul, needing to find ways to turn Jason Kidd into the playmaker he's supposed to be and needing a reliable second option on offense.

But despite all those pesky, basketball-related issues, Nowitzki repeatedly returned Wednesday to the notion that being back in Dallas — where the Hornets haven't won since January 1998 — will cure all that ails the Mavs.

"We've got to believe that," he said. "I think if we win on

Friday, then everything will already look a lot better. Right now, it doesn't look that good. But if we do all the things we did at home all year long — that's play together, push the ball, make some shots and actually get some stops — we should be all right."

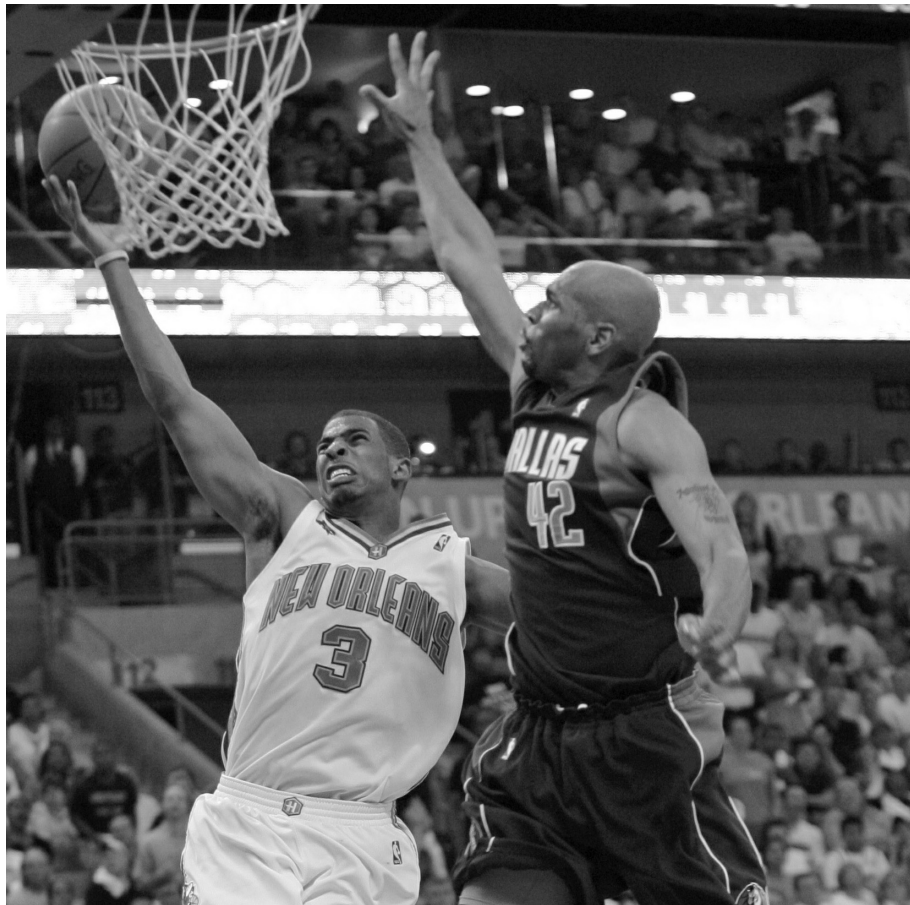
Dallas led by the opener by 12 at halftime, but it's been all New Orleans since.

The Hornets wound up taking Game 1 by 12, then doubled the margin in Game 2. The real eye-popping numbers have been put up by Paul, who went from 35 points and 10 assists in the first playoff game of his career to 32 points and 17 assists.

"The last six quarters on both ends of the court have probably been the best six quarters we've had all season long," Hornets coach Byron Scott said.

Nowitzki is right about how much of a different one win could make. Being down 2-1, but coming off a win, is a world apart from being down 3-0 and hearing talk build about blowing up the team, firing the coach and all other doomsday scenarios.

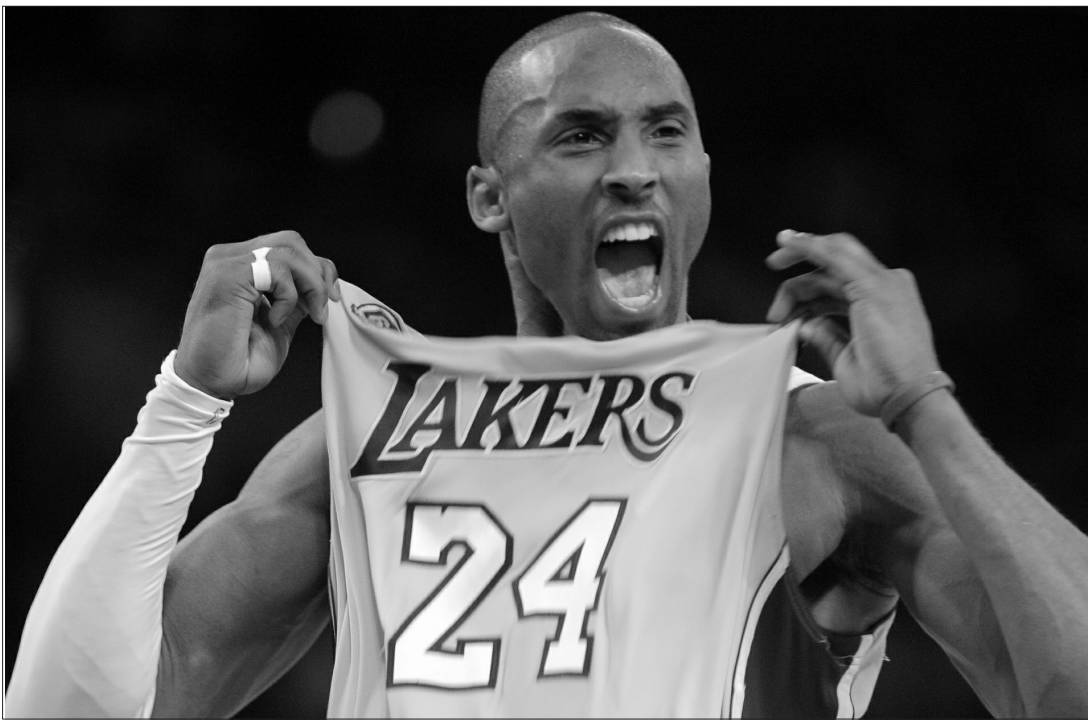
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AP photo/Alex Brandon

New Orleans Hornets guard Chris Paul shoots and is fouled by Dallas Mavericks guard Jerry Stackhouse in the second half in Game 2 of the first round of their NBA playoff basketball series in New Orleans, Tuesday. The Hornets won 127-103, and Paul had 32 points in the game.

Kobe's 49 gives Lakers 2-0 series lead



AP photo/Mark J. Terrill

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant reacts after making a three point shot during the second half of Game 2 of a first-round NBA playoff basketball game against the Denver Nuggets, Wednesday in Los Angeles. Bryant scored 49 in the Lakers' 122-107 victory.

By JOHN NADEL

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — It doesn't pay to make Kobe Bryant angry.

Kenyon Martin and the Denver Nuggets learned that lesson in Game 2 of their first-round playoff series against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Bryant scored 19 points in a span of 4:19 of the fourth quarter Wednesday night, and the Lakers beat the Nuggets 122-107 to take a 2-0 lead in their first-round playoff series.

Games 3 and 4 will be in Denver on Saturday and Monday night.

Bryant finished with 49 points and 10 assists — one shy of his career playoff high in both categories.

There was some trash

talking between Bryant and Martin, Denver's 6-foot-9 forward who had the assignment of guarding the Lakers' star in the first two games.

"He's one of those players that you don't really want to make mad," teammate Lamar Odom said. "He can make shots from anywhere with people on him. I was surprised (Martin was talking at him). You never want to wake a sleeping giant. He can hit shots on anybody, on a number of defenders anywhere on the floor."

"Talking to him is a surprise to me, but guys are competitors too, so sometimes you get caught up in it. Kobe was definitely coming out to prove a point."

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Obituaries

Bonnie McKelvie

Bonnie McKelvie, 62, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Chaplain Cherise Felty, Home Hospice chaplain, officiating.

She was born Nov. 24, 1945, in Snyder. She had worked at Herman's Restaurant and Rip Griffin's Truck Stop. She had also worked as a florist. She had lived most of her life in Big Spring and was a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, Bill McKelvie of New Castle; two daughters, Karen Woods and her husband Phil of Big Spring and Tammy Smith and her husband Eddie of Spring; two sons, Rick Badger of Snyder and Mitchell Kyle Badger of Graham; mother, Edyth Simmons of Snyder; four brothers, Jim Simmons and his wife Sonjia of Houston, Jack Simmons and his wife Pat of Texarkana, Jerry Simmons of Tomball and Sammy Simmons and his wife Carolyn of Van Alstyne; eight sisters, Nell Compton of Seymour, Tommie Chaney and her husband Dan of Cedar Creek, Nora Tolson and her husband Mike of Tomball, Ginger Spriggs and her husband Charlie of Iowa Park, Penny Taylor of Belton, Patsy May and Helen Sturdivant, both of Snyder, and Vickie Davis and her husband Sid of Munford, Tenn.; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Walter Simmons; one brother, Joe Simmons; and one sister, Kay Simmons.

The family will be at No. 9 Glenwick Cove.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 East 7th Street, Suite A, Big Spring 79720

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

Take Note

- For a good selection of plants to transplant, check out the Howard County Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale. Held on Saturday at the Coronada Plaza parking lot at Gregg Street, the sale will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. For more details, go to the Howard County Master Gardener Web site at www.howardcountymastergardener.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

- All creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

Police blotter

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

- CINDY R. ALEXANDER**, 29, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant.
- NATHAN C. LOWE**, 19, of 1112 Mulberry, was arrested Wednesday on a local capias warrant and a Martin County warrant.
- SERGIO SANEZ**, 25, of 928 Waco Street, was arrested Wednesday on a Walker County warrant.
- ALEJANDOR L. RAMIREZ**, 58, of 131 Avenue I, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHN M. FONDA**, 32, of 606 State, was arrested Wednesday on 12 local capias warrants and a Snyder warrant.
- KYLE E. HUDSON**, 24, of 9281 Old Highway 87, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- ROGER LANDRY**, 38, of 740 W. Highway 1131, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1900 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2600 block of Carleton.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Ent.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 45 inmates at the time of this report.

- JODI LYN MILLS**, 27, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear - theft by check.
- HOLLY DENISE JENNINGS**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, possession of a dangerous drug and criminal mischief.
- SALVADOR GUITEREZ PEREZ**, 36, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Mesa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

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

- Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday...Sunny. Highs around 80. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the northeast 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the upper 60s.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.

Monday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

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

Wednesday...Sunny. Highs around 90.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-12-23-38-48-52. Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-21-24-26-36. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-4-3-9. Sum It Up: 16.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-2-2. Sum It Up: 13

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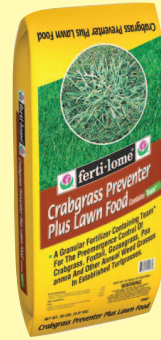
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NBA

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Bryant shot just 9-for-26 in scoring 32 points in Game 1. He went 18-for-27 in Game 2.

In other NBA playoff action Wednesday night, the Boston Celtics beat the Atlanta Hawks 96-77 to take a 2-0 lead in their series, and the Detroit Pistons topped Philadelphia 105-88 to even that series 1-1.

The Lakers led 89-79 entering the fourth quarter. The Nuggets drew within five points three times before a three-point play by Bryant with 6:41 remaining made it 101-93.

That was only the beginning. Two free throws by Bryant in

a span of two seconds after technical fouls against J.R. Smith and Iverson made it 105-94 with 5:37 left, and Bryant added a 3-pointer 18 seconds later to extend the Los Angeles lead to 14.

Bryant kept it going before his hot spell ended with 2:22 left when he made a three-point play, giving the Lakers a 120-101 lead.

He came out for good 20 seconds later to a loud ovation and chants of "MVP, MVP" from the capacity crowd of 18,997 at Staples Center.

Bryant was replaced by Coby Karl, the son of the Denver coach. It was the first time in NBA playoff history that a father has coached against his son.

Pau Gasol added 18 points and 10 rebounds and Luke Walton scored 18 points for the Lakers. Odom, hampered by foul trouble throughout the second half, was held to four points, four rebounds and six assists, but in the end it didn't matter.

Carmelo Anthony added 23 points, J.R. Smith had a career playoff high with 21 and Marcus Camby had 17 rebounds and four blocked shots for Denver.

Pistons 105,
76ers 88

Richard Hamilton had 20 points and seven assists and three teammates scored 16 points apiece as the Pistons routed the visiting 76ers. Detroit blew a 15-point third-

quarter lead in losing the opener 90-86.

Tayshaun Prince, Rasheed Wallace and Antonio McDyess all scored 16 for the Pistons, who shot 54.9 percent while holding the 76ers to 39.5 percent.

Celtics 96,
Hawks 77

Kevin Garnett had 19 points and 10 rebounds and Rajon Rondo added 12 points, eight assists and six rebounds to lead the Celtics to another one-sided victory over the Hawks. Paul Pierce returned from a first-quarter knockdown to score 14 points, and Kendrick Perkins added eight points and nine rebounds.

Josh Smith, who helped take

Pierce down and appeared to land on him and roll over his head, had 13 points and eight rebounds for Atlanta. But it was Mike Bibby, who called the locals fair-weather fans during the week, who drew the ire of the sold-out Boston Garden crowd.

Bibby was booed at every touch from the opening introductions.

As he sat on the bench in the fourth quarter and the game out of reach, the fans chanted "Where is Bibby?" and "Rondo's better." In the first two games of the series, Bibby is 4-for-17 from the field with two assists.

Game 3 is Saturday in Atlanta.

MAVS

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The Mavs are at that kind of a crossroads.

Since being up 2-0 to the Miami Heat in the 2006 NBA finals, Dallas has lost 10 of its last 12 playoff games.

The skid includes losing 4-2 to Golden State in the first round last year, wasting a 67-win regular season, and going down 2-0 in the first round this year.

"The guys are not happy with the way they've played," coach Avery Johnson said. "They came in this morning and I saw some angry looks, but I hope we take that disappointment and controlled anger into practice tomorrow and iron out a couple of things and then take it out on our opponents."

The anger seemed to subside by

the time guys reached reporters.

Perpetually upbeat Jason Terry came out smiling "because we are back home where we are loved, away from all of that voodoo down there in New Orleans." Then he echoed Nowitzki's themes about the comfort of being cheered by their fans and about a Game 3 win changing everything.

Kidd talked about "taking a page from them in understanding to keep attacking." The logic is fine, but it's strange that a team filled with finals-tested veterans would have to learn about playoff poise from a group of postseason novices.

"You can always play with passion and have fun with it," Kidd said. "We just need to relax, we're at home, and use that to our advantage."

The last time the Hornets played in Dallas was the season finale. They were pulling away in the second half until Kidd and Terry

fueled a 32-8 surge.

Although New Orleans was locked into the No. 2 seed, the Hornets went all out to beat the Mavs to keep open the chance of drawing Denver in the first round. Dallas went all out to win and avoid a first-round matchup with the Lakers. Nowitzki even said so after that game.

Oops.

New Orleans players had some fun using those quotes as bulletin-board material coming into the series. Now they can have even more fun by winning Friday and Sunday, then returning home to get ready for the second round.

Paul insists the Hornets aren't thinking about a sweep. They just want to keep doing all those things on Nowitzki's list of frustrations.

"The best part about it is we won two games, but at the same time it means absolutely nothing," Paul said. "It's the first team to four."

PACMAN

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also recognize there's significant public relations implications for the teams, and in fact Dallas has to sell tickets, the knowledge their fan base has a point of view.

"With all that in mind, we've said from Day 1 we're willing to rework our contract. Once the trade gets completed or official, we'll be ready to do our part because we want to play for Dallas. I don't have any hesitation saying we can get this done and get it done quickly."

Jones was scheduled for a base salary of \$1.74 million in 2008 and had been under contract through

2009 before his suspension.

The first defensive player drafted in 2005, sixth overall out of West Virginia, had been Tennessee's best defender with his four interceptions coming in 2006. He also led the NFL that year with an average punt return of 12.9 yards and three TDs.

But six arrests and 12 incidents where police were called since being drafted led to his suspension in April 2007 for the 2007 season. Goodell refused to cut it to 10 games and said he wouldn't consider reinstatement until prior to the opening of training camps after Jones went to another strip club in January.

A return to the Titans never seemed possible,

and Jones was given permission to talk to other teams weeks ago. The NFL also barred the cornerback from working out on their property in February.

Goodell said last week in Texas that he would consider reinstating Jones if he continued conducting himself in a way that represents the NFL in a positive manner. How he weighs Jones' help in identifying the alleged shooter in the February 2007 triple shooting at a Las Vegas strip club remains to be seen.

Police reports surfaced Monday night that said Jones paid \$15,000 in the weeks after the shooting to the man, who threatened to hurt the cornerback, his daughter and

his mother. Jones picked the man out of a lineup last week, helping fulfill part of the plea deal he agreed to last December reducing two felony counts of coercion to conspiracy to commit disorderly conduct.

Terms of that deal also require him to testify in court as needed.

Associated Press Writer
Jeff Carlton in Dallas contributed to this report.

Contract
Bridge

By Steve Becker

Good Partnership Defense

East dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ K J 10 6
♥ A 4 2
♠ J 6
♣ Q J 8 7

WEST

♠ A
♥ J 10 6 3
♦ Q 7 5 4
♣ 10 9 5 2

EAST

♠ 7 5 3
♥ 9 7
♦ A K 10 8 3 2
♣ A 6

SOUTH

♦ Q 9 8 4 2
♥ K Q 8 5
♠ 9
♣ K 4 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♦	1♠	2♦	3♠
4♦	4♠		

Opening lead — four of diamonds.

The subtleties of defense available to a pair in tune with one another can sometimes convert impending defeat into victory. The messages exchanged need only be correctly interpreted for the best result to be achieved.

For example, examine this hand played in a team match. At the first table, nothing much happened. South got to four spades on the bidding shown, and West led a diamond. East took the king and continued with the

ace. Declarer ruffed, led a trump and eventually lost a club to the ace to make exactly four spades.

At the second table, the same contract was reached on similar bidding, but here the defense functioned more effectively, and South went down one.

West led the four of diamonds, just as at the first table, and East also won with the king. But at this table, East did not continue the suit. He realized from the bidding and opening lead that South almost surely had started with a singleton diamond.

So at trick two, he shifted to the ace of clubs. He was hoping to find West with the king of clubs, in which case a club continuation and a ruff would defeat the contract.

West didn't have the king and might have played the deuce on the ace to deny it, but he did have the ace of spades, a card his partner knew nothing about. Since East seemed interested in obtaining a club ruff, West played the nine on the ace, asking for another club lead.

East happily obliged, and though he was temporarily disappointed when declarer showed up with the king, he got his club ruff a short time later when West won the spade ace and returned a club to sink the contract.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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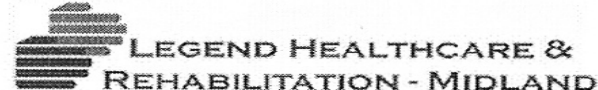
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). What you have to offer is well worth the wait. It definitely is! However, you may not get the calm response you want. It's only because patience isn't valued highly in this instant gratification kind of world.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Explore, expand and expect more from life. Your wanderlust will be grander with the right



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partner -- someone who is equally eager to see and understand the big wide world.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've been hurt -- it's good to acknowledge. Wounds heal by degrees. So trust that things are getting better, even if you don't feel it all the way yet. Soon you'll be as good as new.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're connecting with people you used to know well and finding out how their lives have been lived, and how they have changed over time. It's a wonderful learning process.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). New influences are coming into your life. This includes people who work for you, helping you in practical ways to make things around you more comfortable and beautiful. Ask for recommendations from trusted friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Give yourself a tight deadline. If you don't, you'll wind up making a mountain out of a mole-hill and stretching your work into several hours instead of compacting it into dynamic minutes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It was probably a

wise (cracking) Venus-ruled individual who once said, "Chocolate, men, coffee -- some things are better rich." You have opulent taste now and can relate to the sentiment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your perfect relationship allows you the freedom to be strange, off-beat, quirky -- if that's how you're feeling. And that's how you might be feeling tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Long-run success depends on your ability to keep acting toward lofty goals. Your fierce drive to complete projects your own way will have others standing back and taking notes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You admire someone and would like it very much if this person felt the same way. However, you have little control over that. Besides, you don't need to impress anyone. You are enough!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Of course you want to strengthen the relationships that are profitable to you. But there's tangible benefit from working on the relationships that seem right now to be deficits. Time will tell.

Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

larger house with a spare room, but she hasn't offered to take Mom and my husband refuses to ask her.

Besides not doing anything around the house to help out, which drives me mad, the situation is putting a strain on our marriage. -- At Wits' End in Washington

Dear Washington: Is Mom capable of living independently? Can you look into nearby apartments, retirement communities or assisted living homes? Call the Eldercare Locator (eldercare.gov) at 1-800-677-1116 to see what resources are available in your area. It is a loving gesture to allow a parent to live with you, but if it undermines your marriage and Mom is able to live elsewhere, we see no reason to continue this arrangement. Discuss all options with your husband, and make it clear that the current situation is no longer working.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Concerned Sister," who asked about speech-reading to help communicate with a sister who lost her hearing due to Meniere's disease. She should look into implants.

I've been profoundly hard of hearing all of my life and have used hearing aids since I was 5 years old (I am now 43). Lip-reading takes a lifetime. I know. I'm quite good at it. But to try to learn at this stage of her life could be frustrating.

In 2007, I underwent Baha procedure cochlear implant surgery for one ear and was totally amazed. Cochlear implants stimulate the auditory nerve directly. Baha implants create sound through bone conduction. Many insurance companies will cover at

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Regarding the pain that one of your family members is experiencing -- you can't know it because you haven't been there in this lifetime. Yet something deep in you seems to understand and empathize immensely.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Last year I bought a business. I felt like I was on top of the world for about a month. Then, unexpectedly, I lost someone close to me. Nine months later, my business is failing and I'm depressed. I'm a Gemini who feels like I have nothing to look forward to but the dread of failure."

With the sun inching toward your neck of the zodiac, there are better days ahead. In the meantime, these days are not quite as bad as you think. My advice is to accept that you're still grieving, and will be for a while, and to take good care of yourself. Don't mentally beat up on yourself because your business isn't where you want it to be. Pray, cry, go for walks -- and talk! As the sign of communication, Gemini can work through any problem by talking it over with a wise some-

one. In your case, a therapist or spiritual counselor (a Pisces, if you can find one!) will help you get back your groove. The end of May brings a breakthrough. And you can look forward to new relationships and plans at the start of July.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Of all signs, Taurus people have a reputation for their beautiful voices, and Kelly Clarkson is no exception. Every sign "rules" (or owns) a part of the body, and Taurus rules the throat. Her musical voice has been described as "friendly, earthy ... fierce," which captures the energy of the bull. Her star continues to rise this year as friends and collaborators play a larger role in her career.

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

least part of the cost. Please tell "Concerned" to look into this little-known option. -- Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Dear Sierra Vista: Thank you for mentioning cochlear implants for those with hearing loss. Anyone who thinks he or she may be eligible should discuss it with an audiologist.

Dear Annie: My daughter and her husband present extremely well in public. In fact, they are foster parents to infants. But behind closed doors, things are very ugly.

The foster babies are well cared for and my daughter requires the extra income they bring. However, their own children bear the brunt of their parents' frustrations. My daughter often screams at her kids and uses painful physical force to get their attention. My son-in-law is usually passive, but I have occasionally witnessed him physically lashing out at his children, as well. I try to help my grandchildren by visiting them, but I come home crying and fearing for their emotional well-being. What else can I do? -- Worried Grandmother

Dear Grandmother: For the sake of those children, you need to report your daughter to the authorities and let them investigate the abuse. (This can be done anonymously.) Can you babysit the kids in your home on the weekends or after school so Mom and Dad can get a break? Can you afford to hire someone to help them with child care? They sound overwhelmed and stressed, and they are taking it out on the children. Do whatever you can to help them.

Dear Annie: I am seven years into my marriage to "Jim." It was great until his ex-wife moved back to town six months after the wedding, with the express purpose of breaking us up.

Jim visits her home every other weekend to see his grandson and frequently calls her to talk about their three children, even though they all are adults. She does not acknowledge my existence, which makes the relationship between my husband's children and me very difficult.

I don't mind when Jim

and his ex discuss the birth of a grandchild or an emergency situation, but why does he have to see her and call her so often at this stage of their lives? I think it only encourages her.

Jim's youngest son lives with us because he quit his job without having another lined up. He moves in and out of our house as though it has a revolving door. When my daughter moved back home because she was unemployed, Jim threw her out. The only reason his son has his current job is because his father got it for him. He is otherwise totally unmotivated. Jim refuses to give him a deadline to move out.

I can't believe any other woman would put up with this. What should I do? -- Odd Woman Out in Pennsylvania

Dear Odd: Jim's ex cannot break up your marriage unless your husband is cooperative. It is OK if he and his ex-wife are on friendly terms -- it makes things easier when it comes to children, grandchildren and family events. Visiting every other weekend to see his grandchild is also not excessive. Phone calls, however, should be limited to necessary conversation, especially since this bothers you so much. As for the freeloadng son, is he paying rent? He should be. It sounds as if Jim has marginalized you from decisions regarding his ex-wife and children, and this is unfair and potentially destructive to your marriage. Tell him the two of you must work on it together. If he won't cooperate, please talk to a marriage counselor.

Dear Annie: I recently lost a friendship. How? Thanks to my meddling. Please tell your readers to stay out of other people's lives and mind their own business. It's not worth it. -- Sadder but Wiser in Florida

Dear Florida: We don't know what kind of "meddling" you did to end a friendship, but you are right that most people don't appreciate it when others stick their noses where they don't belong. Sometimes a sincere apology can help, so please give it a try.

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Bobcat attacks prompt meeting in Stanton; the public's invited

By A.L. (BUD) LINDSEY
Special to the Herald

STANTON — Doris McClellan and Peggy Kelton have never met but they definitely have something in common. Both were attacked by rabid bobcats.

Saturday, the two women will meet in Stanton to share their stories with guests at the Martin County Library. The event is open to the public and will begin at 4 p.m.

At the time of her attack, Doris lived on the Spade Ranch, north of Colorado City, with her husband Bill. Her husband managed the ranch for the owners and Doris, a retired school teacher, enjoyed living there. It was her habit to take an early morning walk each day, savoring the sounds of the wildlife that abounded on the place. Her walks took her a few hundred yards from the ranch house and past a spring and a creek Doris called "an oasis."

On the morning of March 23, 1995, she decided to take along a .38 caliber pistol with belt and holster. That was a fortune decision. As she walked by the spring, she heard a "terrible squalling" as a bobcat charged out from cover. Doris drew the gun and got off two shots at the advancing cat. Both missed.

The cat jumped on her and clawed her with its hind legs and bit her right arm. She was able to get the gun into her left hand and was able to shoot the bobcat.

Doris has written a book "Angel on My Shoulder," relating in detail the story of the bobcat attack. She will have books available at Saturday's meeting.

Peggy lives on a ranch between Rankin and McCamey. She is also a retired school teacher.

On May 31, 2007, she was attacked by a bobcat on the porch of her home. She had stepped out on the porch to check on her grandson, J.R. Alexander. As she turned to go back in the house, a large bobcat charged from the side of the porch, leaped on her back and knocked her down. Its front legs were wrapped around her upper body and the cat began biting the back of her head.

Fortunately, J.R. kicked the bobcat away and got Peggy into the house. J.R. was able to retrieve a .410 shotgun from the house and kill the adversary.

Both Peggy and her grandson had to receive a series of shots to prevent rabies.

Though she didn't write a book about her experience, Peggy will share her story during Saturday's meeting with Doris and guests.

Both women have recovered from their wounds, but Peggy said "I am just a little more careful these days."

Doris moved to Sterling City when her husband retired from the Spade Ranch.

These is no admission charge for those who would like to attend Saturday's event. Everyone is invited.



Courtesy photo
Bob Miears, the Hangar 25 Veteran of the Month for April, talks about his time in the military during a ceremony recently held at the local air museum. Miears served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam with the 1st Infantry division, better known as the Big Red One. He spent 11 months in combat and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, Bronze Star and the Air Medal for participating in 25 or more air assaults from helicopters.

MADD

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like to make a donation to the walk in Tic's honor can do so by going to http://support.madd.org/goto/tic_apie. They can make a donation online, or they can print out a form and mail their donation in. I'm hoping to collect at least \$300 before the day of the walk."

Gutierrez said she has seen firsthand the devastating nature of



Terry

drinking and driving, and hopes the memory of her friend will help remind others how deadly the combination can be.

"It's a good organization. So many people are out there driving drunk, and being in the bail bond business, I get people out for DWIs all the time," said Gutierrez. "Sometimes for second and third offenses. When this happened to Tic, it was personal for

me. "You hear about it all over the place, drunk drivers killing families and things like that, but it never hit home for me until this happened. We were really close. I know you can't stop it completely — people are going to drink and drive — but if you can raise awareness in the community and get stricter laws enforced, you can have a positive effect. And MADD does that. They get the word out there, and that's why I want to help the organization."

DEBAKEY

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mobile surgical hospitals known as MASH units.

Bush said the award puts DeBakey in the company of inventor Thomas Edison, Army physician Walter Reed, who confirmed that mosquitoes transmitted yellow fever, and Jonas Salk, who developed the polio vaccine. The president noted

that he was awarding DeBakey the honor four decades after another president from Texas, Lyndon Baines Johnson awarded DeBakey the Congressional Medal of Freedom.

"His legacy is the unlost hours with family and friends who are still with us because of his healing touch. His legacy is grandparents who lived to see their grandchildren," Bush said as the 99-year-old DeBakey sat in a

wheelchair onstage. "His legacy is holding the fragile and sacred gift of human life in his hands and returning it unbroken."

Bush said DeBakey, a son of Lebanese immi-

grants, was the first foreign physician made an honorary member of the Russian Academy of Sciences after arranging a quintuple bypass for former Russian President Boris Yeltsin in 1996.

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take two years of science," said BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes. "With the four-year science requirement, that means we will not have adequate lab space in three years."

The state has set aside \$20 million to help poorer school districts build new science labs, but Downes said BSISD would not qualify for the funds.

Officials have earmarked \$6 million of the \$34 million bond to address high school needs. Replacing the roof will cost more than \$2 million, with the rest going toward new science labs.

If the bond is approved, school trustees will then have to decide whether to build permanent labs or purchase portable facilities. There are advantages and drawbacks to both options, Downes

said.

"Portable labs can be set up and operational in a shorter time period, but their long-term usefulness is limited," he said. "Permanent labs are the best option for long-term use, but the initial cost is greater and the time needed to build classroom space is longer."

If voters turn down the bond issue, BSISD would have little choice but to purchase portable classrooms, Downes said.

"We would probably have to go with the cheapest alternative ... which would be portables," he said.

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chose foster homes where the youngsters can be kept apart from other children for now.

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cess," agency spokeswoman Shari Pulliam said. "We just want to protect them from abuse and neglect. We're not trying to change them."

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Darden. "It's just not going to fit our time schedule. We'll have to rent a chipper until asphalt's available and we haven't even done our prep work."

"I've talked to the vendors, and they talked to Alon USA officials, and it looks like the best case scenario for getting asphalt from them will be late August and the worst case scenario will be September. That gets close to either the end of our current budget cycle or into next year."

The Big Spring Refinery — which provides the majority of asphalt for the surrounding area — was shut down after an explosion ripped through the facility Feb. 18, destroying much of the company's asphalt producing facilities.

The refinery fell victim to a second fire April 7 when one of the plant's asphalt tank batteries was destroyed by a fire, causing the facility to

shut down after having only been back in production for a few days.

Lane McMillan, spokesperson for Laredo Paving, recently told county commissioners they would have to travel nearly five hours north into the Panhandle if they wanted to fill asphalt orders for 2008.

"Dumas is the closest I've heard about," McMillan told commissioners.

Darden told the council the city staff's recommendation is to abandon plans for the seal coat project this year, and depending on asphalt availability, make up for lost ground in 2009.

"The recommendation from the staff for you to consider is that we double up (on the roadways) next year and hope the plant (Big Spring Refinery) will be online and the asphalt will be running," said Darden.

The council concurred.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

Some folks passionately worship politics. They believe they are just one election away from having no hatred, abuse, war, immorality or hunger in the world. They adhere to political views faithfully and serve their agendas religiously.

I believe Jesus would vote for Democrats, Republicans and Independents. As a matter of fact, I believe He has already cast His vote in their behalf. He died because the problem of sin (experienced by all, regardless of political preference) is not and cannot be solved by human power (individually or collectively). Jesus died and rose from the dead not to give us political power and strength, but to give us a peace and hope that conquers the effects of living in a sinful world.

I readily admit a lot of things in the world need correction and call for action. However, the first action needs to be a realization that salvation is found in the cross of Christ and not in the voting booth. Such a view does not squelch political participation, but it does mean the kingdom of heaven supercedes the white house.

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OUR VIEWS

Rattler Fest will give community a look at SWCID

Someone once noted that the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus is one of Big Spring's best kept secrets. It's not that people don't know SWCID exists, but much of the community is unfamiliar with the campus' programs, student body and activities.

All that can change for those interested in learning more about SWCID and its students this weekend with Saturday's observance of the annual Rattler Fest.

As always, good food and lots of games are planned at this year's Rattler Fest, an event designed for all ages that SWCID Recreation Director Michael Lopez calls "a come-out-and-have-fun thing."

SWCID Student organizations will have a car bash and sell snow cones and homemade root beer. There will be inflatable games, a water slide, laser tag and a dunking booth. And there will be lots of barbecued brisket and sausage, as well as many other food items.

Lopez noted that people from all over the United States will be in town for the event, because SWCID invites prospective students and their families to visit the campus during each year's Rattler Fest.

That means SWCID and Howard College officials will have lots of information available about the college for the deaf for those who are interested in learning more. What's more, organizations like the Highland Council for the Deaf and West Texas Association for the Deaf will also be providing presentations.

Rattler Fest is open to the public. Activities will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and continue through most of the day.

We here at the *Herald* want to join SWCID officials in encouraging our readers to put the Rattler Fest on their schedule for this weekend. Head over to the SWCID campus, located at 3200 Ave. C west of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and enjoy the activities.

SWCID's students, faculty and staff would love to have you join them and we're betting it's going to be a lot of fun.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*With You, Lord we can focus on getting the job done right.
Amen*

Times ignores GI's Iraq testimony

When veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars gathered at the Winter Soldier hearings in March to share harrowing testimony about horrors they had witnessed or participated in, the event was all but ignored by the corporate media.

Modeled after the Winter Soldier hearings conducted by Vietnam Veterans Against the War in 1971, the Iraq and Afghanistan war hearings were not picked up by any of the major broadcast TV networks' newscasts, and PBS was silent as well. No major U.S. newspaper covered the hearings except as a story of local interest. The New York Times didn't mention it — although it was noted in The New York Times' Paris-based International Herald Tribune.

Explaining this omission to media activists who wrote to him, New York Times public editor Clark Hoyt recently stated that the Times' Washington, D.C., bureau had "not been aware of the group or its meeting," but likely wouldn't have covered it if they had been aware of the event.

Our organization, FAIR, responded to Hoyt's letter, saying: "The Times' D.C. bureau editor's claim to have not heard of the hearings is remarkable, given that the AP

newswire carried a story on the hearings and Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW) has confirmed that the D.C. bureau had been sent three separate rounds of different IVAW press releases. In addition, at least 150 Times staffers were sent press releases about Winter Soldier by the Institute for Public Accuracy, a group that encourages inclusion of overlooked facts and progressive perspectives in media coverage. Given that media organizations operating on a small fraction of the Times' budget were aware of and able to find the resources to cover these hearings, the Times' D.C. bureau's plea to ignorance about the hearings is all the more disappointing."

Hoyt also pointed out in his paper's defense that it had also failed to cover "an announcement the following day by Vets for Freedom, a group supporting the war and claiming more than 13 times the membership of Iraq Veterans Against the War." This was "a far-fetched parallel between a group presenting eyewitness testimony about atrocities in Iraq and a group releasing a press statement." (As a group that often puts out press releases about media bias that don't get covered by the Times, FAIR is in a very good position to appreciate the comparison's absurdity.)

Moreover, the sizes of the two groups are not comparable, IVAW being a group of veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, whereas Vets for Freedom is open to non-veterans.

Hoyt claimed that "news organizations like the Times, with its own substantial investment in independent reporting from Iraq,

tend to prefer their own on-scene accounts of the war."

This is akin to asserting that reporters on the police beat prefer to write about crimes they have seen themselves rather than talking to eyewitnesses. Given that Times reporters, like all Western journalists in Iraq, have great difficulty traveling freely outside the Green Zone, it is hard to imagine that they could provide a full and accurate picture of the war without interviewing people who have participated in it. Of course, the paper does often interview U.S. military personnel about what they've seen, though when they are whistleblowers trying to call attention to what they describe as "the human consequences of failed policy," the Times suddenly has much less interest in what they have to say.

Hoyt noted in his letter that one of the Times' three Pentagon reporters was unavailable to cover the Winter Soldier hearing because the reporter "was traveling with the secretary of defense." The paper's evident preference for covering the movements of top officials over first-hand accounts by soldiers who challenge the administration's line puts a different spin on Hoyt's claim that the paper is interested in "independent reporting from Iraq."

Isabel MacDonald is communications director and Jim Naurekas is editor of "EXTRA!" — a publication of FAIR (Fairness and Accuracy In Reporting), the national media watch group that offers well-documented criticism of media bias and censorship.

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Media oblivious to many Obama-gates

The dirty little secret about Barack Obama's indictment of flyover country is that he said what liberals, including Hillary Clinton, believe. Sufficient proof of this can be found in the liberal outrage at last week's Democratic presidential debate, where Obama was pressed both by the moderators and Clinton to explain Bitter-gate, Wright-gate, Ayers-gate and Flag pin-gate.

Consider the uncannily similar reactions of columnists Tom Shales and Stephen Silver.

Shales expressed indignation that ABC News moderators Charlie Gibson and George Stephanopoulos would dare ask Obama to justify his insulting remarks about small-town Americans and his relationships with certain anti-American people.

Shales fumed, "For the first 52 minutes Gibson and Stephanopoulos dwelled entirely on specious and gossipy trivia that already has been hashed and rehashed, in the hope of getting the candidates to claw at one another over disputes that are no longer news. Some were barely news to begin with."

Shales was particularly perturbed that Stephanopoulos "came up with such tired tripe as a charge that Obama once associated with a nutty bomb-throwing anarchist."

He was equally peeved at Gibson for bringing up, "yet again, the controversial ravings of the pastor at a church attended by Obama."

Columnist Silver is annoyed that Gibson and Stephanopoulos "asked shamefully superficial and gotcha-oriented questions" and for the first half of the debate dwelt only on "rehashes of the nonsense non-stories of the past month — it was all-Wright, all-bitter," all-Bosnia sniper fire, all flag pin all the

time." These were all, wrote Silver, "questions about nothing."

Silver characterized the recent stories about Obama's association with unrepentant terrorist William Ayers as "the sort of stuff that only right-wing bloggers and e-mail forwarders care about."

Excuse the quotes, but nothing captures the sneering condescension of media liberals better than their own words.

What do the assessments of these two fairly typical liberal columnists have in common? Well, quite simply their agreement that reports about Obama's pastor, his terrorist friend and his obvious contempt for small-town Americans are superficial distractions that are irrelevant to Obama's suitability for the highest office in the land.

The mainstream media's trivialization of this string of damning stories on Obama brings into sharp relief the ever-widening worldview chasm that separates liberals from conservatives. For them to let Obama get away with brushing off his elitist, contemptuous remarks about small-town Americans as a mistake or as a mere "mangling of words" proves they not only don't understand the gravity of the insult but also probably agree with it.

It is impossible to spin Obama's statement as misspeak. As witnessed by his "typical white person" remark, Obama liberally engages in the type of stereotypical thinking he so readily condemns in others. If a conservative had offered such stereotyping, it would be off with his small-town head.

The Obama stories are anything but superficial and couldn't be more relevant. Obama has revealed more about himself by advertising his obvious misapprehension of what makes small-town Americans tick and his voluntary associations with a racist, anti-American, obscenity-spewing pastor and an unrepentant terrorist than we could ever learn through

rote repetition of his policy preferences.

It's astonishing that a man who is nearly deified by his admirers and personality-cultist groupies as a "post-racial" unifier displays such disrespect for his fellow Americans. How could so-called small-town Americans warm to the candidacy of a man who presumes they attend church, own guns and oppose illegal immigration because of bitterness and bigotry? What indescribable arrogance and elitism.

When someone is so fundamentally wrong about such fundamental things, he clearly does not have the requisite judgment to be president of the United States. For the mainstream media to be wholly oblivious to the hyper-relevance of these stories demonstrates they are on the left side of that chasm that separates Americans according to their worldviews. They are so eaten up with their own self-assurance, superiority and elitism that they are blinded to their own bias.

If Hillary weren't so widely disliked, the Obama stories might be devastating to his candidacy. But the media don't get this either, thinking that Obama's failure to plummet in the polls is because Americans don't care about these stories. There's nothing there; let's move on.

If they're right — that Americans don't care that this presidential candidate looks down on them based on categorical assumptions by which he has sized them up, thinks he knows better than they do about what motivates them, what's in their best interests and that government largesse is their only salvation — we're in worse shape than I thought.

If I'm right, these are big stories that won't — and by all means shouldn't — be ignored.

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GMC Sierra does it all

I actually shocked my wife this week. We went to the grocery store. I was driving this week's test vehicle — the 2008 GMC Sierra Crew Cab full-size pickup.

It's no secret that I prefer to drive smaller vehicles over large models — especially when it comes to having to park in narrow crowded parking stalls at the grocery store.

On the weeks when I have to review a full-size pickup, my wife always gets a kick out of watching me park. Actually, she makes fun of me; we're not going to go there.

I have, however, mastered the 42-point parking maneuver.

But back to the story. We were driving to the grocery store in the new GMC Sierra when I spotted an open stall close to the door. Without hesitating, I turned the wheel and slid the truck in between the cars on either side without any problem at all. I didn't even have to back up and straighten it up.

"I can't believe you just did that," my wife said, sitting in the passenger seat with this look of disbelief on her face. "I've never seen you park a truck on the first try — unless you count the times you park a mile away because there's no other cars around."

"I'm impressed," she told me.

Then I really shocked her.

"You know, I could really get used to driving

this truck," I said. "It handles great. The seats are comfortable. It's got lots of power. I absolutely love the new navigation system — it's one of the best ones on the market today. And, as I've just demonstrated, even I can park it."

She was speechless.

I actually think her jaw hit the dashboard.

"Let me get this straight," she said.

"YOU want to get a full-size truck?"

"Yeah," I said, telling her that it has become apparent that she's not going to

give in to my suggestion of buying a Corvette any time in the near future.

"I know that you like full-size pickups," I told her. "I know that you've been wanting another one since we traded in the Avalanche a few years back — and, by the way, you really need to get over that."

"But I do like this

truck," I said. "I've really enjoyed driving it all week. While there are a lot of very good full-size trucks on the market today, the GMC Sierra is right there at the top of the list. And, I can park it."

My wife picked up her cell phone and called our daughter who's in college in Iowa.

"You'll never believe what your father just said," my wife said into the phone. "I'm serious. He actually parked it on the first try. No, I'm not making this up. I'm sitting in the passenger seat. I saw it with my own eyes."

"No, I'm not kidding," she said again into the phone. "Yes, maybe it is possible. Maybe he can remember to take the trash out without having to be told."

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8 :PM	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Pasión	CSI: Crime Son	Victoria	Pecados Ajenos	Office Scrubs	Movie: Jersey Girl, George Carlin	Light of the Southwest	Antiques Roadshow	Futureweap- ons	Movie: Death Wish 4: The Crack-down	TNA iM- PACT!	NBA Basketball: First Round -- Teams TBA.	Comicview	So Raven	Football	Baseball Tonight
9 :PM	News	News	Impacto	Two Men	News	Noticias	News	Sex & Van Impe	Israel	Previews	Made	Made	The Ultimate Fighter	NBA Basketball: First Round -- Teams TBA.	Malcolm Hell Date	Suite Life	Series of Poker	SportsCenter
10 :PM	Nightline	Nightline	Noticiero	Raymond Law Order: CI	Late Show	Mas Vale Tarde	Tonight Show	(:10) Movie: Jersey Girl	Dr. Swallow	Smiley	Alaska Oil-men	Movie: Bru- baker, Jane Alexander	I Bet You I Bet You	Inside the NBA	Comicview	Replac	NASCAR	Baseball Tonight
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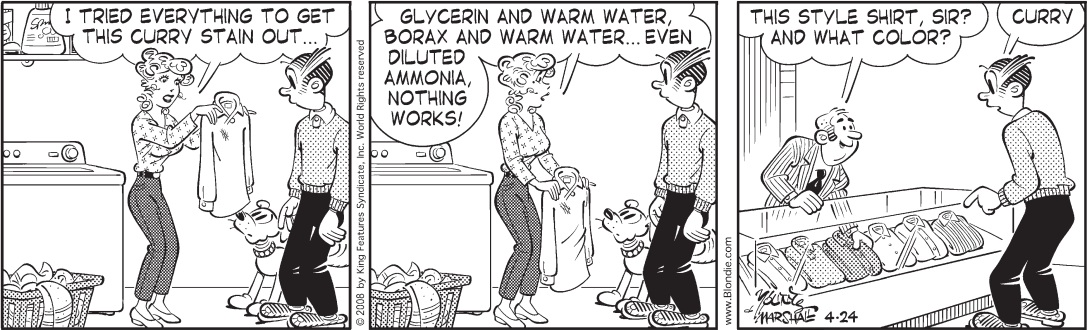
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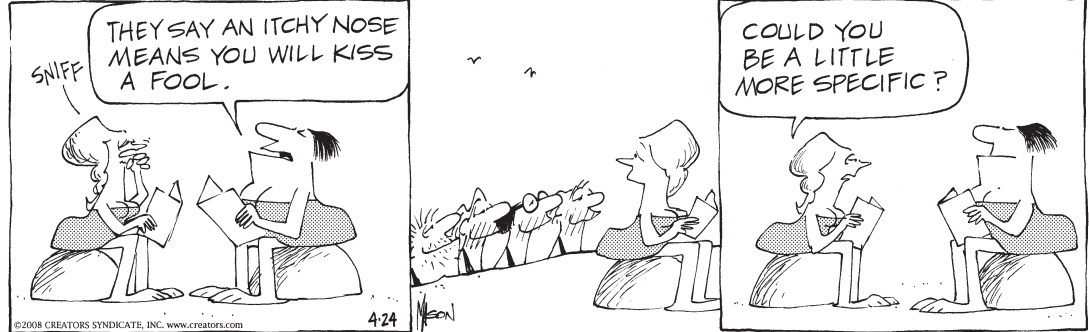
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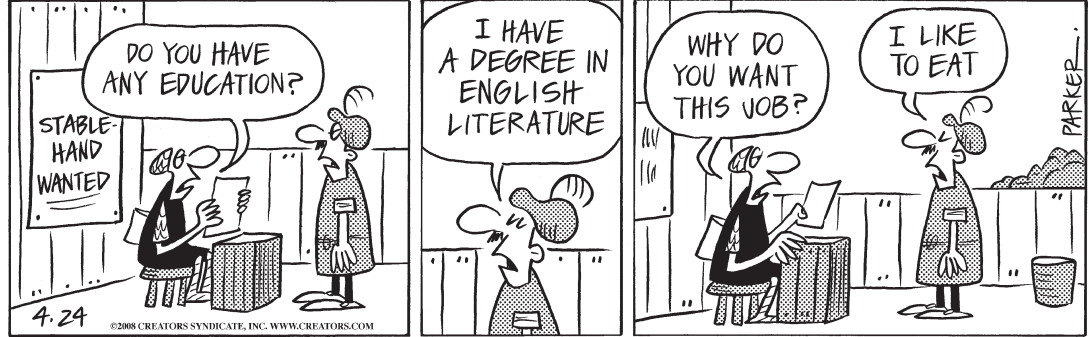
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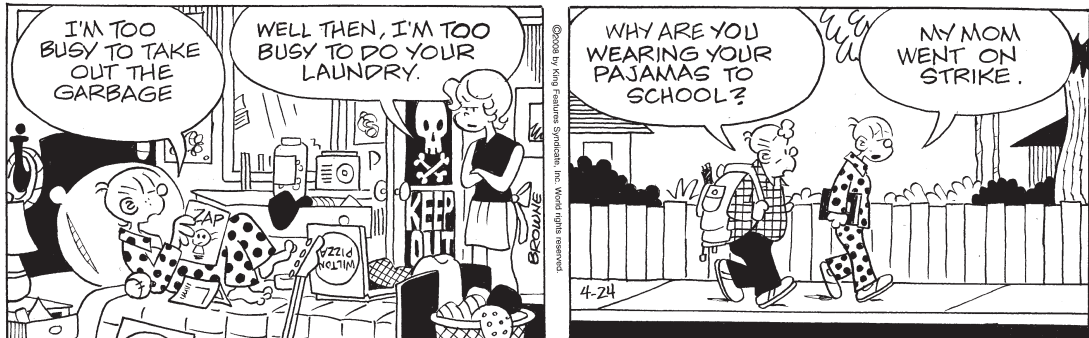
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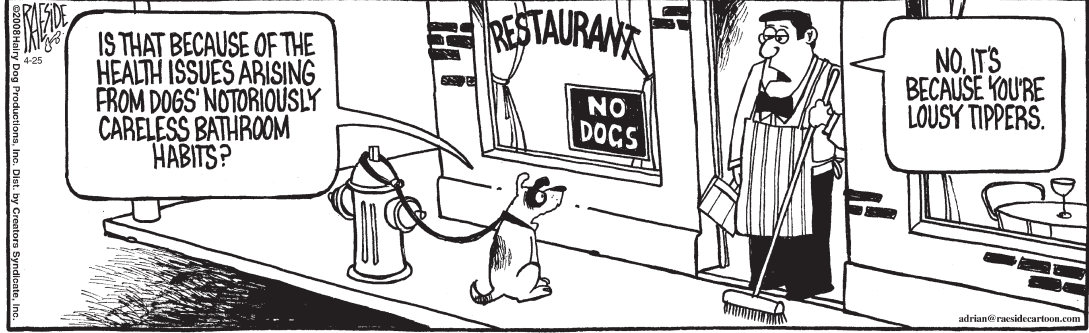
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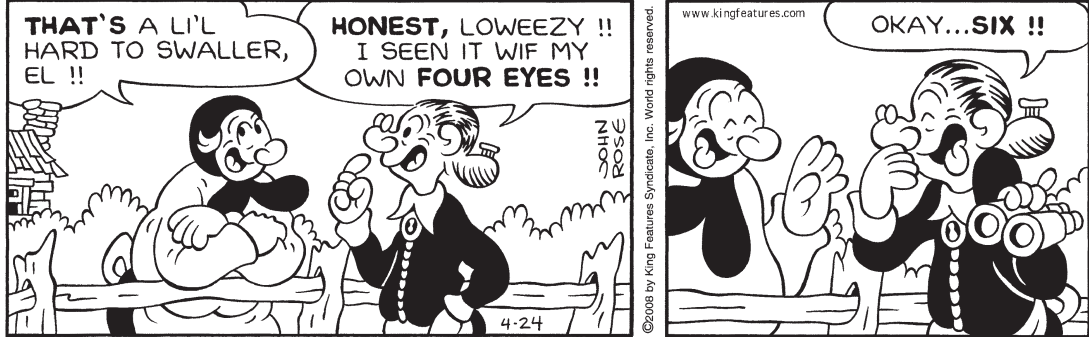
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 24, the 115th day of 2008. There are 251 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 24, 1916, some 1,600 Irish nationalists launched the Easter Rising by seizing several key sites in Dublin, Ireland. (The rising was put down by British forces almost a week later.)

On this date: In 1792, the national anthem of France, "La Marseillaise," was composed by Captain Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle.

In 1800, Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress.

In 1877, federal troops were ordered out of New Orleans, ending the North's post-Civil War rule in the South.

In 1898, Spain declared war on the United States after

rejecting America's ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba.

In 1915, the Ottoman Empire began the brutal mass deportation of Armenians during World War I.

In 1953, British statesman Winston Churchill was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1970, the People's Republic of China launched its first satellite, which kept transmitting a song, "The East is Red."

In 1980, the United States launched an unsuccessful attempt to free the American hostages in Iran, a mission that resulted in the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen.

In 1986, Wallis, the Duchess of Windsor, for whom King Edward VIII had given up the British throne, died in Paris.

In 1988, Greek cycling champion Kanellos Kanellopoulos pedaled the human-powered aircraft "Daedalus 88" over the Aegean Sea for nearly four hours.

Today's Birthdays: Film and drama critic Stanley Kauffmann is 92. Movie director-producer Richard Donner

is 78. Actress Shirley MacLaine is 74. Author Sue Grafton is 68. Actor-singer Michael Parks is 68. Actress-singer-director Barbra Streisand is 66. Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley is 66. Country singer Richard Sterban (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 65. Rock musician Doug Clifford (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 63. Rock singer-musician Rob Hyman is 58. Actor-playwright Eric Bogosian is 55. Actor Michael O'Keefe is 53. Rock musician David J (Bauhaus) is 51. Rock musician Billy Gould is 45. Actor-comedian Cedric the Entertainer is 44. Actor Djimon Hounsou is 44.

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16 FDR's mom
17 Kiddie's coin collectors
19 Self-satisfied
20 Caribou kin
21 Involve
23 Hot spring
24 Ranch units
26 Lane of *The Producers*
28 Bully
31 It may set things off
32 Aachen exclamation
33 Ballroom dance
36 Shakespeare contemporary
39 Fancies
41 Age
42 Low-down joint
43 Good for dieters
44 Tones, as muscles
46 Kevin, in *Superman Returns*
47 Austrian artist
49 Under the most favorable conditions
51 Dopey pal
53 SST, once
55 Prospector's need
56 Exert
58 *Géorgie* or *Virginie*
62 Molecule part
64 Guffaw
- 66 Defeat, slangily
67 *Hairspray* kid
68 Play part
69 Badminton needs
70 Part-playing group
71 Keeps away from

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1 Joe Friday's employer
2 Actress Falco
3 Rim
4 Small kid, informally
5 Bond, for one
6 Foolish
7 Makes money
8 "My Way" singer
9 Betting setting
10 Burro
11 Rickety
12 Big-band drummer
13 *Cosmos* author
18 Quotable catcher
22 Rip into
25 Yellow flowers
27 Fed
28 Kate Hudson's mom
29 Resound
30 Lose one's nerve
31 Boris Godunov, for one
34 Hit the road
35 Bi- plus one
37 South-of-the-border encouragement
38 First in line
40 Peacock or cob
45 Down East
48 Imaginary
50 Contractual violation
51 Give rise to
52 Woodworking tool
53 Cab passengers
54 *Hungarian Rhapsodies* composer
57 Author Jaffe
59 *Fantasia* hippo costume
60 Not "fer"
61 The one here
63 House of Commons makeup: Abbr.
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