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One dead in shooting



Officers with the Big Spring Police Department guard the scene of a shooting in the 700 block of Lorilla Monday afternoon while waiting for officials from the Texas Rangers to arrive. A Big Spring man was shot and killed by an undercover narcotics officer, prompting local law enforcement to call in the Rangers.

Undercover officer placed on leave; Rangers investigate

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

One Big Spring man is dead and a second in custody after a shoot out with an undercover narcotics officer Monday afternoon in the 700 block of Lorilla.



Everett

Patrick Rios, 36, of 3206 W. Eighth Street was shot and killed in front of a home located in the 700 block of Lorilla, near the intersection of W. Eighth Street. Theodore Rios, 38, of also of 3206 W. Eighth Street, was arrested at the scene on two local warrants and a

charge of assault by contact, according to police records.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, the fatal shooting was reported at approximately 11:40 a.m.

"An officer with the police department assigned to narcotics investigations was threatened by a subject armed with a shotgun," said Everett. "The officer fired, killing the suspect. The deceased was identified as Patrick Rios of Big Spring."

Everett said the shooting is being investigated by Texas Rangers,

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Alon USA gives back with \$10,000 donations

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

In the aftermath of the Feb. 18 blast that rocked the Alon USA Big Spring Refinery, officials with the Israeli-owned oil company say the help they received from the community was something to behold.

Monday, Alon officials announced they will be giving something back.

Jeff Morris, president and CEO of Alon USA, announced during an appreciation luncheon at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum the company will be making \$10,000 donations to five local organizations that



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Alon USA Executive Chairman David Weissman

played key roles in response to the explosion that shook the refinery to its core.

"To recognize your gift to us in your heartfelt way of making us meals, cookies and cakes — bringing us whatever you had — we want to give back to the community in recognition of these individuals and the ones who supported us," said Morris. "So, today we are going to contribute to five significant entities that supported us during this event \$10,000 each... We will contribute \$10,000 to the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and the city of Big Spring Fire Department.

"Another entity that has really gone out of its way is Howard College. Most



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Members of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department settle into their seats during the Alon USA-sponsored appreciation luncheon at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Monday afternoon, many having come directly from fighting a tank battery fire at the Big Spring Refinery only minutes before. The HCVFD was one of several local emergency organizations honored during the luncheon.

of the meals we eat at the refinery are supplied by the food services of

Howard College. The day after the event we got with Dr. Cheryl Sparks

and Terry McDaniel and See ALON, Page 3A

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Runoffs set today at First Baptist Church

Herald Staff Report

Voters residing within the boundaries of Howard County Commissioners Court's Precinct 3 have until 7 p.m. today to cast their ballot in the runoff election between Republican party hopefuls Jimmie Long or Winston Paschal Odom.

The runoff is being held at the First

Baptist Church, across from the VA Medical Center, along FM 700.

Neither Long nor Odom was able to garner 50 percent of the vote during the March 4 Republican primary, thus forcing the runoff.

The winner of today's election will face Democratic nominee Dick Dubose in November.

There is also a Democratic runoff being held at First Baptist Church until

7 p.m. today. Voters participating in the Democratic runoff may choose between Railroad Commission candidates Dale Henry (Austin) and Mark Thompson (Hamilton).

Residents who cast a ballot in the March 4 primaries must vote with the same party. Eligible voters who did not cast a ballot in March can vote in either election today.

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

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

TODAY

Big Spring softball at Plainview, 4 p.m.
Big Spring baseball at San Angelo Lake View, 4:30 p.m.
Coahoma baseball at Hawley, 7 p.m.
Coahoma softball at Hawley, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Big Spring baseball at Plainview, 6:30 p.m.
Forsan baseball vs. Winters, 4:30 p.m.
Forsan softball at Eldorado, 5 p.m.
Coahoma baseball vs. Stamford, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Big Spring softball vs. Wolfforth Frenship, 1 p.m.
Coahoma softball vs. Stamford, 2 p.m.

APRIL 15

Big Spring softball vs. San Angelo Lake View, 4 p.m.
Forsan baseball at Eldorado, 4:30 p.m.
Coahoma baseball at Clyde, 4:30 p.m.
Forsan softball vs. Menard, 5 p.m.
Coahoma softball vs. Midland High, 6:30 p.m.

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Big Spring track regional qualifiers in San Angelo through April 18.

Amigos Washer Club holding tournament April 12 at La Vedula

The Amigos Washer Club is holding a washer tournament at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the La Vedula Club.

Registration deadline is at 1 p.m. and cost is \$20 per team.

First-, second- and third-place trophies will be awarded plus a cash prize.

For more information, contact Larry Lara at 264-6060 or Richard Villa at 268-9590.

Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic scheduled

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and ATMOS Energy are sponsoring the Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic to be held at the Big Spring Country Club May 17-18.

The tournament is limited to the first 100 paid teams with a two-man scramble format being used.

A handicap is required and the tourney will be pre-flighted by a tournament committee and local golf pro.

Entry fee is \$180 per team. All entries are to be paid in advance. The fee includes access to the ATMOS Energy hospitality tent, free beverages, a barbecue lunch for both days, an afternoon shootout on May 16 and a golf goodie bag.

Call the country club's pro shop at 267-5354 or the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 for more information.

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

Lady Buffs blitz Blizzards, 9-2



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Forsan Lady Buffs pitcher Amanda Longorio (left) throws to first baseman Keyv O'Brien (13) to retire a Winters' Blizzards batter in the fifth inning of a District 2-A softball game in Forsan Monday. The Lady Buffs won, 9-2.

Forsan moves within one win of a District 2-A title

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

FORSAN — Focus can be a challenge for high school sports teams during the spring season due to the massive amounts of district meets involving both athletics and academics.

However, the Forsan Lady Buffs softball team has had enough focus to remain undefeated in District 2-A play, winning their fifth-straight league contest over Winters Monday, 9-2, in Forsan.

The victory leaves the Lady Buffs one win short of clinching a district title, which would be the first in school history after only three years of playing competitive softball.

Forsan drew first blood Monday, scoring two runs in the bottom of the first inning after Amanda Longorio knocked in Alyx Pappajohn with a triple to right center field and then scored on a bloop single by Kaela Strickland.

However, Winters answered

immediately, showing patience at the plate in the top of the second and scoring two runs on one hit, three walks and a Forsan throwing error.

Both squads went hitless over the next two innings and the game took on the form of a contest that could require extra innings. That was until the Lady Buffs' bats ignited in the bottom of the fifth.

Pappajohn singled to center with one out in the inning and Longorio moved her to third with a double to left. Pappajohn scored on the next pitch after it bounced past Winters' catcher, giving Forsan the 3-2 lead, which it would never surrender.

Kelsey Jones added to the Lady Buffs' lead, hitting an error-assisted inside-the-park home run. Jones was credited with a single, scoring Longorio, but advanced to third on a throwing error by the Blizzards' shortstop and scored on a second throwing

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Kansas beats Memphis in OT for title

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Memphis kept missing. Mario Chalmers wasn't about to.

Chalmers' 3-pointer with 2.1 seconds left in regulation put the game in overtime, and Kansas pulled away to a 75-68 victory on Monday night for its first national championship since Danny and the Miracles 20 years ago.

Mario and the Miracles? That has a good ring to it, too.

Chalmers' game-saving 3 came after Memphis missed four of five free throws that would have put the game and the title out of reach. It completed a comeback from nine points down with 2:12 left.

"It'll probably be the biggest shot ever made in Kansas history," Kansas coach Bill Self said.

The ending made a mockery of Memphis coach John Calipari's theory that his players, one of the country's worst with 59 percent free-throw shooting, didn't have to be good because they would always come through when the stakes were highest.

"It will probably hit me like a ton of bricks tomorrow, that we had it in our grasp," Calipari said.

All those bricks meant something in a game where every point counted. So did Rose's two-point shot off glass initially ruled a 3 — and correctly overturned — with 4:15 left.

Nothing about Chalmers' 3-pointer was in doubt.

"I had a good look at it," he said. "When it left my hands it felt like it was good, and it just went in."

Although Chalmers will go down in history, the most memorable overall performance came from Rose, the Memphis fresh-

man, who completely took over the game in the second half, scoring 14 of his team's 16 points during one stretch to lift the Tigers to a 60-51 lead with 2:12 left.

But Kansas (37-3) used the strategy any smart opponent of Memphis' would — fouling the heck out of one of the country's worst free-throw-shooting teams — and when Rose and Douglas-Roberts made only one of five over the last 1:12, it left the door open for KU.

"Ten seconds to go, we're thinking we're national champs, all of a sudden a kid makes a shot, and we're not," Calipari said.

Hustling the ball down the court with 10.8 seconds left, no timeouts and trailing by three, Sherron Collins handed off to Chalmers at the top of the 3-point line, and Chalmers took the shot. It hit nothing but net and tied the score at 63.

Robert Dozier missed a desperation heave at the buzzer, and Rose went limping to the bench, favoring his right leg. Brandon Rush, Darrell Arthur and Darnell Jackson scored the first six points of overtime to put Kansas ahead 69-63.

Memphis, clearly exhausted, didn't pull any closer than three the rest of the way. Rose played all 45 minutes in what could very well be his last college game.

"Overtime, they kind of beat us down," Calipari said. "I didn't sub a whole lot, because I was trying to win the game at the end."

Arthur was dominant inside, finishing with 20 points and 10 rebounds, lots on dunks and easy lay-ups off lob passes. Chalmers finished with 18 points. Rush had

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AP photo/Matt York
Kansas Jayhawks forward Darrell Arthur (00) dunks the ball against Memphis during the NCAA championship game Monday in San Antonio. Kansas won in overtime, 75-68.

Ryan watches Rangers' home opener for a change

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Jason Jennings grew up going to Texas Rangers games and watching Nolan Ryan pitch.

Now Ryan, the Hall of Famer and new team president, will be watching Jennings pitch the Rangers' home opener — and join him as the only Texas natives to do so.

"You take a lot of pride obviously if you grow up in Texas and you play for one of the Texas ballclubs," said Ryan, who started three home openers in old

Arlington Stadium. "The significance of an opener is everybody wants to really see their club get off on the right foot."

After splitting an opening six-game trip against AL West foes Seattle and the Los Angeles Angels, the Rangers play their 37th home opener in Texas today against the AL East leader.

No, not defending World Series champion Boston like last season, or even the New York Yankees. Instead, it's Baltimore (5-1), which carries a five-game winning streak into its first road trip of the season.

"I look forward to taking this

group on the road to see if we can continue what we're doing here," said manager Dave Trembley, whose Orioles completed a four-game sweep of Seattle on Monday.

"We've already had our opening day, the season is already going," Kevin Millar said. "We're going on the road trip."

Jennings (0-1), the 2002 NL Rookie of the Year with Colorado, signed with Texas as a free agent after a miserable season (2-9, 6.45 ERA) with the Houston Astros that ended with surgery in August to repair a torn flexor tendon in his right

elbow.

After Jennings' first start in spring training for the Rangers, the 29-year-old Dallas native admitted being more nervous than he had been in a long time. Not only was he pitching for the first time since surgery, he was pitching for his hometown team.

This time, about a dozen family members and many friends will be there when Jennings pitches at Rangers Ballpark for the first time.

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Obituaries

Alfredo Ledesma

Alfredo Ledesma, 25, of Big Spring, died Monday, April 7, 2008, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• The Class of 2009 will be having a prom meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring High School Library. All juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend. For 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.

• American Red Cross Lifeguarding and CPR classes will be held in two sessions this year. The second session is set for April 14-19. Cost will be \$125. Those interested can sign up with Coach Randall Shaw at rshaw3535@hotmail.com or at the Big Spring YMCA. Times of the class will be given at the time of registration. Spots are limited and fees must be paid at registration. Individuals who register must be present for all classes. After the first day of class, no refunds will be given.

• 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.

• Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

• St. Mary's and friends of St. Mary's are holding a lap blanket drive to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

• 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.

• Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• 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.

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

• The Pet Patrol helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

Police blotter

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

- **THEODORE RIOS**, 38, of 3206 W. Eighth Street, was arrested Monday on two local warrants and a charge of assault by contact.
- **LUPE YBARRA**, 41, of 1600 E. Fifth Street, was arrested Monday on a local citation.
- **CASSIE CANTU**, 19, of 1104 N. Highway 87, was arrested Monday on a local warrant and six local capias warrants.
- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 43, of 429 Westover Road, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1900 block of Simler.
 - in the 2900 block of Highway 80.
- **OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING** was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla.
- **DEADLY CONDUCT/DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 1400 block of Princeton.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3500 block of Highway 80.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 39 inmates at the time of this report.
- **WILLIAM ALLEN TILLEY**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of expired driver's license (two counts); speeding - 80 MPH in a 70 MPH zone; ride not secured by a safety belt; violation of a promise to appear (three counts); driving while license invalid; speeding - 83 MPH in a 70 MPH zone; and driving while license suspended/invalid.
 - **GARLAND GREEN JR.**, 52, as transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a Dallas warrant.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of Highland. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Providence Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **FIRE** was reported in the 200 block of Refinery Road.
- **GAS LEAK** was reported in the 800 block of E. 15th Street.

Support Groups

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.

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.

Bulletin Board

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

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

WEDNESDAY
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• 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.
• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
• Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
• 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.
• American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340.
• Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Cooler. Lows 47 to 52. East winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s. South winds around 15 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the mid 70s. Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph shifting to the west 30 to 35 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Friday...Sunny...Windy. Highs in the mid 70s.
Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.
Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 70.
Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.
Sunday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.
Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.
Monday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 25-1-14-29-32.
Number matching five of five: 0.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 10-12-32-16. Bonus Ball: 23.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-6-5-3. Sum It Up: 23.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-6-5. Sum It Up: 16.

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Moore wins 11-A tournament



Courtesy photo

The Forsan boys golf team finished 5th out of 9 teams in the District 11-A golf tournament with a two-round total of 745, finishing the tournament Monday at Riverside Golf Course in San Angelo. Sophomore Jake Moore (pictured above lining up a putt) won the individual district title with a round of 74 in San Angelo, which combined with his first round total of 78, gave him the championship with a total of 152 — seven strokes ahead of second-place finisher Tyler Rister of Hamlin. Other Forsan golfers were Ryan Flores (98-80=178), Brantly Cahoon (101-88=189), Evan Burton (122-104=226) and Tristan Clay (132-122=254). Jake will play in the regional golf tournament to be held at Abilene's Maxwell Municipal Golf Course on April 21-22. This will be Moore's second year at the regional tournament. Last year he finished in the top 10.

Lady Steers finish third



Courtesy photo

The Big Spring High School golf team finished the District 4-4A Tournament Monday in San Angelo with the boys playing the final round at Quicksand Golf Course and the girls playing at Bentwood Country Club. The Lady Steers finished third in district, moving up two spots in the final round. They shot a combined 388 with Cassie Guinn leading the way with a 78. Guinn finished third as a medalist and will compete individually at the Region I Tournament also at Bentwood. Other Lady Steers' scores for the day were Holly Bancroft, 107; Ariel Johnson, 96; Sophia Gonzales, 107; Cecilli Acosta, 125. The boys' "A" team combined for a total score of 359. Individual scores were Jared Wilkerson, 91; Blake Borman, 90; Andrew Fillingim, 85; Daniel New, 93; Cade Parker, 94. The "B" team shot a total of 432. Individual scorers were Gerald Harris, 115; Matt Miller, 122; Matt Rameriz, 97; Daniel Mendoza, 100; Mark Enriquez, 137. Pictured above from left to right: Steers Head Golf Coach Chris Joslin, Holly Bancroft, Cecilli Acosta, Sophia Gonzales, Cassie Guinn and Ariel Johnson.

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12 and Collins had 11 points, six assists and did a wonderful job shutting Rose for the first 28 minutes.

Rose wound up with 18 points in a game that showed how ready he is for the NBA. He was 3-for-4 from the line, however, and that one miss with 10.8 seconds left is what almost certainly would have sealed the game and given the Tigers (38-2) their first title.

"It wasn't really the free throws," Rose said. "If we'd done things before the free throws, we would've been in good shape."

Instead, the title goes back to Lawrence for the third time in the fabled program's history.

The inventor of the game, James Naismith, was the first Jayhawks coach. It's the school that made household names of Wilt Chamberlain,

Manning — and yes, even North Carolina's Roy Williams, the coach who famously left the Jayhawks, lost to them in the semifinals, but was, indeed, in the Kansas cheering section Monday wearing a Jayhawks sticker on his shirt.

After the game, Self didn't exactly end speculation that he might also bail for his alma mater, Oklahoma State.

"I'm not going to say that couldn't potentially happen because I guess it potentially can," Self said.

This game was not about coaches or sidestories, though. It was about the game, and what a dandy it was — a well-needed reprieve from a more-or-less blah tournament in which 42 of 63 games were decided by double digits.

This was the first overtime in the title game since 1997, when Arizona beat Kentucky 84-79.

"Being up seven, being down nine, being up two, down five, going to overtime," Kansas center Cole

Aldrich said. "We fought it out, and it's surreal. It's nuts."

Rose went crazy during Memphis' second half run. A 3-pointer here, a scooping layup for a three-point play next. Then, the capper, an off-balance, 18-foot shot off glass with the shot-clock buzzer sounding. Officials at first credited Rose with a 3, but went to the replay monitor and saw he was clearly inside the line.

Even with the point deducted, Memphis has a 56-49 lead and all the momentum. Most teams would have been demoralized.

Clearly, Kansas is not most teams.

In fact, the Jayhawks are a team that has come together in tragedy over the last several months. The deaths of friends and family of Jackson, Sasha Kaun and Rodrick Stewart all cast a bit of a pall over this team, making Jackson wonder at times if staying at Kansas was even worth it.

Just when the

Jayhawks looked to be moving past their bad times, Stewart fractured his kneecap, a freak accident during Kansas' practice Friday at the Alamodome.

But it was another injury that might have been most responsible for blending this championship formula. Rush tore up his knee during a pickup game last May, and his NBA plans were put on hiatus.

He worked his way back into shape this season and is playing his best right now. He didn't have the most impressive stat line of the night, but it hasn't all been about stats for him in this, his junior season. His defense was stellar, as usual, and surely his experience and resolve played into Kansas' refusal to go away.

He set the table. Chalmers got the glory. "That has to be one of the biggest shots in basketball history," Stewart said.

FORSAN

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miscue by the right fielder.

Not to be outdone by her twin sister, Shelby Jones belted a two-run homer over the center field fence with one out in the sixth, pushing Forsan's lead to 7-2. Pappajohn and Longorio later scored in the inning, giving each three total runs scored in the game.

Pappajohn relieved Longorio in the pitcher's circle in the sixth inning. Longorio picked up the win, lasting five innings and giving up two runs — one earned — on one hit and six walks while recording seven strikeouts. Pappajohn allowed no runs on two hits and

struck out two Winters' batters.

The two pitchers also combined for six runs, going a combined 5-for-8 at the plate.

To clinch a district title, Forsan must defeat Eldorado's Lady Eagles Friday, who currently sit just a game back of the Lady Buffs in second. Forsan already defeated the Lady Eagles this season in a high-scoring affair, 22-11.

"Hopefully, we can do the same thing we did the first time we played Eldorado," Forsan Head Coach Shanna Roberts said. "There's a lot UIL events going on, so our focus isn't always where it should be. Hopefully, we'll be ready to play Friday and go to Eldorado

and do what we do best, which is hit the ball."

Monday's win over Winters' does clinch a playoff spot for the Lady Buffs, though.

Last season, Forsan was a regional semifinalist after placing third in the district. This year Roberts said the team is getting close to being ready for a similar post-season run.

"We're getting there," Roberts said. "We're not ready for the playoffs yet, but we're a lot closer. We're still young and learning the game. I forget there are things they don't know until we get caught up in a situation and I realize we need to go over this. We're still learning, but we've still got plenty of time to fig-

ure it out."

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News briefs

Petraeus to urge for patience in Iraq while Democrats say time runs out in November

WASHINGTON (AP) — The four-star general in charge of Iraq wants more time in a war that is now in its sixth year. Democrats say he's got until the November elections.

Gen. David Petraeus planned to testify Tuesday on the war for the first time in seven months. He was expected to tell two Senate committees that last year's influx of 30,000 troops in Iraq had helped calm some of the sectarian violence but that to prevent a backslide in security, troops would likely be needed in large numbers through the end of the year.

Under his proposal, as many as 140,000 troops could be in Iraq when voters head to the polls this fall.

Democrats contend that this approach guarantees an open-ended commitment to a \$10-billion-a-month war as the economy at home is faltering. They say the lack of political progress made in Iraq, as well as the recent spike in violence in Basra, indicates the troop buildup

has failed.

"We need a strategy that will clearly shift the burden to the Iraqis, that'll begin to take the pressure off our forces, begin to allow us to respond to other challenges in the region and worldwide," said Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., a member of the Armed Services Committee.

McCain says Democratic rivals' call for troop withdrawal from Iraq a 'failure of leadership'

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Republican presidential candidate John McCain said that calls from his Democratic rivals to withdraw U.S. forces from Iraq stand as a "failure of leadership" as they are making promises they cannot keep. Democrat Barack Obama said the failure rests with McCain's support for an open-ended occupation of Iraq.

Addressing the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Monday, McCain criticized Obama and Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and insisted that last year's U.S. troop buildup in Iraq brought a glimmer of

"something approaching normal" there, despite a recent outbreak of heavy fighting and a U.S. death toll that has surpassed 4,000.

Pulling out now would jeopardize recent gains, McCain said.

"To promise a withdrawal of our forces from Iraq, regardless of the calamitous consequences to the Iraqi people, our most vital interests, and the future of the Middle East, is the height of irresponsibility," he said. "It is a failure of leadership."

Sen. Vitter may be called to testify in case of woman running prostitution service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Louisiana Sen. David Vitter may be called to testify on behalf of a woman accused of running an upscale Washington prostitution service, attorneys said at the opening of trial.

The Republican senator was among several possible witnesses identified Monday in the racketeering and money laundering case against Deborah Palfrey.

ALON

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told them we needed to feed these people so they can work, and we wanted to use your services to do that. They said fine. We asked how much was it going to cost, and they said we weren't going to pay for it... We pay some, but we certainly don't pay what it costs. So we are going to make a \$10,000 contribution to Howard College. The other two groups that showed up and not only helped us, but helped others less fortunate than we are. We will be making \$10,000 contributions to the local chapter of the American Red Cross and the local chapter of the Salvation Army."

An explosion ripped through the Big Spring Refinery at approximately 8:15 a.m. Feb. 18, sending a concussive blast through the surrounding communities. According to witness accounts, the cause of the February explosion was a propylene tank leak that caused a mist-like vapor to gather in the refinery, eventually making its way into a cat cracker heater and an alkaline unit, causing both to explode simultaneously.

A second fire that destroyed a tank battery in the plant's asphalt division early Monday morning is still being investigated, according to Alon officials.

Morris said he and the Alon USA upper-echelon are concerned with the recent accidents at the Big Spring Refinery — including Monday's fire — but every effort is being made to set things straight.

"David (Wiessman) and I are the stewards of your refinery today. And I can tell you I'm not very happy with the way we've been doing that recently," said Morris. "But I can assure you that we're going to bring this refinery back in the way it should, and it will be better and stronger for Big Spring. This refinery is Big Spring's refinery, and over the last six weeks that's been shown to me in many, many ways."

"In the days following

(Feb. 18), ladies and girls from town showed up with cakes and cookies to feed us. They would just show up. We've been feeding all of the men and women of the Alon personnel three meals a day at the refinery since Feb. 18. We have yet to pay for one meal. We've had businesses and individuals in this plant bring us checks. That's compelling. How many organizations, businesses and communities do you know of that would do that?"

Alon USA Executive Chairman David Wiessman also spoke during the luncheon, thanking the community for rallying behind the local refinery.

"When I arrived at the refinery the day after the explosion, I met the Congressman (Randy Neugebauer), Jeff (Morris), Joe, David and others. I told them I didn't fly 24 hours to speak about the explosion," said Wiessman. "Thank God nobody was killed. We need to remember to secure the future of the refinery. A few days ago I was taking a walk through the refinery and meeting the employees. One of the employees came to me and shook my hand and told me, 'Thank you David, for sticking with the refinery.' I would like to thank you all for sticking with the refinery and ensuring the future of the refinery. I'd like to thank you all for being our friends. Thank you."

Several state officials were on hand for the program as well, including State Rep. Joe Heflin, who spent a great deal of time Feb. 18 viewing the damage caused by the blast.

"One thing we can all agree on about that day is God had His hands on Alon and Big Spring that day," said Heflin. "No one was killed and only a few were injured. And there were people in there who were in the heat of battle in great danger. They were in a position of danger, and God blessed them, God blessed Alon and God blessed Big Spring. Today I truly want to thank all of the emergency personnel who responded. Volunteers



Members of Alon USA's emergency response team — deemed "Red Hats" — shake hands with Congressman Randy Neugebauer, State Sen. Kel Seliger and State Rep. Joe Heflin during an appreciation luncheon held by the Israeli-owned oil company Monday afternoon at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

and professionals from all over this region — I was amazed how far some people came — and I didn't hear anyone saying, 'Hey, do we have an interlocal agreement? Is it OK for us to be here?' Everyone showed up and did the job. Thank you very much."

According to Congressman Randy Neugebauer, the events of Feb. 18 are living proof West Texas spirit is alive and well in Big Spring.

"What a remarkable story. First, the miracle that we didn't lose any lives in such a major event there, and then watching this community rally back from another challenging opportunity," said Neugebauer. "And the commitment from Alon and the community that this plant will be back up and running fairly quickly has been there. Obviously, when we saw the response from all of these communities that came in and worked together, I think it speaks of the West Texas spirit and how it's still alive and well, particularly in this community. And you

see how it always rallies around a challenge."

Neugebauer said the recent rash of grass fires that has gripped Howard County has Congress and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) looking at ways they can help.

"Somebody was telling me there have been more than 200 different fires responded to in the region in the last few weeks," said Neugebauer. "It's very important that we have very well-equipped departments, and it's particularly important to our volunteer departments, which are using fairly limited resources and volunteer manpower, and we want to make sure not only do they have good equipment, but that they have good safety equipment so when they are called to respond, they can do it in a safe and effective manner. The disasters have been declared, and we'll have to see what

the FEMA response to it will be. Funding is an issue, and because it's important we replenish the supplies and things they are using so the next time they are called, they are able to respond."

State Sen. Kel Seliger also spoke during the luncheon, stressing the importance of the relationship between Big Spring and the refinery.

"It's always good to see people in the community work together. It's always good to see a community be dedicated to its employers, and an employee that's dedicated

to its community" said Seliger. "Alon intends to rebuild and get back into operation and be better than it was before. It's important for this community and this area economically."

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SHOOTING

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standard procedure when a law enforcement officer is involved in a shooting.

"The officer has been placed on administrative

leave, which is standard procedure in a shooting situation," said Everett.

Officials with the Lubbock Texas Rangers office could not be reached at press time.

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Tejada's walkoff homer lifts Astros over Cards

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros knew they were getting a good player when they traded for Miguel Tejada. Still, there was concern the four-time All-Star shortstop had "lost a step."

On Monday night, he proved that theory wrong.

Tejada's two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth gave the Astros a 5-3 win over St. Louis, snapping a five game winning streak for the Cardinals.

Tejada's home run, his second of the season, to right field off Kyle McClellan (0-1) scored pinch runner Darin Erstad.

"I think he's way better than the guy we thought we were getting," Astros manager Cecil Cooper said. "They said he'd lost a step. He hasn't lost a step."

Cooper and teammates have been impressed by the energy of Tejada since he joined the team. He hasn't appeared distracted despite the FBI investigating whether he lied about steroids to investigators for a House committee.

"Every time I stepped up to the plate it was so exciting," he said. "I just wanted to do something for these fans."

The Astros led 3-0 before the Cardinals three-hit ninth inning. Ryan Ludwick's two-out, two RBI double off closer Jose Valverde (2-0), who blew the save, tied it at 3 in the top of the ninth. Cesar Izturis scored easily on the hit to right center field. Astros catcher J.R. Towles was in position to tag Troy Glaus at home,

but couldn't hold onto the ball during a collision and Glaus scored the tying run.

A single by Aaron Miles and a walk by Izturis set up an RBI single by Glaus.

Yadier Molina grounded into a force out to end that inning.

Valverde, who led the majors last season with 47 saves for Arizona, was disappointed in his performance.

"I just threw some mistakes tonight," he said. "I was throwing too hard. But that's all right, I'll be back tomorrow and I'll forget this."

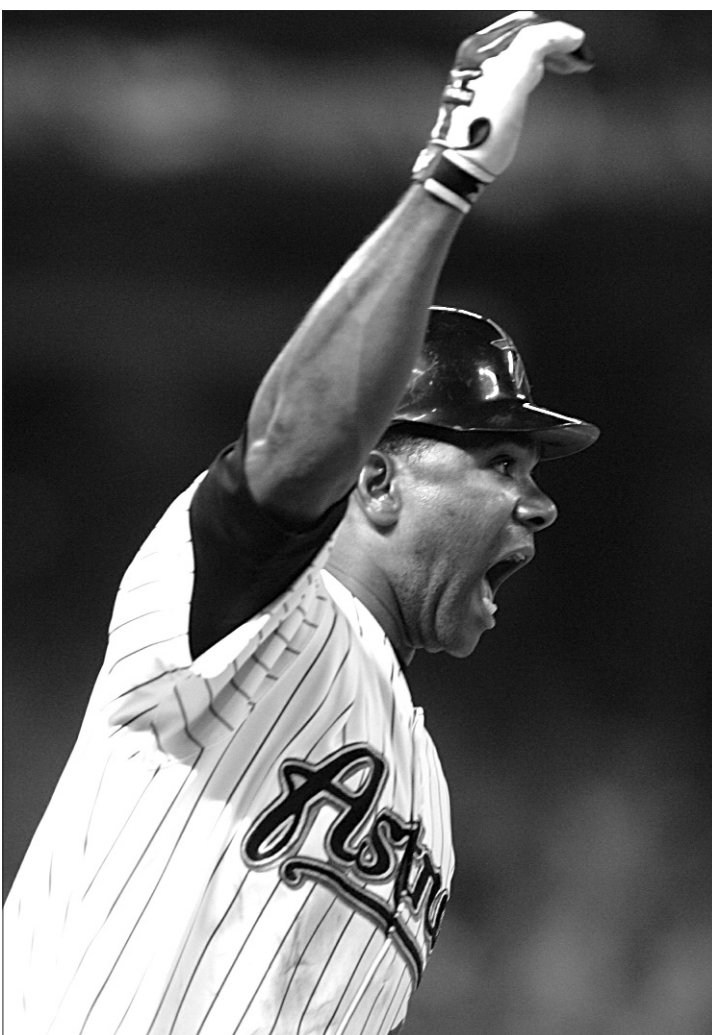
Back-to-back homers by Lance Berkman and Carlos Lee broke a scoreless tie in the seventh inning. Berkman's home run, which came off Cardinals starter Todd Wellemeyer, bounced off the wall in center field and put Houston ahead 1-0. Lee followed with his third home run of the year, a shot that bounced off the facade in left field.

The Astros got a solid performance from lefty Wandy Rodriguez, who pitched 7 1-3 scoreless innings with three hits, six strikeouts and no walks. He didn't receive a decision because of Valverde's blown save.

"I'm a little disappointed for Wandy's sake because he had a great outing," Cooper said. "It's probably the best I've seen him. He was attacking the hitters with his fastball."

Towles added a run with a solo homer to left field off Kelvin Jimenez in the eighth inning.

After Pujols singled with two outs in the first, Rodriguez retired nine



AP photo/Pat Sullivan

Houston Astros shortstop Miguel Tejada celebrates his walkoff home run in the ninth inning against the St. Louis Cardinals in a MLB baseball game Monday in Houston. The Astros won 5-3.

straight batters. Glaus doubled after that, but Ryan Ludwick struck out swinging to end the fourth inning. That out was the first of 11 straight outs for Houston and Rodriguez wouldn't allow another hit until he was chased by a single by Yadier Molina with one out in the eighth.

The Astros had managed only a pair of singles against Wellemeyer, a leadoff one by Michael Bourn and one to start the fifth inning by Tejada,

before the pair of seventh inning homers.

Wellemeyer allowed five hits with two runs, seven strikeouts and a walk. He struggled with a nosebleed for almost four innings Monday.

"It must be the hot weather or something," he said. "It started in the first inning and didn't stop until the fifth. When I came off the mound in the first, it started pouring. I don't know why."

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa was

impressed with his performance. He has a 2.25 ERA in two starts.

"He's given us two outstanding starts," La Russa said.

Bourn, in his first year playing for his hometown Astros, upped his stolen base total for the season to six with a pair on Monday.

It was Houston's home opener after opening the season with a seven game road trip. It was the first time since 2000 the Astros didn't open the season at home.

Notes: Astros 3B Ty Wigginton will miss the St. Louis series with a small fracture in his left thumb. The team is trying to avoid placing him on the disabled list, but he will be re-evaluated on Thursday and such a move could be necessary.

... Astros 2B Kaz Matsui, on the disabled list after surgery to repair an anal fissure, has been cleared to play and will begin a rehab assignment with Double-A Corpus Christi Tuesday. He could return to Houston's lineup as soon as Sunday. ... Cardinals LF Chris Duncan returned to the lineup after missing five games with a strained left hamstring. ... Cardinals RHP Joel Pineiro, on the

disabled list with a right shoulder strain, will have a rehab start for Triple-A Memphis on Tuesday.

Phillies 5, Reds 3

At Cincinnati, Pat Burrell hit two of Philadelphia's four homers off Bronson Arroyo.

Jimmy Rollins and Geoff Jenkins also homered off Arroyo (0-1), who had never before given up more than three in a game.

Left-hander Cole Hamels (1-0) gave up five hits and three walks in seven innings. Brad Lidge, who came off the disabled list Saturday after recovering from knee surgery, gave up a run in the ninth before closing it out for his first save.

Cubs 10, Pirates 8, 12 innings

At Pittsburgh, Aramis Ramirez's sacrifice fly scored the go-ahead run during a two-run 12th inning in which the Cubs didn't have a hit off rookie Evan Meek.

Former starter Jon Lieber (1-1) gave a depleted bullpen a big lift with three scoreless innings before Carlos Marmol finished up in the 12th for his first save.

RANGERS

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"It's going to be a fun day. Hopefully I can go out and pitch a good game and give our fans a good show," Jennings said. "But, most of all, I hope we can give fans some hope and give them something good to watch from the first day out."

Jennings pitched a team-high 17 innings in spring training, an indication that his elbow is healthy. He allowed only four earned runs (2.12 ERA) in the spring, the same amount he gave up over five innings on two home runs in losing his first start last week at Seattle.

"We felt like it was an injury that he should get over in time, but we knew it might be a building process. ... He's certainly on schedule, if not even a tick ahead," general manager Jon Daniels said Monday. "For him to feel comfortable and let it loose and not be worrying about his arm, that's probably the biggest thing."

Ryan took over as the Rangers' president just before spring training and, instead of making wholesale changes, has been in an extended evaluation of the team. He was encouraged by the opening trip against two teams picked by most as favorites in the AL West.

"This is a unique club," Ryan said. "They're very close and they're on a mission to pull together as a ballclub and really try to win this year and make a statement that they are a good ballclub."

Since winning the last of their three division titles in 1999, all coming after Ryan retired and before any of the current players were there, the

Rangers have had only one winning season and haven't finished better than third place.

Ryan started the final home opener at Arlington Stadium in 1993, then pitched the final game there before retiring. He won that opener 3-1 over Boston.

Notes: Texas is 18-18 in home openers, and 6-8 at Rangers Ballpark. ... The Rangers didn't have a workout Monday. Manager Ron Washington instead let them have the day off, their first at home since before spring training. ... LHP Brian Burres is scheduled to start for Baltimore, his first this season. ... This is the first time the Orioles have been the opponent for a Rangers home opener.

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Declarer drew three rounds of trumps, ending in dummy, and led the ten of clubs, losing to the queen. West switched to the ace and another diamond. South ruffed and led the king of clubs, on which West followed low.

Declarer decided from the bidding that West had to have the ace of clubs, so he discarded a diamond from dummy. It was then easy to establish the club suit, and South made the contract for a score of 850 points.

At the second table, the bidding varied somewhat, but again South wound up as declarer at five spades doubled, and again West led the queen of hearts. South took the ace and also drew three rounds of trumps.

But when he next led the ten of clubs from dummy and finessed, West won the trick with the ace, not the queen! West recognized what he was up against and realized that unless he could persuade declarer that East had the queen of clubs, the contract would be made.

West's unusual play paid off handsomely. When he next led the ace and another diamond, declarer ruffed, cashed the king of clubs and continued with the jack. West followed low, of course, and South, convinced that East had the queen and that it would fall, ruffed in dummy.

When East showed out, the hand collapsed. South had to lose three more tricks, and he finished down three — 800 points — for a total loss of 1,650 when combined with the result at the other table.

Tomorrow: Trump rich.
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OUR VIEWS

Only days left before deadline to be registered

One last time we'll use this space to remind readers time is running out for Crossroads area citizens who are not yet registered to vote, but plan to cast ballots in the May 10 municipal and school board elections.

If you are not registered to vote and want to cast a ballot in a city council or school board election, the deadline to register is fast approaching.

That's right, the deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, April 11, to get that small, but very important task accomplished. Registration is held at the County Annex building, east of Howard County Courthouse.

As we've noted before, the right to vote gives us the opportunity to choose who we want to serve as our voice in all levels of government.

And just because nobody will be voting on seats in the legislature or Congress, or selecting a president doesn't mean the May 10 election isn't important.

In fact, they're extremely important — perhaps more important than voting on a national leader, because the people we elect will be overseeing our cities and school boards, dealing with issues that effect our lives each and every day.

Remember, voter registration is free. What's more, it's very simple. In fact, it takes only a couple of minutes.

To be eligible to vote, residents must be 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen. You do not need to have resided in Howard County for a specific length of time before registering here.

It should also be noted that anyone who has moved since they last obtained a voter registration card should also register.

So, please, please, please, take the time to register to vote.

From our point of view, voting is an important process in which all U.S. citizens should participate.

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But to have your voice heard at the ballot box, you must be registered. So make sure you check to be sure you're registered.

If not, the *Herald* encourages you to register right away. Then take the time to study the issues, the candidates and their platforms and vote.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*You, Lord, are the business partner that we fully trust.
Amen*

An engaged community is key

Growing up in a small Texas town, I lived in a world where everyone knew everyone else's business. As a child, my neighborhood friends were constantly in and out of each other's houses and parents frequently socialized while the kids played outside. I am convinced that engagement with the community around us created accountability for people to remain on their best behavior and encouraged neighbors to support each other when someone couldn't carry the burdens of life on their own.



ANITA PERRY

It is difficult to care for those in our community if we don't know them.

These days, emailing, chatting online or talking on the phone make up the bulk of our social interaction, but we cannot let that hinder efforts to be tangibly involved with the people around us.

Such a connection will ensure the safety and health of our most precious citizens — our children.

According to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), more than 240,000 cases of abuse or neglect were reported in 2007.

Among these reports, more than 71,000 abuse victims were confirmed, resulting in almost 16,000 children being removed from their homes.

Sadly, 223 children lost their lives as a direct result of abuse by a parent, guardian or caregiver.

To what degree could these statistics change if neighbors simply paid more attention to the families around them?

Appropriately, April is designated as Child Abuse Awareness Month. As the weather warms, kids are playing outside more often and parents are striving to keep up with their children's various activities. Such circumstances present an opportunity to explore ways in which we can support positive family environments, and more importantly, ensure that the children around us are properly cared for.

As a former nurse, I saw firsthand the disturbing and damaging effects of family abuse. Every involved parent knows that raising a child can be one of the greatest blessings in life, but is not without moments of trial, stress and worry.

Sometimes such challenges — or more serious factors like substance abuse, financial stress or depression — will cause a parent to engage in the unthinkable act of physically abusing their children. It is also proven that parents who suffered abuse as children are more likely to become abusers themselves.

It is time for us to renew our commitment to the prevention and eradication of child abuse. Simple actions like volunteering to babysit a neighbor's children or offering encouraging words to a frustrated parent can make a significant difference.

Even greater sacrifices like becoming a foster parent or permanently adopting a foster child, will only accelerate our progress.

As first lady, I have seen Texas

take remarkable measures to counter the trend of this problem. In 2004, my husband called for comprehensive Child Protective Services (CPS) reforms, and thanks to our legislature's action, CPS investigator daily caseloads have dropped steadily from an average of 43 in 2005 to 25 in 2007.

The number of children removed from their homes also decreased by an estimated 1,500 since 2005 and is projected to drop by more than 400 children this year. While these successes are significant, the struggle is far from over.

This month, DFPS is launching a statewide campaign — "It's Up To You" — which provides a wealth of resources created to educate Texans on how to get personally involved in stopping child abuse and support those affected by it. Please visit www.ItsUpToYou.org or the DFPS general website, www.dfps.state.tx.us, to access resources and ideas.

I urge all Texans to remain mindful that our children are the future of the Lone Star State. Children of all ages deserve to live and thrive in environments free from harm.

As a civilized society, we must diligently and relentlessly work until child abuse is relegated to the dustbin of history. Until then, we must remain committed to giving children every opportunity to live free from victimization so they may mature into successful adults.

Ultimately, their success will be Texas' success.

Anita Perry is the First Lady of Texas, the wife of Gov. Rick Perry.

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Iraqi refugees casualties of war

The humanitarian crisis unleashed by the Iraq war comes into dramatic focus inside a detention center beneath a highway in Beirut.

Packed cells hold scores of Iraqi refugees. Men and women who fled a shattered country now wait in silence underground as bureaucracies slowly churn and the world pays little heed. Nearly five years after the invasion of Iraq, this is what sanctuary means for some who survived bombings, beatings and hushed journeys across borders.



SIMONE CAMPBELL

Traveling throughout Lebanon and Syria recently with several religious sisters and staff from Catholic Relief Services, I witnessed lives of desperation and quiet stories of hope. Our visits with Iraqi families, both Christian and Muslim, humanize numbing statistics that are staggering in scope.

According to the U.N. High Commission for Refugees, 2.5 million Iraqis have fled the country; an additional 2 million are internally displaced inside Iraq. Most of the estimated 50,000 Iraqis in Lebanon are there illegally, unable to receive work permits or access to health services and schools.

Among them is Dovid, a gentle Christian man so traumatized by torture at the hands of a militia in Iraq that his body constantly shakes. He struggled to hold steady for a picture we took with

his wife and 10 children who now live crowded into one room in a poor Beirut neighborhood.

There is Leila, a Shiite Muslim who had a successful career in nuclear medicine in Iraq until she and her father were threatened because they worked with a U.S. company on hospital construction. Her father sent her to safety in Lebanon; a few months later, he was executed as he walked home from his job. She is haunted by rumors that her father's enemies are now searching for her.

The reality is also grim in Syria, where 1.5 million Iraqis are now living. A U.N. report found that one in five Iraqis in Syria were tortured or victims of violence back home. Rape, electric shocks and beatings have left deep physical, emotional and spiritual scars. Children have seen their parents killed. Families torn apart by war now live as outcasts in a foreign country.

Sister Marie Claude Naddaf of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in Damascus works alongside her sisters and an interfaith network of volunteers to provide outreach to these wounded souls. They provide food, clothing and psychological support for the refugees, and have started a shelter for women and children.

When we asked what message we should bring back to the people of the United States, Sister Marie said: "We don't need money. We don't need anything but peace. This war is a crime against humanity."

Despite the incredible work done by these religious sisters, and other charitable organizations in

the region, the magnitude of this refugee crisis requires more urgent political will. The United States has a moral responsibility to help refugees displaced by a war started under false pretenses and with little support from the international community.

Steve Jacquemet, head of the U.N. High Commission for Refugees in Beirut, told us that his office has registered more than 13,000 Iraqi refugees in the region for resettlement in the U.S. The United States, however, has not provided sufficient resources to process them.

Bureaucratic wrangling continues despite the U.S. government's pledge to resettle 12,000 Iraqis by Sept. 30. An Associated Press report found the numbers of Iraqis resettled by the government has actually declined from 450 in October to 245 in December. Even resettlement of Iraqis who risked their lives to serve as translators for U.S. forces has fallen behind.

The clock is ticking on the Bush presidency. With a year left in office, the administration can begin to repair its tattered moral legacy in the Middle East by seeking justice for Iraqis. They are displaced, forgotten and crying out to the powerful of our world. How long will we ignore them?

Sister of Social Service Simone Campbell is executive director of NETWORK, a national Catholic social justice lobby. She was part of a delegation that visited Syria and Lebanon to meet with Iraqi refugees.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Today has two tones, first steadfast and then responsive. While the moon is in Taurus for the greater part of the day, aligning needs with the people and tools required to address them requires the patience of a matador corralling the bull. But by the time the moon enters Gemini, lag time sets in. Ah. Whew.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're gaining greater control of your emotions. There are opportunities to get mad and frustrated if that's what you want to do. But you don't have to. No one can get to you unless you allow it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Opportunity knocks. Not loudly. In fact, it's as subtle as your pulse. You have to go inside yourself (where the sound of your pulse is as loud as a stadium concert) to hear it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When a certain someone comes into the room, your movements quicken, as do your

thoughts. It's a sign that this is someone you can learn from. And the lessons will go down easy!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The cosmos issue you the sound effect of a drummer doing a rim shot. Yes, you've heard the punch line, and now it's time to laugh. This raises your energy. The situation that tickles your funny bone will continue to bring good luck.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you find that you are repeatedly missing the mark by a hair, consider that you do not really want to hit the mark. Take a step back to re-evaluate. Are you after your goal or someone else's today?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Neither here nor there is a good place to be. It's not that you're undecided or wishy-washy. You're thinking is flexible, open -- just in case a better idea comes along. It will tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're the consummate team player, realizing that you can always do more with a group than you can alone. That won't stop you from being competitive, though, and striving to be No. 1.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A nosy neighbor or, worse, your family could threaten the privacy you guard so adeptly. All this interest in your affairs is actually a little flattering if you choose to see it that way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The only effective way to deal with big issues is to believe that it is all working in your favor and for the best of all involved. Stay positive and powerful, and from that mindset, you'll be able to do what needs to be done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Making friends is an intuitive process today, having mostly do with saying the right thing at the right time. Or perhaps just not saying the wrong thing at any time. All it takes is sensitivity, which you have.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). By the end of the day, you're seeing people in a different light. For instance, an annoying know-it-all will be slightly less annoying to you when you are helped by this person's knowledge.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're learning interesting theories from

some of the more quirky characters in your life. You probably won't adopt any of these notions, but they are fun to explore, try on and play around with.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm unhappy at my current job but am uncertain what to do next. Can you tell me where I'll excel and what will make me happy? I'm a Sagittarius."

I believe that any sign can be brilliant in any profession. Yes, some professions tend to attract more of one sign: Cancers are often attracted to healing professions, Aquarians tend toward teaching, and Libras are often interested in politics and civil service. But there are gifted people of every sign in every profession.

Where astrology can give you an edge is in your approach to your career. Are you a Sagittarius who is thinking that a job at another company looks more promising than the one you just agreed to do? Get used to it! For your sign, the grass is always greener in front of the office complex across the street. Accept that it's in your nature to speculate - then, dive into the job you're doing, intent on finding and exploiting its opportunities for adventure, wonder, travel, all the things you need in a position. (To find your own career edge, check out my book, "Rock Your Stars.")

CELEBRITY PROFILES: One of the endearing qualities of Aries people is their audacity. Sure, it seems like they're yanking your chain, but being provocative engages a response -- sometimes any response is better than none! David Letterman has mastered both outrageous and charming: a clever, disarming combination. Like adding a bit of spice to sugar or sugar to spice, in varied amounts, one improves the other.

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.

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Considered sacred by the Egyptians, ibises were often mummified and buried with the pharaohs. The birds are noted for their graceful walk and steady, sustained wing beat in flight.

Bird Poop: White-faced ibis survives but it will never fly again

Grabbing his waders and hat, the game warden neared the office door. "Guy says he has a stork," were his parting words to the secretary as he started a long drive to the ranch. Since he knew the location of the prairie pothole, he had told the rancher to meet him there.

Once he turned on to the dirt road, a trail of dust followed him for miles. Topping over the last hill, he saw what he considered an old buffalo wallow from the past. A year of abundant rains had kept the depression filled with life-giving water. The boot-sucking muds would eventually turn to dust again if the promises of drought held true.

Parked under the scattered shade of an old mesquite was the rancher's pickup. As the officer pulled up beside it, the rancher pointed toward the other end of the pond.

Reaching for his binoculars as he stepped to the ground, the warden asked the man if he had seen it fly. "It just wades and pokes that long beak down in the water to the mud," was his answer. "When I approached it last week, it stayed far enough ahead that I guess it felt safe. Frankly, I don't think it can fly."

Using the glasses, the officer confirmed that this migrant was not a stork. Telling the rancher that while the long bill and large body would make him think so, instead he had an ibis.

At a distance, the large bird appeared dark colored. Through the binoculars,

both men could appreciate the beauty of its breeding plumage. While its upper parts were glossed with iridescent purple, green, and bronze feathers, the under parts were a rich chestnut brown. Its long, down-curved bill had a pointed tip.

Long-necked and long-legged, the ibis was a wading bird. Often seen in the shallow fresh waters of inland ponds and lakes of the Southwest, it also was a winter resident of coastal marshes.

Deciding to split up and approach the ibis from two directions, the men had a long walk. As each neared the other end of the pond, the bird hesitated, then walked further into the shallow water. Following closely, the warden signaled the rancher to wait.

Each time the ibis moved his slightly webbed, long-toed feet forward, the officer followed at the same pace. When the bird stopped, so did he. Finally, the warden decided to test the bird. As quickly as he could, he waded closer to the ibis. Startled, it tried to fly.

The rancher had been correct. Although the bird held its wings equally to its body, its attempt to become airborne was futile. In the confused moment of flapping its wings but not elevating, the warden was able to place his pole net over the ibis.

Pinning the bird to the water, the warden quickly placed his hands around the bird's wings. Water and mud splashed in every direction as he raised the ibis from the surface, with his net still surrounding it. As the bird's long legs seemed to strike out in every direction, the officer was grateful when the rancher ran into the water and grabbed them and its bill. Standing



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An old pointer proves just the help father and daughter need

I read a story of a woman who invited her dad to come to live with her to spend his final days. He was a cantankerous old fellow who had enjoyed an outdoor life, but following a heart attack, was now unable to do very much. He took his frustrations out on his daughter and was making her life miserable.



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To try to find a peaceable solution to both of their situations, she knew she had to take action. In her search, she found an article that described a remarkable study done at a nursing home with patients who were under treatment for chronic depression.

It seemed that their attitudes had improved dramatically when they were given responsibility for a dog, so she visited an animal shelter that very afternoon.

As she neared the last pen there was a dog in the shadows in the far corner who struggled to his feet, walked to the front of the run and sat down. It was a pointer,

one of the dog world's aristocrats. But this was a caricature of the breed. Years had etched his face and muzzle with shades of gray. His hipbones jutted out in lopsided triangles. But it was his eyes that caught and held her attention. Calm and clear, they beheld her unwaveringly.

She pointed to the dog. "Can you tell me about him?"

The officer shook his head in puzzlement. "He's a funny one. Appeared out of nowhere and sat in front of the gate. We brought him in, figuring someone would be right down to claim him. That was two weeks ago and we've heard nothing. His time is up tomorrow."

She looked at the pointer again. His calm brown eyes awaited her decision. "I'll take him," she said.

She drove home with the dog on the front seat beside her. When she reached the house, she honked the horn twice as she was helping her prize out of the car. Dad shuffled onto the front porch. "Ta-da! Look what I got for you, Dad!" she said excitedly.

Her father looked, then wrinkled his face in disgust. "If I had wanted a dog I would have gotten one, and I would have

picked out a better specimen than that bag of bones. I don't want it"

Dad waved his arm scornfully and turned back toward the house.

"You'd better get used to him, Dad. He's staying!" she said firmly.

They stood glaring at each other when suddenly the pointer pulled free from her grasp. He wobbled toward dad and sat down in front of him.

Then slowly, carefully, he raised his paw. Dad's lower jaw trembled as he stared at the uplifted paw. Confusion replaced the anger in his eyes. The pointer waited patiently. Then Dad was on his knees hugging the animal.

It was the beginning of a warm and intimate friendship.

Dad named the pointer Cheyenne. Together they explored the community. They spent long hours walking down dusty lanes. They spent reflective moments on the banks of streams angling for tasty trout. Dad and Cheyenne were inseparable throughout the next three years.

Dad's bitterness faded, and he and Cheyenne made many friends.

Then late one night, the woman was startled to feel Cheyenne's cold nose burrowing through her bed covers. He had never

before come into our bedroom at night. She put on her robe and ran into her father's room. Her dad lay in his bed, his face serene, but his spirit had left quietly sometime during the night.

Two days later, her shock and grief deepened

when she discovered Cheyenne lying dead beside her Dad's bed. She wrapped his still form in the rag rug he had slept on. As she buried him near a favorite fishing hole, she silently thanked him for the help he had given in restoring her

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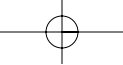
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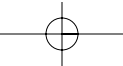
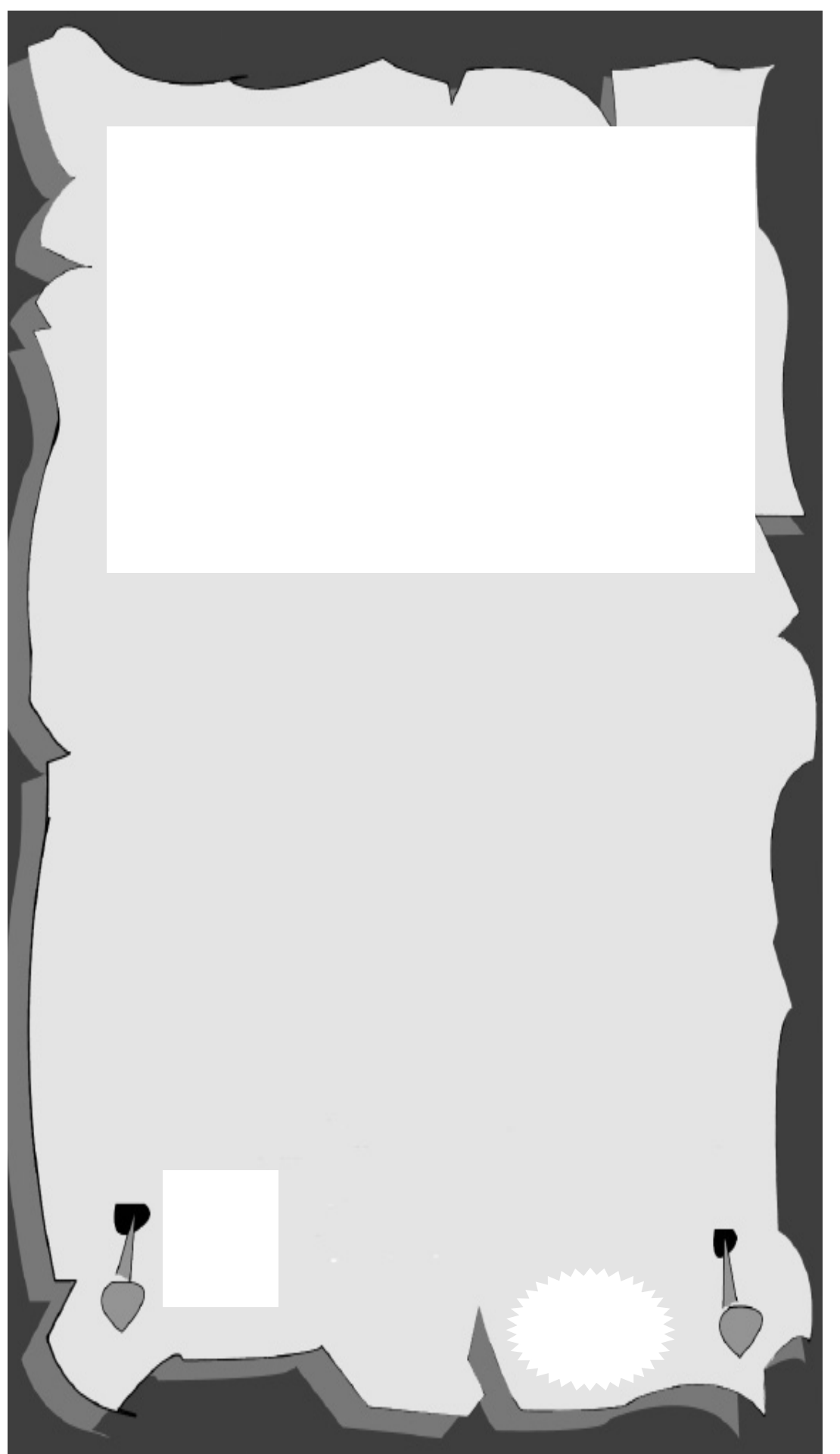
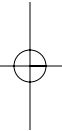
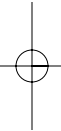
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ELDORADO (AP) — Until the raid on their compound last week, the women and girls of the Yearning for Zion Ranch spent their days caring for its many children, tilling gardens and quilting, dressed in pioneer-style dresses sewn by their own hands.

But it was no idyllic recreation of 19th-century prairie life, authorities say. Since last week, they have interviewed members of the polygamist sect looking for evidence that that girls younger than 16 were forced into marriages with older men.

Five miles off the highway, beyond a double gate, the group's members live lives that are isolated even for the scruffy West Texas prairie. Their 1,700-acre ranch is like its own city, with a gleaming temple, doctor's office, school and even factories.

"Once you go into the compound, you don't ever leave it," said Carolyn Jessop, who was one of the wives of the alleged leader of the Eldorado complex, but who left the sect before it began mov-

ing to Texas in 2004.

By Monday, state authorities had taken legal custody of 401 children, saying they had been harmed or were in imminent danger of harm.

The raid on the compound founded by jailed polygamist leader Warren Jeffs started with a call from a 16-year-old who alleged abuse.

Authorities were looking for evidence that the girl, who allegedly gave birth at 15, was married to a 50-year-old, and for records related to other mothers aged 17 and younger. Even with their parents' permission, Texas law forbids girls younger than 16 to marry.

Some 133 women left the ranch voluntarily with the children and were being housed at a historic fort here while authorities conduct interviews. Dressed in ankle-length dresses with their hair pinned up in braids, the women milled about Monday as the children played on the fort's old parade grounds.

State troopers were holding an unknown number of men in the compound until investigators finished executing a



AP photo
FLDS women wave at friends from behind a fence at Fort Concho in San Angelo Monday. More than 400 children, mostly girls in pioneer dresses, were swept into state custody from a polygamist sect in what authorities described Monday as the largest child-welfare operation in Texas history.

house-to-house search of the ranch, which includes a cheese-making plant, a cement plant and several large housing units. They initially had difficulty getting access to the 80-foot white limestone temple that rises out of the brown scrub, but were searching it Monday.

Jessop, author of the polygamist memoir "Escape," said the women dedicated so much time to raising children and their chores because the com-

munity emphasized self-sufficiency: Members believe the apocalypse is near, and they will have to start over when the world is destroyed.

They were not allowed to wear red — the color Jeffs said belonged to Jesus — and were not allowed to cut their hair.

They "were born into this," said Jessop, 40. "They have no concept of mainstream society, and their mothers were born into and have no concept

of mainstream culture. Their grandmothers were born into it."

Children's Protective Services spokeswoman Marleigh Meisner said each child will get an advocate and an attorney. But she said they would have a tough time adjusting to modern life if they are permanently separated from their families.

Tela Mange, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Public Safety, said the criminal investigation was still under way.

Still uncertain is the location of the girl whose call initiated the raid. Authorities were looking for documents, family photos or even a family Bible with lists of marriages and children to determine whether the girl was married to convicted sex offender Dale Barlow.

Barlow was sentenced to jail last year after pleading no contest to conspiracy to commit sexual conduct with a minor. He was ordered to register as a sex offender for three years while he is on probation.

Authorities hoped to determine whether the teenager was among the

church members being interviewed at Fort Concho, a 150-year-old fort built to protect frontier settlements.

Attorneys for the church and church leaders filed motions asking a judge to quash the search on constitutional grounds, saying state authorities didn't have enough evidence and that the warrants were too broad. A hearing on their motion was scheduled for Wednesday.

"The chief concern for everyone at this point is the welfare of the women and children," said FLDS attorneys Patrick Peranteau. He declined further comment before Wednesday's hearing.

State troopers arrested one man on a misdemeanor charge of interfering with the duties of a public servant during the search warrant, Mange said.

"For the most part, residents at the ranch have been cooperative. However, because of some of the diplomatic efforts in regards to the residents, the process of serving the search warrants is taking longer than usual," said DPS spokesman Tom Vinger.

IBIS

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in almost knee high water, the men laughed at each other before wading toward dry land.

"What do you think that bird was eating?" asked the rancher. Since the pond offered no fish, the warden guessed it had existed on insects

and larvae. As it probed the mud with its bill, the ibis probably would have found enough earthworms to stay alive.

When we met the game warden later that day, we knew we had a first as far as birds were concerned. In addition to its handsome coloration, the bird had a narrow border of white feathers that went from under its chin,

up around its red eyes, to the top of its bill. Only a white-faced ibis had that marking.

Feeling a calcified lump as our fingers traced the bones in each wing, we knew the bird had been grounded by a tragic break. Since it could wade far enough into the water to protect itself from coyotes and other varmints, the ibis had

not yet exhausted its food source. With late spring and summer approaching, and the water dwindling, the bird was headed toward a desperate situation.

At South Plains in Lubbock, we learned both bad and good news. Although the wing could not be repaired, the ibis would be placed on a conservation lake at a

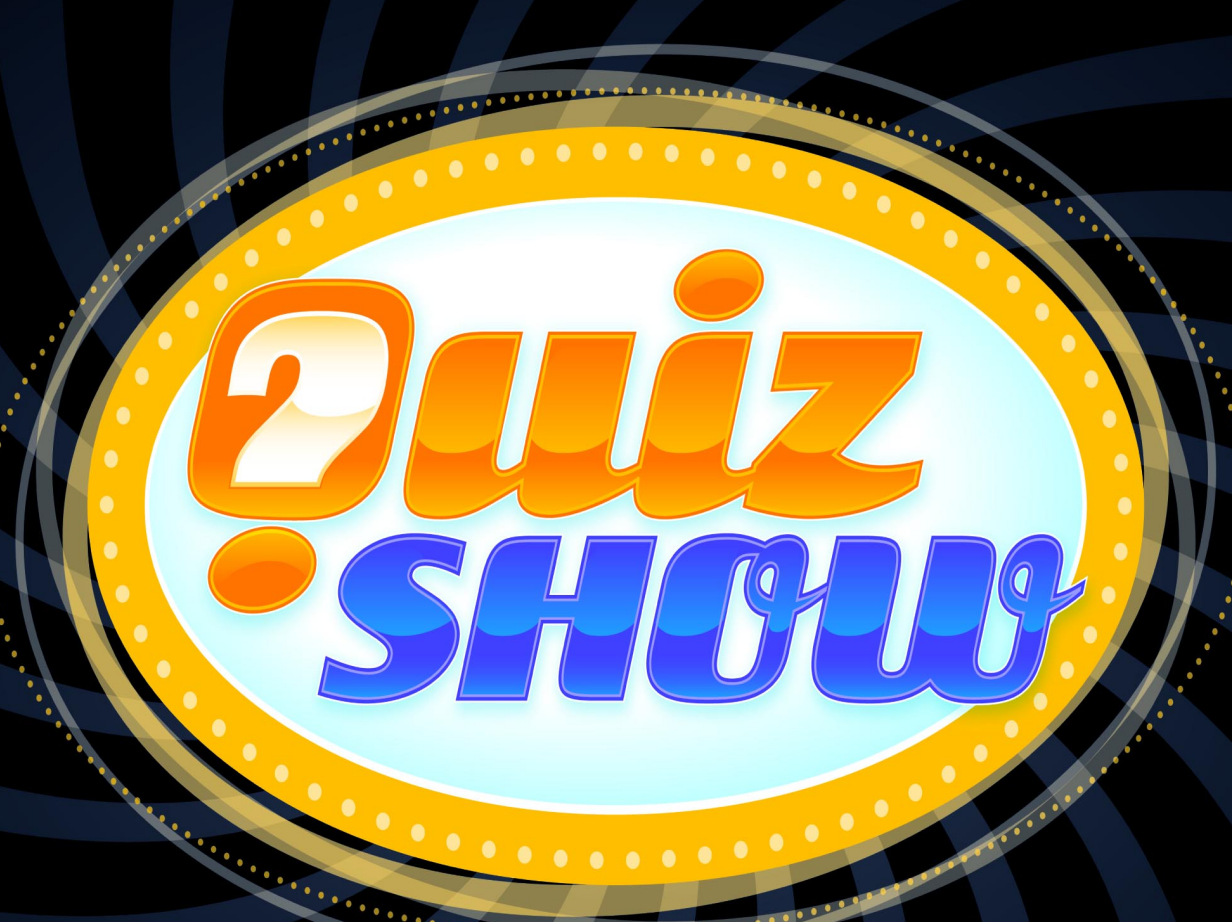
nearby ranch. Protected by fencing, well stocked with fish and blessed with aquatic growth, the body of water would become the bird's permanent home.

With the fall migration from the Great Plains, flocks of white-faced ibises might choose this tranquil body of water as a resting place. Even though our bird would

never join them in strong, swift flight, it could easily recognize their familiar shapes. With head and necks extended and legs trailing behind, the species would accept this earth-bound cousin after their glide to earth.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

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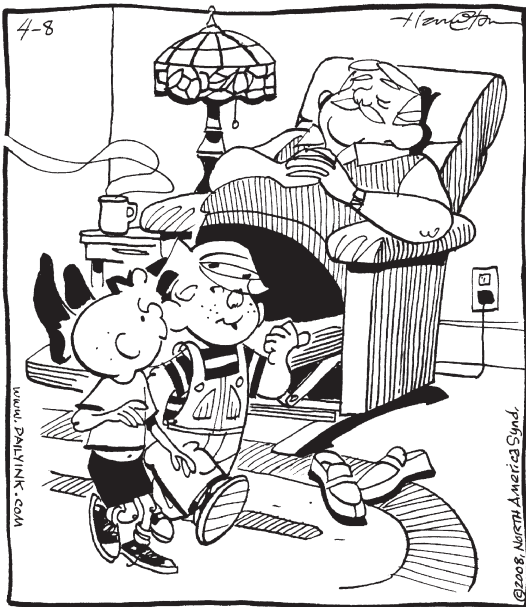
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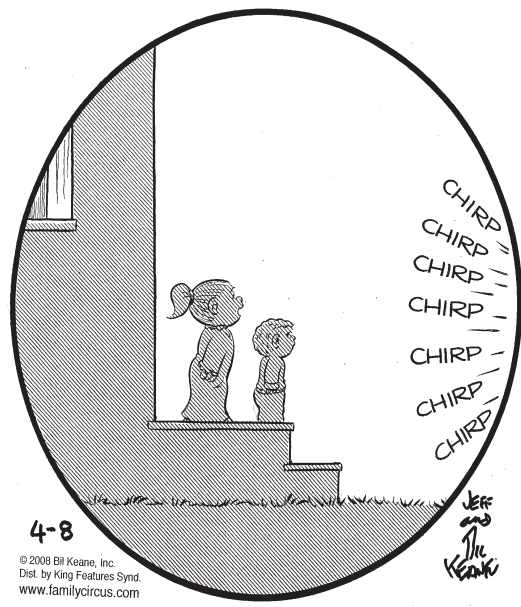
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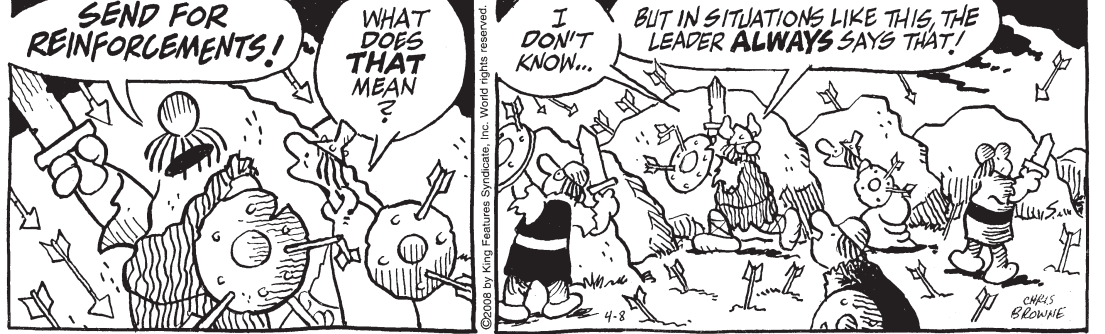
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"Those crickets sure do chirp a lot, but birds do it prettier."

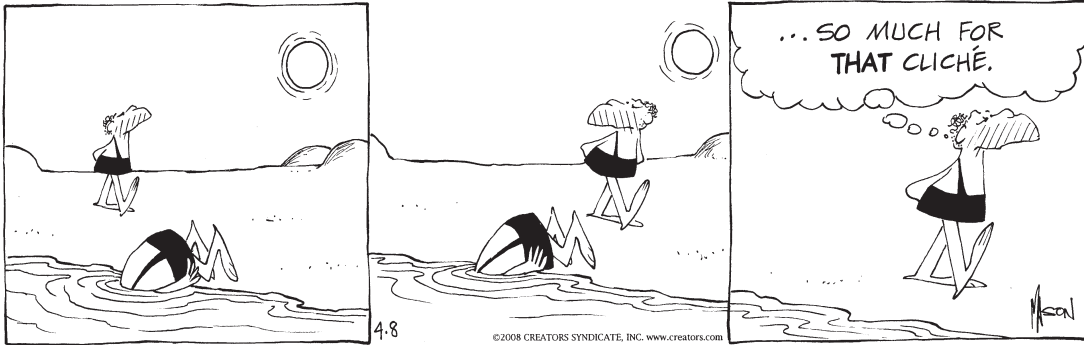
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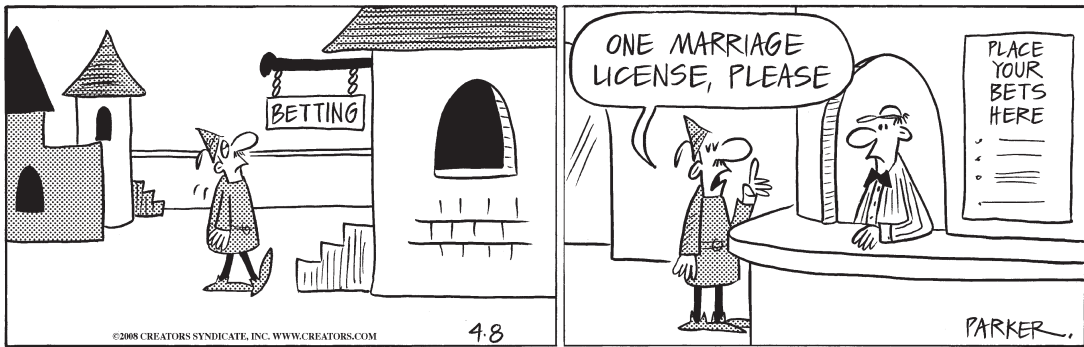
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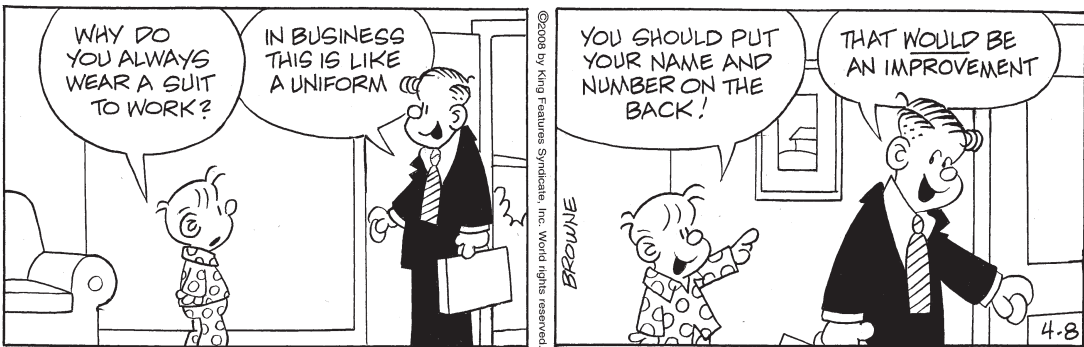
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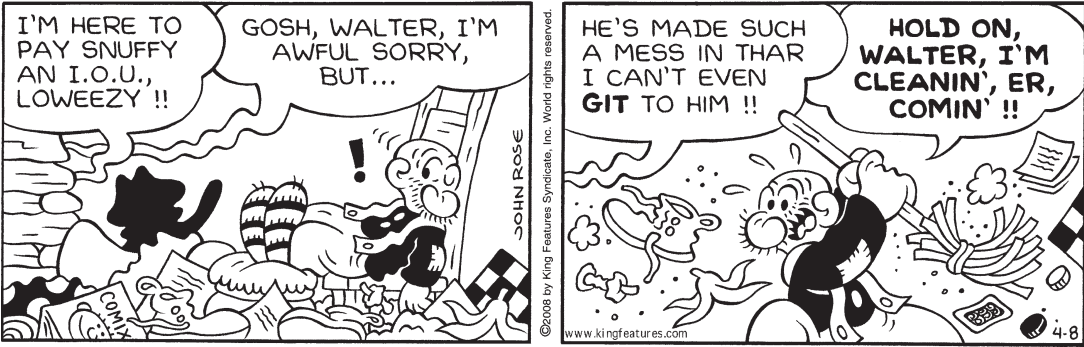
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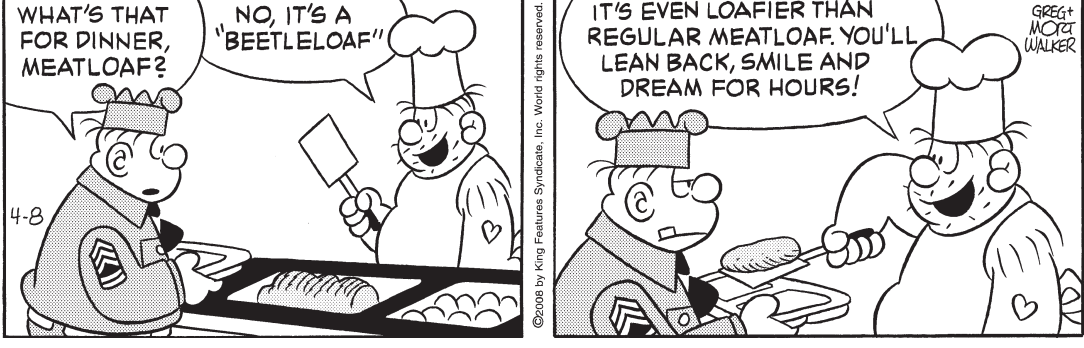
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 8, the 99th day of 2008. There are 267 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On April 8, 1913, the 17th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for direct popular election of United States senators (as opposed to appointment by state legislatures), was ratified.

On this date:

In 1513, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon and his expedition began exploring the Florida coastline.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act, which provided money for programs such as the Works Progress Administration.

In 1946, the League of Nations assembled in Geneva for its final session.

In 1952, President Truman seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike. (The U.S. Supreme Court later ruled that Truman had overstepped his authority.)

In 1970, the Senate rejected President Nixon's nomination of G. Harold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1973, artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near Mougins, France, at age 91.

In 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record.

In 1988, TV evangelist Jimmy Swaggart resigned from the Assemblies of God after he was defrocked for rejecting an order from the church's national leaders to stop preaching for a year amid reports he'd consorted with a prostitute.

In 1990, Ryan White, the teenage AIDS patient whose battle for acceptance gained national attention, died in Indianapolis at age 18.

In 1994, Kurt Cobain, singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.

Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Betty Ford is 90. Comedian Shecky Greene is 82. Actor-turned-diplomat John Gavin is 77. Author and investigative reporter Seymour Hersh is 71. Basketball Hall-of-Famer John Havlicek is 68. "Mouseketeer" Darlene Gillespie is 67. Singer J.J. Jackson is 67. Singer Peggy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 67. Songwriter-producer Leon Huff is 66. Actor Hywel Bennett is 64. Actor Stuart Pankin is 62. Rock musician Steve Howe (Yes) is 61. Movie director John Madden ("Shakespeare in Love") is 59.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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| ACROSS | 65 Sharp part of a knife | 7 Fashion designer Christian | 36 In addition |
| 1 Bundles of cotton | 66 Risky business, for short | 8 Margarine | 37 Suffix for luncheon |
| 6 Hubbubs | 67 "What's ___ for me?" | 9 %, #, or & | 38 Cape Canaveral org. |
| 10 Spew forth | 68 Tablecloth or pillowcase | 10 Guy's significant other | 40 Israeli airline |
| 14 Full of energy | 69 Fly-swatter material | 11 Loosen, as laces | 45 Running pace |
| 15 Easter flower | 70 Parakeets and poodles | 12 Back of a boat | 48 Send a package out again |
| 16 A big fan of | 71 Opinion piece | 13 Sprayed, as a sidewalk | 50 Okay to ingest |
| 17 Halley discovered one | | 21 Elm or eucalyptus | 51 Muscle twitch |
| 18 Verse | | 25 General Motors rival | 52 City near Phoenix |
| 19 Highways: Abbr. | | 26 Videocassette contents | 53 Ram of the zodiac |
| 20 One's significant other | | 27 Singer Fitzgerald | 54 Nuisances |
| 22 Former Italian coins | | 28 Airport-board listings: Abbr. | 57 Decrease gradually |
| 23 Historical period | | 29 One's significant other | 58 Give off |
| 24 Make resentful | | 30 Flower holders | 59 Yale students |
| 26 Sound of a giggle | | 31 Affirmative votes | 60 Skillets, for example |
| 30 Bravery | | 34 Overcook | 61 Notion |
| 32 Female voice range | | | 62 Start of a counting rhyme |
| 33 Internet auction site | | | |
| 35 Grow to maturity | | | |
| 39 Wood-shaving tool | | | |
| 41 Take advantage of | | | |
| 42 River mouth | | | |
| 43 Artist's display stand | | | |
| 44 Take a break | | | |
| 46 Cashews and almonds | | | |
| 47 Knitters' needs | | | |
| 49 Water parted by Moses | | | |
| 51 Home for a horse | | | |
| 54 Home for peas | | | |
| 55 Ecuador neighbor | | | |
| 56 One's significant other | | | |
| 63 Bygone Ugandan dictator | | | |
| 64 Sandwich meats | | | |

