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Children from across the community got their fill of Easter eggs during the First Church of the Nazarene's annual egg hunt at Comanche Trail Park Saturday morning. In addition to the hunt, food and games were provided for the children. At right, Diane Dyer applies the finishing touches to Morgan Callender's face decoration prior to the start of the festivities.
 HERALD photo/Steve Reagan



Business I-20 west side road work to begin

Herald Staff Report

Big Springers are getting ready — as much as possible — for another year of road construction through their town.

Before road renovation on Third and Fourth streets east of Gregg is finalized, Price Construction crews will begin the same type of work on a mile-long stretch of Business I-20 (Third and Fourth streets) west of Gregg.

The project involves rehabilitating I-20 Business from Jones Street to U.S. 87 (Gregg Street) and will include sidewalk construction. The work will tie in with the current project to rehabilitate the route from Gregg east to N. Owens Street.

Plans call for work to begin between at Brown and San Jacinto on Third Street and between San Jacinto and Gregg on Fourth Street. The right lane on Third Street and left lane on Fourth Street will be closed early in the project, with one lane remaining open to traffic on each roadway.

Work on the north lanes will progress through the project area. Traffic will then be switched to the reconstructed lanes and work will be completed on the south lanes.

TxDOT officials are asking drivers to remain attentive and cautious when traveling through the work zone.

Price Construction is expected to complete the renovation by May 2014 at a cost of about \$5.6 million.

39 Thoughts to perform here Friday

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Area residents will get the chance to hear an up-and-coming Christian rock band while also helping out the Big Spring Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, as the local charity looks to raise

funds for its newly constructed computer room.

The Boys and Girls Club, which recently moved into its new building and gym located adjacent to the Salvation Army offices, will host Christian rock band Thirty-Nine Thoughts on Friday, according to program coordina-

tor Heather DeElena.

"Our event is called 'Rock the Gym' and will feature Thirty-Nine Thoughts out of Lubbock," DeElena said. "We are really impressed with them and what they do to get their message out to the youth. Also, they tithe 10 percent of what they make from their shows to the organizations they play for, which we felt was very much in line with the Salvation Army and what we're trying to do with the Boys and Girls Club."

DeElena said the concert — which will be held in the facility's new gym, located at 811 W. Fifth St. — is slated to begin at 7 p.m.

"Tickets are on sale for \$10 each here at the Boys and Girls Club," she said. "We'll also be selling tickets the night of the concert for \$13 at the door. We'll have refreshments for sale during the

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Texas DA's killing puts other prosecutors on alert

NICHOLAS RICCARDI and NOMAAN MERCHANT
 Associated Press

KAUFMAN, Texas — After one of his assistant prosecutors was gunned down in January, Kaufman County District Attorney Mike McLelland carried a gun everywhere, even when walking the dog.

He was extra careful when answering the door at his home outside of Forney, about 20 miles east of Dallas. And a neighbor said a sheriff's deputy was stationed outside the home for about a month after the killing.

On Saturday, McLelland and his wife, Cynthia, were found shot to death in their house. Authorities haven't said much about their investigation, including whether they have any leads or a theory about why the couple was killed. But law enforcement throughout Texas is on high alert, and steps are being taken to better protect other DAs and their staffs.

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The number of attacks on prosecutors, judges and senior law enforcement officers in the U.S. has spiked in the past three years.

Gas prices fall 1.9 cents

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.51/g Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.61/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 31.1 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 8.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 10.3 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 28.1 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"Gas prices in March came in like a lion and are going out like a lamb," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "For the first time in a decade, gasoline prices are going to be lower at the end of March than the beginning. GasBuddy data shows that the last time this happened was in 2003 when prices fell a nickle between the start of the month and the conclusion."

"Essentially what we're seeing here this month is perhaps the largest monthly decrease ever during the month of March — a month that has almost always seen prices finishing the month substantially higher than where they entered," DeHaan said.



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Obituaries

Epefania Rios Amaro



Epefania Rios Amaro, 88, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 31, 2013, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, April 1, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

She was born Jan. 25, 1925, in Gonzales, Texas. She married Pedro Amaro and he preceded her in death in 1959.

She enjoyed cooking, crocheting, gardening and loving her family and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

Survivors include three daughters, Maria Jojola and husband Larry, Petra Oliva and husband Roberto, all of Big Spring and Carol Garcia of San Antonio; three sons, Pete Amaro and wife Mari, Johnny Garcia and wife Vera and Guadalupe Castillo, all of Big Spring; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Salamoe and Juana (Ramirez) Rios; one brother, Faustino Rios; and one sister, Felicita Rios Paredez.

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

Police blotter

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

- GENARO GOMEZ, 33, address unknown, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- EDWARD MARTINEZ, 27, of 215 N.E. Ninth St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JUAN EDUARDO DIAZ, 23, of 1600 Martin Luther King Blvd., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DARIUS LACHARLES MCCALISTER, 23, of 605 E. 13th St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – more than four ounces and less than five pounds.
- MITCHELL COVINGTON, 49, of 1403 Oil Mill Rd., was arrested Sunday on warrants for failure to display driver's license and failure to appear.
- ERIC LEONID OLIJNYK, 35, of California, was arrested Sunday on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- TRINIDAD RIOS-RIOS, 36, of Kempner, Texas, was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency.
- ALMA DARLENE FINLEY, 61, of 8509 E. Interstate Highway 20, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RAYMOND EARL OVERTON, 33, of 2005 W. Highway 176, was arrested Sunday on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.
- BURGLARY was reported in the 1000 block of S. Goliad.
- HIT AND RUN was reported near the intersection of 13th Street and Lancaster.
- THEFT was reported: In the 3200 block of Auburn.
- In the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1700 block of W. Third Street.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 7500 block of the I-20 S. Service Road.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

- JOHN M. RAMIREZ, 46, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JOSE MANUEL BUSTAMANTE JR., 40, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and municipal capias warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear (two counts).
- WALLACE WINSTON WARREN, 33, was booked into the county detention center Friday by DPS on a Haltom City warrant for assault causing bodily injury with one prior offense.
- ROMAN ANTHONY AGUILAR, 23, was booked into the county detention center Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- ALLEN TRISTAN JACKSON, 28, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a Lubbock County warrant for parole violation – assault of a public servant.
- RYAN ANTHONY GONZALES, 23, was booked

into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on Dawson County warrants for motion to revoke probation – accident involving damage to vehicle and failure to appear.

- ALVIN KENT MCCURLEY, 57, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- SKYLER JOE JOHNSON, 19, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear.

- RONALD WAYNE STINSON, 33, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawful restraint – exposure to serious bodily injury.

- MICHAEL LEE MORRIS, 25, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct – fighting.

- SAMUEL JOHN MURPHREE, 29, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct – fighting.

- ROBERT AGUILAR JR., 19, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a minor.

- RICKY TODD STANSBURY, 21, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- TAYLOR LYNN NEWCOMB, 22, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for speeding.

- RICARDO MIGUEL CARLOS, 20, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage.

- DANIEL GARZA, 26, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – blood alcohol more than 0.15.

- ORALIA MOJICA, 26, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, no driver's license (two counts), no seat belt – driver and violation of a promise to appear (four counts).

- MAGAN BOYD, 28, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct – language.

- ROY MARVIN COLLIER, 38, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- RAMON FIERRO, 48, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for assault causing bodily injury.

- TRINIDAD RIOS-RIOS, 36, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a Bell County warrant for a motion to revoke probation for non payment of child support.

- EDWARD MARTINEZ, 27, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- JUAN EDUARDO DIAZ, 23, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- GENARO GOMEZ HERNANDEZ, 33, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- DARIUS LACHARLES MCCALISTER, 23, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – more than four ounces and less than five pounds.

- MITCHELL RAY COVINGTON, 49, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to display driver's license and failure to appear.

- RAYMOND OVERTON JR., 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

- ERIC LEONID OLIJNYK, 35, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

- ALMA DARLENE FINLEY, 61, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- ANTHONY ELIZANDRO SOLIS, 21, was arrested Monday on a motion to revoke probation for criminal mischief – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500 and charges of abandoning or endangering a child without intent to return (two counts).

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of E. Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of N. Highway 87 and Moore School Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. Service refused.
- GRASS FIRE was reported near the intersection of S. Service Road and Birdwell Lane.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 4/2	Wed 4/3	Thu 4/4
66/43 Cloudy in the morning followed by isolated thunderstorms during the afternoon. High 66F.	53/40 Scattered thunderstorms. High in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.	75/49 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 8:07 PM	Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 8:07 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 8:08 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	68	44	t-storm	Kingsville	86	69	t-storm
Amarillo	44	33	t-storm	Livingston	78	57	t-storm
Austin	79	60	t-storm	Longview	68	48	t-storm
Beaumont	77	62	t-storm	Lubbock	51	36	t-storm
Brownsville	86	71	pt sunny	Lufkin	80	58	t-storm
Brownwood	76	51	t-storm	Midland	65	45	t-storm
Corpus Christi	80	69	t-storm	Raymondville	89	70	pt sunny
Corsicana	69	51	t-storm	Rosenberg	78	64	t-storm
Dallas	67	51	t-storm	San Antonio	81	62	t-storm
Del Rio	80	66	t-storm	San Marcos	80	60	t-storm
El Paso	82	47	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	61	46	t-storm
Fort Stockton	82	50	pt sunny	Sweetwater	67	44	t-storm
Gainesville	58	44	t-storm	Tyler	70	49	t-storm
Greenville	61	46	t-storm	Weatherford	64	47	t-storm
Houston	78	65	t-storm	Wichita Falls	51	41	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	65	43	mst sunny	Minneapolis	40	27	pt sunny
Boston	43	28	windy	New York	44	32	pt sunny
Chicago	43	24	sunny	Phoenix	81	57	mst sunny
Dallas	67	51	t-storm	San Francisco	63	51	pt sunny
Denver	47	33	mixed	Seattle	59	46	pt sunny
Houston	78	65	t-storm	St. Louis	49	32	mst sunny
Los Angeles	70	54	pt sunny	Washington, DC	53	34	sunny
Miami	84	69	pt sunny				

intersection of Fifth Street and S. Bell. One person was air evacuated from the scene.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Benton. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of Harding. Service refused.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Harvard. One person was transported to SMMC.

- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 350.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weight-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

Obituaries

- The County Fair Board is looking for volunteers to cross stitch a square for the Howard County Fair Quilt. Call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674 for information or drop by the Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry to pick up a square.
- The Prom Closet, located at Christy's Salon, 100 E. Third, is making recycled prom dresses available to young ladies who might otherwise not be able to afford one. The closet is open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or you may call contact Christian Fair at 432-816-3537 to make an appointment or for more information.
- Healthy Woman's April event will be "Let's Talk about Feet" following the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Healthy Fair on April 13. Dr. Robert Hayes will be presenting at 12:30 p.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room. The event is free to the public. Call to reserve your seat at 432-268-4842.
- Big Spring residents, past and present, are invited to a reunion picnic on the third weekend in April. On April 19, early arrivals will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Comanche Trail Park Old Settler's Pavilion for a brown bag lunch and visiting. Around 6 p.m., participants will meet at the Wagon Wheel for burgers and more visitation. Saturday, the 20th, the reunion will move to the Eagles Lodge from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Entry fee to the Eagles Lodge event will be a single (more if you wish) non-perishable canned good. Proceeds to be donated to a local food bank and/or folks needing assistance. A silent auction will be going on at the lodge with donated items, proceeds to fund the group's events and assistance fund. There will be some snacks available at the lodge. However, those attending are responsible for their own meals. Bring it or come and go. It is after all a picnic.

- Howard County Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-2236.
- Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432 268-7730.
- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.
- An account has been established at Wells Fargo on behalf of the Linda Rena Torres family, whose vehicle was destroyed in a fire. A purse lost in the fire contained the family's income tax returns and child support. The vehicle, which was the family's only means of transportation, was not insured except for liability. To help, contact Wells Fargo at 268-6216 and mention account 2266054432.
- An account has been established

- at Citizens Credit Union to help pay medical expenses for Jodi Schlipf Baird, who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer. For more information, contact the credit credit union at 267-6373 or Donna Whetsel at 432-466-9744.
- Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Manny Negron at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

FBI 'flying saucers' N.M. memo bureau's most viewed

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A single-page FBI memo relaying a vague and unconfirmed report of flying saucers found in New Mexico in 1950 has become the most popular file in the bureau's electronic reading room.

The memo, dated March 22, 1950, was sent by FBI Washington, D.C., field office chief Guy Hottel to then-Director J. Edgar Hoover.

According to the FBI, the document was first made public in the late 1970s and more recently has been available in the "Vault," an electronic reading room launched by the agency in 2011, where it has become the most popular item, viewed nearly 1 million times. The Vault contains around 6,700 public documents.

Vaguely written, the memo describes a story told by an unnamed third party who claims an Air Force investigator reported that three flying saucers were recovered in New Mexico, though the memo doesn't say exactly where in the state. The FBI indexed the report for its files but did not investigate further; the name of an "informant" reporting some of the information is blacked out in the memo.

The memo offers several bizarre details.

Inside each saucer, "each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture," according to the report. "Each body was bandaged in a manner similar to the blackout suits used by speed fliers and test pilots."

The saucers were found in New Mexico because the government had a high-powered radar set up in the area and it is believed the radar interfered with the controlling mechanism of the UFOs, according to the informant.

BAND

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show and the band will be offering merchandise."

Funds raised by the concert will go to purchase computers for the Boys and Girls Club computer room, according to DeElena.

"It's kind of funny, because we have this great new facility and a computer room, but we don't have com-

puters for the kids to use," DeElena said. "We have two older computers that were donated by my parents, but that's it. That's why we decided to put on this show, to raise funds to buy computers."

DeElena said computers can be an important part of area kids' lives, both for education and entertainment.

"There are a lot of kids who don't have access to a computer," she said. "There is a lot of software out there that is educational and can help them with math, science, reading and other

subjects. That's something these kids need to have access to. It's a great opportunity to help them learn."

Thirty-Nine Thoughts musical selection includes contemporary Christian rock, worship anthems and worship rock genres. Formally organized in April of 2008, the band first performed live at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock.

The group maintains a rigorous live concert schedule which has included opportunities to play alongside artists such as Meredith Andrews, Josh Wil-

son, Jonny Diaz, Shane and Shane, Pocket Full of Rocks, Disciple, Leeland and Family Force 5.

For more information on the show, contact the Big Spring Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club at 432-264-7344. For more information on Thirty-Nine Thoughts, visit <http://thirtyninethoughts.com>

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

DA

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Tarrant County District Attorney Joe Shannon said his staff has been cautioned, but he declined to discuss the specific security measures that have been taken. Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins declined to comment on the issue, citing safety concerns.

Harris County District Attorney Mike Anderson said he accepted the Houston sheriff's offer of 24-hour security for him and his family after learning about the slayings, mostly over concerns for his family's safety. Anderson said he also would take precautions at his office, the largest one in Texas, which has more than 270 prosecutors.

"I think district attorneys across Texas are still in a state of shock," Anderson said Sunday.

Kaufman County Sheriff David Byrnes said little at a brief news conference Sunday about the McLelland investigation, and he deflected questions about possible suspects. He said security would be stepped up at the courthouse in Kaufman, but he declined to say what other steps might be taken to protect the other pros-

ecutors in McLelland's office. The DA's Office will remain closed Monday.

McLelland, 63, is the 13th prosecutor killed in the U.S. since the National Association of District Attorneys began keeping count in the 1960s.

The couple's slayings came less than two weeks after Colorado's prison chief was shot to death at his front door, apparently by an ex-convict, and a couple of months after Kaufman County Assistant District Attorney Mark Hasse was killed in a parking lot a block from his courthouse office. No arrests have been made in Hasse's slaying Jan. 31.

Byrnes would not give details Sunday of how the killings unfolded and said there was nothing to indicate for certain whether the DA's slaying was connected to Hasse's.

El Paso County, Colo., sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Joe Roybal said investigators had found no evidence so far connecting the Texas killings to the Colorado case, but added: "We're examining all possibilities."

Colorado's corrections director, Tom Clements, was killed March 19 when he answered the doorbell at his home outside Colorado Springs. Evan Spencer Ebel, a white supremacist and former Colorado inmate suspected of shooting Clements, died in a shootout with Texas deputies two days later about 100 miles from Kaufman.

McLelland himself, in an Associated Press interview shortly after the Colorado slaying, raised the possibility that Hasse was gunned down by a white supremacist gang.

McLelland, elected DA in 2010, said his office had prosecuted several cases against racist gangs, who have a strong presence around Kaufman County, a mostly rural area dotted with subdivisions, with a population of about 104,000.

"We put some real dents in the Aryan Brotherhood around here in the past year," he said.

In recent years, the DA's office also prosecuted a case in which a justice of the peace was found guilty of theft and burglary and another case in which a man was convicted of killing his former girlfriend and her 10-year-old daughter.

McLelland said he carried a gun everywhere around town, a bedroom community for the Dallas area. He figured assassins were more like-

ly to try to attack him outside. He said he had warned all his employees to be constantly on the alert.

"The people in my line of work are going to have to get better at it," he said of dealing with the danger, "because they're going to need it more in the future."

The number of attacks on prosecutors, judges and senior law enforcement officers in the U.S. has spiked in the past three years, according to Glenn McGovern, an investigator with the Santa Clara County, Calif., district attorney's office who tracks such cases.

For about a month after Hasse's slaying, sheriff's deputies were parked in the district attorney's driveway, said Sam Rosander, a McLelland neighbor.

The FBI and the Texas Rangers joined the investigation into the McLellands' deaths.

McLelland and his wife, Cynthia, 65, were the parents of two daughters and three sons. One son is a police officer in Dallas. The couple had moved into the home a few years ago, Forney Mayor Darren Rozell said.

"Real friendly, became part of our community quickly," Rozell said.

zell said. "They were a really pleasant, happy couple."

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Man yelled about God after killing

ASHTABULA, Ohio (AP) — Witnesses say the 25-year-old man accused of walking into an Ohio church and fatally shooting his father after an Easter service Sunday was yelling about God and Allah after the killing.

Police say Reshad Riddle walked into the Hiawatha Church of God in Christ in Ashtabula and killed his father, 52-year-old Richard Riddle, with a single shot from a handgun Sunday afternoon.

Associate Pastor Sean Adams told The (Ashtabula) Star Beacon newspaper that worshippers started screaming, ducking down and calling 911 on cellphones after the shooting.

“It was terrifying,” Adams told the newspaper. “The children were screaming and people were dialing 911. We were afraid to breathe.”

Adams said Reshad Riddle then continued into the church, still holding the gun, and yelled that the killing was “the will of Allah. This is the will of God.”

Reshad Riddle was quickly subdued by officers, who arrived

just moments after the shooting. They say he has been mostly cooperative.

The Plain Dealer newspaper in Cleveland reported that another church pastor said congregants were leaving when they heard a gunshot.

“People pushed me into a back office and said, ‘Somebody’s here with a gun,’” said the Rev. David Howard Jr. “The guy was outside hollering and acting crazy.”

County Coroner Pamela Lancaster said Richard Riddle’s wound was “immediately fatal.”

Ashtabula Police Chief Robert Stell said the younger Riddle offered no motive for the shooting.

“Witnesses at the scene said the shooter entered church and made some references to Allah, but we are not sure if that was a motive or if there was a family problem,” Stell said. “There is no indication that the father and son had a bad relationship. Everyone thinks this was very surprising.”

Court records show Reshad Riddle has an extensive criminal record.

Ashtabula County Common Pleas Court records show he was arrested and charged with two counts of felonious assault, kidnapping, abduction and tampering with evidence in 2006.

Records show that in 2007, Reshad Riddle was charged with felonious assault, and in 2009 he was charged with possession of drugs, tampering with evidence and possession of cocaine.

According to police reports, one of the felonious assault charges stemmed from an incident when Reshad Riddle allegedly attempted to cut his girlfriend’s throat. Capt. Joseph Cellitti said the young woman’s neck had been cut with a knife and she suffered bruising on her side and chest.

Church parishioners said Reshad Riddle was a member of the church as a child, but did not attend services regularly as an adult.

“No one would have thought twice about him being here with his family on Easter,” Adams said. “His family (has) been members here for years and years.”

Freezing weather wipes out German flea circus

BERLIN (AP) — An entire troupe of performing fleas has fallen victim to the freezing temperatures currently gripping Germany.

Flea circus director Robert Birk said he was shocked to find all of his 300 fleas dead inside their transport box Wednesday morning.

The circus immediately scrambled to find and train a new batch so it could fulfill its engagements at an open-air fair in the western town of Mechernich-Kommern.

Michael Faber, who organizes the fair, told The Associated Press that an insect expert at a nearby university was able to provide 50 fleas in time for the first show Sunday.

Faber said he hopes they’ll “get through this without any more fatalities.”

Birk said it was the first time his circus had lost all of its fleas to the cold in one go.

Beekeepers save bees after Oregon crash spills hives

MADRAS, Ore. (AP) — It took nearly 12 hours Thursday for beekeepers to collect millions of bees that have been buzzing alongside a highway in Oregon since a truck crash spilled 200 hives.

KGW reports bee apprentices from the Central Oregon Beekeepers Association wore protective gear as they carefully picked up each hive and checked it out.

The crash happened Sunday on Highway 97 north of Madras when the semitrailer transporting the bees swerved to avoid hitting an animal and rolled.

Cartels dispatch agents deep inside U.S.

CHICAGO (AP) — Mexican drug cartels whose operatives once rarely ventured beyond the U.S. border are dispatching some of their most trusted agents to live and work deep inside the United States — an emboldened presence that experts believe is meant to tighten their grip on the world’s most lucrative narcotics market and maximize profits.

If left unchecked, authorities say, the cartels’ move into the American interior could render the syndicates harder than ever to dislodge and pave the way for them to expand into other criminal enterprises such as prostitution, kidnapping-and-extortion rackets and money laundering.

Cartel activity in the U.S. is certainly not new. Starting in the 1990s, the ruthless syndicates became the nation’s No. 1 supplier of illegal drugs, using unaffiliated middlemen to smuggle cocaine, marijuana and heroin beyond the border or even

to grow pot here.

But a wide-ranging Associated Press review of federal court cases and government drug-enforcement data, plus interviews with many top law enforcement officials, indicate the groups have begun deploying agents from their inner circles to the U.S. Cartel operatives are suspected of running drug-distribution networks in at least nine non-border states, often in middle-class suburbs in the Midwest, South and Northeast.

“It’s probably the most serious threat the United States has faced from organized crime,” said Jack Riley, head of the Drug Enforcement Administration’s Chicago office.

The cartel threat looms so large that one of Mexico’s most notorious drug kingpins — a man who has never set foot in Chicago — was recently named the city’s Public Enemy No. 1, the same notorious label once assigned to Al Capone.

The Chicago Crime

Border states from Texas to California have long grappled with a cartel presence. But cases involving cartel members have now emerged in the suburbs of Chicago and Atlanta, as well as Columbus, Ohio, Louisville, Ky., and rural North Carolina. Suspects have also surfaced in Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Pennsylvania.

Commission, a non-government agency that tracks crime trends in the region, said it considers Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman even more menacing than Capone because Guzman leads the deadly Sinaloa cartel, which supplies most of the narcotics sold in Chicago and in many cities across the U.S.

Years ago, Mexico faced the same problem — of then-nascent cartels expanding their power — “and didn’t nip the problem in the bud,” said Jack Killorin, head of an anti-trafficking program in Atlanta for the Office of National Drug Control Policy. “And see where they are now.”

Riley sounds a similar alarm: “People think,

‘The border’s 1,700 miles away. This isn’t our problem.’ Well, it is. These days, we operate as if Chicago is on the border.”

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Mexican drug cartels “are taking over our neighborhoods,” Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane warned a legislative committee in February. State Police Commis-

sioner Frank Noonan disputed her claim, saying cartels are primarily drug suppliers, not the ones trafficking drugs on the ground.

For years, cartels were more inclined to make deals in Mexico with American traffickers, who would then handle transportation to and distribution within major cities, said Art Bilek, a former organized crime investigator who is now executive vice president of the crime commission.

As their organizations grew more sophisticated, the cartels began scheming to keep more profits for themselves. So leaders sought to cut out middlemen and assume more direct control, pushing aside American traffickers, he said.

Beginning two or three years ago, authorities noticed that cartels were putting “deputies on the ground here,” Bilek said. “Chicago became such a massive market ... it was critical that they had firm control.”

To help fight the syndicates, Chicago recently opened a first-of-its-kind facility at a secret location where 70 federal agents work side-by-side with police and prosecutors. Their primary focus is the point of contact between suburban-based cartel operatives and city street gangs who act as retail salesmen. That is when both sides are most vulnerable to detection, when they are most likely to meet in the open or use cellphones that can be wiretapped.

Others are skeptical about claims cartels are expanding their presence, saying law-enforcement agencies are prone to exaggerating threats to justify bigger budgets.

David Shirk, of the University of San Diego’s Trans-Border Institute, said there is a dearth of reliable intelligence that cartels are dispatching operatives from Mexico on a large scale.

“We know astonishingly little about the structure and dynamics of cartels north of the border,” Shirk said. “We need to be very cau-

tious about the assumptions we make.”

Statistics from the DEA suggest a heightened cartel presence in more U.S. cities. In 2008, around 230 American communities reported some level of cartel presence. That number climbed to more than 1,200 in 2011, the most recent year for which information is available, though the increase is partly due to better reporting.

Dozens of federal agents and local police interviewed by the AP said they have identified cartel members or operatives using wiretapped conversations, informants or confessions. Hundreds of court documents reviewed by the AP appear to support those statements.


“This is the first time we’ve been seeing it — cartels who have their operatives actually sent here,” said Richard Pearson, a lieutenant with the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department, which arrested four alleged operatives of the Zetas cartel in November in the suburb of Okolona.

People who live on the tree-lined street where authorities seized more than 2,400 pounds of marijuana and more than \$1 million in cash were shocked to learn their low-key neighbors were accused of working for one of Mexico’s most violent drug syndicates, Pearson said.

One of the best documented cases is Jose Gonzalez-Zavala, who was dispatched to the U.S. by the La Familia cartel, according to court filings.

In 2008, the former taxi driver and father of five moved into a spacious home at 1416 Brookfield Drive in a middle-class neighborhood of Joliet, southwest of Chicago. From there, court papers indicate, he oversaw wholesale shipments of cocaine in Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana.

Wiretap transcripts reveal he called an unidentified cartel boss in Mexico almost every day, displaying the deference any midlevel executive might show to someone higher up the corporate ladder. Once



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠ K 8 2			
♥ K 7 3			
♦ A Q 8			
♣ K 8 7 6			
WEST		EAST	
♠ A J 5 3	♠ Q 10 9 7 6 4	♥ 10 6 5 2	♥ 6
♥ A J 8 4	♦ 6	♣ 10	♣ —
♦ 9 4	♠ —	♠ —	♠ —
♣ A J 4	♠ —	♠ —	♠ —
SOUTH			
♠ —	♥ Q 9	♦ K J 10 7 5 3 2	♣ 9 5 3 2

The bidding:
 South West North East
 Pass 1 NT Pass 2♥
 Pass 3♠ Pass 4♠
 5♦ Dble
 Opening lead — ace of spades.

The fur usually flies when Ireland and Great Britain play each other, as they do from time to time. Consider this deal from their match during the 1972 World Bridge Olympiad.

The Irish team had done poorly in the early rounds of the tournament, standing 28th among the 39 countries entered in the event. But they finished with a remarkable splurge, winning 13 matches in a row to wind

up a respectable 12th in the field.

One of their victims during this run was the strong English team, which bit the dust on the accompanying deal. With a British pair holding the East-West cards, the bidding had gone as shown when suddenly, after they had reached four spades, the Irish South barged into the bidding with five diamonds.

West doubled and led the ace of spades. This was an unfortunate lead indeed — from Britain’s standpoint — because declarer now could not be stopped from making the contract.

He ruffed, drew two rounds of trumps and led the nine of hearts toward dummy, placing West in an untenable position. If West went up with the ace of hearts, South would later discard two clubs on the king of spades and king of hearts to limit himself to just one heart loser and one club loser.

And if West elected to duck the nine of hearts, declarer would win with dummy’s king, discard the queen of hearts on the king of spades and eventually lose just two club tricks.

Obviously, this was not a bad result for South, who unilaterally bid for 11 tricks on six high-card points and then brought the contract home — all without the use of a shillelagh!

Tomorrow: A failure to communicate.

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Sudoku Answer on Page 3

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats.

That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Hawks avenge losses to Midland

Howard College comes from behind in back-to-back games to even series with Chaps

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

MIDLAND — In dramatic fashion, Howard College (20-12, 9-6) evened up its four-game stint against Midland College (22-10, 11-5) on Saturday, as the Hawks staged rallies — both with two outs and no baserunners — winning Game Three 5-4 and Game Four 8-6 at Christensen Field.

After dropping the first two outings Friday, it looked as if HC was headed for a 4-1 loss in the third meeting.

The first two HC batters were retired in the seventh inning, but three consecutive hits and a throwing error on the part of the Chaparrals allowed two Hawks to score, making it a 4-3 ball game.

A walk loaded the bases, then Michael Resnick ripped a two-run single up the middle to give the Hawks a one-rund advantage.

It was enough, as freshman hurler Tommy Burns — who pitched a complete game and struck out four MC batters — retired the Chaps in order at their next at-bats to seal the game for Howard.

A similar scenario played out in the second game of the day.

Midland had a comfortable 6-3 lead as the ninth inning began and back-to-back Hawk strikeouts indicated the Chaps would be the victors.

Until Howard again manufactured an improbable comeback.



HERALD file photo/Tony Claxton/visit www.claxtonphotography.com
Howard College's Josh Ake dives for a ball at the shortstop position during Game One of a four-game series at Midland College. After losing both games Friday, the Hawks rallied to win games three and four Saturday.

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Sports Calendar

FRIDAY

Baseball

- Frank Phillips College at Howard College (doubleheader), Jack Barber Field. Game One begins at noon.
- Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 4:30 p.m.
- Coahoma at Lamesa, 7 p.m.
- Miles at Forsan, 7 p.m.

Softball

- Frank Phillips College at Howard College (doubleheader), Foundation Field, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
- Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 4:30 p.m.
- Coahoma at Lamesa, 6:30 p.m.

Golf

- Big Spring (boys) at Abilene, Maxwell Golf Course.

SATURDAY

Softball

- Clarendon College at Howard College (doubleheader) Foundation Field, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
- Trent at Forsan, 1 p.m.

Baseball

- Frank Phillips College at Howard College (doubleheader), Jack Barber Field. Game One begins at noon.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com

Astros strong in AL debut, beat Rangers

HOUSTON (AP) — Many predicted the Houston Astros would be the worst team in the majors this season.

On opening night, they certainly didn't look like it.

Rick Ankiel and the Astros made an impressive debut in the American League, trouncing the Texas Rangers 8-2 Sunday night in the major league opener and giving Bo Porter a win in his first game as manager.

"To get a win like that, I think it just brings us all closer together," Ankiel said. "I know from my standpoint and from ours our big thing is that we want to just

continue to keep having fun, and obviously winning is fun. It's a step in the right direction, and it was good."

Ankiel launched a pinch-hit, three-run shot for the majors' first homer this season, Bud Norris pitched well for the win and Erik Bedard threw 3 1-3 scoreless innings for his first career save.

Having switched from the NL in the offseason, the Astros earned their first opening day victory since 2006 and the 4,000th regular-season win in franchise history.

"To come out with a win is perfect," Astros designated hitter Car-

los Pena said. "To be part of it is really cool. To play our rivals here in Texas and to come out on top today, it's a treat."

The Astros are coming off consecutive 100-loss seasons and have the lowest payroll in the majors, causing some to even go so far as to say they were trying to lose this season. But Houston opened in style, wearing uniforms that brought back the orange and blue of old-school Astros teams.

After the game, rapper Drake's rags-to-riches hit "Started from the Bottom" played

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Final Four is set after blowouts and surprises

ATLANTA (AP) — After a season of uncertainty, there's a clear favorite heading to the Final Four.

The Louisville Cardinals.

While the other No. 1s have fallen by the wayside, the top overall seed romped to the Georgia Dome with four dominant wins in the NCAA tournament. And, if the Cardinals need any extra motivation, they've got it.

Sophomore guard Kevin Ware, who played his high school ball in the Atlanta suburbs, sustained a gruesome injury in Sunday's regional final against Duke. Before he headed off to surgery, he courageously urged his teammates to finish the job.

Now, they would like nothing more than to win it all for Ware.

"We talked about it every timeout, 'Get Kevin home,'" coach Rick Pitino said.

Next stop, the A-T-L, where three rather unlikely teams will be looking to knock off the mighty Cardinals.

First up, the surprising Shockers from Wichita State in the semifinals Saturday. The No. 9 seed has already pulled off two major upsets, but this would be the biggest stunner yet.

If Louisville makes it through to next Monday night's title game, the opponent would be either Michigan, sporting a new group of Fab Wolverines, or Syra-

cuse, which comes at you with the stingiest zone defense in college basketball. The two No. 4 seeds will meet in the other semifinal game.

All are underdogs to the Cardinals, who are winning by an average of nearly 22 points a game in the tournament.

"I thought we had a chance there, and then boom," said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, who watched Louisville pull away for an 85-63 victory in the Midwest Regional final. "That's what they do to teams. They can boom you."

In the other game Sunday, Michigan captured the South Regional with a 79-59

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L.G.A. News

The ladies Golf Association held its weekly couple's play event Thursday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The team of Jimmy and Deanna Foresyth and Donald and Shirley Long were the victors, shooting a five-under par.

Coming in second place with a four-under par score were Forrest and Gayle West, Jerry Roach and Annie Ward.

Forrest West landed closest to the pin on Hole No. 3, while Annie Ward was the sharp shooter on Hole No. 6.

To learn more about the Ladies Golf Association, call the Pro Shop at 264-2366.

Louisville upsets Griner, No. 1 Baylor

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — To take down Brittney Griner and seemingly invincible Baylor, Louisville played a carefree offensive, an unconventional defense and got one fearless final play against one of women's basketball's greatest players ever.

Monique Reid made two free throws after getting fouled by Griner on a desperation drive with 2.6 seconds left, lifting the fifth-seeded Cardinals to an 82-81 victory and one of the biggest upsets in the history of the tournament.

"It's an amazing feeling," said Reid, a 69 percent foul shooter. "It was great that I could actually hit those clutch free throws. I just wanted to get on top of a building and scream!"

Considered a lock for the Final Four — and prohibitive favorites to win a second straight championship — Griner and her Lady Bears (34-2) had won 32 straight games — and 74 of 75, including last season's unprecedented 40-0 run to the championship.

But the 6-foot-8 star didn't make a basket until the second half, then committed the foul that gave Louisville a chance to win.

"I saw Griner coming at me and I was like, 'I'm going to have to get past her.' I tried to make the layup and she took my head off," Reid said.

Louisville will play Tennessee in the regional final on Tuesday night for a berth in the Final Four. The Cardinals are trying to get back for the first time since losing in the 2009 title game.

Odyssey Sims scored 29 points, including two free throws with 9.1 seconds to go that gave Baylor its only lead at 81-80. Sims had one more chance to save the season, but she was off-target and late on a desperation heave.

Sims dropped to the floor after her miss, pulling her jersey over her face and kicking her legs as she lay flat on her back. Griner squatted near her and slapped the floor with both hands before pulling Sims up to her

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You probably don't want to spend a lot of time learning how to work a tool in order to do a job. You just want to do the job. And yet, taking the time to master your tools now will save you time in the end.

TAURUS (April 20-May

20). Many around you won't share your mood, and you may find that quite all right. After all, can we really assume that being happy is better than all of the other emotional tones a person could be?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). How things change. You are in the process of fashioning a weird little family out of these people you once hardly knew — and perhaps weren't even sure you wanted to know.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If the choice is to join a group or go it alone, this is an excellent time to bond with a few diverse personalities. When one person is tired and ready to give up, another person will be up and ready to help.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The bigger your heart gets the less you feel the need to protect yourself. You learn that you can gather your strength from many sources instead of from the small, self-serving pool of the ego.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As the sign that rules natural growth, you know that everything takes time. For instance, after you plant a seed in the ground, you don't dig it up every few hours to see how it's doing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may have the urge to travel with a posse. There is strength in numbers, after all. But be careful, and use your judgment. If you bring too many people, you could actually be perceived as insecure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll have the choice to play the hero, the villain or the helpless victim who needs saving. All three characters are necessary in drama. Lighten up, choose a role, and have some fun with it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The sparkle of charisma that keeps your phone buzzing today could be blamed on the moon in your sign, or possibly on your utterly unselfconscious way of dealing with people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). On the other side of a realization is a ticket to ride the next train to the destination of your choice. But you must first have the realization. It's how you pay the fare.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Expectations, your own and other people's, have a way of changing your experience of reality. But you can always choose to see things differently than the way everyone around you sees them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your dual nature is fascinating to those around you. You can be many things at once. Even when you feel skeptical or afraid, there's still a part of you that is bold and ready for whatever comes.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 1). You go into the year with great passion and are willing to perform self-sacrificing acts to keep relationships strong and love alive. Pull back a bit in May, though, to allow others to rise to the occasion of returning your affection. June brings a financial breakthrough, and in July, you'll invest in an exciting new venture. Aquarius and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 22, 24 and 16.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Libra who has been

studying the topics of having a better relationship and family life and also finding happiness. My problem is that the books I've read suggest that to be happier in marriage, I have to change the way I look at things and behave. For instance, some suggestions are that I stop keeping score of what I do and what my husband does around the house, that I give him a better quality of my attention, etc. It's absurd because I spend 10 times more hours on domestic work, and I work a full-time job. Shouldn't I be getting angry instead of giving him more loving attention? And why is it always the woman who has to change? Isn't there something fundamentally wrong with our society when married women are statistically less happy than single women and married men are statistically happier than single men? Or maybe I just should have married a Virgo."

Interesting rant, dear Libra, and you make some excellent points. As the sign of the scales, keeping track is part of your basic nature.

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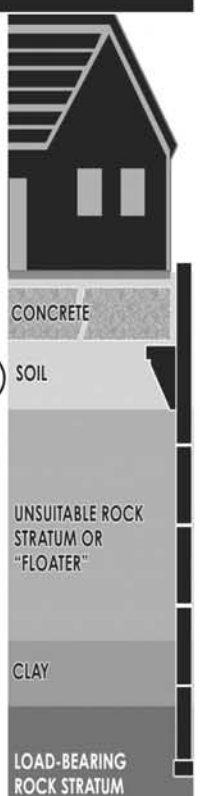
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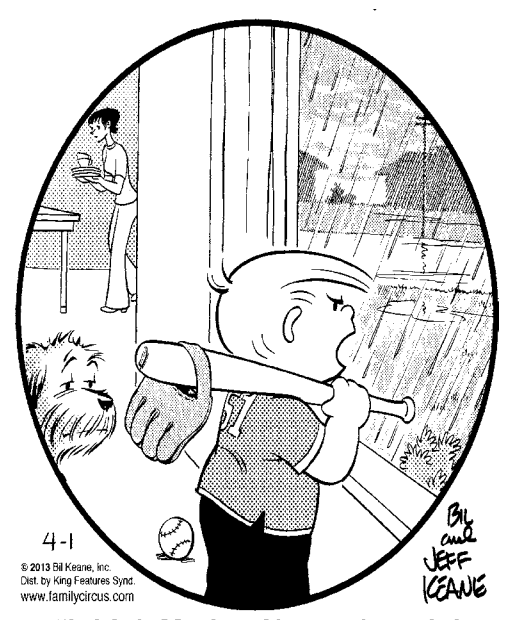
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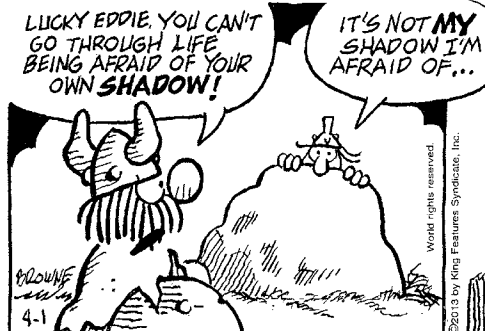
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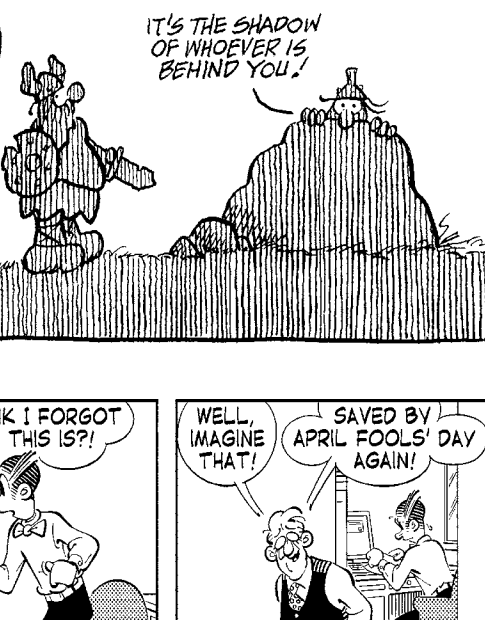
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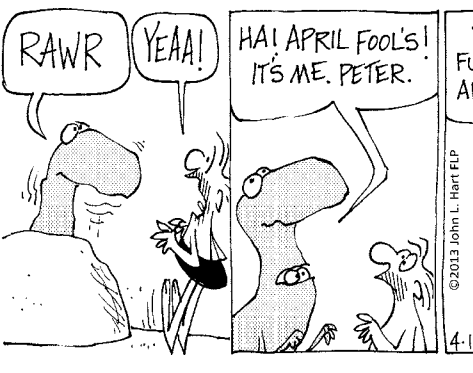
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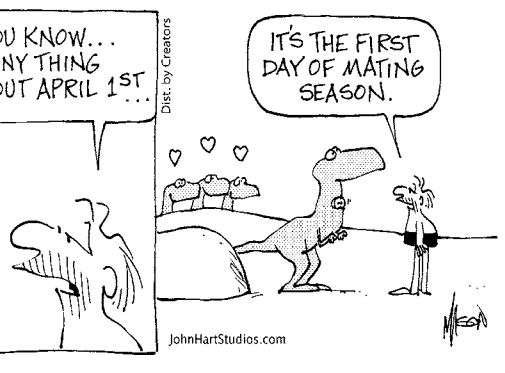
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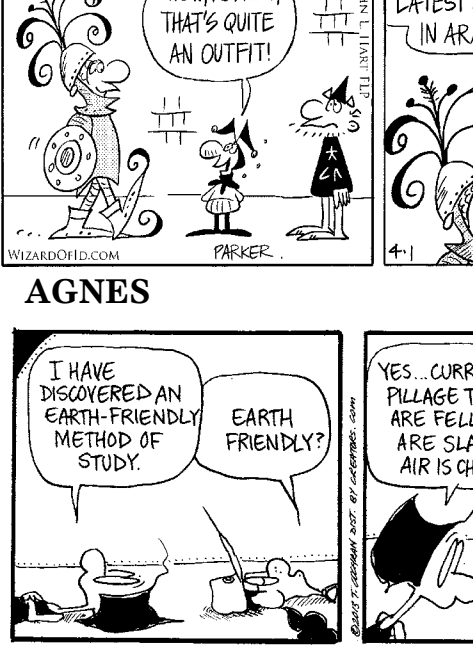
RAWR YEAH! HA! APRIL FOOLS! IT'S ME, PETER. YOU KNOW... FUNNY THING ABOUT APRIL 1ST... IT'S THE FIRST DAY OF MATING SEASON.

WIZARD OF ID



WOW, RODNEY, THAT'S QUITE AN OUTFIT! THE GUYS TOLD ME IT'S THE LATEST FASHION IN ARMOR. HE KNOWS IT'S APRIL FOOLS' DAY, RIGHT? NOT SURE...

AGNES



I HAVE DISCOVERED AN EARTH-FRIENDLY METHOD OF STUDY. EARTH FRIENDLY? YES... CURRENT METHODS PILLAGE THE EARTH... TREES ARE FELLED. PENCIL BUSHES ARE SLAUGHTERED. THE AIR IS CHOKED WITH THOUGHT. I WILL CALL MY WAY "THE GREENING OF AMERICA'S BRAINS". THERE ARE PENCIL BUSHES?

HI AND LOIS



I CAN NEVER REMEMBER WHICH PASSWORD GOES WITH WHICH ACCOUNT. I USE THE SAME PASSWORD FOR EVERYTHING. IS THAT SAFE? IT'S THE BEST PROTECTION AGAINST LOSS OF MEMORY.

THE OTHER COAST



WHATCHA WATCHING? A "LASSIE" REMAKE. I SEE THEY BROUGHT BACK AN OLD LASSIE. NO, I'M SURE HE'S A NEW LASSIE. HE'S OLD AND HAS HAD WORK DONE TO HIS TAIL. HOW CAN YOU TELL? YOU CAN FIX THE TAIL, BUT NOT THE WAG. CAN'T BLAME HIM, THERE JUST AREN'T ENOUGH PARTS FOR OLD DOGS.

SNUFFY SMITH



BY GONNA, I'M GONNA PUT AN END TO YORE SHENANIGANS ONCE'N FER ALL, SNUFFY SMITH !! TEN YEARS !! WELL, DARN !! NOW WE'LL HAFTA WAIT 'TIL HE COMES TO T'SAY "APRIL FOOL" !!

BEEBLE BAILEY



HA-HA! SARGE HATES IT WHEN BEEBLE GETS THE LAST LAUGH. COME BACK HERE, BEEBLE!

This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 1, the 91st day of 2013. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 1, 1789, the U.S. House of Representatives held its first full meeting in New York; Frederick Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania was elected the first House speaker.

On this date:

In 1853, Cincinnati, Ohio, established a fire department made up of paid city employees.

In 1912, the city of Branson, Mo., was incorporated.

In 1933, Nazi Germany staged a daylong national boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.

In 1939, the United States recognized the government of Gen. Francisco Franco in Spain, the same day Franco went on radio to declare victory in the Spanish Civil War.

In 1945, American forces launched the amphibious invasion of Okinawa during World War II.

In 1962, the Katherine Anne Porter novel "Ship of Fools," an allegory about the rise of Nazism in Germany, was published by Little, Brown & Co. on April Fool's Day.

In 1963, New York City's daily newspapers resumed publishing after settlement was reached in a 114-day strike. The daytime drama "General Hospital" premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1972, the first Major League Baseball players' strike began; it lasted 12 days.

In 1976, Apple Computer was founded by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne.

In 1983, tens of thousands of anti-nuclear demonstrators linked arms in a 14-mile human chain spanning three defense installations in rural England, including the Greenham Common U.S. Air Base.

In 1984, recording star Marvin Gaye was shot to death by his father, Marvin Gay (cq) Sr. in Los Angeles, the day before his 45th birthday. (The elder Gay pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter, and received probation.)

In 1992, the National Hockey

League Players' Association went on its first-ever strike, which lasted 10 days.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Powell is 85. Actress Grace Lee Whitney is 83. Actress Debbie Reynolds is 81. Country singer Jim Ed Brown is 79. Actor Don Hastings is 79. Actress Ali MacGraw is 75. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rudolph Isley is 74. Reggae singer Jimmy Cliff is 65. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito is 63. Rock musician Billy Currie (Ultravox) is 63. Actress Annette O'Toole is 61. Movie director Barry Sonnenfeld is 60. Singer Susan Boyle (TV: "Britain's Got Talent") is 52. Country singer Woody Lee is 45.

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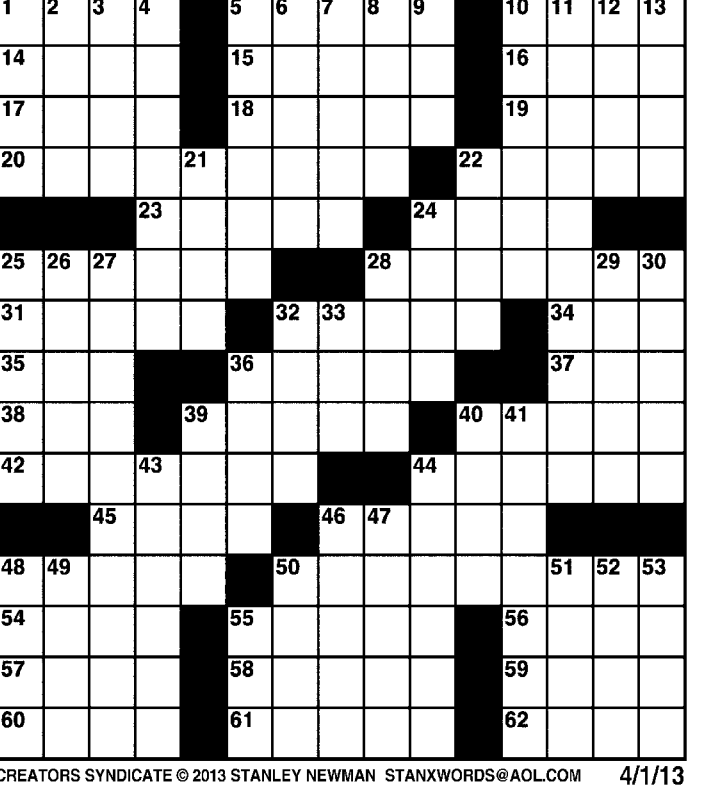
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Pets that purr
 - 5 Barbie and Raggedy Ann
 - 10 Hair tool with teeth
 - 14 Region
 - 15 Smartphone message
 - 16 Casual greeting
 - 17 Grocery shopper's aid
 - 18 Cent
 - 19 Shade trees
 - 20 "Absolutely not!"
 - 22 Change the color of again
 - 23 Cowboy's mount
 - 24 Center of an apple
 - 25 Optimally
 - 28 Baby's portable enclosure
 - 31 "It's my ___" (blame-taking phrase)
 - 32 Course with lettuce
 - 34 Tic-tac-toe nonwinner
 - 35 Boring routine
 - 36 Punch sound, in comics
 - 37 Use a chair
 - 38 Toronto's province: Abbr.
 - 39 Construction beam fastener
 - 40 Nimble
 - 42 How-to book's starting point
 - 44 Ran amok
 - 45 Chess corner piece
 - 46 Watchful
 - 48 First public appearance

- DOWN
- 1 Baby cow
 - 2 Opera solo
 - 3 Midterm, for one
 - 4 Small bag
 - 5 Auto mechanic's lubricator
 - 54 Unlock
 - 55 Control-tower tracking device
 - 56 Bouquet holder
 - 57 Act as a guide
 - 58 Defeated one's words
 - 59 "If all ___ fails..."
 - 60 Change for a \$20 bill
 - 61 Used a vegetable peeler
 - 62 Geek
 - 6 Leave for a trip
 - 6 Signs of the future
 - 7 Knight's weapon
 - 8 Toe the ___ (obey)
 - 9 Sneaky
 - 10 In good spirits
 - 11 Underground petroleum source
 - 12 "Goodness!"
 - 13 Home plate, for example
 - 21 Party thrower
 - 22 Highway
 - 24 Cat's weapon
 - 25 Bushy hairdos
 - 26 Tease
 - 27 Soup veggie
 - 28 Story line
 - 29 Banish
 - 30 Made mention of
 - 32 Rescue
 - 33 Gorilla, for one
 - 36 Garden-hose twist
 - 39 Underground plant part
 - 40 Ventilates
 - 41 Took revenge
 - 43 Freight weights
 - 44 Brought up, as children
 - 46 Intense devotion
 - 47 Tenant's contract
 - 48 Oaf
 - 49 Fencing sword
 - 50 Elaborate party
 - 51 Strong wind
 - 52 Cold War adversary: Abbr.
 - 53 Can't do without
 - 55 Fictional Van Winkle



UPSET

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feet.

It was a stunning end of a remarkable college career for Griner, the second-highest scoring player in NCAA history. She also holds the career records for blocks and dunks.

"I'm just sad," Griner said. "I didn't do what I needed to do to get my team to the Elite Eight and just disappointment in myself."

Griner, who had averaged 33 points in Baylor's first two games in the tournament, didn't make a basket until she converted a put-back with 15:20 left in the second half. She wound up with 14 points and 10 rebounds, making only four

of her 10 shots and being a relative non-factor for her considerable stature.

Louisville surrounded Griner as she has been most of her career, using a zone defense Louisville coach Jeff Walz called the "claw and one."

He put one player in front of Griner and another behind her, and often another one in the vicinity.

"I think I could smell what toothpaste she used," Antonita Slaughter said.

"I was in her face the whole time with my hands up."

Unusually, Griner's teammates were unable to hit outside shots and relieve the pressure.

Before the game, Lady Bears coach Kim Mulkey had said she didn't know what defense the Car-

dinals run and even Louisville's players admitted to being confused often.

"Most of the time we just scramble and it works out for us," Slaughter said.

The Cardinals went 16 for 25 from 3-point range, tying the NCAA tournament mark for 3-pointers reached by four other teams and making the most ever in the regional semifinals or beyond.

Louisville had been shooting just 31 percent on 3-pointers. Slaughter hit seven 3-pointers for 21 points and Shoni Schimmel had five 3s and 22 points as the Cardinals scored 11 more points than any other Baylor opponent this season.

"Our goal was to score, score and score," Walz said.

FINAL

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roust of Florida, leading from the opening tip. A day earlier, Syracuse shut down Marquette 55-39 to win the East Regional, while Wichita State punched its Final Four ticket with a 70-66 upset of Ohio State out West.

In the final year of the Big East before it splits into two new conferences, Louisville and Syracuse provided a fitting send-off to a league that quickly became a basketball powerhouse after it was founded in 1979.

Before it goes, this version of the Big East has a shot at one more national title.

With two teams, no less.

The Cardinals — who, like Syracuse, are moving to the Atlantic Coast Conference — shook off the incredible shock of Ware's injury with about 6½ minutes to go before halftime and blew out the second-seeded Blue Devils. The sophomore snapped his lower right leg after coming down awkwardly while defending a 3-point shot. The injury occurred right in front of the Louisville bench, where the players gasped and turned away quickly at the sight of Ware's dangling leg, which was broken in two places.

Russ Smith collapsed onto the floor, along with several players, and was crying as doctors attended to Ware. While Ware was loaded onto a stretcher, the Cardinals gathered at midcourt until Pitino called them over, saying the injured

player wanted to talk to them before he left.

"All he kept saying — and remember, the bone is 6 inches out of his leg — all he's yelling is, 'Win the game! Win the game!'" Pitino said. "I've never seen that in my life. We're all distraught and all he's saying is, 'Win the game.' Kevin is a special young man."

This is a special team. Smith scored 23 points. Gorgui Dieng had 14 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks.

The Cardinals (33-5) simply refused to lose, breaking open a game that was tied at 42. They dove on the floor for loose balls. They pounded the boards ferociously. They contested every shot and swarmed around the Blue Devils like they had an extra player on the court.

In a sense, they did, as Pitino reminded them during every timeout.

"This is a gritty bunch," the coach said. "From the beginning of the year to now, they've not had a bad game. I'm really proud of these guys."

Wichita State was the most improbable team to advance. The Shockers lived up to their nickname in the West, knocking off top-seeded Gonzaga in the second round and No. 2 seed Ohio State in the regional final Saturday night.

Wichita State (30-8) built a 20-point lead on the Buckeyes, then managed to hang on through a nerve-racking final five minutes to pull off the latest upset in a tournament filled with them.

That other team from Kansas isn't content yet. "It feels very good," said Cleanthony Early, a

junior forward who, like most of his teammates, was passed over by higher-profile programs, "but we understand the fact that we've got to stay hungry and humble, because we've got two more games left to really be excited about."

Old-timers might remember Louisville and Wichita State as former conference rivals. The Cardinals were a member of the Missouri Valley Conference in the 1960s and '70s, which meant annual games against the Shockers.

Louisville holds a 19-5 edge in the series, but the teams haven't played since 1976.

Michigan (30-7) is headed back to the Final Four for the first time since the Fab Five era of the early 1990s, when the Wolverines lost in back-to-back national title games.

This team has the same youthful feel, led by sophomore Trey Burke, the Big Ten player of the year, and three freshmen starters. They were downright fabulous against third-seeded Florida, never seriously threatened after scoring the first 13 points.

"A lot of guys said we were really young and that we couldn't get here," said Burke, who scored 15 points against Florida but really came through in an improbable comeback against top-seeded Kansas in the regional semifinals. "We're here now and we still have unfinished business."

One of the freshmen, Nik Stauskas, hit all six of his 3-pointers and scored 22 points to lead the Wolverines. Another of the youngsters,

6-foot-10 Mitch McGary, chipped in with 11 points and nine rebounds.

Florida became the first team to lose three straight regional finals.

The Wolverines will have their work cut out against Syracuse (30-9), a team that has totally stuffed its NCAA opponents with a stifling zone defense. The Orange are headed to their first Final Four since winning it all in 2003 largely because they have allowed fewer than 46 points a game in the tournament.

Syracuse leads the series against Michigan 8-5. Their last meeting was Nov. 26, 2010, when the Orange prevailed 53-50 in the Legends Classic at Atlantic City, N.J.

The schools have never met in the NCAA tournament.

Syracuse has been like an octopus when it settles in around the its own lane — shutting off passing routes, preventing anyone from penetrating, yet still managing to defend the 3-point line with quickness and long arms.

Montana, California, top-seeded Indiana and Marquette combined to make just under 29 percent from the field (61 of 211) and a paltry 15.4 percent (14 of 91) outside the arc.

"We were as active these two games here in Washington as we've ever been," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said after Saturday's win over league rival Marquette, which is headed to a new version of the Big East next season. "I just really can't say enough about how good these guys played on the defensive end of the court."

HAWKS

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This time, it was catcher Jose Favela who led the charge, belting a

two-run home run to cut Midland's lead to one. Omar Garcia was hit by a pitch, then Cameron Neal hit a blooper to center field, picking up a RBI and knotting the game up at six.

Two-year starter Reed Seely connected for a two-run triple to give the Hawks an 8-6 lead and the win. A double play and a fly out ended the game in the bottom half of the inning.

Four Hawk pitchers were used in Game Four — Brian Drapeau, Scott Walton, Hunter Wood and Blake Smith — all took the mound during.

Drapeau started and allowed two earned runs, walked three and struck out four. Wood fanned three batters in two innings.

"We played better defensively," said HC Head Coach Britt Smith. "They were enormous wins for us, hopefully that's a momentum

builder. (Burns) pitched very well for us. (Wood) also pitched well, better than his stat line shows. We happened to do it, but we will have to play well to beat Frank Phillips."

Smith was referring to four-game affair with WJAC rival Frank Phillips College which will also mark the first home series for the Hawks since the season began.

Howard College's baseball stadium, Jack Barber Field, has been undergoing renovations all season. The Hawks have played 34 straight away games.

"It will be nice to play at home," Smith added. "But it's going to be like

DEBUT

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on a loop in the clubhouse. Houston, which has finished last in the majors each of the last two seasons, decided the song would be its post-game music after wins this season.

Justin Maxwell added a pair of triples and made a nifty catch in center field.

Norris (1-0) allowed five hits and two runs with five strikeouts in 5 2-3 innings. He was one of five Astros making their first opening day start on baseball's second-youngest team.

"To sit at 1-0 right now feels pretty darn good, and we've just got to go back out there on Tuesday and play some more baseball," Norris said.

Bedard shut down the Rangers on one hit the rest of the way for his first save in a 10-season career.

Porter, who at 40 is baseball's youngest manager, insisted all spring that this team would be much better than last season.

"It's more about the concepts that we've implemented," Porter said. "They do a great job with the information we provide and it allows them to play with confidence and allows them to play fast."

As Houston began a new era with the move to the AL, the Rangers were embarking on a new chapter without 2010 AL MVP Josh Hamilton. Along with Hamilton's departure to the Angels, Texas also lost catcher Mike Napoli and infielder Michael Young.

The loss snapped a streak of four straight opening day victories by the Rangers. Former Astros star Lance Berkman had two hits in his first game as Texas' designated hitter.

"I think there have been some people who have been disparaging in their analysis of their talent level, but this is the major leagues, and any team is capable of beating any other team on a given night," Berkman said.

He isn't worried about their offense coming around.

"If you look at the back of our baseball cards, I think we're pretty stinking good," he said.

Matt Harrison (0-1), who signed a \$55 million contract this offseason, yielded six hits and five runs and tied a career high with nine strikeouts in 5 2-3 innings.

Maxwell's two-out triple in the fourth inning broke a scoreless tie and gave Houston a 2-0 lead. The ball bounced off the wall in left field and scored Brett Wallace and Carlos Pena, who both got on with singles. Umpires reviewed the play to make sure it wasn't a home run, and upheld the call.

An error by right fielder Nelson Cruz let Houston score a run in the fifth, and Jose Altuve singled home another.

Harrison put runners at first and second with walks in the sixth and was replaced by Derek Lowe with two outs. Ankiel, the one-time pitcher with St. Louis, connected on his fifth career pinch-hit homer, a full-count shot to right field that made it 7-2.

Norris had a tough second inning and had to use 26 pitches to escape, striking out Mitch Moreland. Norris got on a roll from there, retiring nine of the next 10 batters.

Norris ran into trouble in the sixth when Ian Kinsler drew a walk and Berkman hit a one-out single. Murphy's two-out single sent Kinsler home to make it 4-1. Cruz followed with a groundball single that rolled just out of reach of diving shortstop Ronny Cedeno to score Berkman and chase Norris.

Chants of "Cruuuuuuuz" filled the stadium, indicating the large number of Rangers fans who made the 250-mile trip from Dallas. Norris was replaced by Erik Bedard, who is Houston's fifth starter, but won't be needed for a while in the rotation because of off-days.

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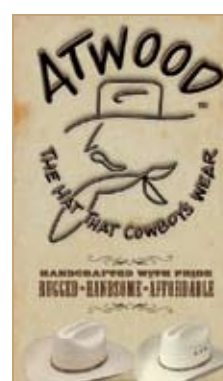
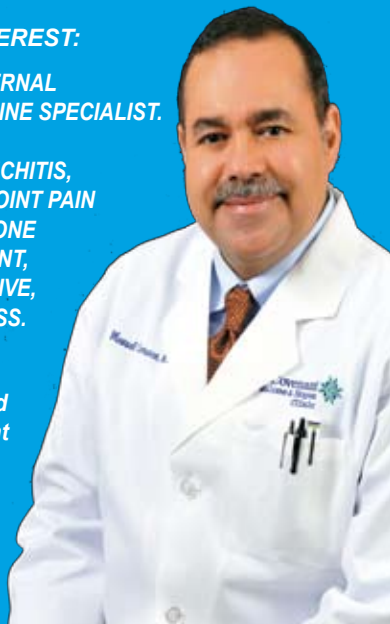
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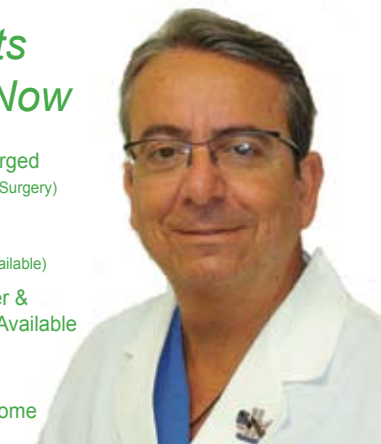
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