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## Lack of state funding prompts HC tuition hikes

*"All this is doing is getting us to the point where we have the same amount of money as last year. This will not address any other expenditure issues we might face."*



Dr. Cheryl Sparks, college president

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 Faced with the high probability of more cuts in state money in its future, Howard College will raise certain tuition and fees rates this coming fall. College trustees unanimously voted in favor of the increases during their monthly meeting

Monday afternoon. Howard has absorbed \$2 million in cuts in state appropriations the past five years and even more are likely on the horizon — College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said the Texas House version of the state's new budget calls for a \$371,000 cut in state appropriations over the next two years.

While Sparks and others are hopeful some of those cuts will be erased or at least lessened before the state budget is finalized in May, they aren't just sitting around waiting for the final result, either. Sparks proposed — and trustees approved — the following

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Forsan Independent School District Superintendent Randy Johnson listens to a question during a public hearing on FISD's proposed \$23.8 million bond Monday evening. The bond will finance construction of a new elementary school and renovations at the secondary campus.

## FISD taxpayers told business would pay 95 percent of bond

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
**FORSAN** — If voters approved a \$23 million construction bond for Forsan Independent School District, only a tiny portion of the costs will be shouldered by residents. Voters were given a breakdown of anticipated bond costs during a public hearing on the matter at the junior high/high school auditorium Monday evening. The \$23.8 million bond would finance construction of a new elementary school, as well as renovations at the secondary campus. Voters will decide the issue's fate May 11. School officials estimate the bond will result in a 33.4 cent

increase in the district's property tax rate, but most of the burden of paying off that debt would fall on commercial interests, FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson said. Figures prepared by the district indicate that commercial interests, including the oil and gas industry, wind farms and other businesses in the district, would be responsible for 95 percent of the bond debt, with the rest falling on private homeowners. Some factors may conspire to lessen the potential tax burden. Jason Hughes, an investment banker with First Southwest, said property

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# Coming this weekend

## State hospital fundraiser, Cars, Stars, Handlebars

**By VALERIE AVERY**  
 Herald correspondent  
 Tickets for Big Spring State Hospital's Cars, Stars and Handlebars reverse raffle are available from any Cars, Stars and Handlebars Committee member, the hospital's Community Rela-

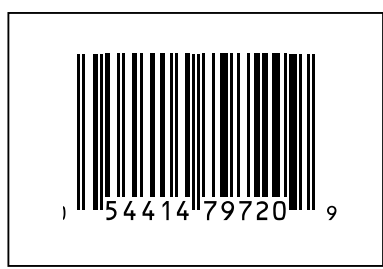
tions office and members of the Volunteer Services Council. Each \$100 donation gives the ticket holder and one guest entry to the evening of fun, hors d'oeuvres and musical entertainment at the Hotel Settles — and the opportunity to take home a new vehicle. Cars, Stars and Handlebars will kick off at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Settles, 200 East Third St., with hors d'oeuvres beginning at 6 p.m. This year's event is co-chaired by Stacy Barr. The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council will give away a

2013 vehicle before the festive evening is over. "Winners do not need to be present to win the vehicle, but if they are one of the last 10 ticket holders in the reverse drawing, they must be present if they would like to sell their ticket to a bidder," Barr said. The winner will choose between a 2013 Harley-Davidson Trike, a 2013 Silverado Crew Cab Pickup LS, or a 2013 Ford Fusion. The runner-up will take home a 51" plasma television set.

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## Two shows, two days under the Big Top

**Herald staff report**  
 Come join the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce under the world's biggest Big Top. Carson & Barnes Circus is coming to town for two days, Saturday and Sunday for two shows both days at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. "Chamber Board President Jim Clements will be riding an elephant at one of the shows, so let's go out and cheer him on," said Debbye ValVerde, Chamber executive director. Advance tickets are available at the Chamber office, 215 W. Third St. Adults 12 and up are \$12; children ages 2 to 11 are \$6. Tickets at the gate are adults \$14 and children \$10. Partial proceeds of ticket sales go to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for events and projects. The public is invited to watch the raising of the "World's Largest Big Top" at 9 a.m., Saturday. The midway will open at 10 a.m.



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## Obituaries

## Delores Scott



Delores Scott, 74, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 21, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso.

She was born Nov. 18, 1938, in Traverse County, Mich., to Julia and Simon Lamie. She married Frederick Scott on July 23, 1958. They moved from Travis City, Mich., 45 years ago to Big Spring. He preceded her in death Aug. 21, 1986.

She was very active in auxiliaries for V.F.W., D.A.V. and American Legion. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Her hobbies were TV — Walker Texas Ranger and CSI — her family, cooking and she also loved lavender and lilies.

She is survived by three daughters, Joyce Marie Scott, Verna Dooley and husband Bruce and Judy Scott, all of Big Spring; grandchildren, Michael Jewett, Micheal Daves, Jeremy Jewett and Stephanie Frisby; great-grandchildren, Cheyenne Daves, Corban Daves, Chandler Daves, Maximus Daves, Chelsea Jewett, Aiden Jewett, Ariona Hall, Joseph Fonda, Joe Lewis, Mina Lewis and William Merrick V; sisters, Ruthie Waldron of Mich., Alice Haggard of Illinois and Virginia Éclair of Tennessee.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, and one granddaughter.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Abner Shellman Sr.



Abner Shellman Sr., 68, of Big Spring died Saturday, April 20, 2013, in Midland Memorial Hospital. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church. Burial will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Texas State Veterans Cemetery in

Abilene.

He was born March 18, 1945, in Anson, Texas, to Mamie and John Shellman. He attended McMurry University in Abilene. He was a veteran of the Army, having served in Vietnam. He was a member of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, where he was a deacon and active member.

He is survived by two sons, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Shawn D. Shellman of El Paso and Abner Shellman Jr. of Dothan, Ala.; seven daughters, Syreeta D. Shellman, Taylisa Cork, Latresa Brown and Aretha Cork, all of Abilene, Sabrina Shellman of Sweetwater, Jacobie Shellman of Dallas and Chiquinda Shellman of Jackson, Miss.; one brother, Buford L. Shellman and wife Dee of Anson; three sisters, Gilletta Gort of Dallas, Loretta Booker and husband Eddie of Waco and Joan Knight and husband Leon of Inglewood, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, John Shellman and A.L. Shellman; three sisters, Betty L. Boyce, Eva Sims and Mozelle Craven; and one son.

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

## Gail Earls



Gail Earls, 75, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 21, 2013, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 25, 2013, at the First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Donita Lea and the Rev. Alan Wallace officiating.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at the funeral home.

She was born March 16, 1938, in Oklahoma City, Okla., and married Floyd Edward Earls on June 17, 1956, in Ardmore, Okla. He preceded her in death Feb. 13, 2004.

Survivors include a son, Eddie Earls and wife Tina of Big Spring; a daughter, Karen Bearden and husband, Kenny of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Joy Maxwell, Judy Baughn and Donna Kelley; and a brother, Clifford Luckens, all of Oklahoma City, Okla.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Church of the Nazarene Child Ministry, 1400 S. Lancaster, Big Spring, TX 79720; or to Rape Crisis Services of Big Spring, P.O. Box 2137, Big Spring, TX 79721-2137.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Police blotter

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

- ROBERTO GARZA JR., 29, of 1700 S. Main St., was arrested Monday on warrants for no driver's license — when unlicensed, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, expired registration and failure to appear (three counts).

- ANDREW RAMIRO GUTIERREZ, 21, of 3604 Hamilton, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.

- JUSTIN WILLIAM GONZALES, 20, of 1112 Mulberry, was arrested Monday on a warrant for duty on striking fixture or landscaping.

- KEVIN WILLIAMS, 20, of 1002 Nolan, was arrested Monday on warrants for failure to yield the right-of-way, no driver's license — when unlicensed and failure to appear (two counts).

- MARKQUIN EARL HARRIS, 27, of 2911 W. Highway 80 (apartment number not provided), was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.

- AMY ABREGO, 31, of 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. 42, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

- AVEL ABREGO RAMIREZ, 66, of 1512 Wood, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

- ALFONSO GARCIA POSADA, 47, of Austin, Texas, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

- TEREEL HOUSTON, 21, of 2609 Hunter Dr., was arrested Monday on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

- JESUS FLORES, 34, of 1202 Pennsylvania, was arrested Monday on a warrant for driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

- CHRIS RUIZ, 43, of 1509 Vines, was arrested Monday on a charge of theft — \$1,500 with two or more convictions.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

- THEFT was reported: In the 1300 block of E. Fourth Street.

- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 2100 block of Alabama.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1700 block of Scurry.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.

- ROBERTO GARZA, 29, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for no driver's license, failure to appear (three counts), expired motor vehicle inspection and displaying an expired registration.

- ANDREW RAMIRO GUTIERREZ, 21, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a Gains County warrant for motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

- JESUS FLORES, 34, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- CHRIS RUIZ, 43, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property with two or more previous convictions.

- JUSTIN WILLIAM GONZALES, 20, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of duty on striking fixture or highway landscape.

- MARKQUIN HARRIS, 27, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of service — more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

- KEVIN LAMONT WILLIAMS, 20, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to yield the right-of-way, violation of a promise to appear, no driver's license and failure to appear.

- AMY MARIE ABREGO, 31, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

- AVEL ABREGO RAMIREZ, 66, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- ALFONSO GARCIA POSADA, 47, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

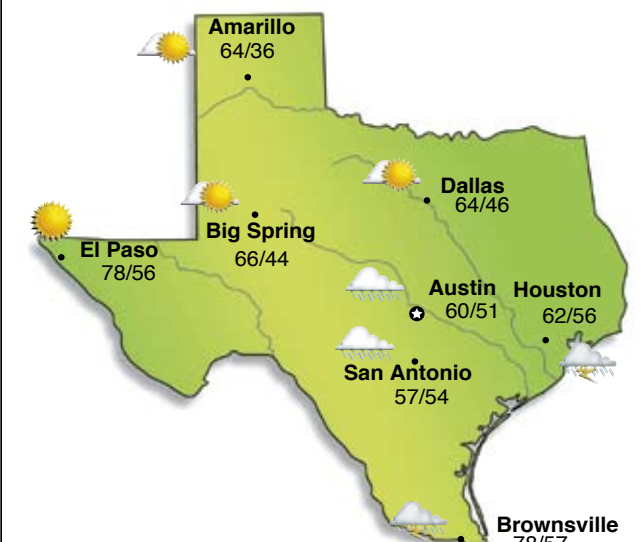
## Today's Weather

## Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 4/24	Thu 4/25	Fri 4/26
<b>66/44</b>	<b>71/56</b>	<b>93/56</b>
Sunshine along with some cloudy intervals. High 66F. Winds ENE at 10 to 15 mph.	Cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:07 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:05 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:04 AM
<b>Sunset:</b> 8:22 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 8:23 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 8:23 PM



## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	63	44	mst sunny	Kingsville	65	57	t-storm
Amarillo	64	36	mst sunny	Livingston	65	50	rain
Austin	60	51	rain	Longview	65	45	rain
Beaumont	65	54	rain	Lubbock	65	39	sunny
Brownsville	78	57	t-storm	Lufkin	67	51	rain
Brownwood	64	45	pt sunny	Midland	66	45	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	64	58	t-storm	Raymondville	73	57	t-storm
Corsicana	62	44	pt sunny	Rosenberg	62	55	t-storm
Dallas	64	46	mst sunny	San Antonio	57	54	rain
Del Rio	60	53	rain	San Marcos	60	51	rain
El Paso	78	56	sunny	Sulphur Springs	65	42	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	65	45	pt sunny	Sweetwater	63	44	pt sunny
Gainesville	61	41	pt sunny	Tyler	65	46	rain
Greenville	63	40	mst sunny	Weatherford	62	43	mst sunny
Houston	62	56	t-storm	Wichita Falls	63	41	sunny

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	49	t-storm	Minneapolis	42	31	mixed
Boston	71	48	pt sunny	New York	70	48	mst sunny
Chicago	51	35	pt sunny	Phoenix	88	62	pt sunny
Dallas	64	46	mst sunny	San Francisco	71	52	pt sunny
Denver	50	31	mst sunny	Seattle	68	46	mst sunny
Houston	62	56	t-storm	St. Louis	57	38	pt sunny
Los Angeles	67	55	pt sunny	Washington, DC	79	50	pt sunny
Miami	82	71	pt sunny				

- TEREL DEVON HOUSTON, 21, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

## Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 500 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Abrams. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and I-20. Service refused.

- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway.

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**Emergency personnel responded to a one-vehicle rollover near the 181 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20 — on the North Service Road — on Monday shortly after 1:45 p.m. According to responders at the scene, the driver and passengers of this car refused medical treatment and suffered no major injuries as a result of the accident.**

## Take Note

- The Coahoma Choir Kids and Third Grade Singers will perform a spring concert at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria. The concert is free to the public and will be followed by an ice cream social fundraiser sponsored by the Coahoma Elementary PTO.
- A benefit fund for the April Martinez family, who recently lost everything in a fire, has been set up at Prosperity Bank. Donations can be made to account number 3013914734. Ms. Martinez has four children ages 5 to 12.

- Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.
- 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.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. 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.

## HC

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- student rate hikes:
- Tuition for high school students taking dual-credit courses will increase by \$10 per semester hour.
  - Tuition for out-of-district students will increase by \$5 per semester hour.
  - Tuition for out-of-state residents will increase by \$9 per hour.

• Students taking online learning courses through the college will be charged a fee of \$50 for each course. That money will be set aside in a fund dedicated to online course expenses. Tuition for students residing within the junior college district will remain unchanged, she added. Those rate increases should make up for the anticipated shortfall in state appropriations, Sparks said.

“All this is doing is getting us to the point where we have the same amount of money as last year,” she said. “This will not address any other expenditure issues we might face.” Those issues include a possible pay increase for employees, who have not received any raises for the past two years. “While we are not in the position to offer (salaries) that some other colleges provide, we certainly need to look at

providing some sort of raise to our employees,” Sparks said. “Since 2002, their salaries have been fairly static. “Our people have been working very efficiently,” she said. “I have to applaud them. They have done a fantastic job of pulling together and making things work, even with all the cuts we’ve experienced the past few years.” Another issue to be faced is with infrastructure — Sparks said

plumbing at the student union building needs to be addressed and concerns have arisen about the foundations at both dormitories. In other business Monday, trustees approved: • The naming of Leslie Earnst as professor emeritus at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. • Faculty recommendations for the next college year. • The budget for the Howard County Tax As-

essor/Collector office. • Bids for computer technology in San Angelo and science equipment in Big Spring. *Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com*

## FISD

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valuations have exploded in the district, going from roughly \$200 million in 2003 to more than \$1 billion. If valuations continue to rise, that could result in a lowering of the debt service tax rate. Also, the issue features what Hughes described as a “three-year call.” Although the bond would be structured on a 20-year payment sched-

ule, the district could retire the debt anytime after three years if it so chooses. For homeowners, the district provided a wide range of estimates on how the bond will effect their tax bills. The high end of those estimates — owners of a \$185,000 home (after exemptions) — would see their tax bill increase by more than \$600 annually. Officials were quick to point out that homeowners 65 and older who claim their age

exemption prior to the bonds being sold would not see any increase in their school taxes. The major expense targeted by the bond — \$14 million for a new elementary campus — also drew a majority of the questions at Monday’s hearing. One questioner wanted to know if it would be cheaper to simply renovate Elbow Elementary rather than replacing the structure. The answer was “yes” — with a caveat.

Architect Alan Wolfe of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper estimated that required renovations of Elbow to address all of its issues would cost \$8.7 million over the 20-year life of the proposed bond, and residents would be stuck with an old building nearing the end of its effective lifespan at that time. “This is something we studied very closely,” Johnson said. “We realize a lot of people in our district have an emotional attachment to

Elbow, but in the end, we felt it made more financial sense to recommend the construction of a new elementary. “If we simply renovate Elbow, at the end of the day we’ll still have a 1950s school building,” he added. “Therefore, we feel very confident with the decision we made.” *Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com*

## CARS

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The Volunteer Services Council gave Cars, Stars and Handlebars Committee members 750 tickets to pre-sell, Barr said. “The last week leading up to the event is always busy for people who still have tickets to sell,” she said. “We try to remind everyone that when they are gone, they are gone so we encourage everyone to get them early.”

and Dalia Benavides; Iris McDuffie; Quade Weaver; Suzanne Markwell; Kristen and John Paul Nichols; and Steve and Brenda Bodine. Tickets also can be purchased from the Community Relations Office at Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 N. Highway 87. For more information, please call Jamey Stegall (432) 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Ser-

vices Council has sponsored a social fund-raiser for the past 20 years with a goal of \$35,000 to \$45,000. Fund-raisers, donations and money earned at The Chalet Resale Shoppe pay for items that patients need but the state does not fund. Valerie Ullman Avery is the Big Spring State Hospital Public Information Coordinator and Department of State Health Services NEWS-

clips Coordinator. She can be reached at 432-816-9257.

**sudoku**  
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4	6	8	3	9	2	7	1	5
9	2	7	5	6	1	4	3	8
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3	4	6	1	7	8	2	5	9
7	8	2	9	5	3	1	6	4
6	7	9	2	1	5	8	4	3
8	3	5	7	4	6	9	2	1
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## Support Groups

- TUESDAY**
- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com
  - VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; 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**
- “A Journey to a New Normal,” a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.
  - RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- THURSDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion 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.
  - Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.
  - Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential Flexible payment options.

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Barbara Blackshear, 73, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park. Delores Scott, 74, died Sunday. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso. Abner Shellman, Sr., 68, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

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# EDITORIAL

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## OTHER VIEWS

### Super-sized sodas and cynical politics

The squabble in New York City over whether or not to ban super-sized soft drinks helped bring to light a phenomenon than might help to explain why modern American politics have gone so haywire and confrontational.

On one side are politicians like New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who wants to be everyone's nanny.

He tried to ban the sale of sugary drinks larger than 16 ounces. But a New York judge struck down New York's bid to halt the sale of oversized, calorie-rich and nutrition-lacking soft drinks at restaurants, movie theaters and sports venues across the city, calling the proposed measure “arbitrary and capricious.”

The mayor's motive might be pure, but his understanding of government's role in a free society is lacking.

It's one thing if your mother wants to stop you from drinking too much pop. Government should be less bullying and more persuasive. It can stop spending taxpayer dollars on soft drinks, for instance, and use them to improve the menu in City Hall snack machines and school cafeterias. It can fund research that demonstrates adverse dietary (and dental) consequences.

But mandates often backfire. A national survey found that only one in four respondents agreed the sale of drinks larger than 16 ounces should be prohibited, while 71 percent said it should be allowed.

Similarly, 28 percent thought Bloomberg's policy is an effective way to fight obesity, while 68 percent said it is not. Pushing against that sort of resistance is hazardous to a politician's political health.

And a recent Los Angeles Times report in the Omaha World-Herald said research shows that efforts such as Bloomberg's can actually encourage consumers to drink more sodas than they would have consumed without the ban.

One way to get around the city's ban would be to sell the same amount of pop in smaller cups. The researchers did that, setting up a study in which students were offered an array of beverages in single-serving cups and in bundles of cups in smaller containers at discounted prices. When ordering off the bundled menu, the subjects not only drank more ounces of pop, they were also less likely to skip a drink. The vendor actually made more money under the bundling scheme.

Most efforts at improving the nation's health focus on education. But although America was founded on the notion that given free access to information, people will gravitate toward the smartest ideas, another researcher points out that assuming rational behavior on the part of the public gives some people too much credit: It also triggers a response that he calls “reactance” — a resolute determination by some to do the wrong thing when research or well-meaning politicians attempt to persuade us that we shouldn't.

“Most people getting ready to buy soda will go for the regular size,” said David Just, a professor of behavioral economics at Cornell University, who was not involved in the study. But some people also display “what we call reactance — a rebelliousness, a determination to circumvent this policy, an attitude of ‘I'll show them.’”

That attitude explains why it's so difficult to pass science-based legislation, or even to get some people to use seat belts or buckle their children into car seats.

It opens doors for cynical politicians and for manufacturers that are more than willing to exploit it if they can make an extra buck. It also makes it harder to ban more dangerous products, such as tobacco and highly caffeinated or alcohol-infused energy drinks.

When it comes to getting Americans to take better care of themselves, education and persuasion will work for most. The others will do what that want to do. That's their right.

The fair response would be to not make the former pay, through higher taxes for health care spending, for the foolishness of the latter.

— *Scottsbluff (Neb.) Star Herald*

# He gave politics a good name

There's a hit new movie this spring, “42,” the story of how, in 1947, Jack Roosevelt Robinson made baseball history and American history by breaking the color barrier to become a Brooklyn Dodger and the first black man to play in the Major Leagues.

It is also the story of Branch Rickey, the general manager of the Dodgers, who in his lonely commitment to desegregate baseball, chose Robinson, a star in four sports — football, basketball, track and baseball — at UCLA before entering the Army and being commissioned a second lieutenant. Rickey believed, rightly, that Jackie Robinson had the courageous self-discipline required to endure the hate, hostility and isolation that awaited him in the grandstands, locker rooms, restaurants and hotels of pre-civil-rights America.

But one American hero gets short shrift in this good new movie. His name: Albert B. “Happy” Chandler. A native of Corydon, Ky., veteran of World War I and a graduate of his home state university's law school, he was a rising political star — a state senator at 32, lieutenant governor at 33, governor at 37 and U.S. senator at 41.



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Happy Chandler left the U.S. Senate in 1945, when the owners of the then-16 Major League teams elected him to be commissioner of baseball. The game had been lily-white for eight decades, and when the owners later met for two hours in secret at New York's Waldorf Astoria to deal with Branch Rickey's unwelcome push to integrate the game, they voted 15-1 against Rickey and for continued racial segregation. Nobody much expected Chandler, a self-described “Confederate” who had governed a state where the races were by law separated, to rock the boat.

But that is exactly what the commissioner did. As he later explained his decision to overturn the owners' vote and allow Jackie Robinson to play for Brooklyn, “I'd have to meet my Maker some day, and if He asked me why I didn't let this boy play, and I said, ‘Because he was black,’ that might not be a satisfactory answer.” Chandler went on: “I just decided it (excluding African-Americans from the sport) wasn't just. It wasn't decent. It wasn't fair, and I was going to end it.”

Of Jackie Robinson, Chandler said: “He had a chip on his shoulder, and I don't blame him for that because he thought everybody was against him, and nearly everybody was.”

How good a politician was Happy Chandler? In American history, there have been nine different governors who, when presented with a vacant U.S.

Senate seat to be filled, have gone through the scripted ritual of resigning as governor in order to have the “new” governor then appoint him (all nine were men) to the U.S. Senate. Not surprisingly, voters dislike this charade, and eight of the nine governors who arranged their own Senate appointments have been defeated in the next election. The only exception: Gov. Happy Chandler, who in 1939 effectively had himself appointed to the Senate and went on to win Kentucky Senate elections in 1940 and 1942.

So Chandler understood the risk he was taking by ignoring the owners and by welcoming Jackie Robinson to baseball. He was fired by the owners in 1950, but Don Newcombe, the great Dodgers pitcher, would speak eloquently of when Chandler had stood up for blacks, including Robinson, Roy Campanella and himself: “Happy Chandler cared when it wasn't fashionable to give a damn about black baseball players.”

How about that, sports fans? A successful politician who was a genuine American hero.

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# The president's shameful day

I wonder why President Obama feels he has the right to be outraged when legislators don't automatically roll over to his policy demands. I suspect that his moral indignation is more about personally losing than it is about policy issues themselves.

For indeed, President Obama was obviously furious when his gun control bill failed to muster sufficient votes to pass the Senate. Politico reported, “More than anything, it was an emotional blow to Obama, who was as irritated at the four members of his own party as he was at the 90 percent of Republicans who defeated the bill.”

Politico revealed that an administration official said Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp's refusal to support the bill especially rankled Obama because she “refused to go along with the bill even after White House chief of staff Denis McDonough visited her office to make Obama's case on Tuesday.”

Do you see clues to Obama's mindset here? How dare a member of a coequal branch of government, especially one in his own party, defy Obama's wishes and refuse to succumb to his fabled powers of persuasion? Politico would have us believe that the impetus for Obama's emotional investment in the bill was that he was “shaken to the core by the massacre of 26 innocents at Sandy Hook Elementary School.”

He was allegedly so upset that he “broke his own informal ‘Obama Rule’ — of never leaning into an issue without a clear path to victory.”

I'm not buying any of it. I don't believe that Obama was any more personally shaken by Sandy Hook than he was by the Gosnell abortion clinic infanticide atrocity.

What I do know is that Obama is a leftist gun control zealot who seizes on crises as opportunities to advance unpopular policies.

And what's this about an “Obama Rule”? That, too, is poppycock.

Obama has tried to overreach many times, refusing to take the

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DAVID LIMBAUGH

public's and Congress' “no” for an answer, from Obamacare to Stimulus Jr. to cap and trade to high-speed rail to various tax hikes for the “rich” to the financial reform bill to campaign finance reform to education reform to his push to close Gitmo to New START to the DREAM Act to his unanimously failed budget proposals.

It took him several tries on many of those initiatives, brutal arm-twisting on others, and on still others, he just issued executive orders or had his administrative agencies unilaterally issue their own rules to do end runs around the recalcitrant Congress.

Obama's defeat on the gun control measure must have been particularly annoying to him after he had exploited and showcased the poor parents of Sandy Hook victims in furtherance of his legislation.

Everyone, left to right, agrees that Obama reacted angrily and bitterly and lashed out at his opponents — a most unpresidential performance, to be sure, but nothing out of the ordinary for Obama, who has demonstrated his petulance on numerous occasions.

Just ask Rep. Paul Ryan, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce or the justices of the U.S. Supreme Court, who sat silently for his regal tongue-lashing during a State of the Union address.

After his bill went down to defeat, Obama said: “Families that know unspeakable grief summoned the courage to petition their elected leaders ... to protect the lives of all of our children. A few minutes ago, a minority in the United States Senate decided

it wasn't worth it.”

Don't let those nasty words slip by you.

The president of the United States actually accused certain senators of calculating that it wasn't worth it “to protect the lives of all of our children.” This is an exceedingly harsh moral judgment and a vicious personal attack.

Obama then proceeded to accuse “the gun lobby and its allies” of “willfully” lying about the bill.

He said: “There were no coherent arguments as to why we wouldn't do this. It came down to politics.”

He said those voting no “caved to the pressure.” According to Obama, “this was a pretty shameful day for Washington.”

Obama clearly depicted those who opposed his dictates as caring less about preventing gun violence.

He said, “The point is those who care deeply about preventing more and more gun violence will have to be as passionate and as organized and as vocal as those who blocked these common-sense steps to help keep our kids safe.”

But fear not; in keeping with his usual practice, Obama promised to move forward through executive action to get his way: “Even without Congress, my administration will keep doing everything it can to protect more of our communities.”

If Obama truly cared about preventing gun violence, he might look at the unspeakable gun violence in his home city, Chicago.

He might investigate solutions actually designed to address the problem rather than to deprive citizens of their constitutional rights with measures that will not prevent or reduce mass shootings.

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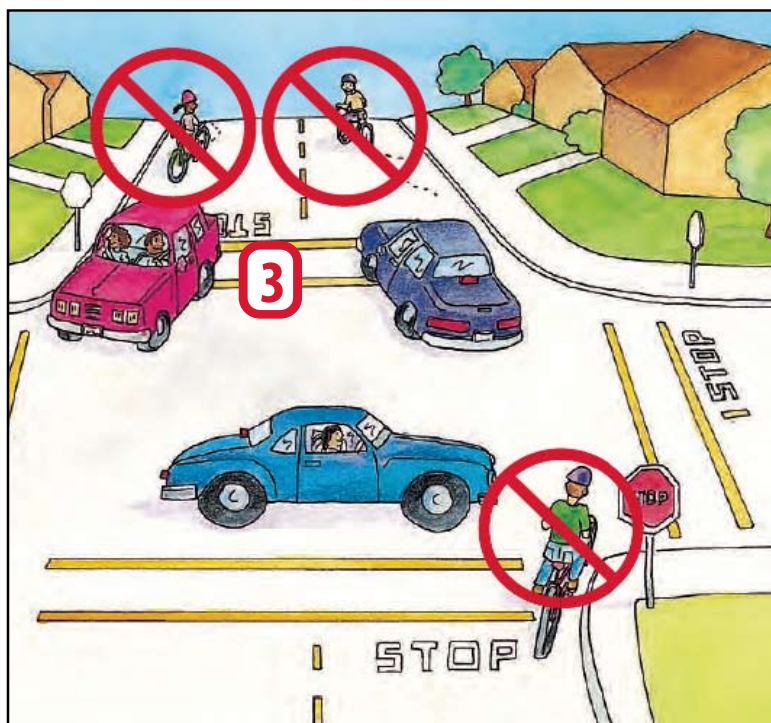
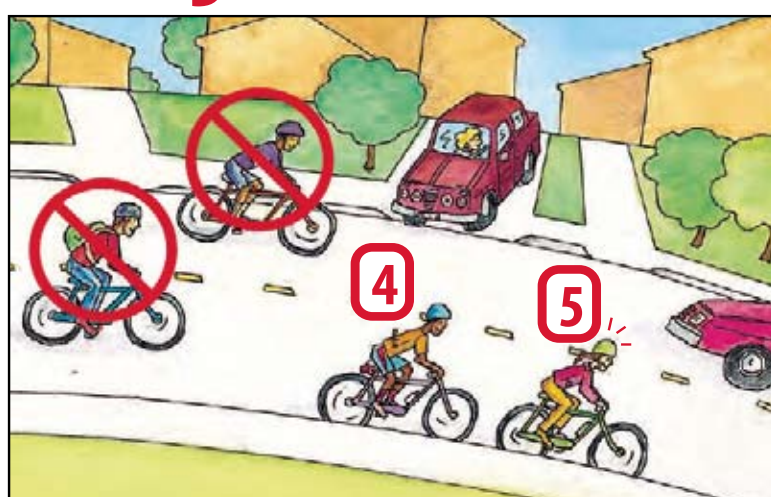
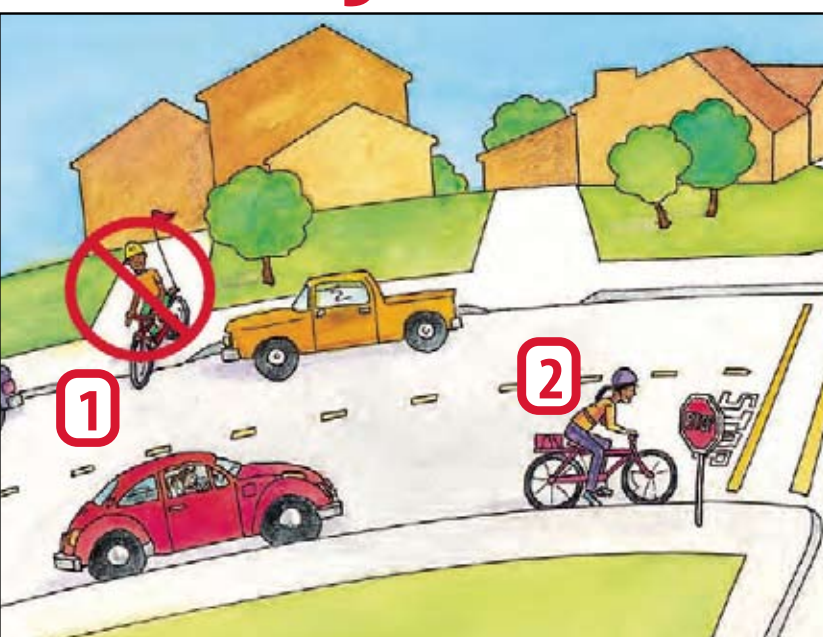


Kid Scoop Together:

COMPLETE THE RULES

Read the Rules of the Road. Then, use a GREEN crayon to circle the kids below that are following the safety rules. Use a RED crayon to make an X over the ones who are not following the safety rules.

May is Bike Safety Month



5 Rules to Live By When Riding a Bike

Number each safety rule to go with numbers in the pictures that best illustrate that rule.

- Be careful when checking traffic and don't swerve when looking over your shoulder.
- Always wear your helmet.
- Don't dart out of driveways or between parked cars.
- Stop at all stop signs.
- Always go with the flow of traffic and keep to the side of the road.

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RULES OF THE ROAD

Select one of the words to complete each safety rule.

jewelry    drawstrings    adult  
facing    clothing    wrist    kneepads  
alone    ride    helmet

1. Wear light-colored \_\_\_\_\_ at night.
2. Do not wear clothing with \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ that can get caught on playground equipment.
3. Walk or skate \_\_\_\_\_ traffic, so you can see oncoming traffic.
4. Wear an approved bicycle \_\_\_\_\_ if you are riding a bike or scooter or skating. If you travel on skates or skateboard, also wear \_\_\_\_\_ guards and elbow- and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Don't walk or skate \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Before you go anywhere, CHECK FIRST with the \_\_\_\_\_ in charge.
7. (Check in again if you change your plans.)  
Never take a \_\_\_\_\_ with someone without checking with your parents first.

Standards Link: Health; students understand ways to reduce the risk of becoming involved in potentially dangerous situations; students practice safe behaviors during recreational activities.

Extra! Extra!

Wheels and Work

Wheels make different kinds of work easier. Look through the newspaper to find examples of machines that have wheels. How do the wheels make different tasks easier?

Standards Link: Physical Science; tools and machines are used to apply pushes and pulls (forces) to make things move.



Standards Link: Health: Know concepts and practices concerning injury prevention and safety.

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word BIKES in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Unscramble the safety word on each sign.



Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums.

Double Double Word Search

- CHECKING
- APPROVED
- TRAFFIC
- CAREFUL
- SAFETY
- HELMET
- CHARGE
- RULES
- ROADS
- SIGNS
- NIGHT
- LIGHT
- PLANS
- BIKE
- CLIP

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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D	L	U	F	E	R	A	C	T	L
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P	E	H	I	H	L	N	T	A	A
P	T	C	T	U	L	W	S	Y	N
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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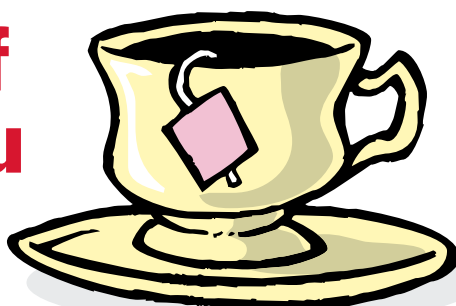
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Good Example/Bad Example

The newspaper is full of examples of things that are safe and unsafe. Clip out three examples of things that are either safe or unsafe. Glue each to a piece of paper and write a safety rule that applies.

Standards Link: Health; Students recognize safe and unsafe situations or behaviors.

What kind of tea helps you feel brave?



ANSWER: Safe-tea.

Write On!

Bike Buddies

Imagine that you saw a friend doing something dangerous on a bike. Write down what you would say to them to help them be safe.

# Bird Poop: A stranger in our midst

Partly natural, and man-made, the drainage area had created a haven all its own. Over time, coursing from the north, seasonal rainfall was a factor in creating pond-like depressions around which seedlings eventually turned to mature trees.



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Dry most of the year, the pools could retain water for days or weeks. Beneath the towering trees, dense underbrush guarded a well-kept secret of nature's offering.

When the man called, he mentioned having found a bird "near the ponds, on north FM 700." Attractive to wildlife, the area offered a year-round place for raccoons, bobcats, and fox to hide and rest. "When it rains, I'll see ducks and other birds, too."

"It has long legs, long neck, and a large, black bill." In trying to describe the bird's overall color, he said, "Dark gray." To any unusual markings, he readily answered, "A black and white face."

An hour later, he placed the shore bird in my hands. Although it resembled another night-heron, I was more concerned about its being so passive.

Inquiring about what the bird was doing when first spotted, the man said, "Standing

tall." When it failed to move as he approached, he sensed something was wrong.

Meeting no resistance, he had carried the bird to his home. After placing it in a cardboard box, he called us.

With Art's help, we looked at pictures displayed in a bird book. From the two, colorful night-herons, we identified this one as a Yellow-crowned.

Mostly white, its crown was tinged with yellow. Black streaks led back from its eyes. With white cheeks, its head was also accented with orange-red eyes. Two long head plumes graced the back. The rest of its head, including its throat, were black. Appearing gray overall, its wings and back were highlighted with streaks of black and white.

As I lowered it back into the box, its long legs kept it erect. Along with its lengthy toes, the yellow-crown could gracefully walk shorelines in a slow, methodical search for food.

Even within the confines of a box, the bird held its head upright as if to listen for any approaching danger.

After the man left, every book we searched indicated that crabs were the yellow-crown's preferred diet. Next on its menu would be crayfish, snails, small snakes, frogs and lizards.

Even though it rarely ate fish, we hoped minnows might entice it. A call to the store at Moss Creek Lake confirmed a ready supply.

Since the bird had



Courtesy photo

During the night, early mornings and late evenings, the yellow-crowned night-heron hunts in semitropical regions. In flight, its neck is folded back. Its upright posture is often noted in contrast to the black-crowned night-heron that appears to be in a permanent crouch.

no visible injuries, we hoped its lethargic behavior might be caused by lack of food. As we drove back to town with our minnow bucket filled with wiggly temptations, Art and I were puzzled by the heron's presence in Big Spring.

Our books had suggested the yellow-crown would frequent the eastern part of Texas and the Gulf Coast. Found in the swamps and bayous of southern states, and along the Atlantic Coast, the yellow-crown seemed out of its realm.

Its specie had been noted as having been

found in the Big Bend. At least that region had the Rio Grande. But in noting such, Harry Oberholser, in *The Bird Life of Texas*, had resigned himself to write that it "was rare and unpredictable in the western half of Texas."

A point in common among all the writers we consulted from the late 1800s to 2007 was the rarity of ever seeing the yellow-crown. Its carefully hidden nests and secretive nature had thwarted many an ornithologist.

Once home, a glance inside the cardboard

box displayed a nesting position for the night-heron. With feet and legs tucked neatly underneath, the elegant gray bird had rested its bill on the bottom of the container. Perfectly balanced, it had entered a sleep from which it would not awake.

To wildlife, the Big Spring ponds had offered survival by the temporary storage of water.

For the yellow-crown, it had offered a quiet place to die.

From its worn feet and bill, we could only surmise that perhaps

its time had been decreed. Upon calling the man about the outcome, he, at first, was quiet. Then he told me his love of discovering what might be at the ponds after a "gulley-washer." "It's amazing what I've found," he continued. To that I added, "It's fascinating the things you see when you aren't even looking!"

*Bebe McCasland is author of "The Scoop from Bird Poop." She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.*

## Odds and ends

### Police: Unlicensed 'mobile dentist' roamed N.M.

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A man who calls himself "El Dentista" is facing charges after Santa Fe police say the unlicensed tooth doctor was found operating as a "mobile dentist" out of a sedan around town.

The Santa Fe New Mexican reports that 36-year-old Eliver Kestler, also known as Eliver Lopez, was arrested Saturday following a tip from a former customer.

According to police, investigators discovered Kestler with a portable drill machine and other dental equipment in a small, red Chevrolet sedan.

Authorities say Kestler told police that he had a dentistry license in Mexico but no license in the U.S.

Kestler, who was wearing blue hospital scrubs when he met with police, was arrested on a number of charges, including practicing dentistry without a license.

It was unclear if he had an attorney.

### Pup named Huckleberry crowned 'Beautiful Bulldog'

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — If at first you don't succeed, wipe the slobber off and try again. Just ask 4-year-old pup Huckleberry, who's been crowned

this year's "Beautiful Bulldog."

Huckleberry competed for the title in 2010, only to walk away empty-pawed. That changed Monday, when he strutted down a blue runway at Drake University in Des Moines dressed in a beige suit as the main character from the movie "Forrest Gump."

He beat 46 other dogs to don the crown and cape and seemed unfazed by the attention as he later feasted on a dog-friendly cake.

Huckleberry's owners say their pooch is a lover who spends all his time playing with a miniature basketball.

The contest that's now in its 34th year is held ahead of the annual Drake Relays track and field meet.

## Parent's Corner: Who's an idiot? Just ask your radio

I read a story recently that I thought was good enough to share with you.

There's nothing like a good laugh from time to time and this story certainly presents us with an interesting ploy.

Enjoy: "I wanted a

New Ford Truck built by a company we didn't bail out, so I bought a brand new Ford F250 Tri-Flex Fuel Truck. It runs on hydrogen, gasoline or E85. I was so excited!

"However, yesterday I returned it to the dealer

because I couldn't get the radio to work. The service technician explained that the radio was voice activated. 'Nelson,' the technician said to the radio. The radio replied, 'Ricky or Willie?' 'Willie!' he continued and 'On

the Road Again' came

from the speakers. Then he said, 'Ray Charles!', and 'Georgia On My Mind' replaced Willie Nelson.

"I drove away happy and, for



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the next few days, every time I'd say, 'Beethoven,' I'd get beautiful classical music, and if I said, 'Beatles,' I'd get one of their awesome songs. Yesterday, some guy ran a red light and nearly creamed my new truck, but I swerved in time to avoid him. I was so mad, I yelled, 'Idiot!'

"Immediately the radio responded with, 'Ladies and gentlemen,

a comment by Nancy Pelosi!"

"Man I love this truck!"

Now, you know what I mean by a good story, and the fun part is that you can insert anyone you choose into the punch line!

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# Coahoma takes district title

*Bulldogs go from 0-20 to 4-2A champions in one year after beating Lamesa 18-6*

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Two things needed to happen for Coahoma to clinch a district title: the Bulldogs had to beat Lamesa — a team which beat CHS the first time around — and Denver City had to be upset by Brownfield.

The Bulldogs came through, defeating Lamesa 18-6, ending the game via run-rule. Then, the Cubs got the best of the Mustangs and Coahoma — a baseball team which didn't

win a single game last year — found themselves atop the 4-2A standings.

"I feel great," said CHS Head Coach Bryan Jacobs following the win over Lamesa. "I'm extremely happy for these kids. They worked hard, they believed in themselves, they didn't allow themselves to get frustrated — I couldn't be happier with a group of kids than I am now."

And it's a talented group. Eleven Bulldogs crossed home plate Monday. Ryan

Campbell had four RBI in the rout, Kaleb McAdams — who had the night off from the mound — had two runs, three hits and two RBI, including a double. Hayden Adamson scored a run, picked up two hits and had two RBI and Tanner Ruiz plated three runs, recorded two hits and a RBI and a stolen base. Eddie Hagins scored three runs on two hits and had a RBI, Peyton Rodriguez had two hits including a double, T.J. White had a double, Zach

Crabtree had a hit, Jordan Harrison scored two runs and had two stolen bases and Braxton Iden and Ryan Reid each plated a run.

Ryan Campbell struck out seven and walked two batters in five innings pitched for CHS.

The transition from district doormat to district champion wasn't seamless, but Jacobs said the physical talent was there, the squad just had to develop the mental focus needed to overcome the

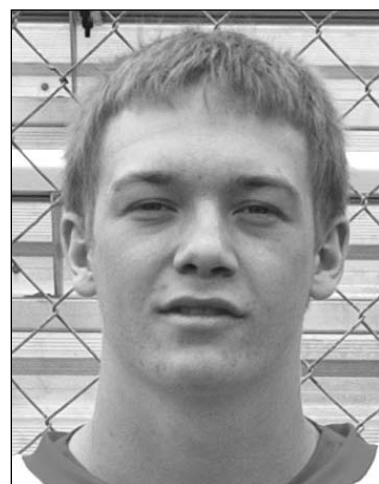
obstacles the game throws their way.

"I didn't know anything about them," Jacobs said of his newly inherited team. "You know, being 0-20 last year you sort of start to put together a couple year plan or a few year plan of what we need to implement, well, once I got here I started seeing them take ground balls and swing the bat, that three-year plan became a one-year

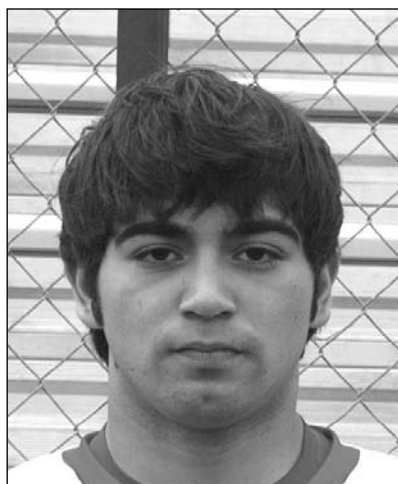
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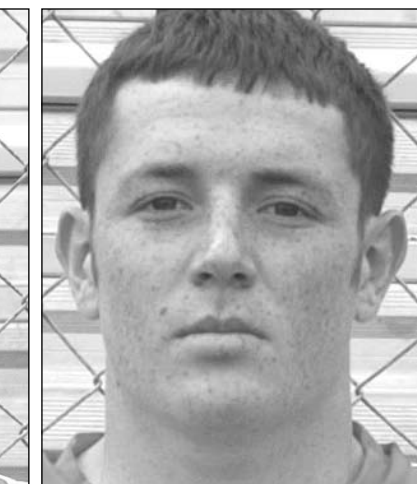
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## Pierzynski's homer pushes Rangers past Angels, 7-6

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Angel Stadium fans already boo A.J. Pierzynski every time he comes to the plate. The Texas catcher figured he might as well give them another good reason.

Pierzynski hit a tiebreaking homer with two outs in the ninth inning, and the Rangers rallied from a late three-run deficit for a 7-6 win over the Los Angeles Angels on Monday night.

Shortly after Adrian Beltre's drive fell inches short of the fence in the ninth, Pierzynski hit his fourth homer of the season to right off Angels closer Ernesto Frieri (0-1), capping an offense-dominated meeting between AL West rivals on three-game winning streaks.

"When I hit mine, I was afraid it wasn't going to go out, either," Pierzynski said. "Luckily it went just far enough."

Mitch Moreland had three hits and drove in a run for the Rangers, who also got three hits from Elvis Andrus in their fourth consecutive victory.

The Angels had a 6-3 lead after the sixth inning, but Texas tied it with three runs in the seventh — including an RBI single from Pierzynski right after he fouled a ball off his right kneecap.

Pierzynski is relieved in both of California's AL ballparks largely for his postseason exploits against the Angels and the Oakland Athletics over the years. The boos don't bother the 36-year-old veteran at all.

"I actually love it," he said. "It's an awesome atmosphere. This is one of my favorite ballparks. This is where I played my first big league game,

so this is a special place to me."

Tanner Scheppers (2-0) pitched two innings of one-hit relief for the Rangers, and Joe Nathan worked the ninth for his sixth save.

Chris Iannetta doubled in the go-ahead run and Luis Jimenez got his first career RBIs on a two-run single during that sixth-inning rally for the Angels, who couldn't overcome Texas' 15 hits.

"We just kept fighting," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We had to scratch out some runs there at the end, but I felt like we had a chance all night. ... That's what A.J. is all about. He's an exciting player. I love him. A lot of people hate him, but I love him."

Josh Hamilton had four hits against his former team after getting bumped out of the cleanup spot, and Howie Kendrick had a two-run double for the Angels in the series opener. Los Angeles beat defending AL champion Detroit three times by a combined 22-4, while the Rangers won three straight over Seattle during their only home series in a 19-day span.

Frieri has been a dependable reliever since joining the Angels last season, but his power pitching wasn't enough to get past the Rangers' veterans in the ninth.

"They were all swinging because they know that I use my fastball and I keep doing it," Frieri said. "If I pitch tomorrow, I'm going to go out there with my best stuff. If I'm going to get beat, I'm going to get beat like that — using my best stuff. I'm not

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## Hawks fall to Chaps, 9-2

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

MIDLAND — The bad news is, Howard College lost to Midland College, 9-2 Monday at Christensen Stadium.

The good news is, it was a nonconference matchup and HC Head Baseball Coach Britt Smith had a chance to get eight pitchers and 14 hitters some work as the Hawks (19-9, 30-17) are preparing for a strong Western Junior College Athletic Conference finish which could punch their ticket to a Region V Championship appearance.

"We never really gave ourselves a chance," Smith said of Monday's performance. "We couldn't do anything offensively. We made too many mistakes on the defensive end and put ourselves in a hole we couldn't climb out of."

On a positive note, some of the pitchers threw well.

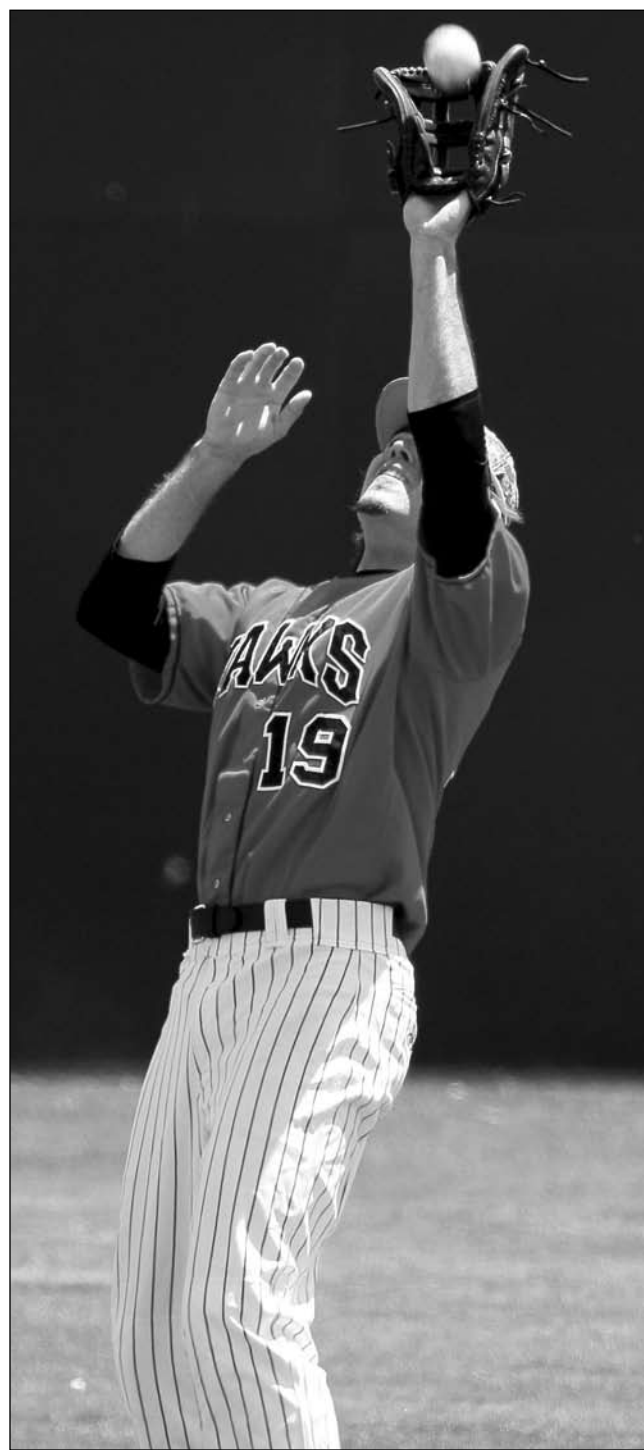
"We used nine different guys who needed some work. A lot of them haven't pitched a lot and needed to throw. We used nine bullpen guys and they had nine strikeouts, so more than one per inning."

But before Smith will even consider the playoffs, he knows his team has to win the majority of remaining regular season games and work on the issue which he says has plagued them all season — playing as cohesive unit and not as individuals trying to rack up statistics.

"We've done everything we can to get them to play like a team," Smith said. "If we can do that, we have a shot. I think we need to win at least six of our last eight games to make the playoffs."

The Hawks will be back on the road beginning Friday for a four-game stint in Clarendon.

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com



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Howard College's Michael Bradshaw catches a fly ball during a game earlier this season.

## Astros lose, King Felix picks up 100th win

HOUSTON (AP) — Seattle's Felix Hernandez was relieved to reach his 100th career win on Monday night against Houston after failing to reach the milestone in three previous attempts.

"Finally," he said with a huge grin. "It took too long."

Hernandez pitched six scoreless innings and Seattle homered three times to back him up in a 7-1 victory over the Astros.

"Tonight I was like: 'You've got to do it (Monday). You can't wait more and more time. You've just got to go out there and have a good game,'" he said.

Hernandez (2-2) joins Jamie Moyer (145) and Randy Johnson (130) as the only pitchers to reach

100 wins with the Mariners.

He didn't realize that there were only two other players to reach the mark with Seattle and said he was honored to be on the exclusive list.

"It's a great accomplishment," Seattle manager Eric Wedge said. "I'm really happy for him that he was able to accomplish that at such a young age. He's accomplished so much so quickly for a young man."

Hernandez allowed five hits and struck out nine to lower his ERA to 2.08. He came in with the second-lowest run support in the AL at 1.88, and didn't factor into the decision in his last start despite striking out 12 and allowing no earned runs in eight

innings.

He had no such trouble Monday night as Seattle took a 1-0 lead in the first and tacked on two runs in each of the third, fourth and fifth innings.

Kyle Seager, Jesus Montero and Kendrys Morales all homered for the Mariners, who snapped a three-game losing streak.

"It was a great day offensively and even better to get Felix some runs early so he could settle in and do what he does," Seager said.

Hernandez, who threw the only perfect game in Mariners history last August, struggled to rank this moment among

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Picky, Picky  
Libra Moon

The waxing moon in the sign of partnerships brings to light our preferences in relationship matters. What one person considers affectionate another might find annoying. The same gesture could be considered both comforting and stifling. It's just a matter of opinion. The Libra moon

challenges us to give what will be most appreciated.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're attracted to the interesting choices of others. Those who make ordinary, expected choices will lose you unless they adapt quickly to the strong need for novelty you feel now.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Doing well is a matter of putting in the time. Your enjoyment of a process is a plus that makes work a pleasure, but it's not necessary for the win. Victory depends on focused efforts over time.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). What you accomplish isn't nearly as important as how you go about it. To say that you are centered now would be an understatement. You are also calm, clear and sourced by a power from within.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The problem with doing your research now is that the advice and data you gather will likely be contradictory, making the decision-

making process even more confusing than it seemed when you knew nothing.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Your social graces are in top form. You're inviting, and you make it easy for people to get to know who you are, what you're about and how to be a part of that. This helps in business, too.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're a leader who likes to follow; it's how you learned effective leadership in the first place. Knowing what others need and how to direct them requires that you see the scene from many perspectives.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are those who just can't shake the notion that talking about things makes them better. That's not always true. In fact, talking about things is likely to make them worse. Know the power of silence.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's something about your work that you enjoy immensely, and the most productive part of your day occurs because you dwell a while in that feeling, ignoring all else.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People will praise you, but beware: Pride goeth before the fall. Indeed, a puffed-up, high-and-mighty feeling

lends just the altitude necessary for a dramatic drop. Humility is the way today.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It is generally agreed that too many cooks in the kitchen, chiefs in the tribe or multitudes of any other kind of ruler will not bring good results. Let there be one king now, and let that king be you.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Remind yourself of your deeper purpose, even if you think you know it intrinsically. This is how you prevent the distractions of the day from sending you on a quest for short-term gains.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). This is a busy time for you. If you try to cram too much in, you'll waste time and mobility feeling overwhelmed. To empower yourself instead, narrow your list and take things one item at a time.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 23). Your spiritual development helps to elevate your experience of life. It won't matter whether your pleasures are many or few; your enjoyment of them will be intense. An authority will note your wise handling of a knotty problem, and you'll be promoted. Increased funding and

responsibilities improve other areas of your life. Capricorn and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 25, 33, 15 and 39.

**LIBRA MOON BEAUTY TIPS:** Though best known as the moon of partnership, the Libra moon is also highly artistic, with the developed visual sense of an A-list celebrity stylist. Here are some Libra moon-inspired beauty tips by sign: **ARIES:** Always bring mints. Kissing opportunities abound now for the passionate ram. Beautiful breath enhances the experience. **TAURUS:** Invest in quality, not quantity. One expensive pair of jeans is worth five cheap imitations. **GEMINI:** One trendy item per outfit keeps you fresh. More than that gives you diminishing returns. **CANCER:** Beauty starts at home with uncluttered closets and a well-organized vanity station. **LEO:** If you haven't found the optimal hair products, keep searching. It will be worth the cost. **VIRGO:** A magnification mirror is the kind of must-have that appeals to your detail orientation. **LIBRA:** Invest in your smile. It's your best asset. **SCORPIO:** The importance of

undergarments can't be overstated.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Manicures build confidence, as many will touch your hands. **CAPRICORN:** Salt is a basic element from the Earth with many beauty applications. Look into it. **AQUARIUS:** Science is on your side. Try the latest beauty advancements. **PISCES:** A long, hot bath restores your looks and your spirit at the same time.

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President and CEO Youth Service America

**Dear Steven Culbertson:**  
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**Dear Annie:** My husband is 75 and seems fit and able. The problem is, he likes to fix the doors to our pool cage in the open position. The first time he did it, I went ballistic, pointing out the liability: There are children in this neighborhood who could wander in and easily drown in our pool. I said I would leave if he did it again. Yesterday, he did it again. So, I'm thinking he wants me to leave.

What recourse do I have when my husband seems mentally fit but

begins to exhibit such terrible behaviors? I'm fairly sure he would pass a mental competency test, if I could get him to take one. Is this abuse? Should I find a lawyer? How do I do that? — *Sarasota, Fla.*

**Dear Sarasota:** This doesn't sound like abuse, but we agree that your husband may not be as mentally competent as he outwardly appears. Does your local police department or neighborhood association issue fines for leaving pool gates open? If so, report your husband and ask them to give him a citation. You also could purchase a new lock to which only you have the key. Then talk to your husband and ask what's going on. If he wants you to leave, you can find a lawyer through your state or county bar association. But also, please suggest he get a complete checkup.

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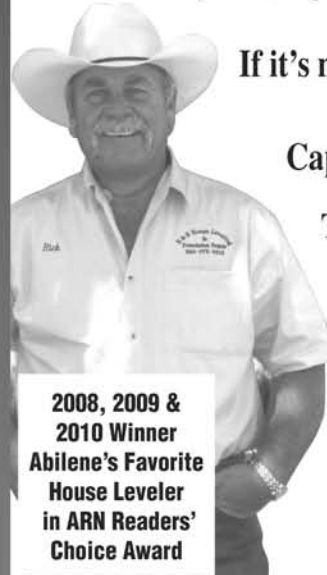
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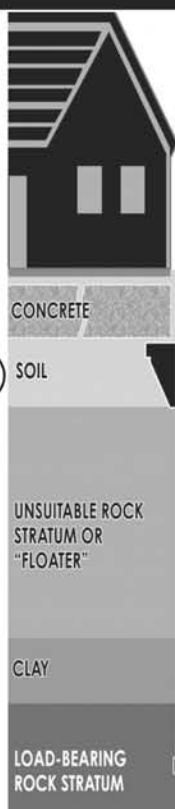
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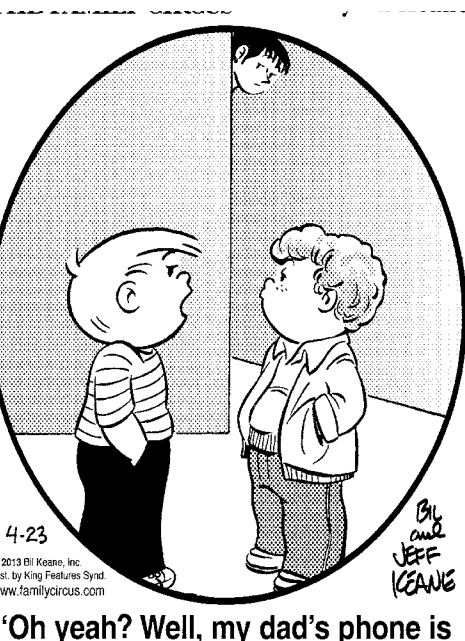
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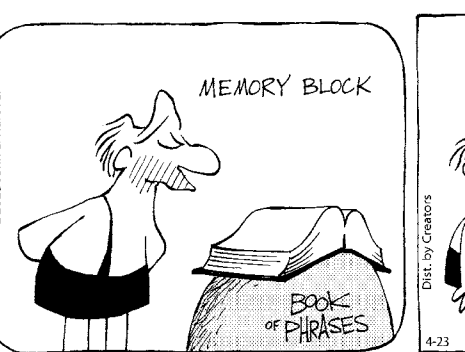
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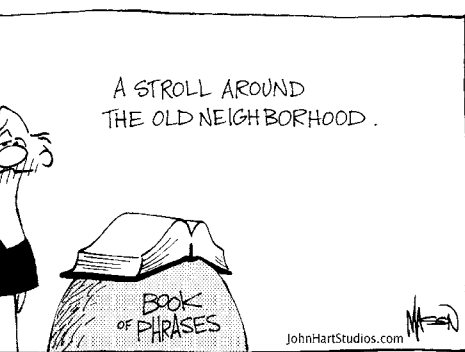
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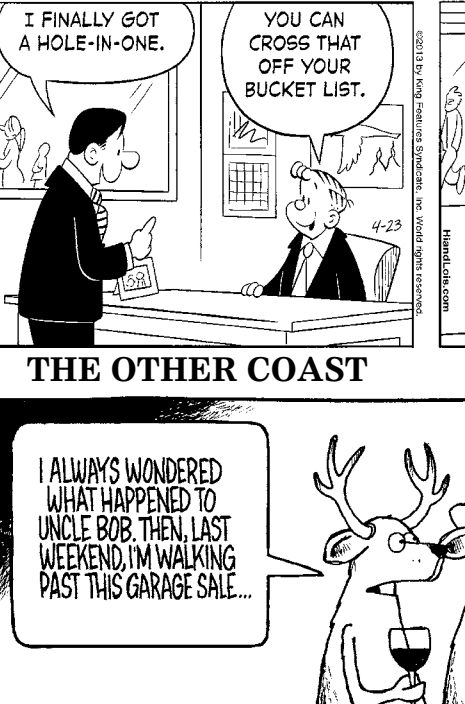
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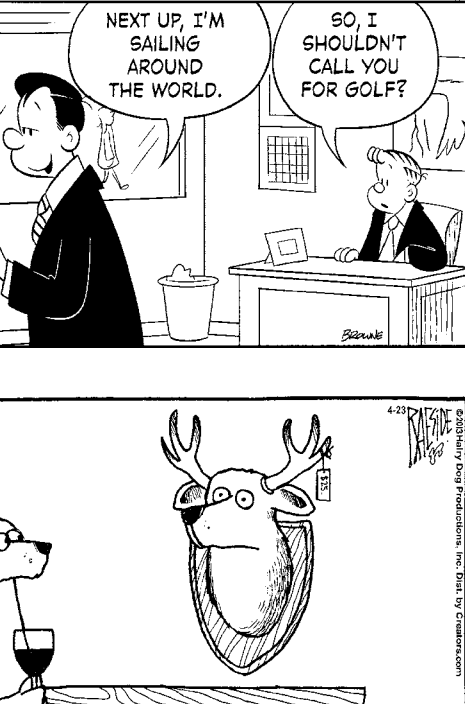
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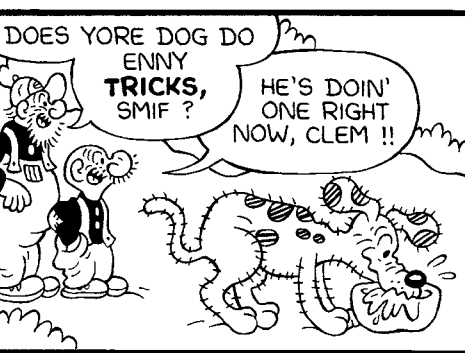
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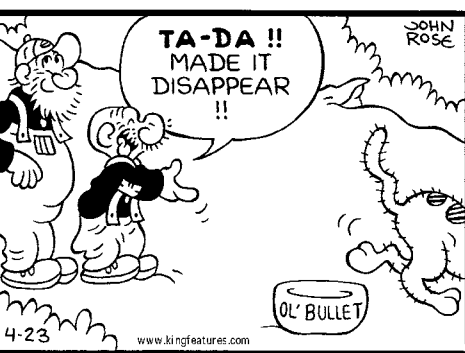
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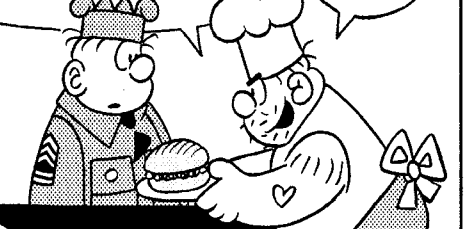
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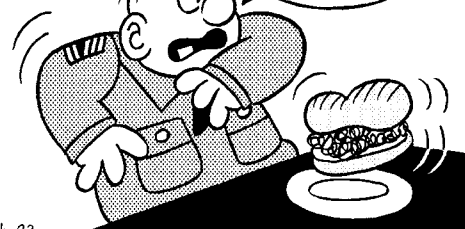
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 23, the 113th day of 2013. There are 252 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 23, 1943, U.S. Navy Lt. (jg) John F. Kennedy assumed command of PT-109, a motor torpedo boat, in the Solomon Islands during World War II. (On Aug. 2, 1943, PT-109 was rammed and sunk by a Japanese destroyer, the Amagiri, killing two crew members; Kennedy and 10 others managed to survive.)

On this date:

In 1616, English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare, 52, died on what has been traditionally regarded as the anniversary of his birth in 1564.

In 1789, President-elect George Washington and his wife, Martha, moved into the first executive mansion, the Franklin House, in New York.

In 1791, the 15th president of the United States, James Buchanan, was born in Franklin County, Pa.

In 1910, former President Theodore Roosevelt delivered his famous "Man in the Arena" speech at the Sorbonne in Paris.

In 1940, about 200 people died in the Rhythm Night Club Fire in Natchez, Miss.

In 1954, Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his record 755 major-league home runs in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals. (The Braves won, 7-5.)

In 1968, student protesters began occupying buildings on the campus of Columbia University in New York; police put down the protests a week later.

In 1969, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. (The sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment.)

In 1988, a federal ban on smoking during domestic airline flights of two hours or less went into effect.

In 1993, labor leader Cesar Chavez died in San Luis, Ariz., at age 66.

In 1998, James Earl Ray, who'd confessed to assassinating the Rev. Martin Luther

King Jr. and then insisted he'd

been framed, died at a Nashville, Tenn., hospital at age 70.

In 2007, Boris Yeltsin, the first freely elected Russian president, died in Moscow at age 76.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-turned-diplomat Shirley Temple Black is 85. Actor Alan Oppenheimer is 83. Actor David Birney is 74. Actor Lee Majors is 74. Irish nationalist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey is 66. Actress Blair Brown is 65. Writer-director Paul Brickman is 64. Actress Joyce DeWitt is 64. Actor James Russo is 60. Filmmaker-author Michael Moore is 59. Actress Judy Davis is 58. Actress Jan Hooks is 56.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Ensnares
- 6 Sis' sibling
- 9 Shoeshine
- 14 Vowel quintet
- 15 Debtor's letters
- 16 Pond growth
- 17 In the way
- 19 Egg parts
- 20 Tip of a sock
- 21 Sheriff's band
- 22 "The best \_\_\_ to come"
- 23 Entirely
- 24 Make a swap
- 26 British colony in the North Atlantic
- 30 Grapevine news
- 34 Soothing plants
- 35 Use a stopwatch on
- 38 Suffix for kitchen
- 39 Grizzly, for example
- 40 Rounded roofs
- 41 Crow calls
- 42 "Me, myself \_\_\_"
- 43 Baseball officials
- 44 Managed to irritate
- 45 Mischief maker
- 47 Draft-horse gear
- 49 Dole out
- 52 Silent assent
- 53 Wintry coating
- 56 Link with
- 58 Dog's bark
- 61 Renaissance Fair weapon
- 62 Cab-fare calculator
- 64 Come to pass
- 65 Historical period
- 66 Weather away
- 67 Chicks' calls
- 68 Ewe's mate
- 69 Train stop
- DOWN
- 1 Tightly stretched
- 2 Nevada city
- 3 Office helper
- 4 "The Raven" poet
- 5 Unneeded extra amount
- 6 Life stories, for short
- 7 Henhouse perch
- 8 External
- 9 Get married
- 10 One who almost won
- 11 The \_\_\_ Duckling (fairy tale)
- 12 Counterfeit
- 13 October suffix meaning "celebration"
- 18 Make pleats
- 23 Yachting prize
- 25 Ripens
- 26 Kid-lit elephant
- 27 Justice Kagan
- 28 Highways
- 29 Molecule part
- 31 Texas or Tennessee
- 32 "\_\_\_ an accident!"
- 33 Annoyances
- 36 Little fiend
- 37 Netlike fabric
- 40 Uninteresting
- 44 Well-\_\_\_ (neat and tidy)
- 46 Makes changes to
- 48 Prefix meaning "against"
- 50 Playful aquatic mammal
- 51 Princess' crown
- 53 Box-office failure
- 54 Runner's event
- 55 Just a single time
- 57 Midterm or final
- 58 At the summit of
- 59 Make over
- 60 Worry
- 63 Poet's "before"

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## RANGERS

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a breaking ball guy.”

Albert Pujols was 0 for 5 for the Angels, while Mike Trout went 0 for 4 with a walk and failed to make a potential run-saving catch at the wall in the sixth inning. Mark Trumbo also went 0 for 4 with a walk as the Angels' cleanup hitter, striking out to end the game.

But Hamilton went 4 for 4 after getting dropped to the No. 5 spot in the lineup for the first time in his debut season with the Angels, who gave him \$125 million to leave Texas last winter. Mired in a 1-for-21 slump, Hamilton moved down and

immediately had his 16th career four-hit game — his first with the Angels.

“I didn't feel any different tonight than I have in the last three weeks,” Hamilton said. “I just got four hits. I'd much rather win a ballgame and get no hits. Sometimes Wash would move me to the five hole. I don't know what it is about the five hole, but it seemed to work.”

Derek Holland yielded six hits and six runs for Texas, walking four while pitching into the sixth inning in his rockiest start of a strong season.

Joe Blanton allowed 12 hits while pitching into the seventh for the Angels, leaving with a three-run lead before his bullpen wasted it. The

veteran right-hander has struggled mightily in his first month with Los Angeles, starting 0-3.

Iannetta delivered a two-out RBI double to left in the sixth, chasing Holland. Jimenez followed with his two-run single off Jason Frasier for the rookie third baseman's first career RBIs.

But the Rangers' first six hitters all reached base in the seventh against four Angels pitchers. Pinch-hitter Jeff Baker tied it when Scott Downs dropped his high chopper in front of the plate.

## ASTROS

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the many things he's already done at just 27.

“I might think about it in my room,” he said. “I've got 100 and I just feel so happy right now.”

Rick Ankiel hit a solo homer in the seventh inning for the Astros, who dropped to 5-14 — the second-worst start in franchise history, according to STATS. They opened 4-20 in 1969.

“It's tough,” Houston's Carlos Pena said of the losses. “We take pride in what we do, and every time we lose it eats away a little piece of us — there's no doubt about that.”

Houston starter Brad Peacock (1-2) yielded nine hits and seven runs — both season highs — in 4 1-3 innings. The Astros' pitching staff has allowed 10 home runs in the last three games.

“When you don't pitch well you put yourself in a hole against a guy of (Hernandez's) caliber, fighting an uphill battle,” Houston manager Bo Porter said.

Monday was just the third time the Mariners had ever visited Houston and their first trip since June 2007. They'll make three visits this year alone with Houston's move to the AL-West.

Seattle's hitters bounced back from a tough weekend where they went 1 for 24.

## Sudoku Answer on Page 3

## sudoku

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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## CHAMPS

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plan — we need to be competing right now because we have the kids that can do it.”

When Jacobs started to believe in his roster, he knew his next step would be convincing the kids to believe they could pull it off.

“These kids have an

unbelievable resiliency,” Jacobs said. “They don't get down on themselves, they don't get mad at themselves. They did struggle last year, but they were always in games. They have a great attitude about the game of baseball.”

There was a point in the season when things started to click for the Bulldogs. Jacobs said he began to realize he

had more than just a team that could put a few wins in the books — he started seeing signs that a potential playoff run or even an improbable district title could be in the cards.

“The thing that showed kids they could play was when we went to the Midland Greenwood Tournament,” Jacobs explained.

“They saw some good teams and some teams they had seen in the past that had beaten up on them a little bit and we went over there and we didn't win those games, but we competed and they were in ballgames. I think that made a light go off and after that.

When district started I told them if we didn't make the playoffs, we weren't living up to our potential. They turned it around after the first half and went 4-0 in the second half of district and put themselves in a spot to be the district champions. I think the kids' expectations of themselves changed throughout the season and you have to have success for that to hap-

pen.”

Jacobs' task now is to get a team with no post-season experience in the mindset needed to tackle the playoffs.

“We have to get better,” Jacobs said. “This team that won these last few ballgames, we're going to take a better team than that into the playoffs, we're going to take a more competitive team. I think maintaining our approach at the plate, baserunner approach, hitting strikes — all that, not being greedy if we can keep that rolling and improve a bit defensively, I think we can make some noise in the playoffs. These kids compete and they surprised me and I'm not sure they don't surprise themselves sometimes.”

Coahoma will play the winner of the Tulia-Friona series with a tentative date set for the weekend of May 10.

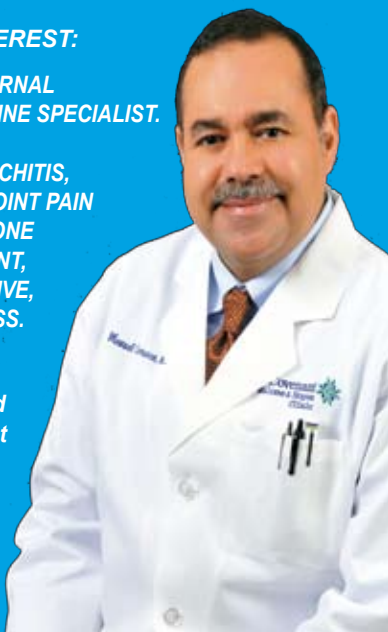
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## NORTH

♠ A J  
♥ A 5 3  
♦ K 7  
♣ Q 10 9 6 5 2

## WEST

♠ 10 9 8 6  
♥ 6  
♦ Q 10 8 3  
♣ K J 8 4

## EAST

♠ K Q 7 3 2  
♥ 8 7 4 2  
♦ 5 4  
♣ 7 3

## SOUTH

♠ 5 4  
♥ K Q J 10 9  
♦ A J 9 6 2  
♣ A

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	6 ♣	

Opening lead — ten of spades.

The hardest plays to make are those that are off the beaten path. It's not that these plays are particularly difficult to execute; it's just that they're not easy to think of because they don't follow the usual pattern of play.

Consider this deal where West leads a spade against six hearts, taken by dummy's ace. South sees it would be wrong to draw trumps and put all his eggs in one basket — a

favorable diamond division — so he starts by cashing the K-A of diamonds and continues with a low diamond, on which West plays the ten.

South doesn't know at this point whether the diamonds are divided 3-3 or 4-2, but he does know that if he ruffs with dummy's three and East overruffs, he will go down one. So, to guard against this possibility, he ruffs the third diamond with the ace, and East discards a spade.

Declarer now leads a club to the ace and plays a fourth round of diamonds. Again he faces defeat if he ruffs in dummy, since East would overruff and cash a spade. So declarer discards dummy's jack of spades instead, allowing West to win the diamond with the queen.

This unusual play does the job. West's return does not matter, and South finishes with 12 tricks. As soon as possible, he ruffs a spade in dummy, draws trumps and makes the slam.

In effect, declarer achieves his goal by substituting a safe spade ruff in dummy for a far more dangerous diamond ruff in dummy. This transfer of a ruff from one suit to another is not an everyday affair, but the circumstances of the deal call for it. Any substantial variation from this method of play would cost declarer the contract.

Tomorrow: Think before you leap.

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