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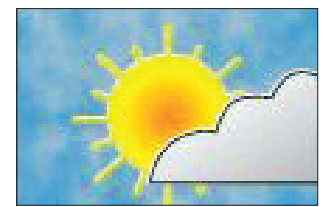
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Equipment failure leads to outage

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A power outage that occurred shortly after 11 a.m. Wednesday in Big Spring had officials with Oncor Electric scrambling to restore electricity to a large portion of the city, according to officials with the local utility.

Power was lost to the northern and southern portions of the city of Big Spring and the surrounding areas because of equipment failure, according to Oncor Area Manager Jim Clements.

"We had a piece of equipment at the main substation, located northeast of the city, go down just after 11 a.m.," said Clements. "We were able to get power restored to the southern portion of the city at about 11:45 a.m. and

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Big Spring Fire Department personnel responded to a fire at Pollard Chevrolet's body shop on East Fourth Wednesday afternoon. The building suffered extensive damage, but no injuries were reported.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Mediation: Setting goals, changing behavior

Special to the Herald

A new program in Howard County this school year has offered students and their parents an alternative to paying fines and fees for truancy.

If ordered by a justice of the peace or requested by the school, students meet with a trained mediator from the Office of Dispute Resolution to examine the reasons for their truancy and agree to make changes. Mediators can also take cases of behavior problems at school and will soon take on municipal court cases such as curfew violations and alcohol consumption by minors.

"The idea is that media-

"The idea is that mediation can help to find the underlying causes of juvenile problems and offer young people an alternative to punishment."

—Debbie Jensen, youth field representative



tion can help to find the underlying causes of juvenile problems and offer young people an alternative to punishment," said ODR Youth Field Representative Debbie Jensen.

ODR is a department of Lubbock County and the truancy program is being used there as well as in surrounding counties. Howard County, which works with Lubbock

County under a contract to provide the service, funds the program with revenue from court filing fees.

Jensen said mediators help young people set goals and change behaviors that led to their legal troubles. Juveniles in the mediation program are monitored for compliance with their agreements, including school attendance.

If they stop complying and

do not respond to warnings, their case is returned to the judge where the original consequences — or others — may be imposed.

"We were at a point where we couldn't figure out what to do with these truanancies," said Howard County Judge Mark Barr. "We knew there were other problems, problems at home, problems in their lives, but we had nothing in place to address that. Mediation gives us that."

Often, students in the truancy mediation program will begin to investigate higher education, and Howard College has helped to establish an information center in the courthouse for the students'

use.

"We are pleased to partner with Lubbock County for this program," Barr said. "This is an example of entities working together to serve our citizens."

The program has been welcomed by other judges, also.

"There is definitely a truancy problem in Big Spring," Justice of the Peace Bennie Green said. "We needed to do something different than we had in the past."

Fellow JP Katherine Wiseman said she hopes the mediation program will lead to a long-term effect.

"Too many of the students

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Emergency responders with the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS work to remove a woman from her car following a traffic accident near the intersection of Miami and FM 700 Wednesday afternoon. This woman, who was traveling in a silver BMW, along with the driver of the second vehicle, a white Buick, were transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center with unknown injuries.

City sends out water notices, again and again

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

City water customers may think they are experiencing deja vu when they visit their mailbox, but according to officials with the city of Big Spring, it's really just a re-

peat performance mandated by the state.

City water customers began receiving notices from the municipality concerning the quality and safety of drink-

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Hill's career-high 30 leads Spurs past Rockets

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The question for Manu Ginobili, who knows a thing or two about carrying the San Antonio Spurs on his sore back: Where would the team be without second-year guard George Hill?

"Probably five more wins, six ..." Ginobili joked. "Seven, tops."

Hill, who has filled in for the Spurs at point guard since Tony Parker's early March injury, showed his true value Wednesday night by scoring a career-high 30 points and leading two second-half pushes that helped send San Antonio past the Houston Rockets 119-102.

"He's got some big shoes to fill without Tony playing," Ginobili said of Hill, who added seven assists and five steals. "He's doing a great job of getting the team to play, scoring, playing 'D' against the best opponents. He's been huge for us."

Ginobili, who bounced back from back spasms that caused him to miss Monday's loss at New Jersey, had 18 points and 10 assists. Tim Duncan added 17 points and 10 rebounds.

But Hill stole the show, particularly after halftime. He was 4 of 5 from the field and added three free throws for an 11-point third quarter as San Antonio extended a five-point halftime lead to 14 heading into the

fourth.

In the fourth, after Houston had closed within eight, Hill scored seven points in a decisive 13-2 San Antonio run.

"The whole thing was just being aggressive today and taking what they gave me," said Hill, who was 11 of 15 from the field. "I didn't know I was going to come into the game and score 30."

The Spurs remained in the No. 8 spot in the Western Conference.

The injury-depleted Rockets' faltering playoff hopes took another hit with their fifth loss in six games.

"Our defense — not making excuses; it's a fact of life — we're not the same

team that we were before," Rockets coach Rick Adelman said. "We don't have anyone at the basket that challenges anybody and we're playing a lot of young guys. But that doesn't mean we can't get better. Right now we have some guys that put their worth in the offensive end and when things break down they don't fall back on the defense."

Despite shooting 76.2 percent from the field in the first quarter and 62.5 percent for the first half, it took a while for the Spurs to shake the Rockets. San Antonio led 34-27 after the opening period and 64-59 at the

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FILE PHOTO/BSHS JOURNALISM

In a photo taken last year, Desiree Anderson hands the baton to Bridgette Tuitt. The duo lead the Lady Steers' 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams and will be in action Friday at Blankenship Field.

Runners ready for Steer Relays

BY JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

Excited is the word for the Lady Steers track team as it prepares for its very own track meet Friday at Blankenship Field.

No traveling on a bus, no waking up early in the morning, and they get to show off their skills in front of the community starting at 2:30 p.m.

"I invited people I didn't even know to the meet," sophomore Bridgette Tuitt said.

"Everybody's going to be there, and we want to show them what we've got."

The Lady Steers have a lot to show off for the home crowd, including fast 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams made up of Desiree Anderson, Tuitt, April Turner and Chanel Cuvelio.

"I'm hoping we get that baton and we start out with a lead, and if they want to come get us, they have to come get us," coach Nick Roberson said.

For Tuitt, who has

been battling injuries this season, Roberson said she's healthy and should be able to let loose Friday.

"She hasn't really set down a mark yet, and this might be the track meet she gets on the performance list," Roberson said.

Anderson is also the nation's leading long jumper, setting the mark with a 19-foot, 6 1/4-inch jump at the Concho Belle Relays in San Angelo earlier this year. She said she's hoping to up her mark to

20 feet by the end of the season.

Turner, also a sophomore, has been runner on the rise in the relays, and one Roberson has high hopes for.

"She has been exceeding my expectations," he said. "I didn't think she could run a (relay) leg like that, I think she wants to be on it bad enough and she runs hard."

Roberson hopes Cuvelio, the anchor of his relay team, brings

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Garden City takes 2nd at Coahoma Invitational

Herald Staff Report

COAHOMA — The Garden City Bearkats and Forsan Buffaloes shot their way to second- and third-place finishes in the Coahoma Invitational Wednesday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Garden City trailed first-place Wall by nine strokes as the Bearkats shot a team 336 total. Forsan shot 351 for the bronze.

Marcus Cook shot a 78 to pace the Bearkats in the meet, good for second overall. Hayden Halfmann shot an 86, Austin Hoelscher finished an 84, Brian Hirt came in with an 88 and Colton Belew shot a 93.

For Forsan, Kolby Fields shot a team-low

84, Ryan Flores came in just behind him with an 85, Bryson Phillips finished with an 89, Brantley Cahoon shot a 93 and Ryan Pitcox rounded things out with a 98.

Coahoma took seventh in the meet with a 403 score. Reagan Reid paced the Bulldogs with a 92, Jared Ringener came in with a 95, Alex Hill shot a 107, Morgan Luce posted a 109 and Dusty Salmon finished with a 115.

Kate Halfmann won the girls event with an 89, three shots ahead of teammate Laura Halfmann. Garden City finished nine strokes behind Kermit for second place.

Katelyn Hoelscher shot a 98 and Rachel Hirt finished with a 115 for the Lady Bearkats.

Bulldogette seniors named all-district 7-2A

Herald Staff Report

Senior Kylie Gee earned first team all-district 7-2A girls basketball honors and fellow senior Kalea Neff was placed on the second team.

In a district that included state runner-up Wall, placing two seniors on the team was an honor, coach

Derek Faught said. "They were both leaders on the court, they played hard and they both did a great job for us," he said.

Hillari Adams and Sally Higgins earned co-MVP honors for Wall.

The Bulldogettes finished 15-12 on the season and 2-5 in district play.

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Butler brings spotlight back to Indiana hoops, 'Hoosiers' town

Associated Press

MILAN, Ind. — Small school. Big tournament. Young coach. Star player with Indiana roots.

Sound familiar, Butler? It should.

If the upstart Bulldogs need any extra inspiration as the NCAA tournament darlings continue their remarkable run to the Final Four in their hometown of Indianapolis on Saturday, they need only look 80 miles to the southeast and the school that provided the David vs. Goliath story by which all others will be measured.

Nearly 60 years after tiny Milan High — enrollment 161 — knocked off Muncie Central — enrollment 1,800 — to win the 1954 Indiana state championship, an upset later immortalized in the movie "Hoosiers," the current batch of Indians find themselves hoping for a sequel.

"I'm rooting for Butler," said senior Alex Walter, a small forward for the Indians who will be the valedictorian of his class of 103 later this spring.

"They're actually playing smart," sophomore guard John Herzog added.

Hey, it's the Indiana way. Always has been, long before the Bulldogs and

star Gordon Hayward — who is from the Indianapolis suburbs — knocked off top-seeded Syracuse and second-seeded Kansas State to move on to the first Final Four in school history.

Their somewhat improbable run has helped put the spotlight back on Milan and star Bobby Plump, who hit the game-winning jumper that lifted the Indians past the Bearcats and into legend.

Plump has been inundated with interview requests since Butler's win in the regional finals, and there's a bit of a buzz in Milan.

Roselyn McKittrick, who runs a

museum dedicated to the 1954 team, says traffic has picked up recently as dedicated basketball fans make a quick detour to Milan to pay homage and separate myth and reality.

The museum, in a converted barber shop on Carr Street a couple of doors down from the town hall, is filled with memorabilia, everything from letterman's jackets worn by the players to pieces of the gymnasium floor.

There's a stack of "Hoosiers" DVDs for sale on a small table as well. And while McKittrick loves the movie, the

Sports in brief

Sports in action today

Coahoma SB at Wall, varsity only, 4:30 p.m.

Forsan SB at Mason

Forsan baseball vs. Ira, 5 p.m.

Big Spring baseball vs. Seminole, 7 p.m.

Howard College SB vs. El Paso, 1/3 p.m.

Big Spring boys golf, Big Spring Country Club

Big Spring Tennis at Snyder

Check tomorrow's **Herald** for results

Big Spring starts

Pony League signups

Big Spring Little League will be having Pony League signups for 13-15-year-olds at Gartman Refrigeration. Signups will be held weekdays until April 2. Bring a birth certificate.

Signups will also be held at the Big Spring Mall April 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Due to a rule change, 15-year-olds can pitch this year. Contact Bryan Kilgora at 816-2582 for more information.

Seven former Bulldogettes up for UIL All-Century team

The UIL is forming a softball all-century team on its Web site.

On the softball ballot are former Coahoma players Tara Sterling, pitcher; Shana Earnest, first base; Tori Elmore, third base; Brandi Hart and Cassie Tindol, outfield; and Kortney Kemper and Ruby Garcia, designated hitters. Vote until April 27.

The ballot is at: <http://uil100.org/vote-softball.php>

Obituaries

Kenneth Lewis Thorp

Funeral services for Kenneth Lewis Thorp, age 65, of Jacksonville, were held Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at Autry Funeral Home chapel in Jacksonville with Mark Norman and Don Harvey officiating.



Mr. Thorp passed away Thursday, March 25, 2010, in Jacksonville.

He was born Aug. 14, 1944 in Big Spring.

Mr. Thorp was a member of Trails to Christ Cowboy Church in Jacksonville, was a rancher, life-long cowboy and worked and managed ranches.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Janie Thorp, and parents J.W. and Hazel Thorp.

Survivors include sons Randy Thorp of Caddo Mills and Shane Thorp of Jacksonville; daughters Kelly Martin and husband Kenny of Alto, Cindy Rains and husband Brian of Grand Saline and Cathy Ford and husband Keith of Loranger, La; brothers Wayne Thorp and wife Faye of Odessa, Jackie Thorp and wife Jinny of Colorado; sisters Peggy Gardner and husband Ron of Big Spring and Louwanna Phemister and husband Joe; 15 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Monday, March 29, 2010, at Autry Funeral Home, Jacksonville.

Barbara Roper

Barbara Roper, 68, of Stanton died Wednesday, March 31, 2010, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 3, 2010, at the Belvue Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.



The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Barbara was born May 29, 1941, in Knox City and married Claude Roper on Aug. 9, 1960, in Lubbock.

She worked as an agent for the Agriculture Soil Conservation Services for more than 20 years.

She was a member of Belvue Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Claude Roper of Stanton; two daughters, Renee Nix of Stanton and Pam Suitt of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; one brother, Paul Worley of Big Spring; and one sister, Phyllis Mason and husband Preston of Kingsland.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Homer and Ila Dean Worley; one niece; and one son-in-law, Troy Nix.

The family suggests memorials be made to Crossroads Hospice, 421 Main Street, Big Spring 79720, or a local charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Take Note

The Big Spring High School Class of 1975 will have its 35-year reunion June 25-26. We will also have members from the classes of 1973, 1974 and 1976 joining in the fun. If you, or someone you know, is a member of any of these classes and would like to attend and join in on the fun, contact Roxie McDaniel Blair at 432-553-8551 or by e-mail at roxieblair@matthewblair.com for more details.

Coahoma Independent School District will release school early (12:30 p.m.) Thursday for the Junior High District Track Meet. Friday will be a bad weather makeup day for Coahoma ISD. School will begin and end at regular times.

Inez Chavarria

Inez Chavarria, 59, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 27, 2010, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.



She was born Oct. 10, 1950, in Colorado City to Josephine and Jesus Chavarria. She was a long-time resident of Big Spring. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

She is survived by her husband, Joe Olivas of Big Spring; one daughter, Jo Ann Rodriguez of Big Spring; two sons, Joe Olivas and Sonny

Olivas, both of Big Spring; four sisters, Rosa Ramirez of Ft. Worth, Esperanza Hilario of San Angelo, and Bertha Chavarria of California; two brothers, Ricardo Chavarria and Juan Chavarria, both of California; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Tano Chavarria, Felix Chavarria and Isidro Chavarria; and one sister, Maria Chavarria.

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

Phyllis Jones

Phyllis Jones, 70, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 28, 2010, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Her body was donated for medical research and no services are planned at this time.

She was born March 24, 1940, in Arvada, Colo., to Hazel and Leroy Fuqua. She was a homemaker and a licensed vocational nurse.

She is survived by her husband, James Jones of Big Spring; two sisters, Anita Johnson of Hereford, Colo., and Barbara Coxon of Mesa, Ariz.; and one brother, Don Fuqua of Ellenburg, Wash.

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

Moses Flores

Moses Flores, 80, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-13-34-38-40-42.

Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-15-25-29.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$21,618.

Winning ticket purchased in: Saginaw.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-9-9-7. Sum It Up: 28.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-9-7. Sum It Up: 22

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

Police blotter

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

• SHANNON WAYNE MORELAND, 39, of 1207 Harding, was arrested Wednesday on charges of public intoxication and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• WILLIAM ROGER MORELAND, 32, of 3911 Rice Road, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• NATHAN GARRARD, 18, of 305 E. Eighth St., was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.

• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1800 block of 15th Street.

• THEFT was reported:

In the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.

In the 1300 block of Madison.

• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 1200 block of Harding.

• MAKING A FALSE REPORT TO A POLICE OFFICER was reported in the 1800 block of 15th Street.

• DISORDERLY CONDUCT – NOISE was reported in the 600 block of Holbert.

• ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1100 block of Locust.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.

• WILLIAM ROGER MORELAND, 32, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• SHANNON MORELAND, 39, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• JOSHUA LYNN THOMPSON, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and violation of a promise to appear.

• DAVID LYNN PETERSON, 34, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for forgery.

• NATHAN CARL GARRARD, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of no safety belt and failure to appear.

• CHARLES DANIEL BROOKS, 18, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of minor in possession of alcoholic beverage.

• SARAH ARLLEEN FAULTNER, 30, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• CHRISTINA GONZALES, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property – more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000.

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Lexington. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Miami. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of FM 1785. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1500 block of E. Fourth Street.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Oklahoma player under investigation

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma's athletic department has opened an investigation following reports that basketball player Tiny Gallon received money from a Florida financial adviser.

Spokesman Kenny Mossman confirmed in an e-mail to The Associated Press that Oklahoma is "investigating matters that the public may be aware of through recent reports in the media." He did not provide specific information about the investigation.

TMZ.com reported earlier this month that Gallon received a \$3,000 bank transfer from financial adviser Jeffrey Hausinger.

Louisville, Pitino agree to deal

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louisville and coach Rick Pitino agreed in principle to a four-year contract extension that will keep him on the sideline through the 2016-17 season.

Pitino hopes the extension ends what he called unfounded speculation

that he's considering leaving the Cardinals in pursuit of another job.

Financial details have yet to be worked out, and the deal needs to be approved by the university's athletic association. Pitino's current contract runs through 2013 and pays him around \$2.5 million annually. Athletic director Tom Jurich said his goal is to make Pitino's new salary competitive with the top coaches in the country.

Dixon to stay at Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh men's basketball coach Jamie Dixon signed a two-year contract extension, ending any speculation he might leave the Panthers for a higher-paying job.

Dixon was already signed through the 2015-16 season, at a salary of about \$1.6 million per season. The new deal runs through 2017-18, meaning Dixon is under contract for the next eight seasons.

Coach introduced at Seton Hall

SOUTHORANGE, N.J.

(AP) — Proclaiming a new era in its program, Seton Hall introduced Kevin Willard as its men's basketball coach.

Willard replaces Bobby Gonzalez after resurrecting the Iona program in a three-year stint. Gonzalez's 19-win final season was beset by problems involving the players on and off the court.

Willard said the trademark of his program will be character, focus and hard work.

Henin wins in Sony Open

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. (AP) — Justine Henin, only four tournaments into her return from a 20-month retirement, advanced to the semifinals of the Sony Ericsson Open with a 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-4 victory over second-seeded Caroline Wozniacki.

Henin will face Belgian countrywoman Kim Clijsters — who retired, married and became a mother before returning to the tour last August. Clijsters reached the semifinals by beating No. 9 Samantha Stosur 6-3, 7-5.

Andy Roddick will

face Rafael Nadal in the men's semifinals. Roddick advanced by beating No. 33-seeded Nicolas Almagro 6-3, 6-3, while the fourth-seeded Nadal eliminated No. 8 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-3, 6-2.

Couples, Norman to captain 2011 President's Cup

HUMBLE (AP) — Fred Couples and Greg Norman are returning as captains for the 2011 Presidents Cup in Australia, the only place where the International team has won.

It will be the third time since the Presidents Cup began in 1994 that captains served in successive matches. Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player were captains for three straight Presidents Cups.

Couples led the American team to 19½-14½ victory at Harding Park in San Francisco last year.

The Presidents Cup will be played next year at Royal Melbourne.

Elam retires as Bronco kicker

ENGLEWOOD, Colo.

(AP) — Jason Elam returned to the team that drafted him into the NFL to say goodbye for good. Elam signed a one-day contract with the Denver Broncos before announcing he was ending his 17-year NFL career.

The Pro Bowl kicker spent his first 15 years with the Broncos and the last two with the Atlanta Falcons, who waived him nearly four months ago.

The three-time Pro Bowler finished his career ranked fifth in NFL history with 1,983 points and 436 field goals. He is the all-time leader with 16 seasons of 100 or more points.

McCoy shows off arm at workout

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Short passes, deep passes and everything in between. Colt McCoy hit them all.

The former Texas quarterback showed off his healed right shoulder for NFL scouts for the first time, completing all 46 of his passes in a controlled workout.

The All-American won an NCAA record 45 games as a starter at

Texas, but was knocked out of last season's BCS championship game against Alabama on the Longhorns' first drive. A hard tackle pinched a nerve and caused his throwing arm to go numb.

He did not need surgery, just time to rest and rehab.

Hamlin resting knee after surgery

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — NASCAR driver Denny Hamlin is home resting following surgery on his left knee. Dr. Patrick Connor repaired the anterior cruciate ligament in Hamlin's left knee, injured while playing basketball in January.

He wanted to postpone surgery until after the NASCAR season, but decided to have it repaired this week. The surgery had been postponed from Monday, the same day Hamlin won his first race of the season at Martinsville Speedway.

Joe Gibbs Racing says Hamlin will drive as scheduled in the April 10 race at Phoenix, but Casey Mears will be on standby.

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home a medal. "She's somewhat of a veteran, she ran the anchor leg at region-

als last year for us, she's matured a lot and she's faster this year," Roberson said.

Cerbi Ritchey leads the Lady Steer throwers, coming off a personal-best discus throw

in San Angelo. She's been exceeding that total in practice and setting marks in shotput, and she and her fellow throwers will have a brand-new discus ring to throw in.

"We're getting our confidence up in our new ring," she said. "I think all of us are excited because we all threw our personal best last week. We're feeling pretty good."

BUTLER

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truth is Butler has more in common with the actual Milan team than the one Gene Hackman made famous on the big screen.

In the movie, Hickory — a fictional Indiana town based on Milan — is coached by a middle-aged man with a mysterious past who took the program over when the previous coach died. The coach, Norman Dale, was nearly ousted a few weeks into the season after clashing with fans.

The Indians were coached by 26-year-old Marvin Wood, an age

that makes 33-year-old Butler coach Brad Stevens seem grizzled by comparison.

In the movie, Hickory is an upstart team that used a series of thrilling victories to make it to the state championship.

The Indians were actually a veteran group who had made it to the state semifinals in 1953 and cruised through the 1954 regular season until facing Muncie Central in the finals.

Butler can make the same argument. The Bulldogs have made the tournament nine times since the 1996-97 season and have a respectable 10-8 record.

"People call (Butler) a 'mid-major,' but the

truth is they haven't been mid-major for a long time," Milan coach Josh Blankinship said.

And that's where the story of Butler and Milan diverge.

The Indians went just 3-17 during Blankinship's first year, though he remains optimistic for the future, as tends to happen when you stroll past arguably the most famous state championship trophy in the country on your way to work everyday.

The community remains passionate. Blankinship estimates the Indians attracted at least 1,000 fans for each home game — the town's population is around 2,000.

Blankinship is also keenly aware that his players, most at least two generations removed from 1954, are ready to create memories of their own. Telling stories they've already heard dozens of times can only take you so far.

Butler's success gives the Indians a much more contemporary reference for how to a program of modest means can rise to the top.

"They've heard it can happen, but now they know it can happen, they can see it," Blankinship said. "It's easier for players to relate to Butler than the '54 team. That was 56 years ago. This is now."

SPURS

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break as Houston used a 12-4 edge in second-chance points to stay close.

Hill and Richard Jefferson, who finished the game with 19 points, helped San Antonio gain some breathing room in the third quarter. They combined for 16 points as the Spurs pushed their lead to 92-78 entering the final quarter.

"(Hill is) more and more confident offensively," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "He's slowly starting to try and take charge on the court and read situations — who's hot,

who's being guarded by who, what's the time on the clock, what's the game situation. That's tough to do for somebody who hasn't been a point guard for very long."

Aaron Brooks, who came in averaging 22 points against the Spurs, scored 16 of his 21 points in the first half for Houston.

"We just have to do a better job at playing defense," Brooks said. "We haven't come into our own as far being able to outscore a team."

"(Hill) played an excellent game. He hit the shots when he was open, and he got out on the break and hit some shots. But Ginobili cre-

ates so much conflict for us when he gets in the penetration and kicks out."

Luis Scola and Kyle Lowry scored 17 points apiece for Houston.

NOTES: In addition to Yao Ming, out all season after foot surgery, the Rockets played without Kevin Martin (shoulder sprain), Shane Battier (MCL sprain), David Andersen (sore lower back) and Jared Jeffries (strained Achilles'). ... Spurs G Roger Mason Jr., who left Monday's loss at New Jersey with an injured right hand, played Wednesday wearing a device to protect a sprained ligament that controls the movement on his pinky. He said

the injury to his fifth metacarpophalangeal joint had been bothering him for about a month and that the taped splint actually helped his shooting motion by keeping his pinky steady. Mason hit 2 of 5 3-point shots and finished with 6 points. ... The Spurs' victory was their first at home over the Rockets since Nov. 14, 2008, and tied the season series with Houston at 2-2, the teams' fourth split in five years. ... Hill was the first Spur other than one of the "Big Three" — Duncan, Ginobili and Parker — to score 30 points or more since Nazr Mohammad hit for 30 on March 17, 2006, at Phoenix.

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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. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Haste Makes Waste

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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 ♥7
 ♦J 9 5 2
 ♣Q 9 7 6 4 3

WEST
 ♠Q 6 2
 ♥Q 9 8 4 3
 ♦8 6
 ♣J 10 5

EAST
 ♠5
 ♥K 10 6 2
 ♦A K Q 10 3
 ♣K 8 2

SOUTH
 ♠A J 10 9 8 7 3
 ♥A J 5
 ♦7 4
 ♣A

The bidding:
 West North East South
 Pass Pass 1♦ 4♦
 Opening lead — eight of diamonds.

Everyone has at one time or another made a play that he wished he could take back as soon as the card hit the table. While such mistakes are only human, those who aspire to improve their game must learn to exercise the self-discipline needed to avoid this type of error.

Observe South's play in today's deal. West led the eight of diamonds against four spades, and East's ten and queen scored the first two tricks. East then continued with another high diamond, which declarer ruffed with the jack. West overruffed with

the queen and returned a trump, after which South had to lose a heart trick at the end for down one.

Since declarer actually had 10 ironclad tricks after the third diamond lead, this was not a very good result. Furthermore, South realized his error even before West overruffed the jack of spades with the queen.

The proper play is to ruff the diamond return with the ace of spades at trick three. The ace of hearts is then cashed, and a heart is ruffed in dummy. Declarer re-enters his hand with the ace of clubs and ruffs the jack of hearts with the king of spades.

This sequence of plays gives up any chance of capturing the queen of spades, but that shouldn't bother South in the slightest, since all he can then possibly lose are two diamonds and a spade.

It is true that, as the cards lie, East can set the contract by returning a trump at trick three. West withholds his queen from this trick, giving declarer a Hobson's choice: He can draw trumps and lose two hearts at the finish, or ruff one of his heart losers with the king of spades and eventually lose a spade and a heart. But this is by no means an obvious defense, and once the defenders didn't find it, declarer should have taken full advantage of the opportunity presented him.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Mon 4/5 85/57 
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Tue 4/6 83/47 
 A few clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s.

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WATER

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ing water in February, and according to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, the notices will continue to go out on a monthly basis until the problems with the treatment process are corrected.

“We test the water at the treatment plant six times each day,” said Darden. “If, during a 30 day period, more than 5 percent of the samples tested fail to meet turbidity requirements, the city is required by state law to send out these notices.”

The language contained in the notices is strictly dictated by the state, according to Darden, and is designed as a “one size fits all” notification that contains information that doesn’t necessarily apply to the water quality issues in question.

“The language we have to put in the notice is mandated by the state, and it’s across the board for any entity that violates the quality issue for the treatment of water,” said Darden. “There are certain constituents that could be harmful, but the constituents they are talking about aren’t found in our source water. We

test for those and we’re on our 20th month of testing for those organisms and they are not found in our water. Our issue is only the quality of the water.

“The water we’re putting out today is the same quality that met standards 10 years ago. However, they have raised the standards since then. We have some issues we feel like we can address that will get rid of these quality problems we’re having with our treatment. We’re visiting with some consultants that are very familiar with some of the constituents we’re having to deal with now that we haven’t had to deal with in the past.”

According to the notifications:

“The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sets minimum water quality standards for public drinking water,” reads the notice, which has been mailed out to city water customers several times since the problem emerged. “These standards include enforceable treatment technique requirements for drinking water. Inadequately treated drinking water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, virus-

es and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

“The city of Big Spring Water Treatment Plant failed to meet the minimum treatment technique requirements for the month of December 2009. Specifically, our water system allowed the turbidity of the filtered water to exceed 0.3 Nephelometric Turbidity Units in more than 5 percent of the measurements made during the month. This violation is classified as a non-acute violation. The city is addressing the issues that contributed to the cause of the violation and will continue to work toward providing you the best quality product possible.”

Darden said low lake levels and increases in algae concentrations in local reservoirs — especially in E.V. Spence Reservoir, where the city began receiving its water in December — is a big part of the problem, and while he and other city officials are working with the Colorado River Municipal Water District to correct these issues, a long term answer has yet to present itself.

“I’ve talked with officials with CRMWD, and because of their winter

maintenance, they can’t send us water from a different reservoir,” said Darden. “We’re going to sit down with John Grant (CRMWD general manager) and consultants with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper next week to see if we can come up with an answer.”

“It’s really a difficult situation right now. If we spend \$100,000 to deal with the amount of algae in the water, and shortly after that CRMWD switches us to another reservoir that doesn’t have this problem, we’ve wasted that money. So we have to be careful how we approach this issue.”

The problem is not a health issue, however, according to Darden.

“I can confidently say our water is safe to drink. I know the language (contained in the mail-out notices) is kind of harsh and makes it appear it’s harmful, but based on what we’re sampling and what we’re testing, we feel confident in saying it’s a quality issue and not a health issue associated with this violation,” he said. “It is a violation, however, and that’s why we have to send out the notices. If it were health related we would have to do a whole lot more related to notification

of the public and trying to get word out if there were health and safety issues associated with the water. In this case, however, it’s simply quality.”

However, until the issues with the turbidity of the water are corrected, Darden said city residents can expect to continue receiving similar notices each month.

The notices call for customers and citizens with questions regarding the violations and the quality of city water to contact Darden at 264-2501, or Kenny Scott at 264-2393.

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

A&M scholarships

The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications for scholarships from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the following autumn. Students must be Howard County residents who will be enrolling for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is May 1. For more information, visit the club’s Web site at <http://clubs.aggienetwork.com/howard-countyamc/webhome.htm>

GOALS

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I was seeing for truancy, I would later see in the orange jumpsuit that told me they were headed to juvenile detention,” Wiseman said. “This was at a great expense to the county and to these young peo-

ple’s future. We needed something that could break that cycle.”

Since the program started in September, it has processed 77 referrals including Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan schools on cases involving failure to attend school, parents contributing to non-attendance and discipline problems at school.

In many cases, the involved

students and parents will be able to avoid paying fines and fees of \$200 or more by making an agreement and complying with its terms for a period of time set by the judge or school district.

From an office in the Howard County Courthouse, Jensen coordinates the Howard County services; mediators come from

Big Spring, Colorado City and Midland to serve.

ODR will offer training in basic mediation on May 24-28 in Lubbock and hopes to train at least two additional local mediators for the program.

For more information, visit Room 308 at the county courthouse or call (866) 329-3522 for more information.

OUTAGE

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cleared up the remaining areas at noon. In all, the power was down slightly more than 45 minutes.”

Clements said the computer system that manages the electrical service detected a problem with a piece of equipment at the substation just after 11 a.m.

“The way the system works, when a problem is detected with a piece of equipment, the computer simply shuts it down,” said Clements. “That keeps it from

causing serious damage in and around the substation. So, as far as damage is concerned, it was minimal.

“However, we never approach an outage lightly. Anytime the lights go out, we see it as a serious problem, and whether it takes an hour or all night, we work on the problem until it’s fixed.”

Officials with the city of Big Spring and the Department of Public Safety took to the streets shortly after the outage was reported, placing stop signs at affected intersections, according to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden.

Traffic signals at the intersections of Birdwell and 11th Place, as well as FM 700 and Virginia, were among those without power. Law enforcement officers manned the crossroad at FM 700 and Virginia until power was restored.

Darden said a few traffic accidents were reported, but the largest problem faced by the city as a result of the outage was at the municipal water treatment plant.

“I spoke with officials at the Big Spring Police Department, and they said they were inundated with calls shortly after the power

went out,” said Darden. “There were a few traffic accidents reported due to the outage, but to my knowledge none of them were serious or life threatening.

“The biggest problem an outage like this causes for the city is at the water treatment plant. It takes quite a while to get all of the equipment back up and running following an event like this. The water doesn’t stop flowing because it’s moved by gravity, but anywhere it has to be pumped is out as long as the electricity is out.”

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By Eddy Pitchford

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Deadline for Health Fair booths here

It has oft been noted that nothing is as important as one's health. Adages on the subject abound. And for good reason, because almost anything else pales in comparison.

Unfortunately, far too many of us fall woefully short of being conscientious when it comes to making sure we're in good health.

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That's why it's important that we all make plans to take advantage of free health screenings that will be offered Saturday, April 10, at Health Fair 2010.

Doors to Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. that day and there will be numerous booths supplying free screenings and information.

The theme for this year's fair — the 28th annual event — is "Wild About Good Health." Booth spaces are now available. The 10x10 booths are now \$100, but the deadline to acquire a booth is Friday.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When life gets too challenging, Lord, may we escape to You.

Amen

Something better than nothing?

If you get diagnosed with a disease, break your leg or find yourself facing some other medical calamity while not having health insurance, you're not likely to be too concerned with the intricate political debates that have paralyzed health care legislation for years.

That's why the millions of working Americans who can't afford health insurance should be overjoyed at the massive health care reform bill that President Barack Obama pushed through Congress.

The conservative part of me wants to bash the Obama health care plan as more wasteful government spending coupled with the Democratic Party once again inserting government where it does not belong.

My liberal side, however, has me wanting to praise any plan that makes having health insurance possible for people who don't.

Obama, who would not be my choice as president, saw a prob-

lem — that millions of Americans lacked access to affordable health care — and he acted.

He did not come up with the perfect solution and the legislation he managed to pass through Congress leaves many questions to be answered, but he did something.

Usually our strict two-party system makes getting anything done in Congress nearly impossible.

In general this creates an inertia that protects the people from its government as it stops the stupid laws from being passed along with the good ones.

Access to health care and affordable insurance should not be debated on strict party lines. Instead, we must consider the human aspect of the problem, then we must insert practical concerns.

Arguing the politics of health care with someone who works hard and still can't pay for health insurance would be like debating farm subsidies with a starving man.

Until you've been fed, or in the case of health care, healed, nothing matters except the end result.

As Americans — no matter which side of the aisle we fall on

politically — most of us agree that you should be able to work hard and achieve a modest level of security.

I'd like to think that if an industrious fellow, even if he has no specific skills, puts in enough hours he should be able to pay for basic shelter, food and health care.

I'm not saying there should be a Porsche in every driveway, but we should all want to build a society in which even those on the bottom can survive. In the case of the basic's like food and health care, in some ways we need to feed the starving man before we debate how to pay for his meal.

I may not be not a fan of this health care plan, yet I applaud the president for getting any health care legislation passed.

If the health care debate stops now, then, well, we probably have a disaster. But, if the Obama plan becomes a basis for negotiating and refining, then at least we have applied a tourniquet while we attempt to stop the bleeding.

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NEWS ITEM: OBAMA OFFERS \$8 BILLION IN LOAN GUARANTEES TO NUCLEAR INDUSTRY:



Try lightening your load some

The day had finally arrived. I could hardly believe it. There I was — excitedly sitting on an airplane soon to be heading to Italy. And I was equally excited that one of the movies I was going to watch in-flight was "Up in the Air." It was one of those movies I wanted to see but didn't when it was in movie theaters. But perhaps it was more appropriate to see a movie with such a title when one was indeed up in the air!

I've been pondering some of the thought-provoking lines from the movie such as when George Clooney is giving his "What's in your back-pack?" workshops. He explains how "we weigh ourselves down" in many needless ways and asks the question, "How much does your life weigh?"

I had been feeling weighed down with many worries and responsibilities before heading to Italy. And I must admit that while sitting on that airplane, I was already feeling lighter.

I had to come to the conclusion before I left that the same Father-Mother God who was going to take care of me on this trip was going to be taking good care of all my loved ones at home. I had to realize that they each had a direct link to God and didn't require me to be their negotiator or mediator. And I had to relin-

quish my self-proclaimed ownership of various responsibilities and any opinion that I was the only one who could take charge of them.

My travel companions had advised me to check only one piece of luggage. This was to make for an easier walk from the parking lot to our place of lodging in Italy. I soon understood why one suitcase was important. The walk from our car was a long one — and very steep and downhill on uneven cobblestones! I'm still amazed at how my luggage wheels survived.

It was an incredible feat for me to check one suitcase, however. I had never done this before, and it required a lot of downsizing of hair products and precise packing of clothes and shoes. I guess anything is indeed possible when one really wants or needs to do that something!

This brings me to another surprising accomplishment. I bought both my daughter and myself an Italian-made purse. The only problem with this lovely gift is that it again required some major downsizing by us both. However, in making the purse switch, we were equally amazed to realize how much we often carry around that isn't necessary. And again, I was impressed to learn what can be done when we really want to do it.

Who wouldn't want to lighten their load and lead a calmer life? Such was the bigger question that loomed over me as I traveled to Italy.

Reportedly, overpacking is the biggest travel mistake as well

as the biggest life mistake we all make at times. Our life need not be backbreaking. Carrying around unnecessary burdens, fears and worries — especially those that belong to others — throws us off balance. But the main point for me was realizing how much is really unnecessary, pointless, serves no good purpose, and accomplishes nothing good for anyone. So why do we do it?

I've found it helpful to remember the Bible Scripture, "...the battle is not yours, but God's" (II Chronicles 20:15) when I try to assert my personal responsibility for making life work just so for me and anyone else.

My goal — another lesson learned from my trip to Italy — is to lighten my load for the rest of my life. I can already feel myself shifting from overwhelmed to efficient and have experienced more productive peace-filled days. And remarkably enough, I'm seeing that others can take care of their own lives just fine with God at their helm instead of me.

So my friends, clean out, disencumber, unburden, unload, reduce your backpack, your purse, your wallet — your life — of everything that isn't yours or necessary. You'll be surprised at how much less you can get by with. And your life will feel weightless!

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NY politician takes up cause: Sagging pants

JENNIFER PELTZ

Associated Press Writer
NEW YORK — Saying low-slung pants give their wearers a bad image, a state lawmaker is making the point with some images of his own.



Adams

Brooklyn residents awoke Thursday to the sight of two “Stop the Sag” billboards — and more were on the way, organizers said. The signs show two men in jeans low enough to display their underwear. The billboards were bankrolled by state Sen. Eric Adams, who also made an online video to send his message: “You can raise your level of respect if you raise your pants.”

Adams is the latest in a series of politicians and other public figures to lambaste the slack-slacks style that has been popular in some circles since the 1990s and amplified by rappers and other avatars of urban fashion.

The dropped-trousers trend has been debated in TV shows, city councils, school boards, state legislatures and courtrooms and even decried in song: Larry Platt became an Internet sensation earlier this year after he sang his original song “Pants on the Ground” during an “American Idol” audition.

Bill Cosby caused a stir by blasting baggy pants, alongside other things he considered missteps by black youths, at an NAACP event in 2004. President Barack Obama, as a candidate, came out against low-sitting trousers in 2008.

“Some people might not want to see your underwear. I’m one of them,” Obama told MTV News.

Dallas officials embarked on a “Pull Your Pants Up” billboard campaign in 2007. Some schools have tightened dress codes to get students to tighten their belts. Last summer, a St. Petersburg, Fla., high school principal resorted to ordering thousands of plastic zip ties to help students hitch up their pants.

Some communities have tried outlawing saggy slacks, though such regulations have often faced questions about their legality.

Yet the trend has hung around. Adams decided he had enough after spotting a subway rider in particularly low-riding pair of pants a couple of months ago.

“Everyone on the train was looking at him and shaking their heads. And no one said anything to correct it,” Adams said in a telephone interview this week.

So Adams, a black retired police captain first elected in 2006, tapped his campaign coffers for \$2,000 to put up the billboards. He elaborated in his YouTube video, which juxtaposes images of minstrelsy and other racial caricatures with shots of sagging pants — all fuel for troubling stereotypes, in Adams’ view.

The low-slung trousers trend is adapted from the unbelted and

sometimes oversized look of prison uniforms, according to Mark-Evan Blackman, who heads the menswear department at New York’s Fashion Institute of Technology.

Initially seen as invoking street credibility, the style has spread from inner cities to suburban malls — and into Blackman’s classrooms, where he frequently finds himself telling students to hike up their trousers.

So does Tracey L. Col-

lins, a former school principal who runs Fully Persuaded for Children and Families Inc. The New York-based organization aims to foster responsible decision-making and other social skills.

The swooning-slacks look “is one of those issues that impact young people greatly. They walk into classrooms, they walk into schools ... and people make an assessment about their appearance,” said Collins, whose group is

working with Adams on his “Stop the Sag” effort.

Communities from Lynwood, Ill., to Lafourche Parish, La., have passed laws imposing fines for too-low trousers.

Lawmakers in some places have considered such measures but rejected or dropped them amid legal questions. A plan to fine people for pants that exposed their underwear stalled in the Tennessee General Assembly last year, after

the state’s attorney general said it was “unconstitutionally vague.”

A Florida judge ruled a similar city law unconstitutional in 2008 after a 17-year-old in Riviera Beach spent a night in jail after being accused of having his underwear exposed.

Adams says he doesn’t aim to legislate, just educate.

“I don’t want to criminalize young people being young people,” he said. “I’m trying to make sure we stand up

and correct the behavior.”

Still, some of the style’s partisans aren’t sure it merits a politician’s attention.

“I think there’s other things going on besides someone’s pants being low,” said James Scott, 27, of Brooklyn, his jeans sitting jauntily low on his hips.

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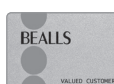
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Jackie Olson
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

From New Year's Day to the Chinese New Year to the vernal equinox, we get plenty of chances between January and April to start anew. But if that's not enough, try April Fools' Day on for size. In the pre-Christian era, April 1 was considered New Year's Day in some cultures. The Scorpio moon of transformation will aid with your fresh start.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your loved one treats you fine, though you wouldn't mind being absolutely cherished, either. Since you're looking for a new result, you'll have to do something new to get it.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you were to tear apart this struggle to see what's causing it, the underlying emotion would be frustration. Be patient. Trying to push people to want things they don't want is just silly. Relax. Free your mind to imagine a new way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you retreat, it's not out of weakness, but intelligence. You walk away when things aren't feeling right to you, aren't working well or are producing more stress than is good for anyone involved.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Distant, lofty goals inspire you. But you need something more immediate to aim for today, or you'll feel immobilized by the enormity of your task list. Set a target for yourself that is very

close to where you are now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you reflect on your life, it's the adventures you will remember -- the moments that caused you to expand yourself in order to get through the situation. Start planning another such adventure now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You could use a fun and inconsequential release -- for instance, faux shopping on the Internet. You can fill your virtual cart with whatever your heart desires and feel no shame when you leave it full in the middle of the store.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be pleased with how most people interact with you. However, there is a person who has become a little too comfortable with your laid-back style. This one will behave better after you deliver your wakeup call.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Maybe you think things aren't happening fast enough, but if you were to see the bigger picture, you would know that you are right where you should be. Affirm to yourself that everything is unfolding as it should.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't have to be anything other than who you are. You're not going to do perfect work or be as smooth as you'd like to be all of the time. It will be a great relief to acknowledge human fallibility and accept your own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You need a lot less than you think. Pare down. Get rid of 10 unnecessary items. It won't be difficult to decide which ones those

are. Good luck will fill the empty space.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be drawn to the mysterious and clandestine. You might enjoy cultivating an alter ego, joining a secret society or simply keeping people out of your private business.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Things will go much better if you have some kind of a blueprint from the start. Take the time to map out your main objectives. Otherwise, you'll be prone to spinning off in strange and useless directions.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 1). You're a daring adventurer, jumping into the new era with a gleam in your eye. Emotional connections fortify your spirit. Someone younger works hard to make you proud. May brings a financial boost. In June, you'll work toward professional mastery. Challenges stimulate your creativity. September brings better things. Leo and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 48, 2, 52, 14 and 9.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "What is the astrological significance of the moon's first quarter phase?"

As regular readers of my column know, the new moon is a time of new beginnings -- you basically have two weeks from the start of a new moon to initiate a project and get it off the ground. The first quarter phase occurs exactly halfway between the new and full moons. It's like a yellow light saying, "Slow down and think." What inevitably happens when you decide to take action and make a change in

your life? You meet resistance! Whether from naysayers, jealous co-workers or even forces completely beyond your control, such as bad weather, resistance is the natural way of things, and if we didn't have any, our bodies and character would be weak. Often around the time of the first quarter moon phase, we are typically met with the main obstacle we must contend with in order to reach the goal we set in motion at the new moon. Can't go around it, can't go above it, just gotta go through it. Be aware of when the first quarter moon falls, and be ready to make course corrections if needed. Pay attention and you'll catch the green light.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Britain's Got Talent" finalist Susan Boyle moved from a quiet life of caring for, then grieving for her mother to worldwide fame and record-breaking superstardom as a recording artist. Her Aries sun and Venus show that Boyle has great wells of enthusiasm and adaptability to aid her transition. Jupiter in Aquarius indicates that Boyle's good luck comes from her own loving and generous heart.

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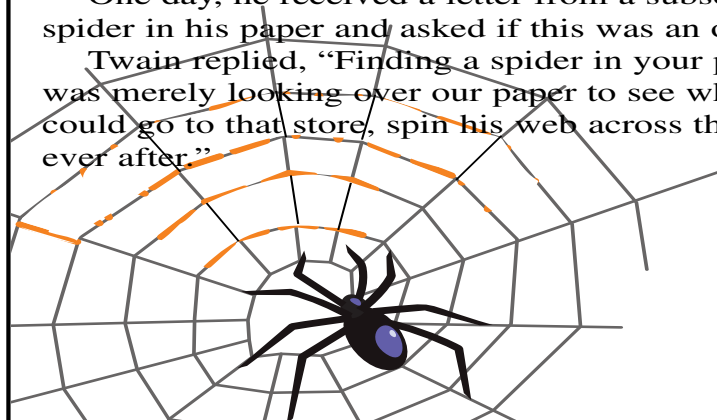
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AP Exclusive: U.S. spending millions to beef up militaries of coalition partners in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is pouring millions of dollars into equipment and training for its smaller partner nations in the Afghanistan war, a new effort that could encourage some countries not to abandon the increasingly unpopular conflict.

The money comes from a \$350 million Pentagon program designed to improve the counterterrorism operations of U.S. allies.

While the funding cannot be openly used as an enticement for NATO nations to either send troops to Afghanistan or keep them in the country, the budding initiative sends the message that those who commit to the counterinsurgency fight could be rewarded.

The U.S. is committing more troops to Afghanistan to beat back a stubborn Taliban-led insurgency — and watching in dismay as allies, including Canada and the Netherlands, look to pull troops out of the 8-year-old war or remove them from combat duties.

Roughly 87,000 U.S. troops are in Afghanistan now, and about 100,000 are expected to be in place by late summer.

The number of allied troops is a bit more than 40,000 and could dip as nations begin bowing to political pressures. The Obama administration has been pressing allies to increase the number of troops, both for combat and for training Afghan security forces.

Government setting efficiency standards for advanced vehicles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is setting tough gas mileage standards for new cars and trucks, spurring the next generation of fuel-sipping gas-electric hybrids, efficient engines and electric cars.

The heads of the Transportation Department and the Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday were signing final rules requiring 2016 model-year vehicles to meet fuel efficiency targets of 35.5 miles per gallon combined for cars and trucks, an increase of nearly 10 mpg over current standards set by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The EPA, which received the power to regulate carbon dioxide emissions in a 2007 Supreme Court ruling, will set a tailpipe emissions standard of 250 grams (8.75 ounces) of carbon dioxide per mile for vehicles sold in 2016, or the equivalent of what would be emitted by vehicles meeting the mileage standard. The EPA is issuing its first rules ever on vehicle greenhouse gas emissions.

President Barack Obama, previewing the plan Wednesday, said it marked a reversal “after decades in which we have done little to increase auto efficiency.” Obama said the standards would “reduce our dependence on oil while helping folks spend a little less at the pump.”

Each auto company will have a different fuel-efficiency target, based on its mix of vehicles. Automakers that build more small cars will have a higher target than car companies that manufacture a broad range of cars and trucks. The standard could be as low as 34.1 mpg by 2016 because automakers are expected to receive credits for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in other ways, including preventing the leaking of coolant from air conditioners.

Obama said the new requirements will save 1.8 billion barrels of oil over the life of the program, which will cover the 2012-16 model years. The new standards move up goals set in a 2007 energy law, which required the auto industry to meet a 35 mpg average by 2020.

Offshore Atlantic drilling slammed by environmentalists

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Environmentalists called President Barack Obama's decision to open portions of the East Coast to oil and gas exploration a “wholesale assault” on the oceans, while some coastal residents and lawmakers applauded the idea of cheap energy and jobs that oil platforms off

their beaches could bring.

Environmental groups from Maryland to Florida said Wednesday's decision would exact a high environmental cost while slaking only a sip's worth of the nation's huge thirst for energy.

“We're appalled that the president is unleashing a wholesale assault on the oceans,” said Jacqueline Savitz of Oceana, an environmental group. “Expanding offshore drilling is the wrong move if the Obama administration is serious about improving energy security, creating lasting jobs and averting climate change.”

Obama's plan modifies a moratorium that for more than 20 years has limited drilling along coastal areas other than the Gulf of Mexico. It allows new oil drilling off Virginia's shoreline and considers it for a large chunk of the Atlantic seaboard.

Shrimpers welcomed the idea of filling up their tanks for less and pointed out that oil rigs haven't harmed their industry in the Gulf of Mexico. Many in the tourism industry were less enthusiastic, worrying vacationers would shun their area if there were ever a spill.

Reaction among the region's political leaders was mixed.

Pope sees scandal as test for himself, church; European bishops pledge openness, cooperation

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI sees the priestly sex scandal as a “test for him and the church,” his spokesman says, as bishops around Europe used Holy Week's solemn call for penitence to pledge transparency in dealing with the abuse of children.

But amid such signs of humility, a senior cleric also mounted a sharp counterattack to the allegations now swirling around the papacy. In an article, the official accused The New York Times of faulting the pope unfairly for his treatment of past abuse allegations.

Swiss bishops urged victims to consider filing criminal complaints. German bishops opened a hot line for victims. Danish bishops launched an inquiry into decades-old claims. And Austria's senior cleric, Cardinal Christophe Schoenborn, acknowledged church guilt as he presided over a service for victims billed as a sign of repentance.

“Thank you for breaking your silence,” Schoenborn told the victims. “A lot has been broken open. There is less looking away. But there is still a lot to do.”

A week after Pope Benedict XVI excoriated Irish bishops for gross errors of judgment in handling cases of priests who rape children, European bishops one after another acknowledged mistakes, reached out to victims and promised to act when they learn about abuse.

Hispanic immigrants more likely to fill out census than U.S.-born counterparts

WASHINGTON (AP) — What boycott? Close to 9 in 10 Hispanics say they intend to participate in the 2010 census, with immigrants more likely to say the government count is good for their community and that personal information will be kept confidential, according to a new poll.

The Pew Hispanic Center survey, being released Thursday, appears largely to put aside concerns that Hispanic discontent with the government's slow progress on immigration reform will curtail participation in the high-stakes count now under way. The National Coalition of Latino Clergy and Christian Leaders has suggested a Hispanic boycott of the census to protest the lack of action on immigration.

Hispanics, who make up roughly 15 percent of the nation's population, still tend to lag behind other racial groups when it comes to mailing in census forms. But the latest survey suggests the numbers may be improving and that, contrary to conventional notions, the hardest-to-reach may not be fearful immigrants but rather disenfranchised Hispanics born in the U.S.

The findings come as 52 percent of people the U.S. have sent in their census forms leading into the April 1 “Census Day” on Thursday. Census Bureau director Robert Groves this week is urging several

regions to step up their response. They include five states with higher shares of minority or indigenous populations that ranked at the bottom: Alaska, New Mexico, Louisiana, New York and Texas, each with participation rates of 41-46 percent.

“We are ignoring the native-born Latino population,” said Arturo Vargas, executive director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, noting that a similar pattern is seen in Hispanic voting. “There is a sense of optimism that immigrants bring to this country, while people who have been here for generations have a certain sense of being beaten down and disengaged, whether by the cycle of poverty, or unemployment, or discrimination.”

“So that becomes our hardest challenge — motivating the native-born to engage in U.S. society,” he said.

Japanese start buying affordable electric cars, helped by incentives

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's first mass-market electric car went on sale in showrooms Thursday as the futuristic technology becomes more affordable amid a burgeoning price war.

The four-seater bubble-shaped i-MiEV from Mitsubishi Motors Corp., Japan's fifth-biggest automaker, costs 2.8 million yen (\$30,500) after government incentives are figured into the price of 4 million yen (\$43,000).

Proud i-MiEV buyer Chitoshi Okunuki, 72, placed an advance order at a higher price in August and was thrilled at Mitsubishi's decision Tuesday to cut the price by 620,000 yen (\$6,700). That came the same day rival Nissan Motor Co. announced it will take orders for its own electric car, the Leaf.

“I'm so happy,” said Okunuki, who runs a convenience store, during a visit to a Mitsubishi showroom. “It's so quiet, and there are no emissions.”

With concerns about the environment growing, electric vehicles — long an expensive, experimental technology used in Japan mainly by government-related groups — are suddenly all the rage.

Study: Soda taxes too small to cut consumption or childhood obesity

ATLANTA (AP) — Small taxes on soda do little to reduce soft drink consumption or prevent childhood obesity, but larger levies probably would, according to new research.

The study is being released as a recent wave of proposals would raise soda taxes or create new ones on sugared beverages. But they'll have to be a lot steeper than current taxes, which are generally 4 percent or less, said Roland Sturm, lead author of the new research.

“Small taxes will not prevent obesity,” said Sturm, a senior economist at the Rand Corp. in Santa Monica, Calif.

Sturm and his colleagues used information from a 2004 national survey of about 7,300 fifth-graders. The researchers looked at how the children's height and weight had changed over the previous two years and how often the kids said they drank soda and sports drinks. The researchers also reviewed taxes on carbonated drinks that were in effect in 2004.

Roughly two-thirds of the children lived in states that had a tax on soda greater than on other food items. The highest was 7 cents tax on each dollar's worth of soda. The average was about 4 cents.

U.S. Navy frigate captures 5 pirates

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — U.S. naval forces say they've captured five pirates after exchanging fire with them, sinking their skiff and confiscating a mother ship.

The USS Nicholas came under fire early Thursday from pirates in an area west of the Seychelles.

The U.S. Africa Command said the five pirates seized would remain in U.S. custody on board the frigate for time time being. The Nicholas is homeported in Norfolk, Va.

International naval forces have stepped up their enforcement of the waters off East Africa in an effort to thwart a growing pirate trade.

Experts say piracy will continue to be a problem until an effective government is established on Somalia's lawless shores.

Malaysian ruler commutes caning sentence for woman

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — A Muslim woman's caning sentence for drinking beer has been commuted unexpectedly, ending a high-profile case that raised questions about Islamic laws intruding into personal matters in

Malaysia.

“I have very mixed feelings. I was shocked because this was unexpected,” Kartika Sari Dewi Shukarno, a 33-year-old mother of two, told reporters Thursday after receiving the reprieve.

She received a letter Wednesday from the Pahang state Islamic department informing her that the state's sultan had decided to spare her the caning and instead ordered her to do three weeks of community service.

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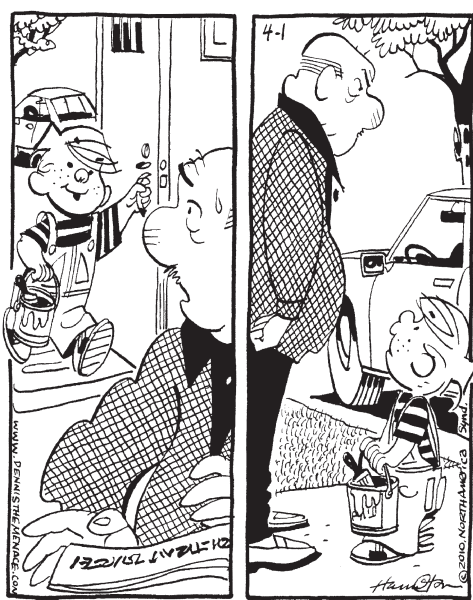
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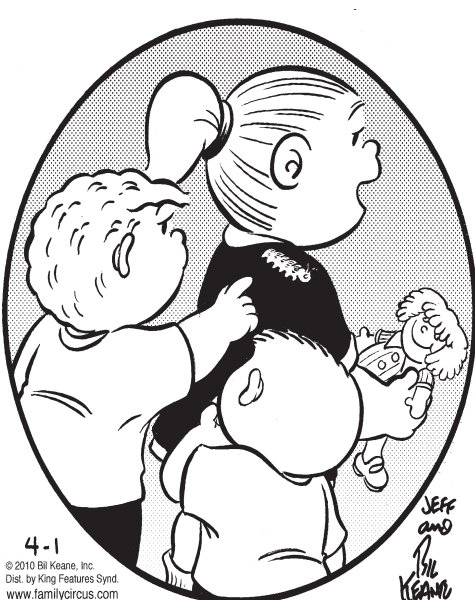
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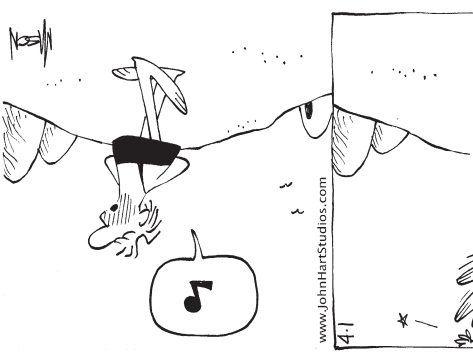
REALLY? WHAT'S THE PASSWORD?

THE PASSWORD, MR. BUMSTEAD? I DUNNO...HOW ABOUT PASTRAMI?

YA KNOW, I LIKE THE WAY YOU THINK, SON!

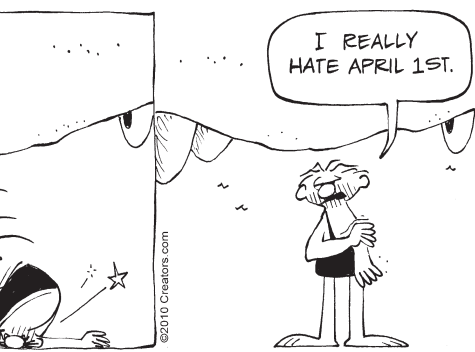
I'M HONORED, SIR...COOKIE HAS TOLD ME AN AWFUL LOT ABOUT YOU

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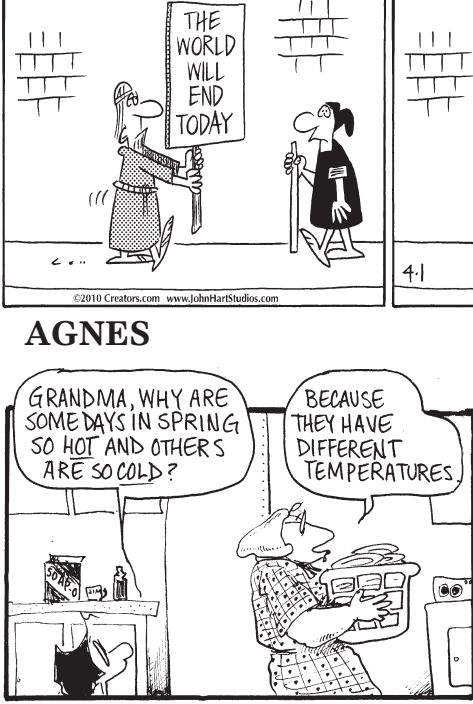
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THE WORLD WILL END TODAY

APRIL FOOLS!

AGNES

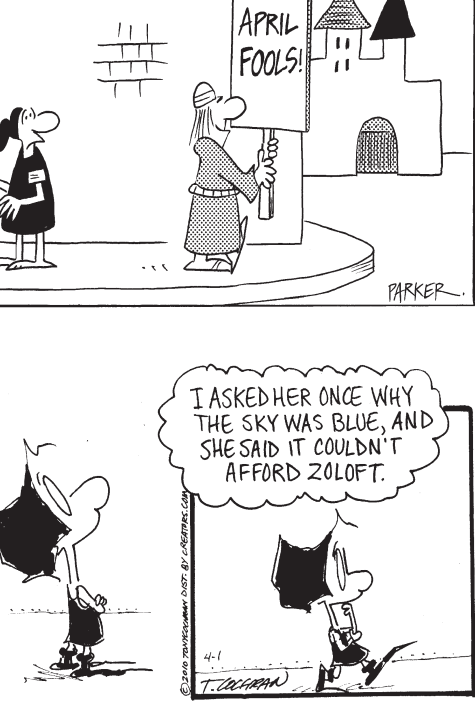


GRANDMA, WHY ARE SOME DAYS IN SPRING SO HOT AND OTHERS ARE SO COLD?

BECAUSE THEY HAVE DIFFERENT TEMPERATURES.

I ASKED HER ONCE WHY THE SKY WAS BLUE, AND SHE SAID IT COULDN'T AFFORD ZOLOFT.

HI AND LOIS

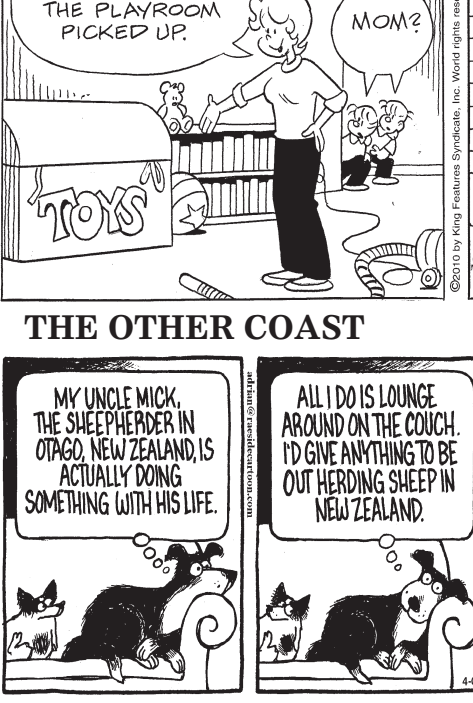


I FINALLY GOT THE PLAYROOM PICKED UP.

MOM?

CAN WE PLAY IN HERE WHILE YOU PICK UP THE BACKYARD?

THE OTHER COAST



MY UNCLE MICK, THE SHEEPHERDER IN OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND, IS ACTUALLY DOING SOMETHING WITH HIS LIFE.

ALL I DO IS LOUNGE AROUND ON THE COUCH. I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO BE OUT HERDING SHEEP IN NEW ZEALAND.

MEANWHILE ON AN OTAGO HILLSIDE:

RIGHT NOW, LOUNGING ON A COUCH IN CANADA SOUNDS RATHER APPEALING.

I'VE GOT A COUSIN IN CANADA. SHE'S A RUG.

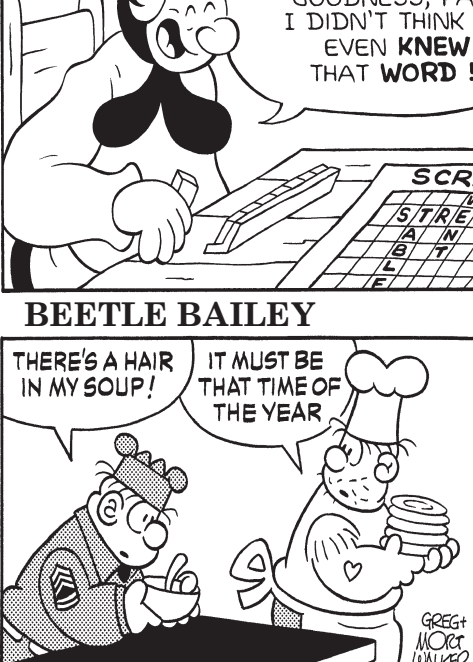
SNUFFY SMITH



"STRENUOUS"? MY GOODNESS, PAW, I DIDN'T THINK YA EVEN KNEW THAT WORD !!

OH, I KNOW IT--I JEST TRY TO HAVE AS LI'L TO DO WIF IT AS POSSIBLE !!

BETLE BAILEY



THERE'S A HAIR IN MY SOUP!

IT MUST BE THAT TIME OF THE YEAR

WHAT IS THAT?

SHEDDING SEASON

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 1, the 91st day of 2010. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fools' Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 1, 1960, the first true weather satellite, TIROS-1, was launched from Cape Canaveral. (TIROS stood for "Television Infrared Observation Satellite.")

On this date:

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

In 1918, the Royal Air Force was established in Britain.

In 1933, Nazi Germany began persecuting Jews with a 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 1946, tidal waves struck the Hawaiian islands, resulting in more than 170 deaths.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a \$1.85 billion emergency housing measure.

In 1963, most of New York City's daily newspapers resumed publishing after settlement was reached in a 114-day strike.

In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after Jan. 1, 1971.

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.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Powell is 82. Actress Grace Lee Whitney is 80. Actress Debbie Reynolds is 78. Actor Don Hastings is 76. Blues singer Eddie King is 72. Actress Ali MacGraw is 72. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rudolph Isley is 71. Reggae singer Jimmy Cliff

is 62. Jazz musician Gil Scott-Heron is 61. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito is 60. Rock musician Billy Currie (Ultravox) is 60. Actress Annette O'Toole is 58. Singer Susan Boyle (TV: "Britain's Got Talent") is 49. Country singer Woody Lee is 42. Rapper-actor Method Man is 39. Movie directors Allen and Albert Hughes are 38. Political commentator Rachel Maddow is 37. Tennis player Magdalena Maleeva is 35.

Thought for Today: "Our wisdom comes from our experience, and our experience comes from our foolishness." — Sacha Guitry, Russian-born French actor-writer-director (1885-1957).

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Answer to previous puzzle

MPG	DOABLE	FROG
EAR	AFRAID	AURA
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Newsday Crossword

ON THE DOUBLE by David W. Cromer

- Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com
- ACROSS**
- 1 Shade tree
 - 4 Actress ___ Pinkett Smith
 - 8 Make fit
 - 13 Competes
 - 15 Latin love
 - 16 Lord's estate
 - 17 Close relatives
 - 20 "Spaghetti western" director
 - 21 Enthusiasm
 - 22 Goblet feature
 - 23 Gin flavoring
 - 25 Relaxed
 - 27 Navy nabob
 - 32 Rodeo rope
 - 33 Two-toned treat
 - 34 Half of a couple
 - 37 Alamo alternative
 - 38 Epoch
 - 39 Luau locale
 - 40 Sunbather's goal
 - 41 Arizona city
 - 43 Fasten down
 - 45 Cornmeal dessert
 - 47 Do-over for 20 Across
 - 50 Right-hand person
 - 51 Stage direction
 - 52 Hinge (on)
 - 55 Gutter sites
 - 59 Say something
 - 62 Friend of Snow White
 - 63 Something extra
 - 64 Seasonal worker
 - 65 Disparaging
 - 66 Lacrosse-stick features
 - 67 Something to "spare"
- DOWN**
- 1 No good
 - 2 Drink garnish
 - 3 Words from the boss
 - 4 ___alai
 - 5 At a loss for words, maybe
 - 6 Spoil, with "on"
 - 7 Sector
 - 8 GPs' grp.
 - 9 Melodrama heroine
 - 10 R&B singer Baker
 - 11 Global opposites
 - 12 "Go ahead and ask"
 - 14 Karate teachers
 - 18 Triangular letter
 - 19 Distress signal
 - 24 Granola bit
 - 26 Chinese principle
 - 27 London apartment
 - 28 Magma on the move
 - 29 Limerick's locale
 - 30 Type of eel
 - 31 S&L offering
 - 34 Senegal neighbor
 - 35 Destroy
 - 36 Spill the beans
 - 38 CPR expert
 - 39 Biblical setting
 - 41 Talk too much
 - 42 Tech-support callers
 - 43 Rapa ___ (Easter Island)
 - 44 Dangerous snake
 - 45 Extreme aversion
 - 46 Spend
 - 47 Orchestra section
 - 48 Mobil merger partner
 - 49 Melanie Griffith's actress mom
 - 53 Fox Sports rival
 - 54 Country singer Lovett
 - 56 Change course suddenly
 - 57 Ticklish Muppet
 - 58 Dirty Harry's employer: Abbr.
 - 60 Storm center
 - 61 Aircraft-carrier designation

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State briefs

Fort Hood massacre suspect being moved

BELTON (AP) — The officer charged in the Fort Hood massacre is being processed to move to the Belton County Jail as he faces a June 1 hearing at the post.

Defense attorney John Galligan says doctors at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio gave Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan a "discharge physical" Wednesday evening.

Hasan was not included Thursday in an online listing of inmates in the jail, located about 15 miles from the central Texas post. Sheriff's Deputy Felix Gutierrez told The Associated Press that he could not give out any information.

Galligan says the 183-day jail contract to house Hasan began Wednesday. Hasan was paralyzed from the chest down after civilian police shot him to stop the Nov. 5 rampage.

Hasan faces 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 of attempted premeditated murder.

18 gunmen killed in attacks on Mexican bases

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico (AP) — Dozens of gunmen tried to blockade two army garrisons in northern Mexico, touching off firefights that killed 18 attackers, the army said Wednesday in announcing what appeared to be a rare drug cartel offensive. Only one soldier was wounded.

While druggunmen frequently shoot at soldiers on patrol, they seldom target army bases, and even more rarely attack in the force displayed during confrontations Tuesday in the border states of Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon.

Gunmen staged seven separate attacks on the army, including three blockades, Gen. Edgar Luis Villegas said. He said the attacks were "desperate reactions by criminal gangs to the progress being made by federal authorities" against Mexico's drug cartels.

Villegas said gunmen parked trucks and SUVs outside a military base in the border city of Reynosa trying to block troops from leaving, sparking a gunbattle with soldiers. At the same time, gunmen blocked several streets

leading to a garrison in the nearby border city of Matamoros.

Another gang of armed men opened fire from several vehicles on soldiers guarding a federal highway in General Bravo, in Nuevo Leon state.

Troops fought back, killing 18 gunmen, wounding two and detaining seven more suspects. One soldier suffered slight injuries.

Judge denies intervention in same-sex divorce

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge has denied Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's request to intervene in a same-sex divorce case in Travis County.

According to the Austin American-Statesman, the decision by state District Judge Scott Jenkins on Wednesday lets his February decision stand, granting the divorce to two women wedded in another state.

Abbott's staff had argued that 39-year-old Angelique Naylor and 42-year-old Sabina Daly couldn't be granted a divorce because their marriage in Massachusetts wasn't recognized by Texas law. The attorney general's office contends that the best legal way to bring finality to the couple and protect the interests of their son was to legally void the marriage.

Naylor, who filed for the divorce, still lives in Austin. Daly and their son now live in San Antonio.

Deputy not indicted for Taser 72-year-old

AUSTIN (AP) — A deputy constable who shocked a 72-year-old woman with a Taser after she dared him to use the stun gun during a traffic job was cleared Wednesday by a grand jury.

A Travis County grand jury declined to indict Deputy Constable Christopher Bieze on a charge of injury to an elderly person.

Bieze used a Taser on Kathryn Winkfein on May 11 after she refused to sign a traffic citation after he stopped her for speeding on Texas 71 west of Austin. Video from a camera mounted in the deputy's car captured the 4-foot-11 Granite Shoals woman struggling with Bieze and daring him to use the Taser on her.

The video became widely

viewed on the Internet and garnered Winkfein an appearance on NBC's "Today."

An internal investigation concluded Bieze did not violate any law or county policy and he was not disciplined.

However, District Attorney Rosemary Lehmborg said Bieze was not blameless in the matter.

"While Deputy Constable Bieze may have followed the letter of the law, a more prudent use of discretion may have resulted in a different outcome," she said in announcing the grand jury decision Wednesday. "In the end, they determined only that Bieze's actions were legal. However, their decision was not an endorsement of either party to this conflict."

Travis County commissioners last year agreed to give Winkfein a \$40,000 settlement after she filed a claim.

Principal accused of threatening wife with gun

McALLEN (AP) — A south Texas high school principal was suspended Wednesday after his weekend arrest on an assault charge for allegedly threatening his wife with a loaded shotgun.

Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco High School Principal Arnoldo Barrera, 51, initially refused to drop the double-barreled shotgun when Jim Wells County sheriff's deputies responded to his home early Sunday morning, authorities said.

School officials told the Alice Echo-News Journal that Barrera was back at work Monday. However, Barrera revealed his suspension in an e-mail later Wednesday to the school faculty and staff.

"It saddens me to inform you of my situation. As a result of incidents concerning my personal life, I am being

suspended for a short period," Barrera said in the e-mail.

District Superintendent Grace Everett released a statement Wednesday afternoon saying that a formal investigation was launched Monday.

"That daily operations continue as usual, and that the students are safe at all times, has always been the priority in the district," Everett wrote.

Hispanic group rips Texas education board

AUSTIN (AP) — Hispanic lawmakers and academic experts blasted the Texas State Board of Education for minimizing the contributions of minorities as it attempts to rewrite guidelines for the teaching of history and social studies.

Democratic state Rep. Trey Martinez Fisher of San Antonio, chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus said Wednesday the board had become a "national circus" amid fiery debates over proposed new curriculum standards that will dictate what students in Texas learn over the next decade. Martinez Fisher cited revisions he said downplayed the importance of labor leader Cesar Chavez, for example.

He also complained that board members, at their most recent meeting on the curriculum standards, relied on information culled from the Internet while ignoring historians as they drafted amendments to the guidelines, which are supposed to be finalized in May.

"Nationally renowned experts are being replaced by Wikipedia and things you can find on the Internet, and who can Google the fastest at a board of education hearing," he said. "It has now become a national circus."

USFWS hosts first Edwards Aquifer hearing in Victoria

VICTORIA (AP) — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has organized seven public hearings seeking input on water use from the Edwards Aquifer and protecting endangered species, starting with a meeting Thursday night in Victoria.

The federal agency is working on a regional plan to manage the aquifer — which is San Antonio's source of drinking water — and protect wildlife in the area. The plan will be developed by the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is required to produce an environmental impact statement for the plan.

"We need to look at all the possible impacts," said Luella Roberts, an agency manager.

Solutions being considered include a reduction of pumping from the aquifer by 86 percent during droughts, recirculation of water in the aquifer using pipelines, more conservation, construction of dams and reservoirs and the clearing of young junipers from the Hill Country.

The San Antonio Express-News reported Thursday that the potential effects on users range from permanent water restrictions and higher water bills to limits on growth and landscaping.

The following Financial Institutions will observe the following hours on Good Friday

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Citizens Credit FCU - **OPEN**
Compass Bank - **OPEN**
State National Bank - **OPEN**
Wells Fargo Bank, NA - **OPEN**
Western Bank - **OPEN**



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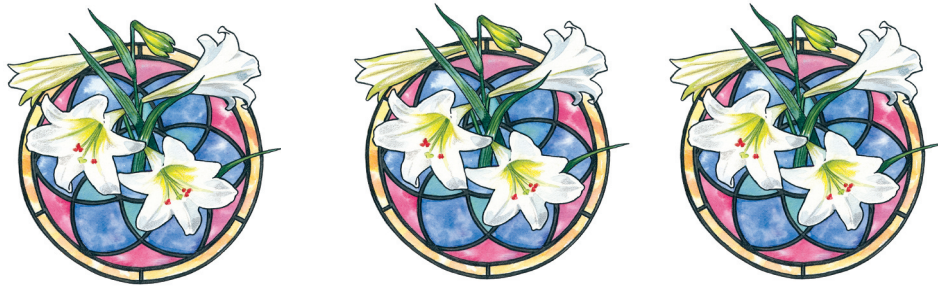


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Thursday, April 1st
6:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Friday, April 2nd
Noon until 1:00 PM - Good Friday Liturgy
1:00 PM until 3:00 PM - Meditation Time

Saturday, April 3rd
7:00 PM - Easter Vigil and Baptism

Sunday, April 4th
10:30 AM - Easter Communion Service
11:45 AM - Easter Reception and Easter Fun for the Children and Youth

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