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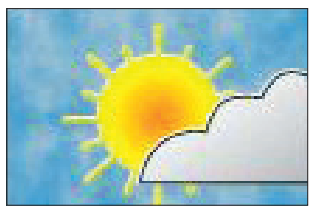


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Kindergarten, pre-K registration is Thursday

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials have scheduled kindergarten and pre-K registration for Thursday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Students who will be 4 or 5 years old by Sept. 1 and reside within BSISD

may enroll for 2010-2011 classes at the registration, which will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This marks the second year BSISD will offer half-day pre-kindergarten classes at Moss Elementary. Last year's inaugural offering attracted 30 students, said Vickie Cheyne, PEIMS coordinator for the school district.

Cheyne added she is optimistic that

kindergarten registration will match or exceed last year's total of 150 students.

She noted that registration is held comparatively early to help officials get an early jump on preparations for the coming school year.

"We're already planning for next year," she said.

"We wanted to get this completed by

early spring, because the further you get into April and May ... the more things get intense."

To enroll in pre-kindergarten, students must meet at least one of the following guidelines: They must be unable to speak or comprehend English; their family fully qualifies

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Children race after prizes (above) at the start of the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veteran Home Easter egg hunt Saturday afternoon.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Howard College cheerleader Balinda Saldivar, right, paints a design on the face of Avey Luno prior to the start of Saturday morning's Easter egg hunt at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Little Kayla Smith greets the Easter Bunny during the First Church of the Nazarene's Community Easter Egg Hunt event at Comanche Trail Park Saturday morning.

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Obituaries

Jimmy Henson

Jimmy Henson of Stanton passed away early Saturday morning April 3, 2010. Born in Lenorah, he was a lifetime resident of Martin County and lived on the Henson farm west of Stanton. He passed peacefully in his sleep.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Henson of Stanton; his brother, Kenneth Henson of Las Cruces, N.M.; three sons, Randy Henson of Stanton, Ronnie Henson of Dallas and Blake Triplett of Dallas; one daughter, Glee Holcombe of New Braunfels; one sister-in-law; two daughters-in-law; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Loyd Henson of Stanton and Millie Henson of Las Cruces, N.M., and his grandson, U.S. Army PFC Clayton Henson of Stanton.

Jimmy will be remembered as a loving grandfather, who was proud to sponsor a scholarship fund in the name of Clayton Henson, who lost his life serving our country in Iraq in April 2004.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to the Clayton Henson Scholarship Fund at the Permian Basin Area Foundation. This scholarship fund gives education assistance to students from Stanton, Greenwood and Grady. Donations can be mailed to 200 North Loraine St., Suite 500, Midland 79701.

At Jimmy's request, there will be a private service for the family officiated by Bruce Litzenberg.

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

Paid obituary

Linda K. Dodson

Linda K. Dodson, 58, of Coahoma died Friday, April 2, 2010, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 16, 1951, in Springfield, Colo., to Dorothy and Benjamin Brammer. She lived a number of years in Hobbs, N.M. She then moved to Snyder and then to Coahoma in 2000. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She is survived by two sons, Louie Dodson and his wife, Trisha, of Coahoma and Harold Barnes and his wife, Peggy, of Hobbs, N.M.; one daughter, Jo Barnes of Hobbs, N.M.; her companion, Tommy Cartwright of Coahoma; one brother, John Brammer of Fort Worth; and three grandchildren.

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

Robert Noble 'Bob' Read

Robert Noble "Bob" Read, 79, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 4, 2010, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Karen C. Ervin

Karen C. Ervin, 63, died Friday, April 2, 2010, at Hospice House of Odessa. She was born in Waycross, Ga. She was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam era. She was Baptist.



Survivors include two daughters, Georgianna Harbin of Monahans and Charlotte Jones of Commerce, Ga.; two brothers, Steven Harris of Camp Verde, Ariz., and Larry Harris of Interlachen, Fla.; two sisters, Becky Hayes and Beth Jordan, both of Blackshear, Ga.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Allen Grady Harris Jr. and Charlotte (Seymour) Harris; husband, Arthur W. Ervin; and brother, Robert Harris.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Monday, April 5, 2010, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veteran's Home in Big Spring, with the Rev. Robert Stone officiating. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel and Crematory.

Alyene M. Skiles

Alyene M. Skiles, 94, of Ballinger, formerly of Big Spring, died on Thursday, April 1, 2010, in a Ballinger nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 5, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.



She was born Jan. 27, 1916, in Limestone County and married William M. Skiles on Jan. 28, 1956, in Lovington, N.M.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband, William M. Skiles of Ballinger; one son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Linda Roberts of Fort Worth; one daughter and son-in-law, Glynda and Jerry Bradley of Lake Ivie; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mack and Minnie Bennett; two sisters; two brothers; and a grandson.

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

Tinsley Faith Feaster

Tinsley Faith Feaster, 7-day-old infant daughter of Gary Feaster and Amy Bollier of Big Spring, died Sunday, April 4, 2010, in an Odessa hospital. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Elwin Collom officiating.

Tinsley was born March 26, 2010. In addition to her parents, she is survived by four brothers, Garrett, Braiden, Damian and Alex; her grandparents; and several uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Tinsley was preceded in death by her grandfather, Marland Bollier.

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

William Ryan Locke Sr.

William Ryan Locke Sr., 35, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 1, 2010, in Midland County. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Additional services will be at a later date in Bartow, Fla.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, April 5, 2010, at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 10, 1974, in Bartow, Fla., and was raised in Florida, coming to Howard County in 1997. He worked as a driller for various oil field companies.

Survivors include the mother of his children, Sarah Dunlap of Big Spring; two sons, William Ryan Locke Jr. of Big Spring and Nathan McDonald of New York; two step sons, Ryan Llewelyn and Sean Llewelyn both of Big Spring; a daughter, Payton Nicole Locke of Big Spring; his father and step mother, Ray Locke and Ruby Digby of Satsuma, Fla.; two brothers, Gabe Locke of Big Spring and Blair Locke of Bartow, Fla.; and his grandmother, Loretta Locke of Satsuma, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Shirley Locke, and his grandfather, William Raymond Locke Sr.

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

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 4/6	Wed 4/7	Thu 4/8	Fri 4/9	Sat 4/10
88/43 A few clouds early, otherwise mostly sunny. High 88F.	70/39 Windy with times of sun and clouds.	71/39 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 30s.	80/46 Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 40s.	85/50 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 8:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 8:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 8:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 8:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- MANUEL GOMEZ DEJESUS, 60, of Big Spring, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DENA GAYE COKER, 52, of 1403 Nolan, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RONALD LEE BURTON JR., 32, of 1412 Tucson, was arrested Saturday on a county warrant.
- MICHAEL ARMSTRONG, 21, of 507 E. 17th St., was arrested Saturday on two local warrants.
- GABRIEL LEE BARRAZA, 24, of 5209 Dawson, was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while intoxicated, duty on striking a highway landscape/fixture and driving while license suspended.
- ROBERT RIVERA, 38, of 2538 Langley, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- HERMENEJILDO OROSCO, 45, of 1011 N. Bell, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault.
- MICHAEL LEROY MOUDY, 52, of 1611 Donley, was arrested Sunday on a charge of terroristic threat.
- ALISHA FAY MCGEE, 31, of 1403 Sycamore, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft - more than \$50, less than \$500.
- JIMMIE FORD BILLINGS, 61, of 2107 Cecilia, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft - more than \$50, less than \$1,500.
- GILBERT JOSHUA MUNOZ, 23, of 2603 Ent, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants and a TDCJ warrant.
- ANASTASIA LOZANO, 23, of 507 W. Sixth St., was arrested Sunday on a local warrant.
- BRITTNEE PATRYCE RIOS, 21, of 702 Lorilla, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants.
- BRENT LEE MARIN, 38, of 1006 S. Goliad, was arrested Sunday on three local warrants.
- CARLOS MARQUEZ, 49, of 610 N.W. Eighth St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROCKY RODRIGUEZ, 34, of Denton, was

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• Diabetes Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. Medical lectures and information for Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetics and caregivers. Call 267-3806 for information.

Take Note

• Big Spring High School Steer Band Boosters will meet at 5:15 p.m. Monday in the high school band hall. Discussion will center around the spring banquet.

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Chamber to have candidate forum April 20

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a candidate forum Tuesday, April 20, at the Dora Roberts Community Center. "We are encouraging everyone to come out and meet each of the candidates," said Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde. The forum will begin at 6

p.m. with Dr. Michael Stevens, Big Spring Independent School District special assistant, giving a 15-minute presentation on the district's \$60 million construction bond which goes before voters in May. Following his presentation, each candidate for a school board trustee seat or city government post will be allowed

five minutes to address the audience. There will be no question and answer forum; however, the audience will be able to meet one-on-one with candidates following the forum. Chamber President David Justice will serve as moderator. According to ValVerde, the Chamber has mailed invita-

tion letters to candidates in Coahoma and Big Spring. Candidates have until April 17 to RSVP if they will or will not be attending the event. Early voting in the elections is April 26 through May 4. Election day is May 8. ValVerde said the forum is meant to be informative. "The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce does

not endorse candidates; we host this event for the community in hopes that more people will get out and vote," she said. Dora Roberts Community Center is located at 100 Whipkey Drive in Comanche Trail Park. For more information call the Chamber office at 263-7641.

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- arrested Monday on a Johnson County warrant and a charge of public intoxication.
- KIDNAPPING was reported in the 1100 block of Wood. Police officials say the incident was later determined to be a domestic dispute.
- DEADLY CONDUCT – DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM was reported in the 1100 block of 15th Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
In the 600 block of Tulane.
In the 1100 block of Wood.
In the 1300 block of Mesquite.
In the 600 block of Eighth Street.
In the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported:
In the 1300 block of Madison.
In the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of Washington.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 300 block of Interstate Highway 20.

Sheriff

- The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:
Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.
- JOHNNY LAVELL GREEN, 47, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information.
 - VANESSA ALVAREZ, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear (three counts), running stop sign and unrestrained child under the age of five years.
 - JEREMY PAUL COLLIER, 23, was arrested Thursday (agency not provided) on a motion to revoke probation for theft.
 - BRENDA LEE HODNETT, 41, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of parent contributing to the non-attendance (two counts), violation of a promise to appear and driving while license invalid.
 - JOHNNY TREVINO JR., 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on motion to revoke probation for assault causing bodily injury, theft and evading arrest or detention.
 - EMILLIO VINCENT AGUINAGA, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia.
 - RAYNALDO MENDOZA, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and no driver's license when unlicensed.
 - JOE TORRES, 28, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for aggravated kidnapping – release of victim to safe place.
 - ANTHONY LEE SCHONES, 29, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
 - ADAM RODRIGUEZ CANALES, 42, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated – third or

- more offense.
- RANDY TIMOTHY ORTEGA, 32, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of failure to yield right-of-way and failure to appear.
- SALLIE SOLIS, 40, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- WILLIAM ALLEN TILLEY, 29, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated – open container and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution.
- JANICE RODRIGUEZ, 33, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- AVELARDO CASTILLO JR., 20, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JON COLE MCLEOD, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption.
- JORDAN ALLEN MCLEOD, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption.
- MANUEL DE JESUS, 60, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JERRY L. MERTENS, 61, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of deadly conduct – discharge of a firearm.
- RONALD LEE BURTON, 32, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- DENA GAYE COKER, 52, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL STEVEN ARMSTRONG, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license and no insurance.
- GABRIEL LEE BARRAZA, 24, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution and duty on striking unattended vehicle.
- PABLO MORENO, 32, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of disorderly conduct – language and public intoxication.
- CAROL HAIR, 53, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERT RIVERA, 38, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- HERNAMJILDO OROSCO, 45, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.
- THOMAS EVERETT RICHARDSON, 23, was arrested Sunday on a charge of failure to appear – driving while intoxicated.
- MICHAEL MOUDY, 52, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of terroristic threat.
- ALISHA MCGEE, 31, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- JIMMIE F. BILLINGS, 61, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- BRENT LEE MARIN, 38, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of assault – family violence, displaying an expired registration and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- ANASTASIA LOZANO, 23, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- BRITTNEE PATRYCE RIOS, 21, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of theft and failure to appear.
- GILBERT JOSHUA MUNOZ, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of no seat belt passenger, failure to appear and violation of parole – possession of a controlled substance.
- CARLOS BURROLAS MARQUEZ, 49, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROCKY RODRIGUEZ, 34, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

- The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of N. Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of N.E. Eighth Street. Service refused.
 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2200 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Hearn. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - TRAUMA was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Father Delaney. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 24th Street and Goliad. Service refused.

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Moses Flores, 80, died Wednesday. A Funeral Mass was at 11 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.
Linda K. Dodson, 58, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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for free or reduced-price lunches; the family is homeless; one or more parents are on active-duty military service; or the children are in foster care. Parents must provide the following information on their children: an official birth certificate; immunization records; Social Security card; proof of residency (a utility bill or lease agreement); parent's

driver's license; and proof of guardianship. Cheyne said officials with the Department of State Health Services will be on hand during registration to provide immunizations to qualifying students. To complete the necessary paperwork before Thursday, parents may pick up registration forms and home language surveys from any of the BSISD campus offices or the central office on 11th Place. Also, the forms can be found on the district's Web site at 222.bsisd.esc18.net.

For more information, contact the district at 264-3600. *Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com*
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OTHER VIEWS

Obama seeking middle ground, 50 miles offshore

Thousands of environmental activists who supported Barack Obama for president woke up Thursday morning to what must seem like a very big and not very funny April Fools' joke.

The man who promised to crack down on greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy announced Wednesday that he would open millions of acres off the Southeastern and Alaskan coastlines to offshore oil exploration.

The announcement ends a decades-long moratorium on drilling off the East Coast. Included are 167 million acres from the northern tip of Delaware to central Florida, millions more in the eastern Gulf of Mexico and about 130 million acres north of Alaska in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas.

Even couched in Obama's soothing language, the announcement had the sting of betrayal.

"Is this President Obama's clean energy campaign or (GOP vice presidential candidate Sarah) Palin's 'Drill, baby, drill' campaign?" wondered Greenpeace Executive Director Phil Radford.

The confusion is understandable. Shortly after taking office, Obama halted plans launched during the final days of former President George W. Bush's administration to lease some of these same coastal waterways for oil drilling.

But the plan Obama announced Wednesday is neither an endorsement of the drill-at-all-costs mentality of the bad old days or a repudiation of his vision for a greener future. Instead, it's a somber nod to reality: No matter how much we may long for a cleaner future powered by renewable energy, it has not yet arrived.

Until it does, American energy policy has to balance conservation and development of new and renewable energy sources with our existing mix of fossil fuel sources including oil, natural gas and coal.

Drilling won't start anytime soon.

Most of the offshore areas won't be made available for lease until 2012.

No one knows how much oil and natural gas they hold — for many of the fields, estimates are based on data that are at least 25 years old.

The process of building deep-sea drilling rigs probably will take years. Some drilling could begin off the Alaska coast much sooner — as early as this summer. But that would be for preliminary testing to see if the areas are suitable for future development.

Experts believe it will be seven or eight years before the first oil begins flowing. Even if oil prices continue to climb, it may prove too expensive to exploit some of the undersea oil and natural gas.

Just as with health care reform, Obama is seeking a bipartisan middle path through what has been a partisan minefield of an issue. By giving ground on offshore drilling, Obama may hope to woo support for cap-and-trade legislation now languishing in Congress.

It's a bold gamble. As with health care, Republicans are united in opposing any effort to address climate change. Many on the left, meanwhile, would prefer a direct carbon tax to a market-based emissions-trading system that some people worry would be open to manipulation and abuse.

Still, Obama's offshore drilling plan is an important nod to an uncomfortable truth: It's vital to transform the energy sources that power America. But that greener future is only a dream unless we have the power to get there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can avoid conflicts, Lord, when we turn our problems over to You.

Amen

Images speak louder than words

For many years, the government-orchestrated protests were good enough to fool some of the world some of the time. All over the planet, many fools actually believed that the Cuban people loved their government so much that they would run out of their homes — quite spontaneously — to shout obscenities at anyone who dared to express a dissenting opinion.

And for many years, Cuban government propaganda had the world thinking that Fidel Castro's communist revolution had somehow liberated the black people on the Caribbean island. African-American politicians, proud defenders of civil rights in the United States, would go there on "peace and love" junkets — without much concern for the human and civil rights of black Cubans.

It was Cuban theater at its best. No one believed us Cuban-Americans, who had lived behind those theater curtains, when we explained that Cuba had many more black dissidents than it had black government officials. No one listened when we explained that the Castro dictator had special "rapid response brigades," or gangs of government goons, assigned to squash any dissident opposition with anything from verbal abuse to physical violence.

Foreign correspondents in Cuba even have reported that these "spontaneous" mob responses by government "supporters" are usually led by people who carry walkie-talkies and, thus, are obviously government officials.

In this country, when government employees are pressured to campaign for incumbent politicians, we condemn it as corruption and a clear violation of our democratic principles. But in Cuba, government workers are expected to be faithful government goons willing to physically assault government opponents if necessary.

Because the Cuban government claims that all dissidents are really mercenaries working for the U.S. government, because opposing the United States is considered an act of patriotism by good communists and because Cuban authorities normally look the other way when pro-Castro atrocities are being committed, the Fidel and Raul Castro regime clearly is encour-

aging acts of violence against its own people.

Even Amnesty International recognized, in a 2006 report, that these "acts of repudiation," in which "large groups of government supporters verbally abuse, intimidate and sometimes physically assault and throw stones and other objects at homes of anyone considered to be counter-revolutionary ... are normally carried out in collusion with the security forces."

Yet I understood why no one listened. It was too fictional, too Machiavellian — the kind of story that would not seem real even in the movies. It was hard for non-Cubans to grasp what we were saying. Words were not enough! If I had not lived behind those theater curtains, I probably wouldn't have believed it, either!

Yet now there are plenty of images for us to illustrate what we have been saying. New technology is unmaking the atrocities the Cuban government has been able to cover up for more than 50 years. The repression is on display on YouTube and other Internet video sites. Now the movies are real!

Just go to YouTube and search for "Ladies in White" or "Damas de Blanco" and you will see how a group of courageous Cuban women are treated for attempting to march peacefully on the streets of Havana and pleading for freedom for their imprisoned relatives.

In video and still images captured March 17 in Havana, you will see the kind of repression that the Cuban government no longer can hide behind its theater curtains.

You will see how Cuban authorities forcibly intervened in a peaceful demonstration and dragged these women into a bus while other Cuban government goons shouted obscenities at them.

Circulated around the world via the Internet, these images have ignited a new wave of condemnation against the Castro regime. That's why thousands of non-Cubans joined with Cuban-Americans in dissident solidarity marches in Miami, Los Angeles and New York last weekend. That's why they were dressed in white.

They have seen the images of peaceful Cuban dissidents being accosted by angry mobs in the same way that a lynch mob would more logically confront a rapist or a serial killer. They have seen how even the relatives of imprisoned dissidents — some black, some elderly and one still mourning the recent hunger-strike death of her dissident son

in a Cuban prison — are subjected to all kinds of human rights violations.

After the latest "Ladies in White" repression video, even President Barack Obama, who has been trying to befriend the Castro brothers, was forced to condemn them.

"Instead of embracing an opportunity to enter a new era, Cuban authorities continue to respond to the aspirations of the Cuban people with a clenched fist," Obama said in a written statement. "Today, I join my voice with brave individuals across Cuba and a growing chorus around the world in calling for an end to the repression, for the immediate, unconditional release of all political prisoners in Cuba, and for respect for the basic rights of the Cuban people."

Those are strong words from a president who, just last year, froze \$40 million that had been appropriated by Congress to support the pro-democracy movement in Cuba. The recent hunger-strike death of dissident prisoner Orlando Zapata and the ongoing hunger strike by dissident Guillermo Farinas are making it hard for Obama to embrace their tormentors.

Yet, although Obama's State Department recently announced that it would defreeze half of the \$40 million designated to support Cuban dissidents, a prominent U.S. senator has decided to single-handedly squash the technological support that has begun to give the Cuban people a chance to fight for freedom.

As if the Cuban "rapid response brigades" had members in the U.S. Congress, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., rapidly announced last week that as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he was placing the \$40 million on "a temporary hold." A Kerry spokesman shamelessly told reporters that the senator needs "assurances that these (pro-dissident) programs have eliminated waste, fraud and abuse" and that he will wait for the State Department to "undertake a review of these programs."

At a time when computers, satellite dishes, cell phones and other forms of new technology are finally exposing the plight of Cuban dissidents, when their struggle for freedom and democracy is finally gaining some world attention, amazingly, some American politicians still are trying to block their way. The Cuban "rapid response brigades" need more people like Sen. John Kerry.

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What really matters

Something very scary is happening out there. The gas line was cut at the house of one congressman's brother after his address was posted online as a way to send a message to the congressman about his vote for health care reform. A coffin was left on another's front lawn. A number of House Democrats have requested increased police protection. Protesters are reportedly planning to picket the Senate parliamentarian's home. Someone took a shot at the Richmond, Va., office of House Minority Whip Eric Cantor.

A new Harris poll shows that as many as one in four Republicans believe that Barack Obama is the Antichrist. Meanwhile, so-called leaders of the two parties are using the occasion to blame each other. Cantor has accused Democrats of "dangerously fanning the flames." House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn accused Republican lawmakers of sending "signals" that amount to aiding and abetting the violence.

Enough. Obama is our president, the president of the United States. What is at stake is far more important than health care reform, important as that is.

In a democracy, you take your lumps. Majority rules. If you don't like what the president and Congress are doing, vote against them. Ditto if you don't like what the opposition is doing. Get involved in politics. Run for office.

Many of us did not like George Bush's decision to invade Iraq. We thought it was wrong. But I never hated Bush, and I repeatedly criticized those who said they did. As a young aide to Sen. Ted Kennedy, I fought hard against the Reagan Revolution. But in the years since, I have repeatedly visited the Reagan Library out of respect for the man and for the office of the presidency.

Bush was wrong, but he wasn't evil.

Same for Reagan. Obama may be right or wrong, but he loves this country. I have no doubt that he and all the members of Congress are doing what they think is best for this country.

Those who threaten them — on either side — are tearing at the fabric that binds us together. The idea of picketing the parliamentarian, of all people, a nonpartisan professional charged with interpreting procedural rules, would be funny if it weren't so frightening. Have we lost our collective conscience? Have we forgotten what really matters?

Passion can be a wonderful thing in politics. I encourage my students to be passionate about

politics, and it saddens me, frankly, how many of them are simply "turned off" by all things Washington.

But like most good things, too much passion can be dangerous. Politics requires compromise. In every contest, there are winners and losers, and knowing how to be good at both is essential to a stable democracy.

I understand that there are many people who really do believe that Obama is taking the country in the wrong direction. They have no doubt. They are as sure of this as they are of their religious beliefs. But that sort of faith can be way, way too powerful to contain in a system in which you lose as often as you win.

It is time for our leaders to act like leaders, to stop fighting like schoolchildren about who started it and who is to blame. We — and they — need to tone down the rhetoric.

Someone could get hurt. Keep it up, both sides, and someone will get hurt.

This nation can survive an ill-conceived health care bill, if that's what you think it is; we have survived an ill-conceived war, which is what many of us thought it was. What we cannot survive is partisanship run amok to the point that we start hating each other instead of our real enemies.

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Youkilis, Red Sox rally for win over Yankees

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Opening Day sideshows were all over the place.

A plane over the two jet planes and fireworks before the game. The ceremonial first pitch by Pedro Martinez. Live performances of "God Bless America" by Aerosmith's Steven Tyler during the seventh-inning stretch, and "Sweet Caroline," a Red Sox theme song, by Neil Diamond after the top of the eighth.

Then there was the usual serious stuff — another wild game between Boston and the New York Yankees in the latest installment of

their rivalry, a game won by the Red Sox 9-7 with two comebacks Sunday in the first night opener in the 98-year history of Fenway Park.

"It was cranked up to what it was supposed to be. It showed on both sides," Yankees centerfielder Curtis Granderson said after his first regular-season game since being obtained from Detroit.

The other centerfielder, also new to his team, agreed.

"It was good," Boston's Mike Cameron said, "a little nerve-racking, but it was good."

Kevin Youkilis had three extra-base hits, Dustin Pedroia hit a

two-run homer, and three new starters had big nights with the bat as Boston rallied to beat the defending World Series champions in the major league opener.

General manager Theo Epstein emphasized "run prevention" in building the team for the new season. That became more important when Jason Bay, who led the Red Sox with 36 homers last year, signed with the New York Mets.

But the Red Sox needed just one game to show they have the ability to score runs.

"We all have faith in ourselves," said Youkilis, who scored the go-ahead run on a

passed ball in the seventh inning. "It's good to get a win opening night. It's good for the city. It's good for the fans. It's good for everyone. ... but it's still just one game."

Yankees manager Joe Girardi had little doubt the Red Sox would hit.

"We expected them to score runs," he said. "We know they have a very good offensive team. You look at the guys they brought in."

Boston's three new starters, Cameron, third baseman Adriano Beltré and shortstop Marco Scutaro all are outstanding fielders. And all had solid nights at the plate, going a combined 5 for 9

with 3 RBIs.

"I think it's great for them because there's a lot of pressure here and it's good to see them get the hits out of the way," Youkilis said.

The Yankees took a 2-0 lead in the second on back-to-back homers by Jorge Posada and Granderson off Josh Beckett. Going into the bottom of the fifth, they led 5-1 and CC Sabathia had allowed just one hit: Youkilis' leadoff double in the second. But Scutaro singled in the fifth and the Red Sox tied it in the sixth on a two-run triple by Youkilis and an RBI single by Beltré.

New York regained the

lead with two in the seventh on a run-scoring groundout by Robinson Cano and an RBI single by Posada.

Then it was Boston's turn to go ahead with three runs in the bottom of the inning. Pedroia tied it with a two-run homer and Youkilis made it 8-7 when he doubled and scored on a passed ball by Posada. The last run scored on Pedroia's single in the eighth.

"No lead is ever safe here," Derek Jeter said. "They battled. It's disappointing anytime you score seven runs and CC's on the mound. You

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Feldman takes ball for Rangers

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Scott Feldman began last season in the bullpen for the Texas Rangers. Now he's their opening day starter with a new contract after a 17-win season.

"It's an amazing story," Toronto center fielder Vernon Wells said. "His stuff has just gradually gotten better over the last few years and he can throw any pitch in any count and throw them all for strikes."

The 6-foot-7 Feldman will be on the mound and Wells, who grew up in Arlington and still lives in the area, gets to play a season opener at home when Texas hosts the Blue Jays on Monday.

Feldman went 17-8 after moving into the starting rotation three weeks into last season, his first full one in the majors. He will be only the fifth pitcher signed and developed by the Rangers to start a season opener.

"Opening day is something I always will remember," said Feldman, the 27-year-old right-hander who Friday got a new contract through 2012 worth nearly \$14 million that includes a team option for 2013.

Texas won 87 games last year, then added slugger Vladimir Guerrero to the lineup and Colby Lewis and Rich Harden to the rotation this off-season. Team president and pending co-owner Nolan Ryan has repeatedly said the Rangers should win at least 92 games this season.

"I don't put any numbers on the team. At the same time, though, I appreciate the high expectations," Rangers



AP FILE PHOTO

Texas Rangers' Andrew Jones hits a solo home run off of San Francisco Giants' Matt Cain in early 2009. The Rangers open with the Blue Jays at 1:05 p.m.

third baseman Michael Young said. "I like the fact that people are expecting us to play well. I like the fact that high expectations have been placed on this team. I feel like we're going to win. We have everything in place to win."

Going into his 10th season, Young is the longest-tenured Rangers player. He was an All-Star third baseman last year after making the switch from shortstop, where he was an All-Star pick five consecutive times.

Young began his career in Toronto's organization, and was traded to Texas as a sec-

ond baseman in 2000. He is still good friends with Wells, now the longest-tenured Blue Jays player beginning his 12th season and finally opening at home.

"It is special. I get five days at home, a couple of off days there," Wells said. "It will be fun and it will be my first time opening up at home, seeing that stadium packed. ... Hopefully we'll enjoy it a little more than they will."

With Roy Halladay gone after being traded to Philadelphia this winter, Wells is now seen as the unquestionable leader of a youth-laden team from which little is expected this

season in the AL East.

"If we learn and you can see some of the guys improve, whether it's pitchers or whether it's a hitter, I think that's the way we want to go," manager Cito Gaston said. "That would be good for the team and the organization and the fans in Toronto, all of us."

Right-hander Shaun Marcum becomes the first pitcher in eight years other than Halladay to start a season opener for the Blue Jays. Marcum missed half of 2008 and all of last season recovering from elbow surgery.

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Opening day lineups missing some big stars

Associated Press

Texas Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler is on the list. So are Jose Reyes and Carlos Beltran of the New York Mets. Houston Astros first baseman Lance Berkman, Colorado Rockies closer Huston Street and Seattle Mariners pitcher Cliff Lee are right there, too.

You could field a pretty good team with the injured players sitting out every day.

"Everybody's got their challenges," said Royals manager Trey Hillman, who already has two third basemen and his No. 2 starter on the disabled list. "You just try to make sure you have enough depth and enough coverage to feel comfortable with what you're running out there."

The Red Sox kicked off the season with a 9-7 victory over the World Series champion Yankees on Sunday night. New York catcher Jorge Posada picked up baseball's first hit of the season with a two-out solo homer off Josh Beckett in the second inning, but Dustin Pedroia drove in three runs to help Boston rally for the victory at Fenway Park.

Baseball begins again in earnest with a full slate of games on Monday.

President Barack Obama is scheduled to throw out the ceremonial first pitch before the Washington Nationals host the NL champion Philadelphia Phillies, who begin the season with closer Brad Lidge, setup man J.C. Romero and starter Joe Blanton on the DL.

One day in, and Obama will have more time on

the mound than three key pitchers on one of the National League's best teams.

"I'm going to be warming him up," Nationals catcher Ivan Rodriguez said of baseball's First Fan. "I'm going to take a picture with him, if he'll let me. It'll be exciting."

In Cincinnati, new St. Louis hitting coach Mark McGwire will get his first true test of what to expect on the road this year when the Cardinals face the Reds. McGwire admitted over the winter to using steroids and human growth hormone for part of his playing career.

"It's going to be really good," said McGwire, looking forward to the opener. "The potential of this team is really, really good."

The Rangers also think they're going to do well this season, as evidenced by team president Nolan Ryan's prediction of at least 92 victories. But they will be without Kinsler when they host the Toronto Blue Jays on opening day.

Kinsler, who had a career-high 31 homers and 86 RBIs last year, is on the disabled list with a high right ankle sprain and the Rangers are determined to be patient with him.

"You don't want something to just keep on recurring throughout the year," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "So we have to make sure it's right, and the good thing about it, Kinsler's in a good frame with that. He wants to come back one time, we want him to come back one time, and whatever amount of time that it takes to get that done,

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Sports in brief

Forsan baseball, softball showcase set for April 9

The Forsan Buffaloes and Lady Buffs will be in action one last time Friday at Forsan High School.

The Forsan Booster Club is giving away free hot dogs and drinks and baked goods will be available for \$1.

The baseball team will play Loraine and the softball team will play Eldorado. The games get under way at 5 p.m.

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>

Rotary Club to sponsor golf tournament

The Big Spring Rotary Club is sponsoring a four-person scramble golf tournament April 10 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The cost is \$60 per person, which includes green fees, a cart, a meal and prize money.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The word "consequences" often has a negative connotation, although it literally stands neutral, simply indicating the logical result of an action. The Capricorn moon is a wizened balance to the impulsive

Aries sun, bringing to mind the consequences of each action before it is taken and giving us even more motivation to work hard and do right.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your imagination is strong, and in a flash of insight, you'll envision yourself doing something very different from the experiences your current daily life provides. You may be seeing the future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be thinking about how you can make more money. There will be a learning curve here. You are the one in control of which skills you acquire. It's time to add to your bag of tricks or hone a use-

ful skill even further.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your subconscious sees a good use for the habit you consider to be so bad. No chance you'll drop this habit without replacing it with something that both you and your subconscious see as effective.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be cleaning up a mess that's not really yours. Even so, there will be a great benefit available to you because you were the one who took responsibility for the situation and made order out of chaos.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Criticizing others or judging them in your mind takes too much energy. Anyway, it's a sign of feeling insecure or insufficient in your own gifts. Find the good in yourself, and focus on that. You are enough.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A certain person seems consistently able to make you do what you don't want to do. What is it about this person that causes you to react so? Figure it out, and you'll free yourself from ever repeating

this pattern again.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Turn on the tap of your imagination today, and you'll find that you are wildly, endlessly creative. A lot of the ideas aren't good, but keep going and you'll get some fantastic gems.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll notice that some around you are trying much too hard. They don't realize that destiny is often turned on its ear by the simplest of friendly contributions. Stay sweet and you'll be an excellent example.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Everything makes a lot more sense now. You'll see what was invisible. The fuzzy details you couldn't make sense of will now be vivid. The meaning will be obvious to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be drenched in emotional sunshine. What once made you sad is now a cause for glee because you see another angle — a way to deal with things that will make life better than it was before.

AQUARIUS (Jan.

20-Feb. 18). Accept yourself without worrying about changing the bad stuff. If you never do, so what? There's a lot of good in you, so focus there. If you try, you can find a way to love your current, adorable self.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's such a thing as being too realistic. Pisces, you need to dream like a fish needs water. Spectacular imaginings will help you to be more fully who you naturally are.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 5). You take care of your people, and they make your life fun and easy. This month brings a financial breakthrough, and career trajectories change. A twist in the plot of your personal life comes in May. You'll find out who cares more deeply than you imagined. You'll plant a seed in June and harvest in October. Pisces and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 10, 4, 33 and 20.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Why are some signs labeled "male" and others

"female"?

To understand this, you first need a firm grasp of the Eastern philosophical concept of yin and yang. Yin is "female" energy, and yang is "male" energy. No matter your gender, everyone needs a good balance of both male and female energy to stay healthy, wealthy and wise. Male energy is action-oriented. It's about pushing forward and giving. It's force moving outward and away from you. Female energy is conservation-oriented, meaning that for every ounce of energy you expend, you should balance with an equal amount of relaxation. Yin is the pulling toward you, the receiving, the "being" rather than "doing" side of life. Think of it as a yo-yo. Yang is tossing the yo-yo out to the full length of its string, and yin is taking it up again on its spool. You need both to make a yo-yo work; they're equally important. So what does it have to do with zodiac signs? Simply that for thousands of years, astrologers have noticed that planets in certain

constellations seem to elicit action-oriented male energy (like Sagittarius and Capricorn), and others (like Cancer and Virgo) tend to foster female-like introspection.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Mysterious master magician and endurance artist David Blaine is a daring Aries who displays his risk-taking ram energy with such amazing feats as being buried under a 3.5-ton tank of water in New York City and standing on a narrow pillar 100 feet over Bryant Park for 35 straight hours. Blaine's natal Mercury in telepathic Pisces gives him an edge for performing close-up magic.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I am a 64-year-old woman, and my husband is 65. We have been together for 45 years.

Until recently, I thought we had the perfect marriage. However, when he became seriously ill and believed he might die, he confessed to an affair 30 years ago.

He was traveling on business and had drinks with a woman who wanted to see the company apartment, and, well, one thing led to another.

Apparently, it happened again two nights later. He said he broke it off then because he didn't want to cheat on his wife and feared losing me along with his family.

Of course, this blew me away, and I had all kinds of questions. I wanted all the details.

To me, it is like it happened yesterday. I'm crushed that he never told me, because for 45 years, I thought we shared everything.

I'm really having a hard time getting past

this. He keeps saying he was young, drinking and stupid. I know he loves me. How do I move on? — *Crushed*

Dear Crushed: These deathbed confessions may clear someone's conscience, but they often leave the listeners with a horrible emotional burden.

Fortunately, your husband is still alive and you have the opportunity to resolve his heart-breaking revelation.

Keep in mind that for him, the affair is ancient history.

For you, however, it just happened, and you are reevaluating your married life as if it contains false memories. It does not.

Your husband valued his wife and marriage more than the transient thrill of an affair.

It is natural for you to need some time to forgive him and let it go, but we are confident that you can do this.

If you need help, some short-term counseling will provide it.

Dear Annie: Please settle an old argument between my sister and me.

When invited to a party, be it birthday, anniversary, wedding, etc., if you will not be attending, are you obligated to send a gift?

I say no, and she says you must send a gift because you have been invited. Thank you. — *Two Sisters*

Dear Sisters: If you do not attend the event, you are not obligated to give a gift.

However, for close friends and family members, most people send a gift regardless.

It is a gracious gesture that preserves the special quality of the relationship. (This is particularly true with wed-

ding presents.)

When in doubt, we say you can't go wrong sending a gift.

Dear Annie: I was very interested in the letter from "Depressed in Ohio," the 48-year-old man who had never kissed a girl.

While therapy is a good suggestion, a better one would be for him to seek out a dating coach, one who also has experience as a psychotherapist.

Dating and courtship involve highly sophisticated sets of behaviors.

A coach who has experience in both could be quite helpful to this man and others like him.

I am working with a man right now in the same situation.

All is not hopeless for

these men and women who missed the boat in high school and college and then got further and further behind.

They tend to be highly sensitive to rejection in general, and to shame specifically, while being extremely passive in and avoidant of potential sexual situations.

The clue here is when he said a woman had never approached him.

It's almost certain that he has never approached a woman, either, and likely warding off any attempts if one was interested.

My client is also 48, which is a pretty advanced age to be starting from square one, but he is very motivated.

For the first time ever, he is dating someone and has gotten much further than ever before.

Under my guidance, he has been open with the woman about his lack of experience.

They are proceeding slowly and building a real relationship before attempting sex.

He is thrilled. — *Romance Coach*

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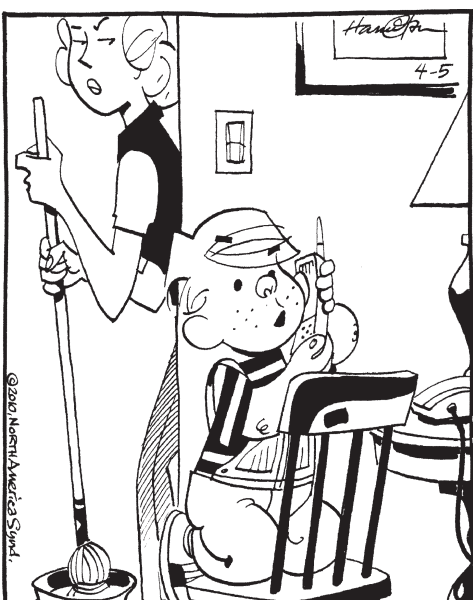
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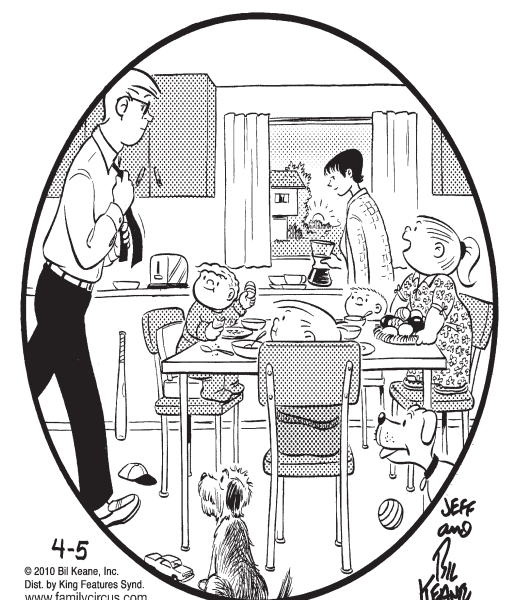
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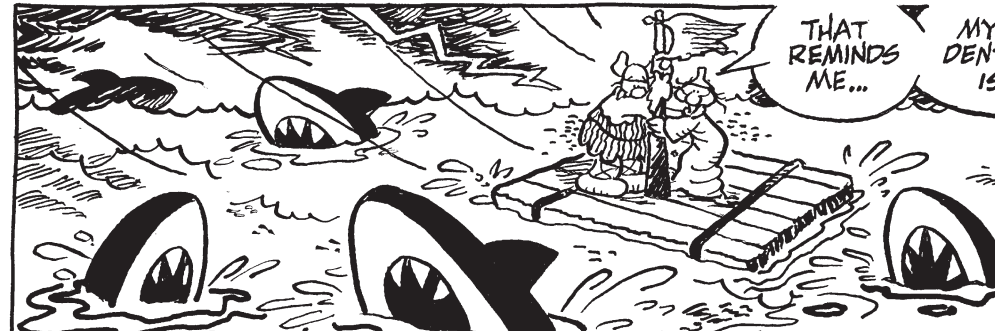
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



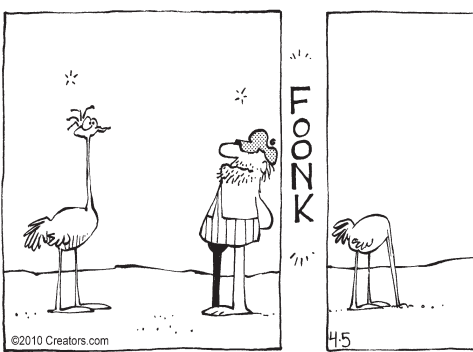
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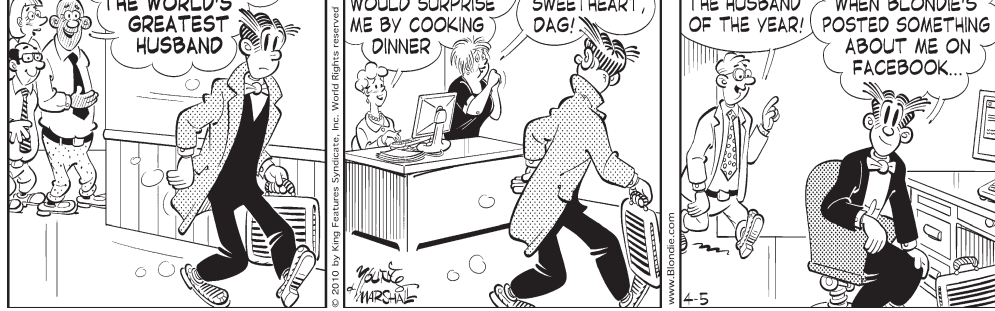
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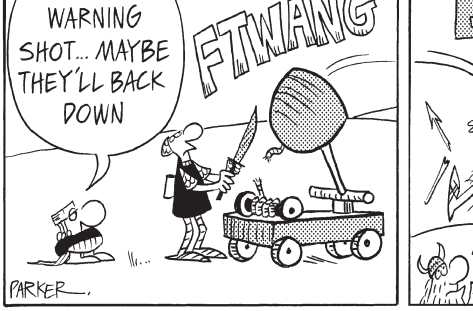
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I'VE JUST DISCOVERED OUR TEAM MASCOT!

AGNES



FIRE A WARNING SHOT... MAYBE THEY'LL BACK DOWN

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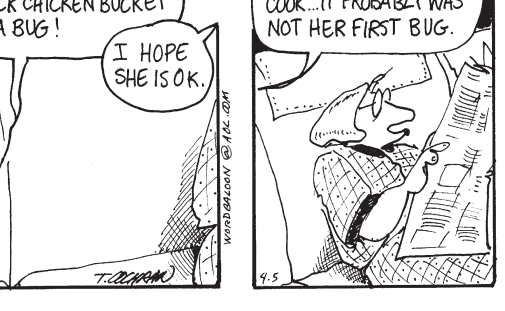
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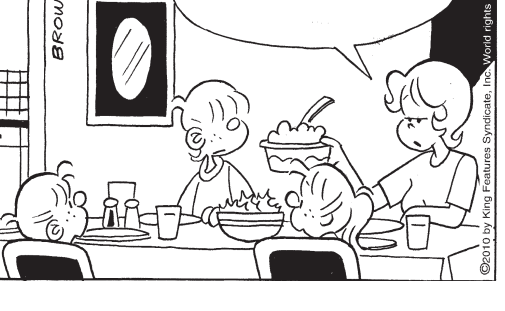
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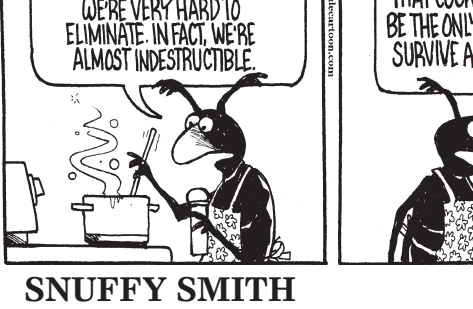
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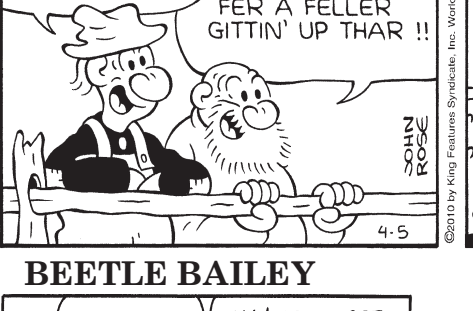
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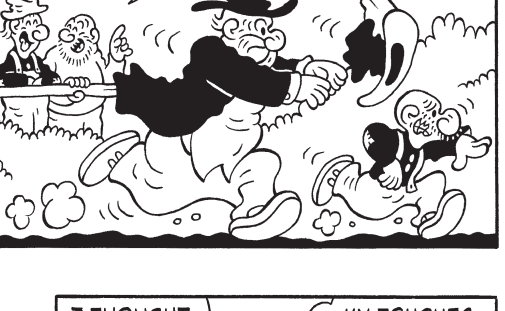
MUST BE ALL THAT SMIFERCIZE !!

POW!



I THOUGHT WE WERE PLAYING TOUCH FOOT-BALL!

MY TOUCHES WEREN'T GETTING THROUGH TO HIM



MY TOUCHES WEREN'T GETTING THROUGH TO HIM

This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 5, the 95th day of 2010. There are 270 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 5, 1792, George Washington cast the first presidential veto, rejecting a congressional measure for apportioning representatives among the states.

On this date:

In 1614, Pocahontas, daughter of the leader of the Powhatan tribe, married English colonist John Rolfe in Virginia. (A convert to Christianity, she went by the name Lady Rebecca.)

In 1621, the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth Colony in present-day Massachusetts on a monthlong return trip to England.

In 1887, in Tuscumbia, Ala., teacher Anne Sullivan achieved a breakthrough as her blind and deaf pupil, Helen Keller, learned the meaning of the word "water" as spelled out in the Manual Alphabet. British historian Lord Acton wrote in a letter, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men."

In 1895, Oscar Wilde lost his criminal libel case against the Marquess of Queensberry, who'd accused the writer of homosexual practices.

In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death following their conviction in New York on charges of conspiring to commit espionage for the Soviet Union; co-defendant Morton Sobell was sentenced to 30 years in prison (he was released in 1969).

In 1964, Army General Douglas MacArthur died in Washington at age 84.

In 1975, nationalist Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek died at age 87.

In 1976, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes died in Houston at age 70.

In 1986, two American servicemen and a Turkish woman were killed in the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque, an incident which prompted a U.S. air raid on Libya more than a week later.

In 1988, a 15-day hijacking ordeal began as gunmen forced a Kuwait Airways jumbo jet to land in Iran.

Today's Birthdays: Movie producer Roger Corman is 84. Country music producer Cowboy Jack Clement is 79. Former Secretary of State Colin Powell is 73. Country singer Tommy Cash is 70. Actor Michael Moriarty is 69. Pop singer Allan Clarke (The Hollies) is 68. Writer-director Peter Greenaway is 68. Actor Max Gail is 67. Actress Jane Asher is 64. Singer Agnetha (ag-NEE'-tah) Faltskog (ABBA) is 60. Actor Mitch Pileggi is 58. Rock musician Mike McCready (Pearl Jam) is 44. Country singer Troy Gentry is 43. Singer Paula Cole is 42. Actress Krista Allen is 39.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Close forcefully
 - 5 Frogs' cousins
 - 10 Police officers
 - 14 LP player
 - 15 Calm, as fears
 - 16 Wickedness
 - 17 Rowboat
 - 18 Show on TV again
 - 19 See socially
 - 20 Pony's gait
 - 21 Mix the greens with dressing
 - 23 Scale amts.
 - 25 Coupe or convertible
 - 26 Ocean contents
 - 29 Puffy sky sight
 - 32 Maple tree product
 - 35 Lessen
 - 36 Cereal grains
 - 37 Office note
 - 38 Concede defeat
 - 41 Make do somehow
 - 42 Dole (out)
 - 43 By oneself
 - 44 60-minute periods: Abbr.
 - 45 One getting out of bed
 - 46 Repairs
 - 47 Settled on the sofa
 - 48 Part of a minute: Abbr.
 - 49 Prepare the campsite shelter
 - 55 Pre-owned
 - 59 Feeling achy
 - 60 Social no-no
 - 61 Exist
 - 62 Graceful bird
 - 63 Arm joint
 - 64 Biblical paradise
 - 65 Carton sealer
 - 66 Pieces of office furniture
 - 67 Deposited in the mailbox
 - 10 Hope-chest wood
 - 11 Egg-shaped
 - 12 Bread with a pocket
 - 13 Winter coaster
 - 22 Down in the dumps
 - 24 Witch's potion
 - 26 Pocket timepiece
 - 27 Detest
 - 28 Rain-delay covers
 - 29 Ice-cream holders
 - 30 Coffeehouse order
 - 31 "On the ___ hand . . ."
 - 32 Attach with needle and thread
 - 33 Modify, as a law
 - 34 Flag holders
 - 37 Groups of atoms
 - 39 Mimicked
 - 40 Bring under control
 - 45 Pep-rally word
 - 47 Part of a play
 - 48 Loads, as cargo
 - 49 Low-key "Hey!"
 - 50 Where Des Moines is
 - 51 Golf hazard
 - 52 Folk story
 - 53 Recedes
 - 54 Cozy corner
 - 56 ___ dish (mashed potatoes, e.g.)
 - 57 Make smooth
 - 58 Fender-bender result

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Sports in brief

Lee to start year on disabled list

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Seattle Mariners ace Cliff Lee was placed on the 15-day disabled list Sunday with an abdominal strain, an expected move given the 2008 AL Cy Young Award winner's health troubles this spring.

Lee is still only throwing on flat ground, which he did Sunday morning on a windy, chilly day at the San Francisco Giants' AT&T Park under the close watch of athletic trainer Rick Griffin. The Mariners open the season Monday across the bay against the Oakland Athletics.

James responds to skip warning

BOSTON (AP) — LeBron James responded Sunday to USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo's warnings about skipping the world championships, saying he has already proven his commitment to the team.

Colangelo said Wednesday any player who sat out this summer without a good reason was jeopardizing his chances of playing in the 2012 Olympics in London, telling The Associated Press there are "no free passes, regardless who it is." Dwyane Wade also has hedged about taking part.

Asked about the comments Sunday, James said: "I think everyone in the USA knows what type of commitment these guys have made, including myself, since 2003," James told reporters.

Doctor carries Mickelson's bag

HUMBLE, Texas (AP) — Phil Mickelson pulled a special guest out of the gallery at the Houston Open on Sunday to carry his bag for three holes.

Dr. Tom Buchholz, a radiation oncologist at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, is treating

Mickelson's wife and mother, Amy and Mary, who were both diagnosed with breast cancer last summer.

Mickelson left tournament passes for Buchholz, his family and other hospital staff. Out of contention in the final round, Mickelson asked Buchholz to take the bag from regular caddie Jim "Bones" Mackay on the 14th tee.

Buchholz wasn't totally inexperienced as a looper. He was working in the pro shop at the Westchester Country Club after college in 1984 when he caddied for Allen Miller in the PGA's Westchester Classic. Miller tied for 10th.

Roddick wins Sony Open

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. (AP) — Andy Roddick used a dominating serve and smart baseline game Sunday to beat Tomas Berdych 7-5, 6-4 and win the Sony Ericsson Open.

Roddick earned his

fifth title in a Masters 1000 tournament — one level below the Grand Slams — and his first since 2006.

He coaxed an errant backhand from Berdych on championship point, and responded to the crowd's cheers with a thumbs-up. The runner-up last month at Indian Wells, Roddick has a record of 26-4 this year, best on the men's tour.

Brit knocks out American in 4

MANCHESTER, England (AP) — David Haye made a successful first defense of his WBA heavyweight title, knocking down John Ruiz four times Saturday before the American challenger's corner stopped the fight in the ninth round.

The 29-year-old Haye sent Ruiz to the canvas twice in the first round, but Ruiz survived until his trainer waved the white towel 2 minutes and 1 second into the ninth round.

For the 38-year-old

Ruiz, who held and lost the WBA title twice, it was the ninth defeat of a 55-fight career.

Haye's mission now is to unite the heavyweight belts by fighting either of the Klitschko brothers — Vitali or Wladimir — who between them hold the WBC, IBF and minor WBO titles.

Swiss man wins Tour of Flanders

MEERBEKE, Belgium (AP) — Switzerland's Fabian Cancellara shook off Tom Boonen on the toughest climb of the Tour of Flanders and raced away to a solo victory ahead of the Belgian champion in one of the season's top one-day classics.

Lance Armstrong finished 27th as the leading Team Radioshack rider. He saw the event as a training run, while others raced it as their biggest challenge of the year. The seven-time Tour de France winner used the classic with its long stretches of cobble-

stones as preparation for the third stage of the Tour, which will include seven cobblestone sectors for eight miles.

Group warns of 'Land of murder'

VENTERSDORP, South Africa (AP) — A South African white supremacist group whose leader was killed Sunday to avoid sending their soccer teams to the World Cup and "to a land of murder."

The country's ruling ANC party criticized the far-right Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging movement over the warning.

Andre Visagie, a senior member of the AWB, said the slaying of leader Eugene Terreblanche "is a declaration of war" by blacks against whites in South Africa. Visagie vowed to avenge the death of Terreblanche but did not specify what form the vengeance would take.

RED SOX

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like our chances." Hideki Okajima pitched a scoreless inning to get the win and Jonathan Papelbon worked the ninth for the save.

Chan Ho Park recorded just two outs while picking up the loss in his Yankees debut. The right-hander was charged with three

runs and three hits. Martinez, the former Red Sox ace who is now a free agent, had a better day than both starters. He received a warm ovation as he headed for the mound from the left-field wall. He smiled all the way and waved to the fans.

Beckett allowed five runs and eight hits in 4 2-3 innings. It was the worst of five opening-day starts for the

right-hander, who had allowed just four runs in 22 2-3 innings in his previous four.

The long-term contract extension he's expected to sign soon "never crossed my mind," Beckett said. "I never established my curveball, at least not for strikes."

Sabathia struggled for his third straight opener, one with Cleveland and the last two with New York after signing

a \$161 million, seven-year contract.

"It fell definitely on my shoulders. I'm very disappointed," he said. "I had a pretty good lead and I was trying to throw the ball over the plate a little too much."

And the Red Sox hitters took advantage.

"It's awesome," Beckett said. "They definitely picked me up."

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we're going to do it." That's the theme when it comes to injuries this early in the season: Take care of it now so it doesn't become a year-long problem.

The Royals placed right-hander Gil Meche and infielders Alex Gordon and Josh Fields on the DL on Saturday. They also could be without switch-hitting infielder Alberto Callaspo (irritation in his right side), who is iffy for one of opening day's juiciest pitching

matchups — AL Cy Young Award winner Zack Greinke against Detroit ace Justin Verlander.

"You've got to look at the big picture," Hillman said.

The Mets also are banged up, recalling painful memories of the injuries they dealt with in 2009. Shortstop Reyes (thyroid), center fielder Beltran (right knee surgery) and first baseman Daniel Murphy (sprained right knee) will be out when New York begins its second season at Citi Field with a matchup against Josh Johnson and the Florida

Marlins.

Mets manager Jerry Manuel is hoping opening-day starter Johan Santana and the rest of his rotation can shoulder the load with the position players out.

"It's definitely time for these guys to step up," he said. "Regardless if Reyes or Beltran is here, they're going to have to pitch at a high level for us to be successful."

Twins manager Ron Gardenhire is turning to 6-foot-11 Jon Rauch to fill the void created when closer Joe Nathan was shelved for the season following right elbow surgery. Matt

Guerrier, Jesse Crain and Jose Mijares also could help out if Rauch falters.

Minnesota is at the Los Angeles Angels for opening day in a matchup of defending division champions, and Gardenhire seems as anxious as anyone to see how the closer situation works out.

"Whether they can close or not, you're right there with me," he said. "We're going to be sitting in the seats watching them pitch. Hopefully they can handle the situations."

RANGERS

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Halladay to start a season opener for the Blue Jays. Marcum missed half of 2008 and all of last season recovering from elbow surgery.

Ryan is part of the investment group headed by Pittsburgh sports attorney Chuck Greenberg buying the Rangers, though the deal didn't get done by opening day as hoped.

The Greenberg-Ryan group entered into exclusive negotiations nearly four months ago, but the transfer of ownership from Tom Hicks has been complicated by the significant debt owed by Hicks' financially strapped Hicks Sports Group.

While attending the team's final spring training game Saturday, Greenberg said he anticipates the complex deal getting completed the week of April 19. That

means the sale could be done by time the Rangers open their second homestand of the season.

Rangers manager Ron Washington said he's not concerned about the 19 spring losses that matched a team record or Guerrero going without a homer in 63 at-bats this spring.

The Angels didn't re-sign the 35-year-old Guerrero after he helped them win five of the last six AL West titles. The

2004 American League MVP had two stints on the disabled list last season for a torn right pectoral muscle and strained left knee.

Despite the lack of homers, Guerrero did hit .333 with 10 RBIs this spring for Texas.

"I see a guy that knows what he's doing. ... You'll see the power," Washington said. "He's having a good time, he's doing everything everybody else is doing. When Monday rolls around,

he'll be ready."

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
 South West North East
 4♥! Pass Pass Pass
 Opening lead — queen of spades.

The story you are about to read is true. The names have not been mentioned because nothing could be gained by doing so. Suffice it to say that I was East when the bidding shown took place in a team event at a regional tournament.

As can be seen, six spades is an excellent contract for North-South, and is defeated only by the 4-0 spade break. One would think that if the deal were played, say, a hundred times, the final contract would be some number of spades, ranging from game to grand slam, at about 98 percent of the tables.

Yet, when the deal actually occurred at just the two tables in the

team format, neither North-South pair wound up in a spade contract. What's more, spades were not even mentioned by North at either table!

At my table, South, who must have been having a very tough day, opened four hearts in first seat on his six-card suit headed by the A-9! Considering that South held a perfectly normal one-heart opener, it is not clear what he intended to accomplish with this bid. As it was, he found just about the only way to silence North, who looked like a man who had been done out of his life's savings. When the smoke cleared, declarer was down four — 200 points.

At the other table, my teammate could think of nothing more imaginative to do than to open one heart with the South hand, whereupon West bid one spade! This left North, who was playing negative doubles and so could not double for penalties, no choice but to pass in hopes that his partner would reopen the bidding with a double.

When South bid two diamonds instead, North tried three clubs, and everyone passed! North made nine tricks for a score of plus 110, and was not very happy until he heard the result at the other table.

And so, the deal returned to wherever deals come from without anyone ever bidding spades with the North hand. On its next time around — say, 10,000 years from now — maybe someone will get it right.

Tomorrow: No way out.
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