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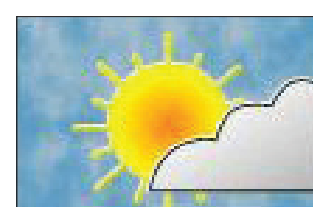


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First Kidney Walk scheduled for Saturday

By **AMANDA MORENO**

Special to the Herald

Big Spring will host its first Kidney Walk at Comanche Trail Park Saturday, with the fund-raiser to begin at the Old Settlers Pavilion.

Registration is set for 9 a.m. and the walk — which gives participants a choice between a one-mile and a two-mile course — will begin at 10 a.m. Event coordinators said the walk should take about an hour and a half and be completed around 11:30 a.m. Free drinks and goody bags will be

provided, but will be limited.

According to Cheyan Jackson, regional walk and marketing director for West Texas, there are currently 50 participants signed up and more are expected.

To register, a \$20 donation is encouraged, but not required.

"We are trying to raise money, that's what the walk is about. All the money raised will stay in the West Texas area and provide services and education to those with kidney disease," Jackson said.

The National Kidney Foundation

Serving West Texas assists 79 counties and currently only has three walks in the area: Lubbock, Big Spring and Amarillo.

Walkers can participate as individuals or form teams and all ages are welcome to take part in the morning event. Also, each person who raises \$100 will receive a free Kidney Walk T-shirt.

"We encourage all people from the community to come out. Even if you are walking with a walker or using a wheelchair, we encourage you to still come out and take part," Jackson

said.

According to Jackson, there are 26 million people who have kidney diseases and another 26 million who don't know they have the disease.

"Chances are you know someone or you yourself are effected by kidney disease. It's a silent killer, but it's preventable," Jackson said.

Big Spring has a high population of people with diabetes and high blood pressure. It is also home to a dialysis center.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Professional handler Robert Ackerman, right, lets the crowd get up close with a rattler during the AMBUCS Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup at the Howard County fair barns. The 45th roundup concluded Sunday.

Geithner rosy on economy

PHILIP ELLIOTT

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — His popularity on Capitol Hill has waxed and waned, but for Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner it's all part of traveling the bumpy, potholed road toward economic recovery.

"We were going to have to do things that are going to be deeply unpopular, hard to understand. We're not going to get it perfect everywhere. ... This job, it comes with a lot of heat by definition and there's nothing surprising in that."

Long kept behind the scenes, the treasury secretary has emerged as the administration's champion of a plan that fueled an uptick in Wall Street markets.

Last week, Geithner introduced President Barack Obama's plan to help the nation's ailing banks and a separate program to regulate the nation's financial system. On

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Guns on Campus?

Bills would allow guns at college

JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — John Woods sometimes sits in a classroom at the University of Texas and wonders what would happen if somebody walked in and started shooting.

In April 2007, he was a student at Virginia Tech when his girlfriend and several other people he knew there were gunned down in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. Thirty-two people died, plus the gunman.

There were times when Woods thought that maybe he should get a gun.

"Then I learned pretty fast that wouldn't solve anything," said Woods, who is now a graduate student at UT. "The idea that somebody could stop a school shooting with a gun is impossible. It's reactive, not preventative."

Today, Woods is among the leaders in a fight against bills in the Texas Legisla-

ture that would allow licensed concealed gun carriers to take their weapons to school.

A public hearing is set for Monday in the House Public Safety Committee on one bill, sponsored by Rep. Joe Driver, a Garland Republican.

Supporters say the bills would protect the rights of those licensed to carry concealed weapons and help prevent a massacre on the scale of what happened at Virginia Tech and another shooting last year at Northern Illinois University, where five were killed and 18 wounded.

Texas issued 73,090 licenses in fiscal year 2008. The state requires applicants to pass a training course, pass a criminal background check and be at least 21 years old. Texas campuses are gun-free zones.

"These are individuals who are already licensed and allowed to carry weapons. What marks the imaginary line of college campuses?" said Katie Kasprzak, a

recent Texas State University graduate and spokeswoman for Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, a group that claims more than 37,000 members.

If gunfire erupted on campus, "Would you rather sit and just take shot for shot or would you rather have a chance to fight back?" asked Kasprzak, who has a concealed weapons license.

State Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, sponsor of the Senate bill, said students, faculty and staff are "sitting ducks" if someone starts blasting.

"I have no desire to wake up one morning and read in the newspaper, or hear on the radio, or watch on television a news report that 32 Texas college students were gunned down like sitting ducks by some deranged gunman," Wentworth said.

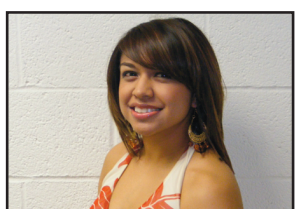
Opponents say that if guns are allowed on campus, students and faculty will

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Obituaries

Wanda Sue Bodiford Welch

Wanda Sue Bodiford Welch, 49, of Dermott, Ark., died Sunday, May 22, 2009. Services were held at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2009, at the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home with the Rev. Elvin McDill and the Rev. Ray Mills officiating. Burial was in the Union Ridge Cemetery.

Mrs. Welch was born Dec. 5, 1959, in Drew County, Ark. She was the widow of Robert Welch, a homemaker and a member of the First Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Charlise Knoblock Evans and Doyle of Monticello, Ark.; three brothers, Greg Bodiford, Kenny Bodiford and Randy Ellis, all of Monticello, Ark.; three sisters, Debra Thompson, Diane Lesie and Kathy McDill, all of Monticello, Ark.; four sons, James Prince and wife, Julie, of Salem, Ark., and Sammy Prince Jr. and wife, Laura, Allen Jones and wife, Arthena, and Jeffrey Jones and wife, Shelly, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Patricia Veasey and husband, Chris, of Big Spring; and 11 grandchildren.

Rita Barnett

Rita Barnett, 87, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 29, 2009, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Anthony 'Tony' Fiore Sr.

Anthony 'Tony' Fiore Sr. 80, of Coahoma died Friday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Cheryl Darst

Cheryl Darst, 60, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 29, 2009, in an Odessa hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• The Big Spring High School Class of 1989 is looking for members to attend a 20-year reunion in September. Contact Christy Alexander Brown at (972) 567-8037 or Irma Moreno Garcia at (432) 816-5321 with your updated information.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers. If you can donate one hour per week to our organization delivering meals between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., you will be helping the senior citizens of Big Spring. Contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016

• Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating in May and have been accepted at Texas A&M for fall 2009. Students must be Howard County residents who plan to enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 1. More information and the application may be found on the club Web site at <http://bondwebs.com>.

• The Family History Center (genealogy library) of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be open from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. If you need assistance in searching out your ancestors, bring all the information you have about your family and we will be happy to assist you. For more information, contact R.A. McKay at (432) 553-8127.

• Big Spring resident Velma Campbell was on vacation in Arizona when she had a massive stroke. She has since been transported to a hospital in Lubbock. She has many friends and is an avid bowler. If anyone would like to help, a savings account has been set up at Wells Fargo. The savings account number is 9662778118.

• Coahoma alumni will hold an all school, all classes reunion Saturday, Aug. 1 at the Coahoma school building. Individual classes are encouraged to plan their class get-togethers Friday night or Saturday night. This year's reunion theme will highlight sports and former coaches Bernie Hagins and Norman Roberts will be honored, along with all former athletes and coaches at Coahoma ISD. Funds will be raised for the Coahoma Scholarship Fund as well. The Coahoma Alumni Association is trying to update its e-mail and mailing address lists and asks that you contact Patti Meets at pmeeks@basin-net.net or (432) 267-6688 with updates. More information will be shared as the reunion planning progresses.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

• West Texas Opportunities Inc., through a Job Access Reverse Commute project with the Texas Department of Transportation offers transportation to employment in Midland, on a limited schedule, Monday through Friday each week. This fixed route currently leaves Big Spring at 7 a.m. and makes a stop at the EZ Rider bus connection in downtown Midland. The route leaves Midland for the return to Big Spring at 4:15 p.m. As a promotional introduction, no fare is charged. Beginning April 1, the daily fare will be from \$3 to \$8, round-trip, depending on the number of passengers using the service. For more information, call Victor Enriquez, JARC coordinator, at West Texas Opportunities, (800) 245-9028.

Police blotter

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

- DAVID YBARRA, 22, of Coahoma, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft – less than \$50.
- ERIC URANGA, 23, of Coahoma, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft – less than \$50.
- JOSEPH OLIVAS, 18, address unknown, was arrested Sunday on a charge of evading arrest.
- BRANDON ROBINSON, 23, of No. B 502 Goliad, was arrested Sunday on a charge of evading arrest.
- THEFT OF A FIREARM was reported in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 2100 block of Carl.
 - in the 300 block of Owens.
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 block of Ridgley.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
 - in the 2100 block of Merrilly.
 - in the 1600 block of 11th Street.
 - in the 400 block of Runnels.
 - in the 1500 block of Sixth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported:
 - in the 300 block of Ninth Street.
 - in the 700 block of Main Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
 - in the 1600 block of 11th Street.
 - in the 1300 block of Blackmon.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported:
 - in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.
 - in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
 - in the 200 block of FM 700.
 - in the 600 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 49 inmates at the time of this report.
- CLIFFORD LEON ANGLIN, 24, was transferred to the County Jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance – more than one gram, less than four grams.
 - DERRICK TODD DRAKE, 22, was transferred to the County Jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of a protective order.
 - AARON JOE GUZMAN, 17, was transferred to the County Jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance – more than four grams, less than 200 grams.
 - SERENA LYN HOLDRIDGE, 36, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia.
 - VANESSA HOLLIS, 35, was transferred to the County Jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and driving while license suspended.
 - JONIE LEDESMA, 26, was transferred to the County Jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear.
 - JORGE LEON-PAEZ, 22, was arrested by DPS Sunday on a charge of no driver's license.
 - ISAAC NATHAN RIOS, 18, was transferred to the County Jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance – more than four grams, less than 200 grams.
 - PATRICK MICHAEL SHARP, 40, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear.
 - JUAN SMITHWICK, 41, was arrested by DPS Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
 - ZACHARY RAY WILLIAMS, 27, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of criminal trespass and harassment.

Support Groups

SUNDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY
• Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m..



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Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of S. Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 600 block of S. Johnson.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 4600 block of Wasson. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of E. Fifth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of S. Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Stanford. One person was transported to SMMC.

Bulletin Board

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

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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White House questions viability of GM, Chrysler

PHILIP ELLIOTT

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is sending a blunt message to Detroit automakers: To survive — and win more government help — they must remake themselves top to bottom.

Driving home the point, the White House ousted the General Motors chairman as it rejected GM and Chrysler's restructuring plans.

Obama is set to elaborate on that message Monday when he announces what his White House told reporters over the

weekend: Neither GM nor Chrysler submitted acceptable plans to receive additional federal bailout money.

GM chairman Rick Wagoner became the most conspicuous casualty of that decision, forced out Sunday as the White House indicated

Detroit must make management and other changes if it hopes to survive — and that the Obama administration will have a hands-on role in those changes.

Michigan Gov. Governor Jennifer Granholm said Wagoner "clearly is a sacrificial

lamb" who stepped aside "for the future of the company and for the future of jobs." She spoke on NBC's "Today" show Monday.

Obama said the companies must do more to receive additional financial aid from the government.

Texas News Briefs

Doublewide trailer hosts illegal East Texas casino

NACOGDOCHES (AP) — An illegal gambling operation in East Texas offered betting in the casino comfort of a doublewide mobile home.

The Nacogdoches County Sheriff's office says nearly 50 people face charges. Some are due in court by Tuesday.

Authorities say Saturday night's raid of the casino trailer in a rural area resulted in confiscation of 71 so-called 8-liner gambling machines, plus as much as \$15,000.

The Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel reports an exact tally could come Monday.

Investigators say eight alleged casino workers face gambling-related charges. Nearly 40 patrons were issued Class C misdemeanor gambling citations, which carry a maximum fine of \$500.

Sheriff Thomas Keress says the alleged operators were making daily bank deposits. The money trail helped lead authorities to the illegal gaming.

BNSF derailment near Caldwell

CALDWELL (AP) — No injuries have been reported in a derailment near Caldwell in which one train apparently struck another in a switching area.

The Burleson County Sheriff's office says the collision happened around 1 a.m. Monday.

Dispatcher Kendra Greiffenstein told The Associated Press that four cars and one engine derailed in a rural area about one mile north of Caldwell.

She says the accident involves Burlington Northern Santa Fe trains in an area "like a switching yard."

Fort Worth-based BNSF did not return a call early Monday from AP for comment.

Toddler survives 3-story fall

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Emergency personnel treated a 2-year-old girl who fell from a third-story window at a San Antonio apartment complex.

The San Antonio Express-News reported Monday that the child, whose name was not released, was

conscious and responsive following the accident.

The girl was crying as paramedics arrived to treat her late Sunday.

Authorities believe the child pushed out a screen and fell through the window, landing on a grassy area. She was transported to a San Antonio hospital. Her condition was not immediately available early Monday.

Neighbor Eric Ehninger says he heard a "thump," looked outside and saw the girl stand up and begin to cry. He says the window screen was under the youngster.

Famed historic paintings in Texas Senate need cleaning

AUSTIN (AP) — Spring cleaning could be in store for some historic paintings in the Texas Senate chamber.

Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, is suggesting special funding might be needed to restore the artwork, which appears to have darkened in the past decade or so.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Monday that "Dawn at the Alamo," a panoramic scene of the famous battle, is among those appearing to darken. The painting has graced the back of the Senate chamber since the early 1900s.

Another work, "The Battle of San Jacinto," also could use a cleaning.

Ogden, who chairs the budget-writing Senate Finance Committee, will receive cost estimates with help from the State Preservation Board.

Board interim executive director John Sneed says the paintings were last cleaned in 1993 during Capitol restoration.

Cause of chemical plant fire sought

AVALON (AP) — A fire at a chemical plant in Avalon forced the evacuation of some nearby residents for several hours.

Ellis County Sheriff's Office dispatcher Jacklyn Webster says all evacuees were allowed back into their homes by early Monday. She told The Associated Press that the cause of Sunday night's fire is sought.

BILLS

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live in fear of classmates and colleagues, not knowing who might pull a gun over a drunken dorm argument or a poor grade.

According to the Brady Campaign Against Gun Violence, similar

bills have been filed in 18 states since 2008 and all have failed, although lawmakers in a few states are trying again.

Texas is one of seven states currently considering legislation.

"We hope Texas will serve as a leader and have a domino effect," Kasprzak said.

Of the 150 House members, 70 have signed on

in support of Drivers' bill.

In the Senate, 12 of 31 senators signed in support of Wentworth's bill.

The idea has met stiff opposition at the University of Texas, which has its own history of shooting violence.

Charles Whitman's 1966 rifle attack from the top of the university

tower killed 16 people and wounded dozens more. It was the worst campus shooting until the Virginia Tech blood-bath.

The UT student government, the graduate student assembly and the faculty advisory council have all passed resolutions against the campus guns bills.

"It's a recipe for disaster," said Brian Malte,

state legislation and politics director for the Brady Campaign.

Woods has helped lead the charge against the bills and filed the student government resolution opposing them.

Woods said he hasn't heard from any survivor of the Virginia Tech shooting who supports guns on campus.

He figures a classroom shooting would be too sudden to stop, even if a student or teacher had a gun.

"Everything happens too quickly," Woods said. "You either play dead or you are dead."

GEITHNER

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Sunday, he made his rounds on the morning circuit and answered his critics with a plea for patience — and perhaps more power and money to bail out struggling banks.

"It's very important for people to understand that, you know, it took us a long time to get into this mess. It's going to take us a while to get out of this," he said. "Progress is not going to be even. It's not going to be steady."

Geithner used his first Sunday talk show appearances to promote Obama's massive government spending plan to ease credit, help bor-

rowers and inject billions of dollars into the financial sector.

To that end, he wouldn't rule out seeking more money from Congress to coax banks into lending money.

A bailout fund for battered banks still has \$135 billion left in it, although Geithner said a second batch of money might be needed, despite public frustration with the already allocated money.

In its budget request to Congress last month, the administration included a placeholder for an additional \$750 billion in bailout funds. Many lawmakers said there was little chance more money will be approved, given the political environment.

Geithner has faced a

rough start to his time at Treasury. Unpaid personal taxes cost him votes during his Senate confirmation, and lax oversight for embattled American International Group Inc.'s bonuses drew Republican calls for his resignation. Wall Street scoffed when he outlined early details of the administration's financial plan, placing him on the bench early.

Obama's financial team, however, turned to Geithner in recent days to bolster its case for the economy. The former head of the Federal Reserve Bank in New York, Geithner confidently brushed off Republican criticism that too much spending would send the economy into out-of-control inflation.

"Will never happen. Because we have a strong, independent Fed, with a clear authority from the Congress to keep inflation low at — stable at low levels going forward," he said.

Geithner said Washington alone was equipped to salvage an economy that has seen jobs lost and credit shrink.

"The market will not solve this. And the great risk for us is we do too little, not that we do too much," he said.

Geithner avoided the question when host George Stephanopoulos asked: "Do you feel like the comeback kid?"

Instead, Geithner said the country faces many challenges.

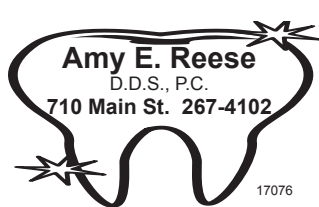
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precautions," Jackson said.

For more information about kidney disease, visit the Website at www.kidney.org.

day one week," he said. "But we've done a lot in these eight weeks." He also dismissed his critics, citing the nation's anger and frustration with the economy.

"And I knew we were going to face really tough choices," he said. "We were going to have to do things that are going to be deeply unpopular, hard to understand. We're not going to get it perfect everywhere. ... This job, it comes with a lot of heat by definition and there's nothing surprising in that."



WALK

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Another kidney walk is planned for Oct. 31. Information can be picked up at the weekend event. Jackson hopes to make the walk an annual event.

Terry Watson, dialysis patient and walk chairman, took on the task of setting up a walk in Big Spring.

tain amount of funds had to be raised and planning had to be done, and he took it upon himself to set it up and get it done," Jackson said.

There will also be a free screening in Midland April 18, according to coordinators.

For more information on the screening or to register for the walk, go to www.kidneywalk.org. Registration will be taken until the day before the walk. After that, participants will have to

sign up the morning of the event.

"Kidney disease is very common and can be fatal. It is preventable, so why not take

precautions," Jackson said.

For more information about kidney disease, visit the Website at www.kidney.org.

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OTHER VIEWS

AIG bonuses just one more fan for flames

Should U.S. taxpayers be livid over the gargantuan bonuses being paid to workers at AIG, the global insurance giant that has received at least \$170 billion in government bailout aid?

Do geese fly? Do dogs bark? Do politicians grandstand?

The American International Group bonuses symbolize the wretched excess, greed and irresponsibility that have plagued much of the business world in recent years.

The obscenely obese bonuses total \$220 million to hundreds of employees, with \$55 million awarded in December and another \$165 million in retention bonuses paid last week, according to news reports. Seventy-three employees got bonuses of \$1 million or more and the biggest bonus was nearly \$6.5 million, The Associated Press reported.

For these undeservedly lucky folks, AIG must stand for "Ain't It Grand?" But for the average bonus-deprived taxpayer, it stands for "Ain't It Greed?"

Even more infuriating, the bulk of the bonus bonanza went to employees who worked in an AIG unit responsible for peddling risky financial products known as "credit default swaps," a form of insurance heavily tied to subprime mortgages and the housing industry collapse.

Yes, AIG gave hefty bonuses to the very folks responsible for bringing the company to its knees. That's the antithesis of the employee financial incentives philosophy that CEOs customarily preach and college business professors traditionally teach.

But, of course, it's not AIG that is really paying the bonuses. It's essentially U.S. taxpayers who are footing the bill, because the bonuses wouldn't have been possible without the bailout money provided via our benevolent Uncle Sam.

America, which is losing hundreds of thousands of jobs each month, is mired in what could become the worst economic nose dive since the Great Depression. Meanwhile, we regularly learn of the latest Ponzi schemes of wealthy money managers, the big bonuses paid to executives of failing Wall Street firms, golden parachutes awarded exiting CEOs, and deceptive practices of banks, mortgage brokers, credit card companies and others involved in lending.

Since 1980, compensation of CEOs of large companies has risen at far higher rates than for average workers. The real, inflation-adjusted income of the wealthiest Americans has jumped substantially over the past two decades, but many middle-class and lower-income workers have experienced no more than modest gains.

In America, outrage is all the rage.

The AIG mess is just the latest can of gasoline being tossed on a rapidly spreading fire.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we always remember, Lord, that you know our hearts and minds. May we live with You in mind.

Amen

Reflecting American culture?

Bernie (The Gonif) Madoff went up the river the other day, after copping a plea on 11 counts of theft, money laundering, perjury and failure to floss. They put the cuffs on him (too tight; they always put them on too tight) and led him off to the slammer. His lawyers requested bail but the judge said no dice.

"He has the incentive to flee," the judge said. "He has the means to flee. And thus he presents the risk of flight. Bail is revoked."

There are times when a judge's pronouncement can sound like the voice of God. For his part, Madoff was contrite.

"I cannot adequately express how sorry I am for what I have done," he said.

I believe it. If I had managed to ruin friends, family and fellow members of my faith, brought worthwhile charities to their knees and disgraced my family name for generations to come, I'd be sorry too. Real sorry. Particularly if I got caught. Madoff faces as much as 150 years in prison, which is a long time even if you're a turtle. Personally I'd be satisfied if he were paroled after 30 years — making him 100 when he got out — provided he was forced to live on the street like a homeless person.

I am not a vengeful man.



DONALD KAUL

Madoff was not the only swindler on Wall Street; he was merely the biggest shark in the tank. He admits to bilking his victims of some \$50 billion but federal authorities say it's more like \$65 billion. He did it by pretending to invest the money given to him by trusting souls, giving them some back as interest, keeping the rest for himself.

And all the while, the regulators, charged with overseeing this kind of thing, snoozed.

Another financial lion, Allen Stanford, ripped off his clients to the tune of \$8 billion, which would have been considered a goodly sum had Madoff not come along.

You could make a case that the victims of these crooks deserved what they got. They were promised a consistently high return on their money in good times and bad. When the market went up, they got their 14 percent; when it went down, same thing.

There's really no way to do that without cheating. If there's one ironclad rule of life, it is this: If something seems too good to be true, it generally is. And you can take out "generally" if you wanted. The victims were greedy. But I would not be too harsh on them, just as I would not on the (much) less wealthy folk that took out mortgages they later found they could not afford, or those who ran up unsupportable tabs on their multiple credit cards.

We live in a culture that virtually screams "Buy, Borrow, Spend" at us. We glorify wretch-

ed excess in our television shows and movies. We deify the lifestyles of the rich and famous.

The most recent figures available show that the average income of the 400 wealthiest Americans in 2006 was \$263 million. That's more than the New York Yankees payroll. And thanks to the tax cuts engineered by President George W. Bush and his gang, they paid the lowest tax rates in the 15 years they've been keeping track.

We were taught to respect those people. We wanted to be like them. And when someone would suggest that maybe making them pay higher taxes was a good idea, they were scorned as purveyors of "class warfare."

Right. And Poland attacked Nazi Germany.

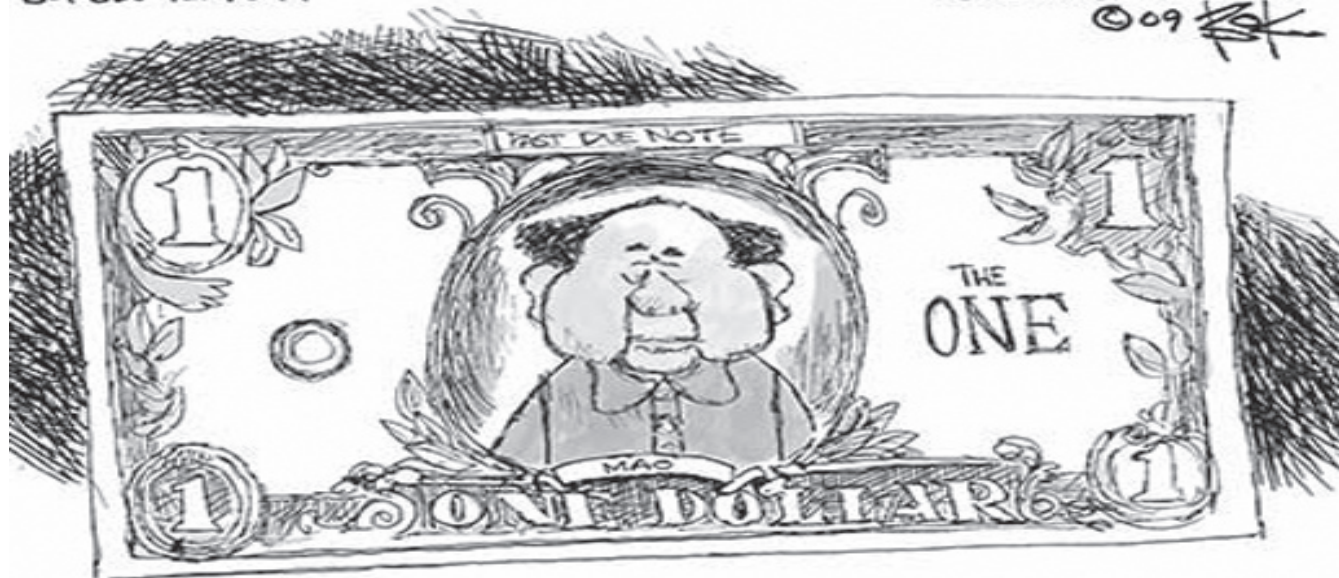
Perhaps Madoff and his fate will put an end to this worshipping of the filthy rich. As one Wall Street man said of Madoff:

"This man has single-handedly put the nail in the coffin for millions of baby boomer investors with respect to their desire to invest in the stock market. Billions of dollars... have been pulled from equities, never to return."

Single-handedly? Oh come on now, Mr. Wall Street Man; you're too modest. He had help — lots and lots of help.

Donald Kaul is a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington correspondent who, by his own account, is right more than he's wrong. E-mail him at dkaul2@earthlink.net.

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NEW WORLD CURRENCY

Right budget, green future

With each passing day since Jan. 21, President Barack Obama continues to make great strides for a clean energy future in the United States. He is taking our country in a new direction, one that will renew and rebuild our economy and benefit every citizen.

The debate is now heating up over President Obama's budget — something that deserves widespread support because it recognizes the need for major investment in clean energy, and, by doing so, will create millions of new jobs and make America a leader in renewable energy.

To transform our economy, end our dependence on oil, and create millions of new jobs, we need to make a shift. The president's budget emphasizes this shift in priorities by including plans to put a price on global warming pollution using a cap-and-auction system that requires polluters to purchase 100 percent of the pollution permits they need.

Making polluters pay and eliminating billions of dollars in giveaways to Big Oil will fund our transition to a cleaner, greener economy. Additionally, tens of billions of dollars from the pollution permit auction are returned to consumers in the form of a tax cut. This and other elements of the president's program will protect consumers from any potential increases in energy prices.

President Obama's budget aims to modernize federal buildings and slash the federal government's energy use by 25

percent, weatherize low-income homes to save working families on average \$350 per year and create a new, smarter electric grid for the integration and use of greater amounts of renewable energy. It would increase utilization of innovative efficiency technologies, reduce the electric congestion that costs ratepayers billions of dollars each year.

The budget funds critical international climate programs, public transit initiatives, wildlife and habitat adaptation efforts and will protect workers and vulnerable communities during the transition away from dirty energy.

Government agencies will be allowed to do their jobs fully again, as the budget also significantly increases funding for key environmental initiatives at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Departments of Energy and Interior. Many of these agencies saw their budgets slashed during the Bush administration in order to undermine their missions.

For example, increased funding for the EPA allows the reinstatement of Superfund's "polluter pays" program, helps communities modernize their wastewater and drinking water treatment plants, and addresses pollution and invasive species problems in the Great Lakes. It also ends — finally — the misguided and costly plan to store our nation's nuclear waste at the unsafe and unproven Yucca Mountain site in Nevada.

Increased funding for the Department of Interior will allow more land and wildlife protection, wetlands restoration and conservation, research on climate change's impacts and it will close loopholes on land development that allows energy companies to exploit our resources. President Obama's

budget will not only allow these agencies to again carry out existing programs, it will enable them to implement the president's sweeping green agenda.

The budget follows his unprecedented investment of nearly \$100 billion in a green economic recovery, his call to Congress to act on global warming legislation, and preliminary steps taken by the EPA to begin the process of regulating global warming emissions from our vehicles and power plants. The shift in priorities over the past month has been unprecedented. President Obama has acted faster, smarter and more decisively than any president in recent memory. He has put us squarely on the path toward a clean energy future, where investments help all Americans and the environment is protected.

The writing is on the wall. The era of dirty energy is coming to an end. Wall Street and Washington alike understand that the question is no longer if or when, but only how we will tackle global warming and build the clean energy economy that will rescue us from economic collapse.

President Obama's bold plans will revitalize our economy, rebuild the middle class, make us more secure and put an end to our energy crisis. We environmental advocates will continue to work with our allies in Congress as they turn their attention to transforming the president's plan into a budget resolution. Congress now has the chance to pass a budget plan that reflects President Obama's priorities and which will enable him to begin implementing his clean energy agenda.

Carl Pope is executive director of Sierra Club, America's oldest and largest grassroots environmental organization.

You're all invited to the Trash Off

It's that time again! We want every person living in Big Spring and the surrounding area at work Saturday during our annual clean up. It is not only locally that "Don't Mess with Texas" Trash Off is involved, it is state wide. Every city, town or community that is a member of Keep Texas Beautiful will be out doing their part all across Texas to clean it up, and make a difference. This goes hand in hand with Keep America Beautiful.



PAT SIMMONS

I am asking every business, church, school, organization, family and individual to participate in doing their part in

cleaning up our town. If you receive a call from one of our Keep Big Spring Beautiful (KBSB) members please say yes, and follow through with your reply.

Last year we had approximately 341 volunteers out picking up litter that someone did not take responsibility for. Eighty five of those volunteers were Adopt A Highway participants. We collected 6,160 pounds. This does not include what Adopt A Highway picked up as it goes into a Texas Department of Transportation report. We clocked in 667 hours worked that day and 120 youth under the age of 18 participated.

It is always nice to know that there is an organization such as the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club which supports us and will be cooking hot dogs once again for

our volunteers. This will be their third year in serving us faithfully and we so appreciate it. Naturally, our friends at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce are always willing to take responsibility for the trimmings and drinks and assist in the serving, along with some KBSB members. This year, ice cream cups will be provided by Blue Bell. All of this will take place at the Belaski Pavilion starting at noon. We need reservations from everyone who plans to join us for lunch. We hope some of the Adopt A Highway groups will register and join us.

This year we will be drawing for door prizes. You must be present to win. Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be donating one of our wonderful grabber's, which is a great tool to pick up trash with, also a Keep Big Spring

Beautiful T-shirt. Then our business partner, Wal-Mart, will be supplying three bags of garden items. Wal-Mart was our first business to become a member of Keep Big Spring Beautiful, and Big Spring Herald was the second. They have both been so supportive and faithful in helping us.

I will be at the Chamber of Commerce Friday from 9 a.m. until noon, giving out trash bags to those who sign up to participate in the Trash Off. We will also have those wonderful, back-saving grabbers for sale for \$10.

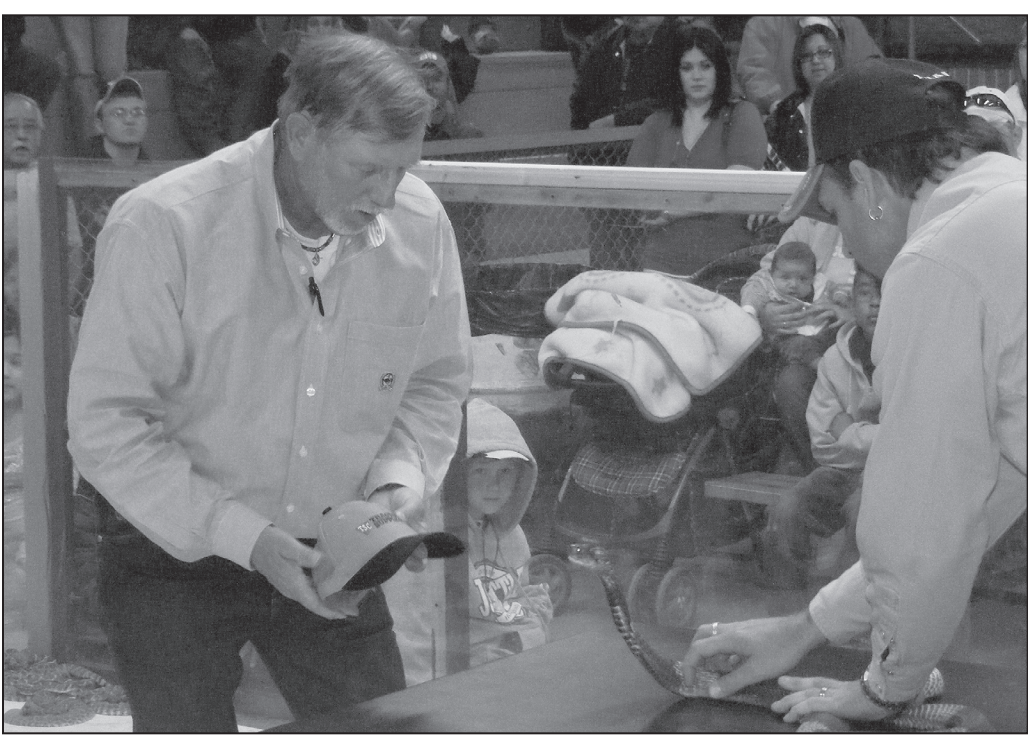
All trash you pick up should be brought with you to Belaski Pavilion where we will have a 30-yard container. Should you not be able to bring it in, contact me at 213-5444, or take it to the landfill and tell them it is for KBSB. Do not put your

trash in someone's dumpster, that's a violation of our city ordinance. This will be a landfill free day, so everyone take advantage of this opportunity and clean up.

Have you noticed the Wal-Mart parking lot and surrounding areas recently? Well, officers and employees of Wal-Mart get out every Friday morning and pick up trash that someone left behind. Sure looks good, and we of KBSB thank you, and we ask the community to thank you.

There is so much that could be done to make our town sparkle again... With your help, we can "Make A Difference" and turn Big Spring around. Thanks.

Pat Simmons is a member of Keep Big Spring Beautiful and can be reached at 213-5444.



Robert Ackerman prepares to literally go eye-to-eye with a cobra during a demonstration at the 45th AMBUCS Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup, which concluded its run Sunday at the Howard County Fair barns.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

▶ Odd News

Patron locked inside bar after falling asleep

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A patron at the I Don't Care Bar & Grill evidently didn't care about leaving until it was way past closing time and the door was locked.

The man, whose name was not released, told police in western Kentucky that he fell asleep inside the bar and when he got up to leave he set off the alarm.

Hopkinsville, Ky., police officers arrived a few minutes before 3 a.m. Friday to find him still locked inside the establishment and unable to find a way out.

So they helped him leave the bar.

No one was arrested. Evidently it's not a crime to be left behind after closing time at I Don't Care.

'Dumbest criminal in Pennsylvania' arrested at cop convention

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A retired police chief says he was robbed by "probably the dumbest criminal in Pennsylvania."

It happened Friday morning at police officers' convention near Harrisburg, where 300 narcotics officers from Pennsylvania and Ohio were gathered.

John Comparetto says as he came out of a stall in the men's room, a man pointed a gun in his face and demanded money.

Comparetto gave up his money and cell phone. But when the man fled, Comparetto and some colleagues chased him. They arrested 19-year-old Jerome Marquis Blanchett of Harrisburg as he was trying to leave in a taxi.

When a reporter asked Blanchett for comment as he was led out of court, he said, "I'm smooth."

Texan jailed after nodding off at drive-thru restaurant

GREENVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Greenville man was hauled off to jail Friday morning after authorities say he fell asleep at a drive-thru while ordering food from a fast-food restaurant.

Employees at a Whataburger restaurant called police around 12:30 a.m. after a man blocked their drive-thru with his vehicle nearly an hour and appeared to be asleep.

A news release from the city of Greenville says the 37-year-old man was arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to jail after police say he failed field sobriety tests. The drive-thru remained blocked until a tow truck could remove the vehicle.

NY company to launch Mexican-made kosher tequila

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York businessman is launching a new kosher tequila in time for Cinco de Mayo.

Martin Silver says Agave (ah-GAHV'-eh) 99 will be on the market in time for the holiday that celebrates Mexico's defeat of French forces on May 5, 1862.

Silver, president of Long Island-based Star Industries, says he wants to satisfy the craze for high-end tequila with one that observant Jews can drink.

Silver says a half million cases of the 99-proof kosher tequila are being produced at a Mexican plant using methods certified by a rabbi. It will retail for \$41.95 a bottle.

The product launch — with Mexican songs sung in both Yiddish and Spanish — is set for May 5, but it will also be sold earlier for Passover, which starts at sundown on April 8 this year.

Hangar 25 Air Museum Presents the 2009 Kid's Klub Poetry Contest

Poetry Contest Theme

Pride in our Country's Heritage

Hangar 25 Air Museum is sponsoring the 2009 Kid's Klub Poetry Contest. Each division will be awarded a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize and will be published in Hangar 25's bi-annual newsletter, *The Briefing Room*. Winners will be announced at the 10-Year Anniversary Wine and Cheese Reception held May 7.

Age Divisions

Captain's Division: 15-18

Cadet's Division : 11-14

Junior Cadet's Division: 7-10

Contest Rules

Submissions will be accepted April 1 - 30, either by mail, e-mail (hangar25@crcom.net) or in person at Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1911 Apron Dr., Big Spring

This contest is open to all local youth.

All entries must follow the theme of the poetry contest.

Each entry must include the contestant's name, age and address.

All entries must fit within an 8 1/2 x 11" sheet of paper.

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For additional information or questions, contact the Hangar 25 Air Museum at (432) 264-1999.

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BSHS track dominates once again

Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — For a second consecutive week, the Big Spring Steers track team dominated its field.

The Steers claimed gold in 11 of 15 events, scoring 251.33 point to win a team title in the Class 4A division at the San Angelo Relays over the weekend. Lampasas came in a distant second with 98 points.

Possibly the most encouraging news for Big Spring is it competed against three district opponents — Lake View, Plainview and Frenship — at the meet and none of them came close to giving the Steers any trouble.

The Steers had at least one competitor finish in the top six and pick up points in every single event.

In fact, had the Steers been in Division I, which was just for Class 5A squads, they would have posted around 200 points and won by a significant margin.

Winning gold for the Steers was Darius McCallister (100 meters), Daniel Segundo (800 meters), Kade Parker (1,600 meters), Shane Allen (3,200 meters), LaRay Woodard (110 hurdles and long jump), Tyrone Clemons (high jump), Mike Menefield (triple jump) and Zack Saldivar (shot put). Big Spring also claimed the top spot on the podium in all three relays that were ran.

The Steers swept the competition in two events. In the 800, Segundo, Sidner Parker and Jerrell Williams finished 1-2-3.

The same feat was accomplished by Menefield, Clemons and Parker in the triple jump.

Big Spring had at least two athletes score points in nine of the 15 events held.

The Steers have just one meet remaining before the District 4-4A contest. They'll be at the Tall City Relays in Midland Friday and Saturday. District is set for April 16-17 at Frenship High School in Wolfforth.

DIVISION II
Boys 100 Meter Dash
1, McCallister, Darius, Big Spring, 11.06. 2, Ibarra, Jon, Wolf Frenship, 11.16. 3, Gwinn, Jamaii, SA Lake View, 11.20. 4, Blair, Chris, SA Lake View, 11.44. 5, Anderson, Monte, Big Spring, 11.56. 6, Menefield, Mike, Big Spring, 11.59.

Boys 200 Meter Dash
1, Ruiz, Marcial, Wolf Frenship, 22.93. 2, Lloyd, Devonte, Big Spring, 23.01. 3, Linton, Zamir, Big Spring, 23.18. 4, Jones, Brandon, Wolf Frenship, 23.29. 5, Hembree, Kaegan, Plainview, 23.46. 6, Glenn, Travis, Plainview, 23.74.

Boys 400 Meter Dash
1, Ruiz, Marcial, Wolf Frenship, 53.39. 2, Parker, Sidner, Big Spring, 53.95. 3, Harris, Josh, Big Spring, 54.23. 4, Bayes, Bobby, Big Spring, 54.42. 5, James, Phillip, Wolf Frenship, 55.48. 6, Hembree, Kaegan, Plainview, 55.49.

Boys 800 Meter Run
1, Segundo, Daniel, Big Spring, 2:03.41. 2, Parker, Sidney, Big Spring, 2:05.11. 3, Williams, Jerrell, Big Spring, 2:05.23. 4, Dawkins, Prince, Plainview, 2:05.29. 5, Rowsey, Michael, Marble Falls, 2:07.50. 6, Pena, Joe, SA Lake View, 2:16.79.

Boys 1600 Meter Run
1, Parker, Kade, Big Spring, 4:39.42. 2, Allen, Shane, Big Spring, 4:47.26. 3, Pena, Joe, SA Lake View, 4:57.10. 4, Ortiz, James, SA Lake View, 5:00.31. 5, Spicer, Shawn, Wolf Frenship, 5:01.37. 6, Manzano, Jesus, Marble Falls, 5:04.69.

Boys 3200 Meter Run
1, Allen, Shane, Big Spring, 10:20.62. 2, Spicer, Shawn, Wolf Frenship, 10:58.89. 3, Guerrero, Anjel, Marble Falls, 11:00.82. 4, Britton, Zack, Wolf Frenship, 11:06.99. 5, Butler, Justin, Wolf Frenship, 11:10.35. 6, Ortiz, James, SA Lake View, 11:20.48.

Boys 110 Meter Hurdles
1, Woodard, LaRay, Big Spring, 14.60. 2, Livermann, Kooper, Lampasas, 15.38. 3, Nelson, Willie, Marble Falls, 16.06. 4, Adams, Zach, Lampasas, 16.66. 5, Mesta, Paul, SA Lake View, 16.79. 6, Pearson, Seth, Big Spring, 16.80.

Boys 300 Meter Hurdles
1, Livermann, Kooper, Lampasas, 41.25. 2, Pearson, Seth, Big Spring, 44.02. 3, Merworth, Dennis, Big Spring, 44.08. 4, Britton, Zack, Wolf Frenship, 44.15. 5, Nelson, Willie, Marble Falls, 44.61. 6, Croyle, Dallas, Wolf Frenship, 45.69.

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Anderson takes 13th at state meet

Herald Staff Report

ABILENE — Improvement was made by Big Spring's Derrick Anderson at the State Powerlifting Meet in Abilene Saturday.

However, he still left some weight off the board and could have improved his final seeding.

Anderson finished 13th in the 242-pound class, racking a total of 1,425 pounds in three lifts — squat, bench

press and dead lift.

Anderson, who holds the Big Spring High School record in the squat at 605, left 20 pounds off the board, maxing out at 585 at the state meet. He appeared to complete the 605 lift once, but was red-flagged as an official said he didn't go down far enough.

On his second attempt, the junior couldn't put up the weight.

He also left some off the board in the dead lift. Had Anderson completed

both lifts, he would have moved up a few more spots.

Still, even without the extra weight, Anderson improved three spots from where he was ranked after the regional meet two weeks ago and moved past Josh Robinson of Abilene Cooper, who claimed the region title ahead of Anderson.

Sophomore Jonathan Molina also made the trip to Abilene, but a sickness prevented him from competing.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton
Big Spring Steers pitcher Matt Ritchey winds up in a District 4-4A baseball game against the Frenship Tigers Saturday at Steer Park. Big Spring suffered its first district loss of the season, 9-2.

Sixth inning dooms Steers

By BILL NORRIS

Special to the Herald

For five innings, the Steers and starting pitcher Matt Ritchey stayed with the Frenship Tigers.

Then came the sixth.

The Tigers exploded for five runs in the frame to put the game out of reach and came away with a 9-2 District 4-4A win over Big Spring.

The Tigers got off to a quick start against Ritchey, scoring three runs in their half of the first. Tyler Lloyd led off with a double to right and scored on a triple by third baseman Zane Ennis.

Jordan Richburg drove in Ennis with a double to deep left center and later scored on a sacrifice fly by cleanup hitter Buddy Rivas, making it 3-0.

Big Spring came right back, scoring two in the bottom of the first.

Center fielder Martin Yanez got on base when Frenship starter Skyler Green hit him with a pitch. A ground out by Jeremy Solis put Yanez at second and a single by cleanup hitter Cade Hollandsworth scored Yanez. Hollandsworth scored later on a wild pitch by Green.

From there, Green kept the Steers guessing and they did not guess right often.

"We did not do a good job of hitting it where it was pitched," Big Spring Head Coach Bert Otto said. "We will work on that in getting ready for Lake View."

Ritchey was strong through five innings, but struggled with his control in the sixth and the Tigers took

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Lady Steers place third at All-American Classic

Herald Staff Report

ABILENE — Big Spring's Lady Steers track team found out for certain where its biggest challenge for District 4-4A track title will come from over the weekend at the Abilene All-American Track Classic.

The Lady Steers finished third in the team standings as Abilene High won the competition with 170 points. However, Big Spring was also behind district foe Abilene Cooper by a mere

three points, 86-83.

It's the second consecutive meet where the Lady Steers have found themselves slightly behind Cooper in the standings. Last week at the Bluebonnet Relays in Brownwood, Big Spring was 15 points behind Cooper.

The Lady Steers had two first-place finishes in Abilene. Sophomore Desiree Anderson claimed the blue ribbon in the long jump and freshman Bridgette Tuitt won the high

jump.

The Lady Steers have just one meet remaining before participating in the district meet. They'll be in the Tall City Relays in Midland Friday and Saturday. District is set for April 16-17 at Frenship High School in Wolfforth.

Looking at current times and distances, the Lady Steers will have to compete with Frenship and Abilene

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Howard College still undefeated with sweep of Lubbock Christian

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

It was just another day at the office for the Howard College Hawks.

The No. 1 team in the country made waste of Lubbock Christian University's junior varsity squad Saturday, sweeping a doubleheader by enforcing the 10-run mercy rule in each game, 12-2 and 10-0.

In Game 1, the Hawks got a masterful performance from pitcher Zach Neal, who picked up his sixth win of the season. Neal allowed two earned runs on three hits,

while striking out eight batters.

The Hawks put up nine runs in the third inning to blow a 3-0 game wide open. LCU attempted to rally in the top of the fifth to keep the game going, but managed just two runs, ending the game after five.

As good as Neal was in the opening game of the afternoon, the pitching only got better in the second contest.

For a second consecutive outing, left-hander Anthony Collazo allowed just one hit in a shut out. He pitched 5.1

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton
Howard College's Andrew Collazo pitches in a 10-0 victory over Lubbock Christian University's junior varsity Saturday at Jack Barber Field. Collazo allowed just one hit for a second consecutive outing.

Sports in brief

Lady Steers boosters meeting Monday at ATC

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club is meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Lady Steers athletes in junior high

or high school are encouraged to attend.

BSCC hosting 3-person scramble this weekend

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 3-person scramble tournament Saturday and Sunday

with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome.

Entry includes barbecue on the course Saturday and practice rounds Friday.

Field will be flighted by first round score with the number of flights determined by entries.



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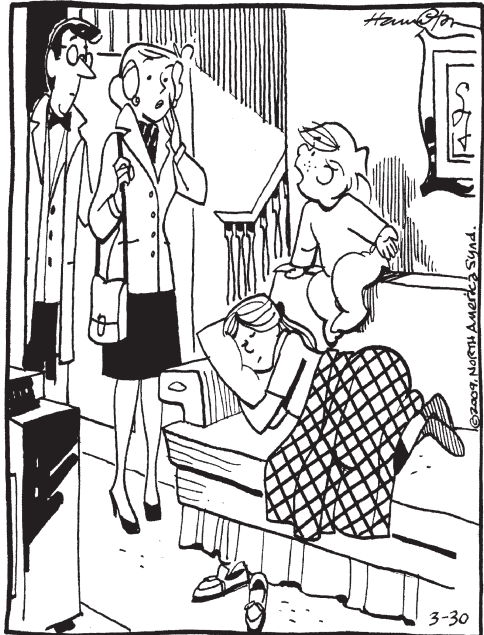
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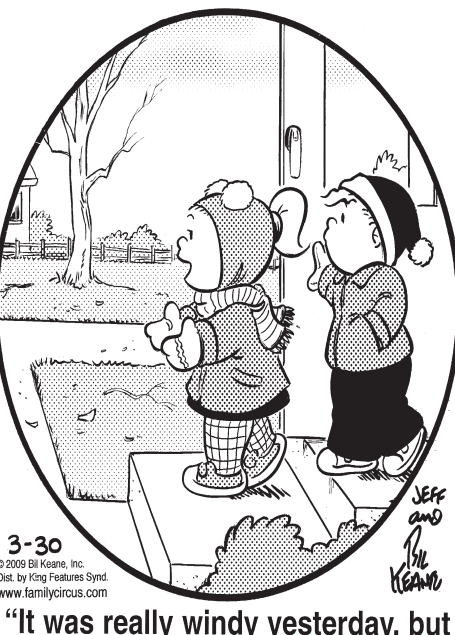
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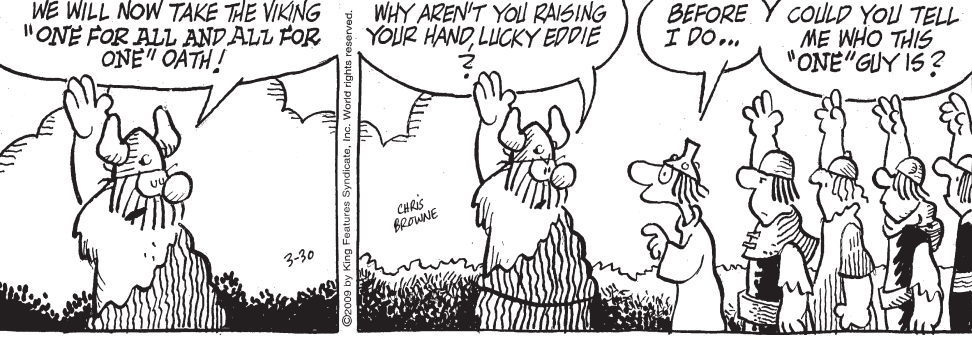
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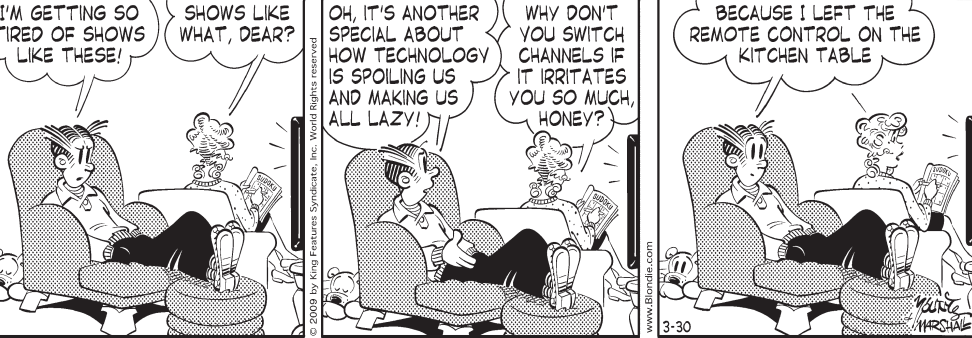
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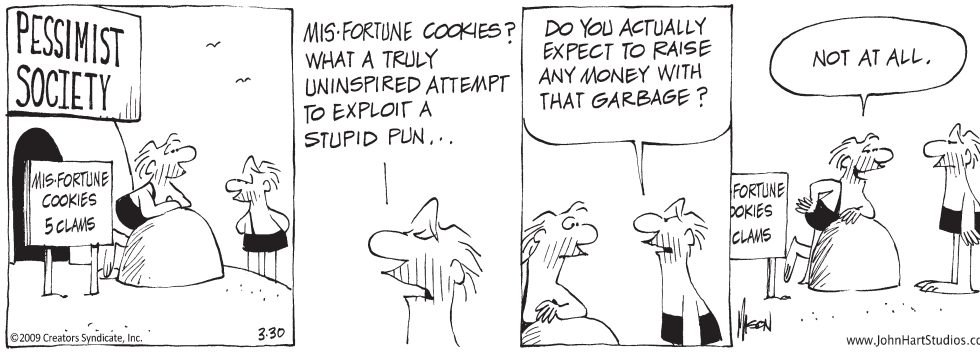
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, March 30, the 89th day of 2009. There are 276 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 30, 1981, President Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington hotel by John W. Hinckley Jr. Also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and District of Columbia police officer Thomas Delahanty.

On this date:

In 1822, Florida became a United States territory.

In 1842, Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Ga., first used ether as an anesthetic during a minor operation.

In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal roundly ridiculed as "Seward's Folly."

In 1870, the 15th Amendment to the Constitution, giving all citizens the right to vote regardless of race, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish. Texas was readmitted to the Union.

In 1909, the Queensboro Bridge, linking the New York City boroughs of Manhattan and Queens, opened.

In 1945, the Soviet Union invaded Austria during World War II.

In 1959, a narrowly divided U.S. Supreme Court, in *Bartkus v. Illinois*, ruled that a conviction in state court following an acquittal in federal court for the same crime did not violate the Constitution's protection against double jeopardy.

In 1964, John Glenn withdrew from the Ohio race for the U.S. Senate because of injuries suffered in a fall.

In 1979, Airey Neave, a leading member of the British Parliament, was killed in London by a bomb planted in his car by the Irish National Liberation Army.

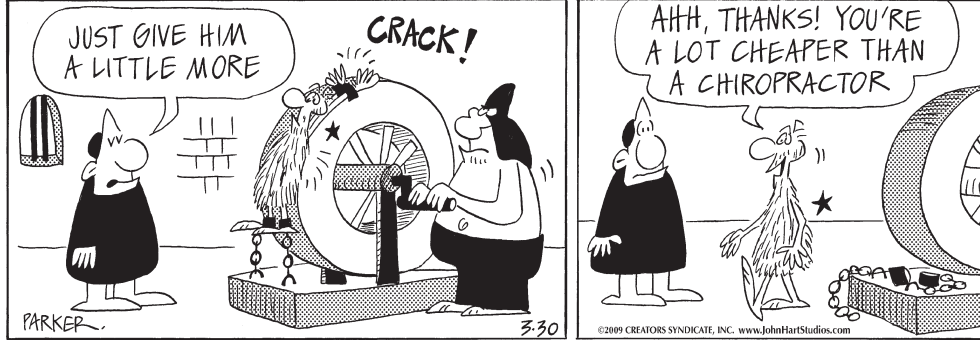
In 2002, Britain's Queen Mother Elizabeth died in her sleep at Royal Lodge, Windsor, outside London; she was 101 years old.

Today's Birthdays: Game show host Peter Marshall is 83. Actor Richard Dysart is 80. Actor John Astin is 79. Actor-director Warren Beatty is 72. Rock musician Graeme Edge (The Moody Blues) is 68. Rock musician Eric Clapton is 64. Actor Justin Deas (TV: "Guiding Light") is 61. Actor Robbie Coltrane is 59. Actor Paul Reiser is 52. Rap artist MC Hammer is 46. Singer Tracy Chapman is 45. Singer Celine Dion is 41. Disc jockey DJ AM is 36. Singer Norah Jones is 30.

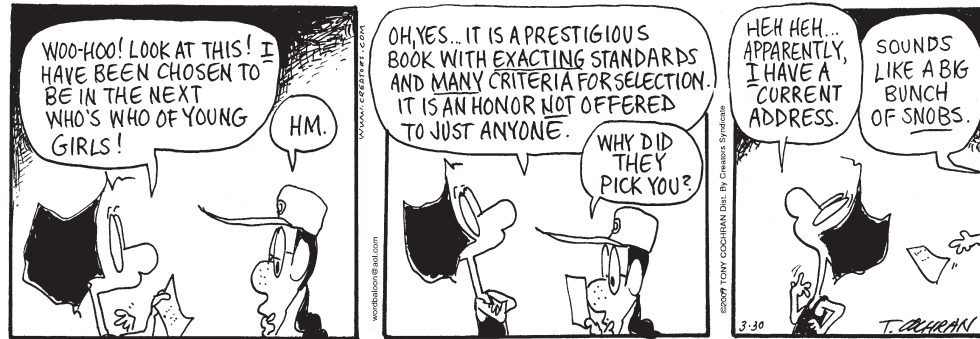
Thought for Today: "If you keep on saying things are going to be bad, you have a good chance of being a prophet." — Isaac Bashevis Singer, Polish-born American Nobel Prize-winning author (1904-1991).

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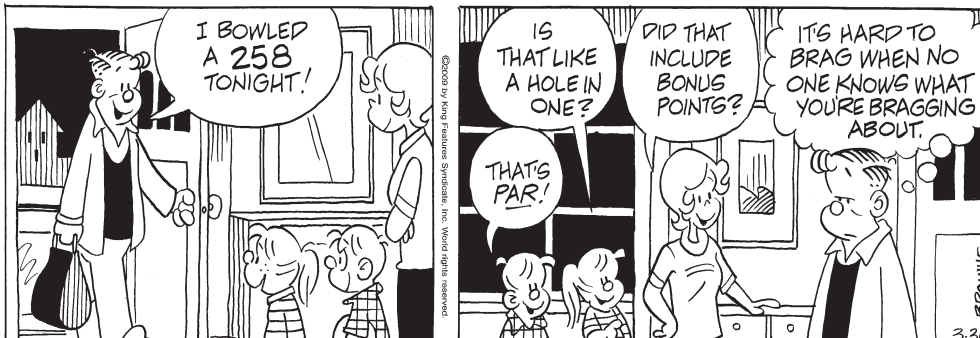
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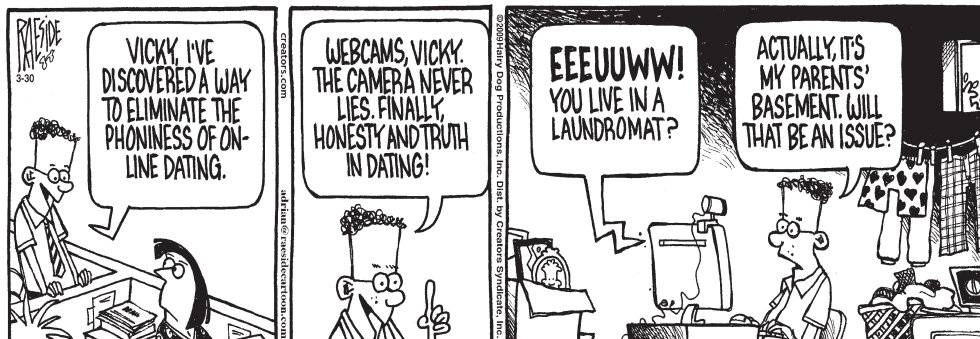
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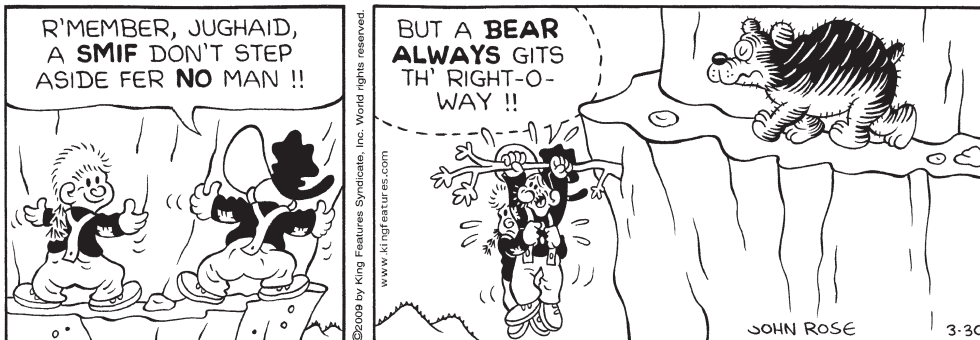
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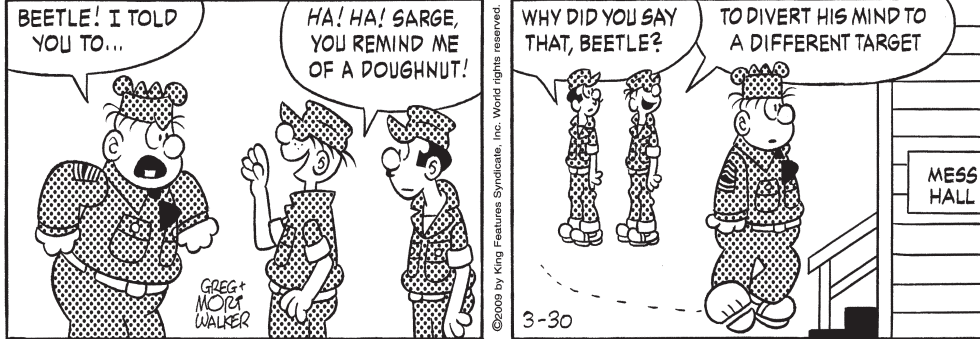
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- 1 Break sharply
- 5 Lawn area
- 9 Ewes' mates
- 13 Freeload
- 14 In addition
- 15 Assist, as a criminal
- 16 Waikiki welcome
- 17 Home for bats
- 18 Stroll through the surf
- 19 Gambling tokens
- 21 Suit accessory
- 22 Wrestling surface
- 23 Worrier's words
- 26 Pants measurement
- 30 Bread maker
- 32 Goes bad
- 33 List-ending abbr.
- 35 Bother continuously
- 39 Fist in the mouth, slangily
- 42 Coupe cousin
- 43 Late-night emcee
- 44 Fairy-tale beginning
- 45 Banana coverings
- 47 Degrees in a right angle
- 49 Life's work
- 52 Certain offspring
- 53 Yes, in Paris
- 54 Voice-box bulge
- 61 Racetrack postings
- 63 Feeling angry
- 64 Courtroom peer
- 65 Dessert-cart array
- 66 "See no __, ..." creature
- 67 One-celled
- 68 Separate into stacks
- 69 Make airtight
- 70 Lab rat's challenge
- 11 Newspapers and television
- 12 Do the driving
- 13 Traveler's guide
- 20 Sahara animal
- 24 Follow the advice of
- 25 Use as a resource
- 26 Annoys
- 27 __ of the above
- 28 Tuxedo-shirt fastener
- 29 Break out of captivity
- 30 Military installations
- 31 Alda of M*A*S*H
- 34 Spill the beans
- 36 Fork part
- 37 Part of IRA: Abbr.
- 38 Those people
- 40 Leg joint
- 41 Forbidden activities
- 46 Cleans the chalkboard
- 48 Up the creek
- 49 Henhouses
- 50 Sound from a broadcast
- 51 Bus passenger
- 52 One of the senses
- 55 Cooing bird
- 56 Diva's solo
- 57 Mountain lion
- 58 Head honcho
- 59 Ear-piercing site
- 60 The Roaring Twenties, e.g.
- 62 Retired fast plane: Abbr.

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MSU, UNC, UConn and 'Nova preps for Final Four

If there's a city that could use a break during these difficult times, Detroit is it.

If there's a basketball team that can provide a bit of a diversion for the Motor City, Michigan State might be the perfect choice.

With their campus only 90 miles away in East Lansing, the Spartans are more or less the hosts of this year's Final Four.

Connecticut, North Carolina and Villanova are the other three teams, but there will be more than 70,000 fans at Ford Field, and it figures the

biggest contingent will be wearing the Spartans' green and white.

"I'm just hoping we're a silver lining in what's been a little bit of a cloudy year for us," Spartans coach Tom Izzo said. "I'm hoping that we're the sunshine, I'm hoping we're something to embrace, be involved with, and I hope they all support us because, you know, I haven't even had time to think about UConn."

The Spartans (30-6) open against Connecticut (31-4) and are a four-point underdog in Saturday's first semifinal, even though they figure to

have twice as many fans.

North Carolina (32-4) is an eight-point pick against Villanova (30-7). The Wildcats return to the Final Four for the first time since 1985, when center Ed Pinckney and coach Rollie Massimino led the biggest upset in Final Four history, 66-64 over Georgetown.

Villanova is, no big surprise, the long shot among this group of four, listed at 8-1 at the Las Vegas Hilton race and sports book. Michigan State is 5-1, while UConn is 5-2 and Carolina is the 5-6 favorite.

There's a big difference between the betting favorite and the fan favorite, though, and it's pretty clear who that'll be this week.

Michigan State will become the first team to play a Final Four in its home state since Duke. The Blue Devils lost to Arkansas in the 1994 title game in Charlotte, N.C.

"It will be a proud moment," Izzo said. "When I took this job and dreamed about where I could take the program, where we could take it, it's these kind of things, it's these kind of events."

HAWKS

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innings before being relieved by David de la Chapelle in the sixth.

Collazo walked five batters, but struck out 12 to keep the LCU bats at bay.

The Hawks struggled to get going offensively and led just 1-0 after three innings of play. They scored two in the fourth to widen the margin some, but it wasn't until the bottom of the fifth that the Hawks started crushing

the ball.

Miles Hamblin took the first pitch of the fifth inning over the right field wall and it just set the pace for a six-run frame. Howard had a chance to end the game in the fifth, but fell a run short.

However, a double off the center field wall by Stephen Niedwiecki pushed across the 10th run with no outs in the bottom of the sixth, making it a quick day for the Hawks.

Howard improves to 28-0 on the season. The Hawks played McMurry University in Abilene at 4 p.m. today. They get back into Western Junior College Athletic Conference play,

where they sit atop the standings with a 12-0 mark, Friday with a pair of games against Western Texas College at Jack Barber Field.

The four-game series with WTC wraps up with a second doubleheader Saturday in Snyder. First pitch for both days is scheduled for noon.

Game 1
Howard 12, LCU 2
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Howard 309 0x—12 11 0

Baker, Tucker and Cordova. Zach Neal and Monk Kreder. W - Neal (6-0). L - Baker. 2B: HC - Bryan Johns 2 (11). HR: LCU - Nelson; HC - Miles Hamblin (5). RBI: LCU - Nelson 2; HC - Runey Davis (19), Will Calhoun 2 (17), Caleb Nine (14), Nick Popescu (33), Kreder 2 (31), Hamblin 3 (23),

Johns 2 (39). SB: HC - Johns 2 (9), Davis (11), Kreder (5), Joe Leftridge (10). LOB: LCU 0, HC 3.

Game 2
Howard 10, LCU 0
LCU 000 000—0 1 0
Howard 001 261—10 15 0

Dustin Floyd, Kamdon Robinson (5) and Kyle Porras. Anthony Collazo, David de la Chapelle (6) and Mack Harrison, Monk Kreder (4). W - Collazo (6-0). L - Floyd. 2B: HC - Andrew Collazo (10), Bryan Johns (12), Runey Davis (6), Stephen Niedwiecki (3). 3B: HC - And. Collazo (3), Caleb Nine (1), Nick Popescu (1), Joe Leftridge (5). HR: HC - Miles Hamblin (6). RBI: HC - Niedwiecki 2 (4), And. Collazo (32), Nine (15), Popescu (34), Hamblin (26), Johns 2 (41), Leftridge 2 (30). SB: HC - Johns (10), Davis (12), B.J. Armstrong (3), Hamblin (8), Leftridge (11). LOB: LCU 6, HC 10.

LADY STEERS

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Cooper for the top prize in 4-4A.

"It's going to be a dogfight at the top," said Track Coach Nick Roberson. "We're about even with Frenship and Cooper. All three of us are going to be fighting for the district title."

100 meters
1. Alisha Davis, Abilene 12.46; 2. Bria Brazier, Plainview 12.50; 3. Laquisha Lee, Midland Lee 12.61; 4. Desiree Anderson, Big Spring 12.74; 5. Dautry Williams, Midland Lee 12.90; 6. TaSheena Moore, Frenship 13.10.
200 meters
1. Adriana Rogers, Abilene High 25.83; 2. Chantesean White, Midland Lee 25.85; 3. Bridgette Tuitt, Big Spring 26.14; 4. Shay Oneal, Midland Lee 26.36; 5. Makayla Dessivia, Abilene High 26.39; 6. Bria Brazier, Plainview 27.08.

400 meters
1. Chantesean White, Midland Lee 59.58; 2. Abria Thomas, Frenship 1:00.97; 3. Victoria Hale, Abilene High 1:03.27; 4. Brianna Falcon, Abilene Cooper 1:04.05; 5. Sabrina Cedillos, Odessa 1:04.82; 6. Jessica White, Frenship 1:06.67.

800 meters
1. Brianna Falcon, Abilene Cooper 2:26.10; 2. Gaby Valeriano, Odessa 2:27.47; 3. Victoria Hale, Abilene High 2:30.28; 4. Raquel Acosta, Odessa 2:37.33; 5. Catie Hooper, Burleson 2:40.51; 6. Carsey Aycock, Frenship 2:40.89.

1,600 meters
1. Jourdan Ellis, Abilene High 5:08.60; 2. Katie Hoalridge, Burleson 5:30.20; 3. Gaby Valeriano, Odessa 5:31.95; 4. Catherine Leubner, Big Spring 5:36.29; 5. Catie Hooper, Burleson 5:51.50; 6. Morgan Pentecost, Abilene Cooper 5:54.75.

3,200 meters
1. Jourdan Ellis, Abilene High 11:11.46; 2. Cathrine Leubner, Big Spring 12:23.56; 3. Opal Gonzalez, Big Spring 12:52.08; 4. Clantha Yasenchack, Burleson 12:54.23; 5. Tiffany Barrera, Odessa 12:59.47; 6. Jamie Nelson, Midland Lee 13:00.23.

100-meter hurdles
1. Amanda McGill, Abilene High 14.57; 2. Kailey

Moorehead, Frenship 15.88; 3. Danielle Blanco, Abilene Cooper 16.07; 4. Brittnee Riley, Plainview 16.24; 5. Kelsey Barnes, Abilene Cooper 16.66; 6. Rachel Rice, Midland 16.70.

300-meter hurdles
1. Amanda McGill, Abilene 45.60; 2. Kelsey Barnes, Abilene Cooper 48.38; 3. Kailey Moorehead, Frenship 48.87; 4. Kayla Tubig, Burleson 49.98; 5. Rachel Rice, Midland 50.38; 6. Brittany Lozano, Odessa 52.87.

4x100 meter relay
1. Midland Lee 49.62; 2. Abilene High 49.65; 3. Abilene Cooper 51.54; 4. Big Spring 51.62; 5. Odessa 52.41; 6. Frenship 53.12.

4x200 meter relay
1. Abilene High 1:43.42; 2. Abilene Cooper 1:46.80; 3. Big Spring 1:47.96; 4. Odessa 1:49.63; 5. Frenship 1:52.53; 6. Midland Lee 1:53.45.

4x400 meter relay
1. Abilene High 4:12.05; 2. Odessa 4:12.21; 3. Midland Lee 4:27.70; 4. Burleson 4:29.69; 5. Big Spring 4:30.45; 6. Abilene Cooper 4:37.18.

High jump
1. Bridgette Tuitt, Big Spring 5-00; 2. Amy Noel, Midland Lee 4-10; 3. Madison Reyes, Abilene High 4-10; 4. Chelsea Dobson, Burleson 4-10; 5. Chasity Mims, Odessa 4-10; 6. Catherine Teegardin,

Frenship 4-10.
Long jump

1. Desiree Anderson, Big Spring 17-04.50; 2. Hailey Mitchell, Frenship 17-04; 3. Kayla Cheers, Abilene Cooper 16-05.50; 4. Jasmine Cannon, Odessa 16-01.25; 5. Amanda McGill, Abilene 15-11.50; 6. Chantesean White, Midland Lee 15-09.50.

Triple jump
1. Kayla Cheers, Abilene Cooper 38-05; 2. Bridgette Tuitt, Big Spring 35-06.50; 3. Desiree Anderson, Big Spring 35-06.50; 4. Jasmine Cannon, Odessa 35-05.50; 5. Shelby Lawrence, Abilene 34-07; 6. Jessamyn Curtis, Abilene 34-03.

Shot put
1. Alisha Davis, Abilene 39.02.50; 2. Kallie Hickman, Abilene 38-08.25; 3. Chelsea Hudson, Midland 38-00.50; 4. Deja McKnight, Odessa 37-03.50; 5. Elizabeth Railsack, Abilene Cooper 34-03.50; 6. Keisha Mathews, Abilene Cooper 33-07.50.

Discus throw
1. Kallie Hickman, Abilene 128; 2. Dorrian McKnight, Odessa 108-06; 3. Heather Wood, Odessa 100-07; 4. Daria Phillips, Lubbock 98-10; 5. Kayla McDow, Abilene 98-04; 6. Deja McKnight, Odessa 93-05.

TRACK

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Boys 4x100 Meter Relay
1, Big Spring 43.50. 2, SA Lake View 45.53. 3, Lampasas 46.08. 4, Marble Falls 47.68.

Boys 4x200 Meter Relay
1, Big Spring 1:32.87. 2, Lampasas 1:36.69. 3, Plainview 1:37.48. 4, Marble Falls 1:41.74.

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay
1, Big Spring 3:31.92. 2, Wolf Frenship 3:34.20. 3, Lampasas 3:37.71. 4, Marble Falls 3:49.86. 5, SA Lake View 3:51.76.

Boys High Jump
1, Clemons, Tyrone, Big Spring, 6-6. 2, Brown, John, SA Lake View, 6-2. 3, Adams, Zach, Lampasas, 5-8. 4, Edwards, Zack, Wolf Frenship, 5-6. 5, Glenn, Travis, Plainview, 5-6.

Boys Pole Vault
1, Bingham, Ross, Marble Falls, 11-6. 2, Cantu, Michael, Plainview, 11-6. 3, Jones, Kelby, Lampasas, 11-0. 4, Belt, John, Plainview, 10-6. 4, Llanas, Steven, Wolf Frenship, 10-6. 4, Parnell, Tavian, Big Spring, 10-6. 6, Cook, Zack, SA Lake View, 10-6.

Boys Triple Jump
1, Menefield, Mike, Big Spring, 44-1.25. 2, Clemons, Tyrone, Big Spring, 43-1.75. 3, Parker, Sidney, Big Spring, 42-7. 4, Watts, Gabe, Wolf Frenship, 42-2.75. 5, Gwinn, Jamaii, SA Lake View, 41-9. 6, Williams, Tavonte, SA Lake View, 41-5.75.

Boys Shot Put
1, Saldivar, Zackary, Big Spring, 50-10.75. 2, Brewer, Mitch, Wolf Frenship, 48-6.50. 3, DuBose, Brode, Lampasas, 47-5. 4, Napoles, Raul, SA Lake View, 44-0.50. 5, Garcia, Michael, Plainview, 43-8.75. 6, Lemon, Cyril, Marble Falls, 43-3.25.

Boys Long Jump
1, 283 Woodard, LaRay, Big Spring, 22-02. 2, 43 Reyna, Aaron, Lampasas, 21-00.25. 3, 247 Gwinn, Jamaii, SA Lake View, 20-09.50. 4, 265 Clemons, Tyrone, Big Spring, 20-08.25. 5, 235 Williams, Tavonte, SA Lake View, 19-10.75. 6, 266 Merworth, Dennis, Big Spring, 19-05.50. 7, 28 Terrell, Gabe, Lampasas, 18-11. 8, 501 Edwards, Zack, Wolf Frenship, 18-08.25.

Boys Discus Throw
1, 42 DuBose, Brode, Lampasas, 161-01.50. 2, 276 Saldivar, Zackary, Big Spring, 152-09. 3, 464 Hatch, Keaton, Plainview, 142-07. 4, 497 Reyes, Ross, Wolf Frenship, 122-03. 5, 238 Napoles, Raul, SA Lake View, 121-10.50. 6, 479 Sparks, Austin, Marble Falls, 121-08.50. 7, 509 Guerrero, Gabe, Wolf Frenship, 120-02.50. 8, 461 Garcia, Michael, Plainview, 112-09. 9.

DIVISION IV
Boys 100 Meter Dash
1, Sternberg, Michael, Panhandle, 11.63. 2, Grammer, Darryl, Crane, 11.69. 3, McIntyre, Reid, Wall, 11.86. 4, Magee, Blair, Idalou, 11.99. 5, Castillo, MJ, Coahoma, 12.00. 6, Evans, William, Reagan County, 12.04.
Boys 200 Meter Dash

STEERS

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advantage.

A walk, a double and two more walks scored one and loaded the bases for Ennis, who cleared them with a triple to right to blow things open and chase Ritchey from the mound.

Colby Landis came out and finished things for the Steers, allowing one run in 1 2/3 innings of work.

Frenship improved to 8-12 on the season and 1-0 in the district. Big Spring now has a 5-11-1 record and is 1-1 in the district.

Frenship 300 005 1—9
Big Spring 200 000 0—2
Skyler Green and Bryson Sutterfield. Matt Ritchey, Colby Landis (6) and Rance Terry. W—Green. L—Ritchey. 2B: F - Tyler Lloyd, Jordan Richburg and Andres Chadis. 3B: F - Zane Ennis 2. RBI: F - Ennis 4, Lloyd 2, Richburg, Rivas; BS - Cade Hollandsworth.

1, Garcia, Isldro, Crane, 22.13. 2, Grammer, Darryl, Crane, 23.60. 3, Pena, Cody, Sonora, 24.19. 4, Sinclair, Austin, Panhandle, 24.37. 5, Gorman, Ryan, Sonora, 24.39. 6, Erikl, Santana, Sonora, 24.60.

Boys 400 Meter Dash
1, Guerrero, Jessie, Sonora, 52.19. 2, Martinez, Ryun, Idalou, 53.92. 3, Montez, Adam, Stanton, 54.33. 4, Thornton, Garrett, Idalou, 54.91. 5, Tarpley, Kris, Crane, 55.19. 6, Raad, Bernah, Coahoma, 55.40.

Boys 800 Meter Run
1, Skidmore, Colby, Panhandle, 2:04.01. 2, Montez, Adam, Stanton, 2:06.89. 3, Pena, Cody, Sonora, 2:07.19. 4, Garcia, Esteban, Sonora, 2:10.60. 5, Harvey, Dana, Crane, 2:11.48. 6, Estrada, Marcus, Wall, 2:14.34.

Boys 1600 Meter Run
1, Escalante, Joey, Crane, 4:54.60. 2, Mares, Jason, Wall, 4:57.16. 3, Garcia, Esteban, Sonora, 4:58.62. 4, Daniel, Zachary, Crane, 4:59.31. 5, Labeledelle, Lance, Wall, 4:59.85. 6, Motl, Sean, Wall, 5:00.73.

Boys 3200 Meter Run
1, Escalante, Joey, Crane, 10:43.19. 2, Motl, Sean, Wall, 10:50.15. 3, Labeledelle, Lance, Wall, 10:50.70. 4, Mares, Jason, Wall, 10:52.49. 5, Daniel, Zachary, Crane, 10:56.64. 6, Villa, Vincent, Stanton, 11:08.44.

Boys 110 Meter Hurdles
1, Walling, Justin, Wall, 16.32. 2, Dunn, Will, Sonora, 16.42. 3, Adkins, Bradley, Idalou, 16.66. 4, Badeaux, Zach, Sonora, 16.97. 5, Cazarez, Jacob, Stanton, 17.23. 6, Marquez, Anthony, Reagan County, 17.28.

Boys 300 Meter Hurdles
1, Crump, Tyler, Panhandle, 41.89. 2, Badeaux, Zach, Sonora, 42.94. 3, Dunn, Will, Sonora, 43.79. 4, Dowdy, Tyler, Idalou, 44.69. 5, Adkins, Bradley, Idalou, 45.11. 6, Taylor, Jackson, Reagan County, 45.13.

Boys 4x100 Meter Relay
1, Panhandle 44.41. 2, Crane 44.42. 3, Wall 45.68. 4, Idalou 46.17. 5, Sonora 46.41. 6, Reagan County 46.45.

Boys 4x200 Meter Relay
1, Crane 1:30.43. 2, Wall 1:35.18. 3, Sonora 1:36.01. 4, Idalou 1:37.54. 5, Coahoma 1:39.05. 6, Stanton 1:42.26.

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay
1, Crane 3:28.89. 2, Panhandle 3:32.19. 3, Sonora 3:33.29. 4, Idalou 3:42.81. 5, Coahoma 3:44.49. 6, Wall 3:46.90.

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By Steve Becker Famous Hand

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠10 2
♥Q 6
♦Q 5 4 2
♣Q 10 9 8 5
WEST
♠7 6 4
♥J 10 9 5 2
♦K J 9 8
♣K
EAST
♠J 5
♥K 8 4 3
♦A 10 7 6 3
♣6 4

SOUTH
♠AK Q 9 8 3
♥A 7
♦—
♣AJ 7 3 2
The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1 ♠
Pass 1 ♦ Pass 2 ♠
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 ♣
Pass 4 ♣ Pass 5 NT
Pass 7 ♣
Opening lead — jack of hearts.
This deal occurred in the quarter-final match between England and China at the 2007 women's world team championship in Shanghai. It features a brilliant defensive play by the British East, Michelle Brunner, who laid a cunning trap for her Chinese opponent when she seemed about to bring in a grand slam.
The bidding by the Chinese North-South was natural after a forcing one-club opening and one-diamond response indicating a weak hand. South's five notrump was no doubt intended as the "grand slam force," asking North to bid seven clubs if she held two of the top three club honors. North then elected to bid the grand slam without both honors, possibly influenced by her five-card support when she could have held somewhat less.
As can be seen, seven clubs was due to succeed because declarer had no way to get to dummy to try the trump finesse. After winning any lead, declarer would have had no choice but to plunk down the ace, dropping the king.
Things seemed headed for that outcome when Brunner's partner led the heart jack, on which the declarer, Yi Qian Liu, played dummy's queen. It was here that Brunner had her chance to shine. Having noted the absence of the club king in dummy, as well as the dearth of entries on the table, she decided to give declarer a bit of rope by refusing to cover the heart queen!
Declarer happily accepted this unexpected opportunity to take the trump finesse and so went down one. Of course, had Brunner made the routine play of covering the queen of hearts with the king, the grand slam would have come rolling home.
Tomorrow: Computing the percentage play.