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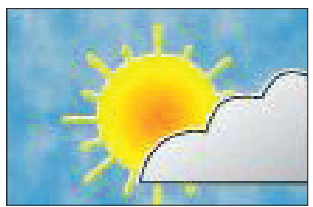
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HC still reporting record enrollment

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 One of these semesters, Howard College will not be able to report a record enrollment. But that time hasn't come yet. Preliminary enrollment figures for the Spring 2010 semester show that the college continues its recent trend of impressive student gains, college officials announced. As of Tuesday morning, enrollment



Burchett

was outpacing last spring by almost 800 students. Cindy Smith, director of information for the college, said 4,027 students were enrolled at Howard's four campuses, compared to 3,240 last spring. Enrollment breakdown by campus is:
 • Big Spring — 1,563 students, compared to 1,315 last year.
 • San Angelo — 2,155 students, up

from 1,664 last spring.
 • Lamesa — 198 students, an increase of 48 from this time last year.
 • SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf enrollment remained stable at 111 students, the same number as last spring. Dr. Amy Burchett, executive dean for instruction at the college, pointed to two main reasons behind the continued growth. "First is the increase in dual-credit courses taken by high school stu-

dents," Burchett said. "And, of course, enrollment at our San Angelo campus continues to grow. Above that, however, it's hard to pinpoint reasons behind the growth." College officials are optimistic that the recent enrollment trends will continue for at least the near future. "We certainly hope they do," Burchett noted. "We're working on new programs in the technology/ See **COLLEGE**, Page 3

Blaze leaves one man dead

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 A Big Spring man was killed in a house fire early Monday morning at a home near the intersection of Gatesville and Eubanks Road, north of the city. Ronald Edward Robey, 61, was reported dead at the scene of the fire, which was responded to by both Howard County Volunteer firefighters and personnel from the Big Spring Fire Department. According to Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan, a neighbor reported the fire at approximately 8 a.m., with firefighters arriving on the scene just minutes later. "One of the first firefighters on the scene was Zach Johnson, who is a volunteer firefighter. He's also the son of the victim," said Sullivan. "However, I believe Mr. Robey had been dead for sometime prior to that. It's one of those cases where there's just nothing you could do." Sullivan said it appeared Robey — who was a former firefighter with the Big Spring Fire Department and was currently on hospice care — had fallen asleep while smoking a



Local law enforcement and fire officials investigate the scene of this house fire near the intersection of Gateville and Eubanks Road early Monday morning. A Big Spring man was killed in the blaze. **HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins**

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The Cassatt String Quartet — clockwise from top, Michiko Oshima, Nicole Johnson, Jennifer Leshnowar and Muneko Otani — will be holding a week-long program on chamber music at various educational campuses in Odessa. The classes are open to all teachers and students in the Permian Basin area. **Courtesy photo**

Chamber music program slated to begin Friday

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 Chamber music, anyone? That's exactly the question students and teachers in the Permian Basin will be asking beginning Friday, as the New York-based Cassatt String Quartet prepares to hold "Cassatt in the Basin," an annual mini-residency program designed to give area students the opportunity to study with artist-teachers and develop chamber music audiences of the future. According to Lynda L.Ciolek, spokesperson for the quartet, the program — which is sponsored by the Ector County Independent School District's Education Foundation — continues work begun by the Cassatt String Quartet in November 2007. See **QUARTET**, Page 3

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Obituaries

Helen Bates

Helen Bates, 75, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, at the Hospice House in Odessa. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, at Mount Olive Memorial Park Chapel.

She was born June 4, 1934, to Ruby and Chester Payton Altom in Ira. She graduated from Monahans High School. She lived in Big Spring for 60 years. She was a Baptist and a Christian who loved the Lord and it was shown by her love for family and friends.

She married D.R. Bates on Dec. 16, 1955, in Big Spring. She and her husband farmed on the family farm. The farm has been in the family since 1924 and has been worked by six generations.

She worked for the Agriculture Conservation Stabilization Service for 25 years, which is now called Farm Service Agency.

She is survived by two daughters, Donna Whetsel and her husband, Marty, of Forsan and Diane McLemore and her husband, Jeff, of Greenwood; a son-in-law, Tim Spivey of Big Spring; seven grandchildren, Chris Spivey and his wife, Jana, Mike Spivey and his wife, Lyndi, and Dana Spivey, all of Big Spring, Daniel Whetsel and his wife, Christina, of San Angelo, Stephanie Pitchford and her husband, Matt, of Weatherford, Heather McLemore of Midland and Josh McLemore of Greenwood; nine great-grandchildren, Devin Spivey, Jacob Spivey, Brady Spivey and Jackson Spivey, all of Big Spring, Hagan Pitchford, Madison Grace Pitchford and Avery Dawn Pitchford, all of Weatherford and Taryn Spivey and Jayce Spivey, both of Big Spring; and one sister-in-law, Velda Hamilton and her husband, Calvin, of Big Spring.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Debbie Spivey; one brother, Melvin Altom; and one sister, Flo Carrell.

Pallbearers will be Mike Spivey, Chris Spivey, Daniel Whetsel, Matt Pitchford, Josh McLemore and Devin Spivey.

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

Paid obituary

Frances Thraikill Scott

Frances Thraikill Scott, 66, of Midland died Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, at the First Baptist Church in Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Fran was born Jan. 10, 1944, at Malone & Hogan Clinic in Big Spring to R.C. "Bob" and Helen Thraikill of Lenorah. She was a class of 1962 graduate from Big Spring High School. She later attended nursing school at Medical Arts Hospital where she earned her LVN license in 1964. She was a practicing nurse for almost 40 years and had been employed with Ameritox Labs in Midland for the past three years.

Her interests included family, Department 56 collectibles and reading.

Fran touched a lot of people in her short life on Earth. Her walk of faith, steadfast dedication to her family, personality of gentle, witty wisdom and the uncanny ability to recall times and dates of even the most obscure events in all of her family's lives brought endless joy to her family and friends.

She will be terribly missed by those who loved her. She was a member of Lenorah Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, K.C. and Dodie Caulder of Odessa and Robert and Marla Scott and Bill and Sheila Scott, all of Midland; her mother, Helen Thraikill of Stanton; a sister, Pat High of Stanton; four grandchildren, Taylor Scott, Samantha Caulder, Amanda Scott and Kevin Caulder; and one nephew, Stacy Stribling and wife, Shelly, and their son, Noble Stribling of Midland.

She was preceded in death by her father, R.C. "Bob" Thraikill.

The family suggests memorials to the Choroideremia Research Foundation.

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

Paid obituary

Doris Jones

Doris Jones, 85, of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, in Abilene. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with her son, Charles Jones, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park with her grandson, Carey Jones, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

She was born June 27, 1924, in Midland and married Varnie L. "Runt" Jones on June 6, 1942, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Nov. 29, 1998.

A longtime resident of Knott, she and her husband ran the Knott Station for a number of years. She moved to Big Spring in 1993 and then to Abilene in 2008. She was a homemaker, a mother and a Sundry School teacher. She was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

Survivors include two sons, Jeff Jones and wife, Sissy, of Big Spring and Charles Jones and wife, Rhonda, of Statesville, N.C.; two daughters, Anita Fowler and husband, Sid, of Tuscola and Leola McCrea Jones of Sweetwater; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers.

The family suggests memorials to Alzheimer's Research, 15825 Shady Grove Road, Suite 140, Rockville, Md. 20850-4022.

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

Police blotter

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

• BENJAMIN REYNOLDS, 64, of 101 Carey, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• TRISTEN JENKINS, 19, of 807 Baylor, was arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.

• FREDDIE RAMOS, 24, of 1610 Avion, was arrested Saturday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, failure to identify and public intoxication.

• JAY GARD, 22, of 1010 Derrick Rd., was arrested Saturday on two local warrants.

• CELESTINO ALVAREZ, 51, of Amarillo, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• JENNIFER PEREZ, 30, of 1002 N. Main Apt. 64, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft.

• JORGE GOMEZ, 18, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 63, was arrested Saturday on charges of assault - family violence and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• SYLVIA TREVINO, 42, of 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 111, was arrested Saturday on charges of possession of a prohibited substance in a correctional facility - alcohol/drug/phone/tobacco, failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license invalid.

• ELIJAH COLE, 40, of 1805 State, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants.

• JUAN MANUEL TALAMANTEZ, 55, of 1011 Johnson, was arrested Sunday on a charge of interfering with the duties of a public servant.

• ANGEL LAREZ, 28, of 507 N. Main, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants.

• ALAN LAREZ, 25, of 538 Westover Rd., was arrested Sunday on three local warrants.




• ROBERT SANCHEZ, 45, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• JOSEPH GIST, 35, of 706 Douglas, was arrested

See **POLICE**, Page 3

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 2/2	Wed 2/3	Thu 2/4
		
56/39	49/38	51/37
Considerable cloudiness. High 56F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.	Chance of showers. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 30s.	Few showers. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. Service refused.

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Willia. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of State. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Robin. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of State. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Sunday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.

- ERNESTO ACOSTA RODRIGUEZ, 41, of 200 Carey, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ELEUTERIO TORRES PADRON, 60, of 407 Lancaster, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ERICK FRANKS, 34, of 1425 E. Sixth St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RYAN GONZALES, 20, of 518 Edwards, was arrested Sunday on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 1700 block of FM 700.
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- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of 16th Street.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY – FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 700 block of Douglas.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 500 block of 17th Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
In the 2000 block of 11th Place.
In the 500 block of State.
In the 500 block of 17th Street.

County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.

- KEVINI HAUATI APOLOS MAUMAU, 43, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of assault against a sports participant (three counts).
- MICHELLE MARIE CARRASCO, 37, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid, violation of a promise to appear, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, failure to maintain financial responsibility, theft, and failure to appear – theft.
- LISA MARIE HENSLEY, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of harassment.
- CARL DUHAMEL, 32, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- TRISTEN BROOKE JENKINS, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct – vulgar language.
- JACOB ANDREW FERRO, 29, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of assault causing bodily injury, possession of a controlled substance and aggravated sexual assault (two counts).
- ADRIAN CARRILLO, 21, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- BENJAMIN REYNOLDS, 64, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- LOVINDA RACKALL FULFORD, 30, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of interfering with the duties of a public servant.
- JAY GARD, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of speeding and running a

red light.

- JOSE ALFREDO ARENIVEZ, 43, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated with an open container – third or more offense (two counts).
- JORGE LUIS GOMEZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of minor in consumption of alcohol, interfering with the discharge of a police officer's official duties and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- JENNIFER ROSE PEREZ, 30, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- SHANNON TEEL, 45, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of services.
- JESSIE WAYNE SOHM, 39, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property.
- SYLVIA TREVINO, 42, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility and possession of a prohibited substance at a correctional facility.
- ALAN MICHAEL LAREZ, 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts) and expired motor vehicle inspection.
- JOSE ROMAN JUAREZ JR., 41, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.
- JOSEPH BLAKE GIST, 35, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- JOHNNY M. TALAMANTEZ, 55, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of interfering with the official duties of a public servant.
- ANGEL ADOLPHO LAREZ, 28, was transferred to the county jail

Sunday by the BSPD on charges of failure to appear and driving while license invalid.

- SHANE HENRY KEMPER, 37, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- RAMIRO GONZALES, 31, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- ELIJAH JAMES COLE, 40, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of open container and failure to appear.
- JACK RODRIGUEZ, 33, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- EARL P. HANKE, 51, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- ERICK SHEROD FRANKS, 34, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ERNESTO ACOSTA RODRIGUEZ, 41, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 45, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- FRANK MULKEY PATTERSON III, 35, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- ELEUTERIO PADROD-TORRES, 60, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- AARON COLE TAYLOR, 35, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- RYAN ANTHONY GONZALES, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of DWI and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- BRITTANY LEE CHRISTIAN, 18, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of minor in consumption of alcohol and no driver's license.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:
Note — Officials with the Howard

QUARTET

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"Members of the Cassatt String Quartet — Muneke Otani, violin; Jennifer Leshnow, violin; Liuh Wen Ting, viola; and Nicole Johnson, cello — will instruct junior high and high school string students," said Ciolek. "Jan Mayfield, Odessa High School orchestra director, spearheaded this project with her colleague, Todd Berridge, Permian High School's orchestra director.

"The Cassatt String Quartet will offer student quartet coaching, master classes in which the Quartet will hear and critique students performing their pieces. That includes demonstrations by the quartet of proper communication, interpretation and performance technique, as well as open rehearsals and concert performances." Set for Friday through Tuesday, Feb. 9, at various locations in Odessa, Ciolek said the program is open to all Permian Basin students and teachers.

"Teachers and students from Permian and Odessa High Schools, ECISD, MISD, Odessa College, Midland College, UTPB and other communities in the Permian Basin are welcome to attend any educational and performance events," said Ciolek. "All events are free to the public." Ciolek said the program will kick off Friday with vocal master-classes by guest artist, baritone Gerald Dolter, at Odessa High School, Permian High School and Odessa College. Cassatt master-classes

are slated for 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Permian High Orchestra Room. "Members of the quartet will conduct a master-class with the video and audio aspects broadcast via the streaming server on campus," said Ciolek. "The master-class will include an interactive question and answer session for students from other campuses. It is free and open to the public." Also, the Texas Music Educators Association will present "Developing Strong Musical Leadership Within

Your Orchestra" as part of the Cassatt program Thursday, Feb. 11, from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. at the Henry Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio. For more information on the quartet's program and any of its events, contact Jan Mayfield at Jan_Mayfield@yahoo.com

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Maria Franco Diaz, 87, died Friday. Funeral services were at 9:30 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Frank Salazar, 84, died Wednesday. Funeral Mass was at 1 p.m. Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Helen Bates, 75, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m.

FIRE

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cigarette. "The initial investigation shows the fire start-

ed in his recliner," said Sullivan. "I believe he was on oxygen for his illness. Once the fire started there's no way he could have gotten out of the chair. Because his son is one of our fire-

fighters, we're having the BSFD conduct the investigation." Robey was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Benny Green, who also ordered an autopsy to

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

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career area and we hope to see an increase there, both through a partnership with our area high

schools and with the general public as well." Smith said college officials expect overall enrollment figures to grow even further in the coming days as more high school students enroll in concurrent courses with Howard.

Final figures should be available within the next two weeks, she added. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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OTHER VIEWS

Texans must play attention to SBOE races

The State Board of Education's recent actions over the social studies curriculum undermined the already weakened credibility of this highly polarized board.

Once again, it appears the board members are more focused on their own political agendas than helping provide the 4.7 million Texas public school children with a quality education that will make them competitive globally.

The proposed removal of many significant Latinos from the textbooks is troubling but not totally unexpected given the board's less than stellar track record on dealing with other curriculum issues.

Voters across the state should be concerned about the actions of this powerful board which flies under the radar during most elections.

Granted, history books cannot be all inclusive. There are too many great figures in our rich history for them all to find a place in a text.

However, decisions on who should be included or removed from a text should be based on more than the political whims of a partisan board.

The explanation for the dumping of Henry Cisneros, the first Mexican American mayor of a major U.S. city and former Housing and Urban Development secretary, from the fourth-grade textbooks because he "has not really done anything" in the last 10 years is as weak as it gets.

How many historical figures have done much in the last 10 years?

SBOE members just don't get it. They deserve an F on their critical thinking skills in setting the curriculum standards for textbooks. The books are not just about them and their personal views of the world.

The board must stop micromanaging public education.

There are several seats on the SBOE up for election this year. Voters need to get to know the candidates in these low-profile races and make it a point to cast a vote in these down-ballot contests — for the sake of the school children in the state.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we look ahead, Lord, at a blessed life with You.

Amen

Massachusetts: Democrats blew it

How come when the Republicans lose an election — as in Barack Obama sweeping the presidency in a landslide — the Right Wing responds by saying: "This proves the Republican Party has to become more conservative."

But when the Republicans win one — be it even a single Senate race — Democrats start rending their clothes and saying: "We've got to become more conservative."

The Democrats are wimps, that's how come.

There are myriad explanations for Martha Coakley's defeat in the special Senate election to fill the late Ted Kennedy's chair:

- She was a lousy candidate, clothed in arrogance and complacency, who took voters for granted and didn't work hard enough. After winning her primary she took a vacation from the campaign, la-dee-dah.

- Her opponent, Scott Brown, was an exceptionally attractive candidate with Sarah Palin good looks and an appealing personal narrative. Also, he did work hard enough, traveling around in a pickup truck that he claimed had 170,000 miles on it. (I can just see Mitt Romney right now, hiring a team of drivers to get 200,000 miles on his pickup before the 2012 campaign.)

- The election was a referendum on the president's health-care plan and it was rejected.

- The election was a referendum

on Barack Obama and he was rejected.

- Massachusetts voters are selfish, irresponsible, and not to be trusted with the franchise. It was the place, remember, that hosted the Salem witch trials.

There's some truth to all of these analyses — well, some of them anyway — but you can come up with just as persuasive a case for Coakley winning:

- Ted Kennedy had held that particular seat for 47 years at the time of his death and no Republican had been elected to the Senate in Massachusetts since 1972.

- Obama had carried the state a little more than a year ago by 26 points.

- To call Brown, a conservative Republican, "little-known" isn't a wild exaggeration. He was a single-practitioner attorney and a practically invisible state senator. Six months ago, not one Massachusetts voter in 10 could have picked him out of a police lineup.

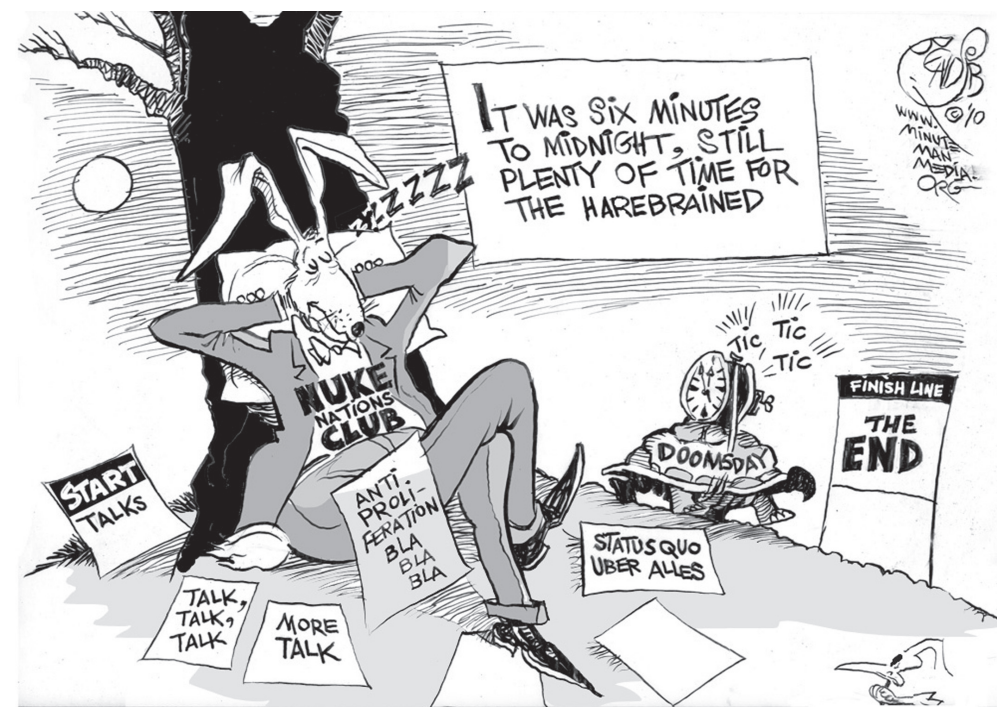
- Coakley may not have been the warmest, most energetic of candidates, but neither was she Lizzie Borden. She was, in fact, a fairly popular attorney general (winning the election in 2007 with 73 percent of the vote) with a long record of accomplishment as a public figure in her state.

So why did this upset (which must have sent Ted Kennedy whirling like a dervish in his grave) happen?

The Democratic Party, starting with the political wizards in the White House on down, simply blew it. It wasn't just Coakley who took a vacation in the middle of the campaign, the entire party did.



DONALD KAUL



Turn back the 'Doomsday Clock'

Whether you are reading this article in Tampa or Tucson, Los Angeles or Long Island, one thing is for certain: It's six minutes to midnight.

While this may not be the normal mode of timekeeping for your dinner plans, it's true for the "Doomsday Clock," which figuratively marks the time remaining until the end of the world, due to a nuclear holocaust or an overheated planet. Drawing particular attention to progress made on nuclear weapons issues, a group of prominent scientists — including 19 Nobel laureates — decided on Jan. 14 to move the clock's minute-hand farther from midnight, from 11:55 p.m. to 11:54 p.m.

What seems like a fleeting amount of time when discussing daily routines is actually quite a significant move for the clock. Created in 1947, its hands have been moved just 19 times in 62 years.

So why the recent move? In turning back the clock, the scientists recognized the significant progress made in the past year toward reducing the dangers posed by nuclear weapons.

This progress reflects renewed leadership on the part of the United States in raising awareness about nuclear dangers, and fostering the international dialogue and cooperation needed to combat the nuclear threat.

Specifically, this progress includes improved international commitment to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, the

cornerstone of international efforts to stem the spread of nuclear weapons; discussions with Iran to rein in its nuclear program; the announcement of an international conference of world leaders in Washington, D.C., in April to discuss nuclear terrorism prevention strategies; growing support for the passage of a treaty to ban nuclear testing; and negotiations between the U.S. and Russia to reduce their still-enormous nuclear weapons stockpiles.

This final step — negotiations to cut Russian and American arsenals — will be critical to advancing the nuclear security agenda.

The United States and Russia are negotiating a new treaty to succeed the landmark 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (known as START), which expired on Dec. 5. START signaled the end of the Cold War by reducing the numbers of nuclear weapons the United States and Russia possessed, and providing for important monitoring and verification stipulations to ensure that each side complied with the treaty.

After beginning negotiations in April of last year, President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev have made tremendous strides towards completing an agreement.

Once the treaty is signed, the Senate will need to approve it. Unlike most votes, however, treaty approval requires 67 "yea" votes.

A nuclear reductions treaty would greatly enhance American security. Though the Cold War ended two decades ago, the United States and Russia still possess 95 percent of the 23,000 nuclear weapons remaining in the world. Massachusetts: The

Democrats Blew It by Donald Kaul

Think of the stakes. Congress had arrived at the very cusp of passing health-care reform. Every vote, particularly in the Senate, was not merely important, but crucial.

Why would you allow a candidate of limited experience to conduct his or her own campaign in those circumstances? Why would you let her go on vacation?

The Democratic hierarchy should have kidnapped her, if need be, tied her to the back of a flatbed truck and driven her around the state to meet the folks. It should have engulfed her campaign with money. In other words, it should have practiced politics. It didn't. I'm not sure the party knows how to anymore.

Now they're whining about it, calling the unfortunate Coakley names.

The only sound worse than a Democrat whining about a loss is a Republican crowing about victory. Conservatives are famously sore winners, and their taunts and smug observations are hard for us poor liberals to take.

But take them we must; we have no choice. Obama and a few others are trying to make the best of things, saying that they'll try harder to cobble together legislation on which a bipartisan coalition can agree.

Lots of luck, Prez.

Republicans want Obama to fail, and they just took a step toward fulfilling that wish.

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KATIE MOUNTS

Lady Steers fall in second half to Frenship



HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton
Taryn Kennedy shoots the ball Saturday at Steer Gym.

By JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers played their best half of basketball to open Saturday's game against Frenship at Steer Gym.

The Lady Steers trailed by just three points at the break against the state's No. 23 team, but Frenship scored the first 11 points of the second half and outscored Big Spring 35-12 en-

route to a 58-32 District 4-4A win.

Cerbi Ritchey led Big Spring (7-15, 0-5) with a game-high 10 points, eight of which came in the first half. Linzee Yarbar added eight of her own.

"Our plan was to go inside to Cerbi and then work our way out," Lady Steers coach Mike Warren said. "She worked so hard in there to get the ball. She continues to improve, and I

think that's our plan for the rest of the year."

Frenship (23-7, 5-1) didn't have a single player in double figures, but three finished with eight points and every player scored for the Lady Tigers.

"It just shows you how much depth they had," Warren said. "But we played well with two of the better teams in the state (Frenship and Plainview), and that ought to give us confi-

dence."

In a game that was rescheduled due to weather concerns, the Lady Steers went to Ritchey early and led for most of the first quarter. A 7-0 run gave Frenship a 12-8 lead early in the second, but the Lady Steers responded as Yarbar scored four straight points with assists from Valerie Ross, and the game was tied at 16 with four minutes left in the

first half.

Frenship threatened to start another run in the waning moments of the second quarter, but a Ritchey bucket and two points from Stormi Smith kept Big Spring within striking distance at 23-20.

Turnovers mounted for the Lady Steers in the third quarter as Frenship built a 14-point lead late into the third

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FLYING HIGH

Steers stay perfect in district play

BY JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

Saturday's matchup at Steer Gym wasn't typical Big Spring boys basketball.

For a team that likes to get up and down the floor quickly, the Steers played the Frenship Tigers at a snail's pace to begin Saturday's matchup.

For Big Spring (12-10, 4-0), though, that was just fine. The Steers never trailed the Tigers after the first three minutes of the game and took a 56-45 victory to a 4-0 sweep of the first round of district play.

Jerrell Williams scored 19 points for the Steers, 15 of which came in the first half.

"He passed the ball well, he's dribbling the ball well, he led us on defense," Steer coach Marcus Morris said. "He's doing all the things a senior is supposed to do this time of year."

Williams scored eight points in the final 1:30 of the first half, which gave the Steers an 11-point advantage going into the locker room after a first quarter that left the score 7-4 in Big Spring's



HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton
Jerrell Williams puts up a shot Saturday at Steer Gym. Williams scored 19 points as Big Spring beat Frenship to go undefeated through the first round of district play. The Steers have won five straight games.

favor.

"I thought we played well defensively for the first 12 minutes of that quarter and a half," Frenship head coach Jason Dear said. "We let Jerrell loose a couple times when he hit those threes, and that was huge for them."

In the second half, Big Spring turned to junior Luke Adams, who scored 13 of his 15 in the last two quarters. Adams scored eight of his 15 points from the charity stripe.

"He does a great job of getting his body in the way," Morris said.

"You get a lot of people that complain that he's flopping, but he gets his body into the right spot, and if there's contact made the ref has to call a foul."

Xavian Parnell led the way down low for Big Spring. See **STEERS**, Page 10

Aggies down Tech despite 2 3-pointers

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — TEXAS A&M won two straight home games despite horrible 3-point shooting.

They figure that means they'll be pretty hard to stop if their shots finally start falling.

"We'll start making them," said Donald Sloan, who scored 28 points as Texas A&M beat Texas Tech 85-70 on Saturday night. "If we start making our 3s we'll be a heck of a team. Once they do start falling, and I think they will, we'll be pretty dangerous."

The Aggies (15-6, 4-3 Big 12) were just 2 of 16 from 3-point range. They have made just 4 of 39 3-point tries in their last two home games.

The win is A&M's 15th straight at home and leaves the Red Raiders (14-7, 2-5) winless on the road in conference play.

Texas A&M trailed for most of the first half but led the entire second half.

Texas A&M coach Mark Turgeon wouldn't discuss his team's long-range shooting woes, but he has added more work in the area.

"We do a lot more shooting in practice," he said. "We do more

contests, trying to have fun with it. I think the way we've shot the ball so far, to be 4-3 says a lot about the group I have. We're tough and we fight through things. We know we have to get better though to win in this league."

The Aggies led by 11 before a wild sequence with about 1 1/2 minutes remaining that included four quick points off two steals, the second of which left Tech's leading scorer Mike Singletary on the court injured.

Singletary was hurt while fighting for a ball with Bryan Davis. Play continued with Sloan finishing the fast break with a layup while Tech coach Pat Knight yelled at the officials to stop play so he could attend to his player.

Singletary was escorted to the locker room holding his right shoulder and grimacing after being looked at for a couple of minutes.

Tech officials said Knight wasn't finished talking to his team after the game and sent associate head coach Chris Beard to address the media. He said they didn't have any information about Singletary's injury.

David Tairu led Tech with 13 points and Singletary finished with 10. See **TECH**, Page 10

Big Spring moves to District 5-3A as realignment announced

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring Steers football and basketball teams will see a major change come next season with alignment dropping Big Spring to 3A.

In the new district alignments released Monday, the Steers will compete in District 5-3A with Abilene Wylie, Sweetwater, Snyder and

Brownwood.

Each of the teams in the Steers' new district boasts a strong football tradition for Big Spring to compete with.

Abilene Wylie advanced to the 3A state championship game in 2009 before it fell to Gilmer 43-26.

Big Spring has played Sweetwater in each of the past four seasons, winning 48-0 in

October. It was the first Big Spring win in four years.

The Steers beat Snyder in their season opener in August. The score was 13-10 at halftime, but the Steers poured it on in the second half to come away with a 40-21 victory.

Brownwood advanced to the third round of the 3A playoffs this past season and won 10

games before it fell to Wimberly.

Big Spring is a newcomer to the four teams, which shared District 2-3A the last two seasons.

Big Spring's nondistrict football schedule will shape up as coaches converse over the next few days.

Movement among area teams

Forsan and Stanton

moved up to District 2-2A, Division II Monday as they will join Coahoma along with Anson, Hawley, Idalou and Post.

Sands moved up to 6-man division I along with Borden County and Klondike High Schools. The three joined Lenora Grady and O'Donnell in District 5-1A.

Borden County won

the 2009 6-man Division II state title.

State champion Garden City remained with Fort Davis and Rankin but added former Division II team Sierra Blanca in District 7-1A, Division I.

Wednesday is signing day for many high school athletes. Pick up the Herald to see which prep stars are signing on to play in college.

Sports in brief

Lady Steer softball tournament needs community support

Lady Steer softball parents and the city of Big Spring Parks and Recreation Department are hosting a 22-team high school softball tournament March 4-6.

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Call John Sparks for information at 270-2711.

Howard College to host Frank Phillips tonight

The Howard College Hawks will host Frank Phillips tonight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawk men and women are coming off wins at Odessa on Thursday. The women are going for their second straight WJAC conference win while the men hope to extend their winning streak to three games.

The women will tipoff at 5:45 p.m. and the men at 7:45 p.m. See tomorrow's Herald for results.

Hawks split doubleheader vs. Wharton College

The Howard Hawks baseball team split its season-opening doubleheader with Wharton College over the weekend in San Antonio.

The Hawks won the opening game 6-5, a seven-inning contest. Wharton prevailed in the nightcap 5-1 in the nine-inning game.

Howard (1-1) will be in action tomorrow against Vernon College in Abilene.

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APPLICATION Sid Richardson Carbon, LTD, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 6580, which would authorize Maintenance Startup and Shutdown emissions for the Sid Richardson Carbon Big Spring Facility located on Midway Road, 1 mile north of Interstate Highway 20, 2.5 miles east of Big Springs, Howard County, Texas 79720. The facility will emit the following contaminants: nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 21, 2009. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Howard County Library, 500 South Main Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a

civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues raised by you or others during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at

www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from Sid Richardson Carbon, LTD, 201 Main Street, Suite 3000, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-3135 or by calling Mr. Long Nguyen, P.E., EHS Manager at (817) 390-8604. Notice Issuance Date: January 11, 2010 #6417 February 1, 2010

Tomorrow's Horoscope

The world is full of juicy projects and delicious bits of work just ripe for the picking. The Virgo moon gets this day off to an industrious start. The lines between work and play will be blurred, since it seems like more fun to be doing something, even if that something takes elbow grease. The Aquarian sun combines brains with brawn to get the best result.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You shoot for something that is visible only to you. You may amuse the casual passerby who has no way of knowing that the invisible target is in fact a very real and vivid resting place for your keen arrow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There is a mystery to solve. Much will be told to you through the details of daily life. You are an expert at gathering evidence, especially in the gestures and eye contact you get from others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As you grow older and wiser, your relationships suit your needs with greater specificity. If you can articulate the thing that you were missing in a relationship before, you will find it now.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Once you break free from your usual route, you'll be awakened by sensory delights. Fresh sights, sounds and tastes will invigorate you. And there's nothing quite like tasting a new flavor for the first time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be presented with a kind of show, perhaps in the form of a slick sales campaign. Be slow to take out your wallet, though. You don't have to be a magician to know that there's a trick to this illusion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's too easy to get sucked into a fantasy when what you really should be doing is tending to the realities of your situation. The most amazing transformations will happen in tiny steps.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). Your core advisers may not have official titles, but that doesn't make them any less powerful. You'll do what is recommended to you by the people you trust, and your faith in them will prove well placed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have many fantastic notions about what will happen when you finally meet the person who can make things happen for you. All will be shattered by the happy reality that you are the sole creator of your life's adventure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Interruptions will happen, but it's important to get right back on track. There's no reason you should settle for a half-finished job, especially if you're the one doing the work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll get the chance to tell the tale of your travels. This will be especially pleasurable for you if your listener has not seen much of the world. It's fun to be the bearer of a bit of glamour and excitement.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A chance at the big time stares you down. You're not sure how seriously to take this opportunity, and there's a good reason for your trepidation. You'll do better work while laughing than you will with a furrowed brow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're in for a wild ride. Everything that happens this afternoon will be a direct result of your curious mind and driving need to explore and understand the workings of the world.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb.1). You become self-sufficient to a greater degree. You provide for loved ones and also teach them how to help themselves. The next 10 weeks ask you to think creatively, and you rise to the occasion. A career break in March is your chance to change your financial destiny. Be assertive, and take what's yours. Cancer and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 33, 10, 14 and 16.

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CELEBRITY PROFILES: Celebutante, author and fashion designer Lauren Conrad has so much Aquarian energy running through her natal chart that if she doesn't commit herself in a big way to a philanthropic cause, she'll be missing out on a huge opportunity for personal growth and fulfillment. With her natal sun, Mercury, Venus and Jupiter in Aquarius, her true happiness will be found in a station of selfless service.

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1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥			

Opening lead — jack of diamonds. **This deal occurred** in the 1971 world team championship and was played at six tables. At three of the tables, the final contract was four hearts, played by South. Each West led a diamond, and each East won with the ace and returned a club. **The similarity continued** when each West cashed the Q-A of clubs and shifted to a low spade. All three declarers then rejected the spade finesse, playing the ace from

dummy. But from that point on, the play varied at each table.

At one table, in the match between France and the United States, the French declarer played the jack of clubs from dummy at trick five, hoping in that way to resolve the problem of how to play the trumps.

But East, Bobby Goldman, didn't swallow the bait. He did not ruff the jack of clubs with his apparently useless trump, nor did he ruff when the nine was led next. Declarer, having discarded his Q-7 of spades, decided that East must be protecting the Q-x-x(x) of trumps and accordingly played the ace and another trump. Down one.

At the second table, in the match between Australia and Brazil, declarer also led dummy's jack of clubs at trick five. But here East ruffed with his one and only trump. Declarer overruffed and easily made the contract when he continued with the king of hearts and took the marked trump finesse against West after East showed out.

At the third table, declarer did not play the jack of clubs at trick five, but instead cashed the A-K of trumps. This established West's queen as the setting trick, and declarer finished down one.

Tomorrow: The horns of a dilemma.

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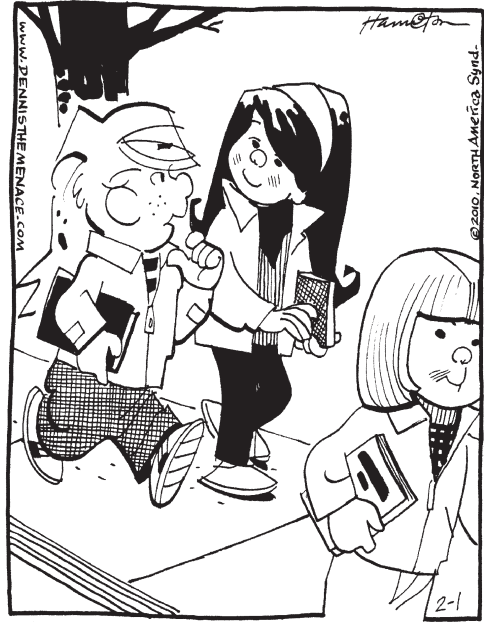
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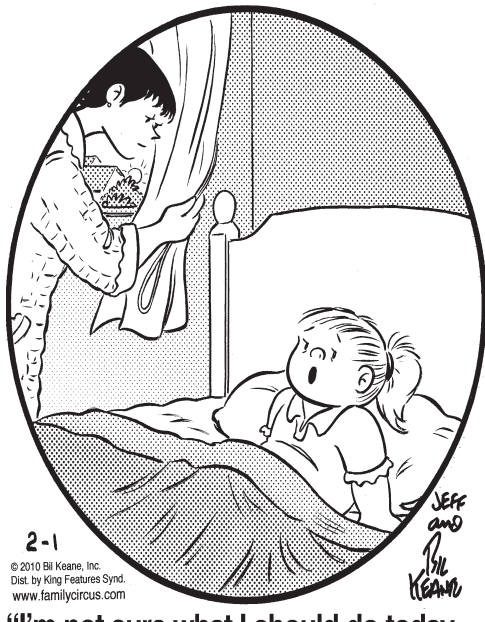
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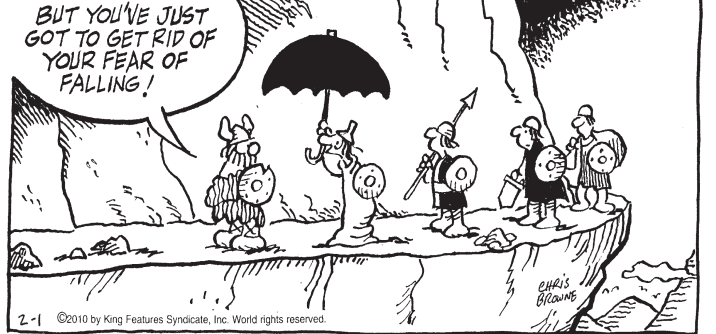
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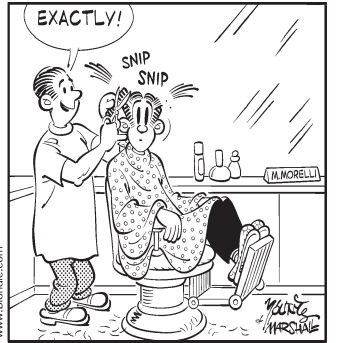
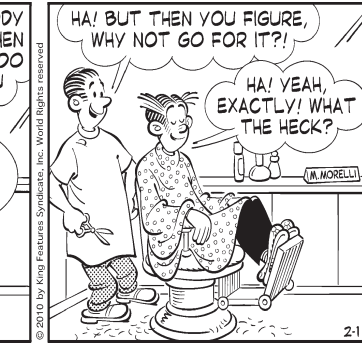


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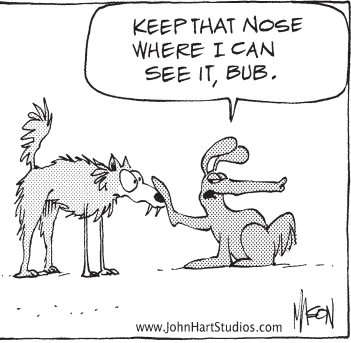
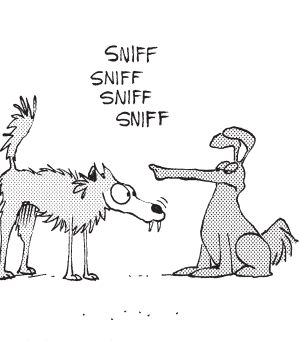
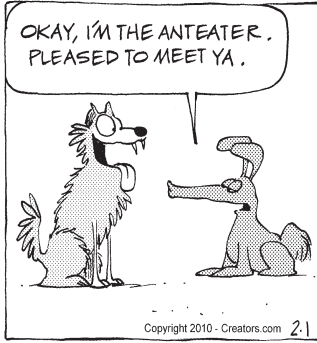
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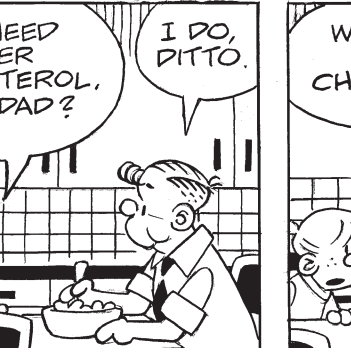
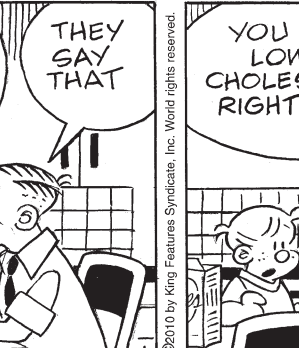
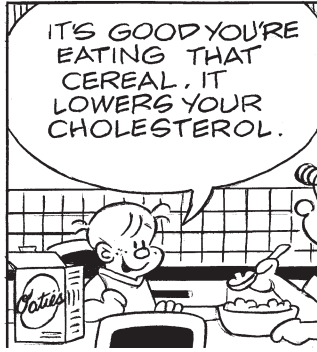
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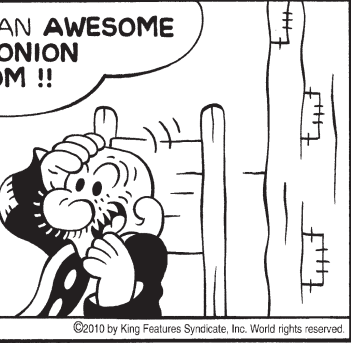
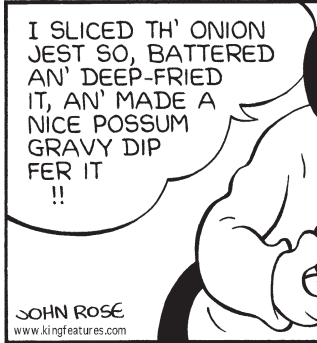
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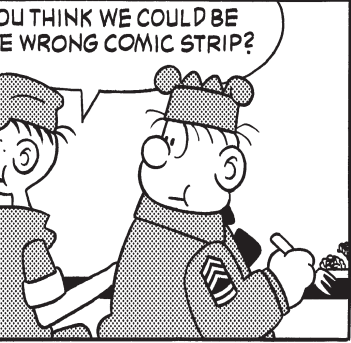
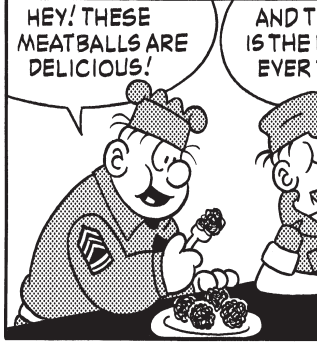
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2010. There are 333 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 1, 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a whites-only Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., which refused to serve them; similar protests sprang up across the South.

On this date: In 1861, Texas voted to secede from the Union.

In 1920, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came into existence, merging the Royal North West Mounted Police and the Dominion Police.

In 1943, one of America's most highly decorated military units of World War II, the 442nd Central Postal Directory, made up almost exclusively of Japanese-Americans, was authorized.

In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie (TRIG-vuh lee)

was chosen to be the first secretary-general of the United Nations.

In 1958, the United Arab Republic, a union of Egypt and Syria, was established. (Syria withdrew from the union in 1961.)

In 1959, men in Switzerland rejected giving women the right to vote by a more than 2-1 referendum margin. (Swiss women gained the right to vote in 1971.)

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, South Vietnam's police chief (Nguyen Ngoc Loan) executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head. Richard M. Nixon announced his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

In 1979, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini (hoh-MAY-nee) received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile.

In 1991, 34 people were killed when a USAir jetliner crashed atop a commuter plane on a runway at Los Angeles International Airport.

In 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry, killing all seven of its crew members.

Today's Birthdays: America's

last surviving World War I veteran, Frank Buckles, is 109. Gospel singer George Beverly Shea is 101. Actor Stuart Whitman is 82. Singer Don Everly is 73. Actor Garrett Morris is 73. Singer Ray Sawyer (Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show) is 73. Actor Sherman Hemsley is 72. Bluegrass singer Del McCoury is 71. Jazz musician Joe Sample is 71. TV personality-singer Joy Philbin is 69. Comedian Terry Jones is 68. Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.) is 66. Opera singer Carol Neblett is 64. Rock musician Mike Campbell (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 60. Blues singer-musician Sonny Landreth is 59.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Stare
 - 5 Pub pastime
 - 10 Wild guess
 - 14 Land measure
 - 15 High-tech message
 - 16 Spouse
 - 17 Staircase part
 - 18 Somewhat shrewd
 - 19 Up to the task
 - 20 Little
 - 22 Parade vehicle
 - 23 Citrus drinks
 - 24 "I didn't care anyway"
 - 25 Hamburger servings
 - 29 Broadcasts
 - 30 Pasted together
 - 31 Anticipates
 - 34 Top-notch
 - 35 Fertile desert areas
 - 37 Moby-Dick captain
 - 39 Apartment occupants
 - 41 Work too hard
 - 42 Christmas season
 - 43 Came down in freezing pellets
 - 45 Strong and muscular
 - 48 Char, as a steak
 - 49 Metal fastener
 - 50 Little
 - 55 Skin-lotion ingredient
 - 56 Shipping container
- DOWN**
- 1 Sound of shock
 - 2 First part of a play
 - 3 Small songbird
 - 4 Didn't throw away
 - 5 Make up one's mind
 - 6 Astounds
 - 7 Fits of anger
 - 8 Even, score-wise
 - 9 as a fox
 - 10 Little
 - 11 Social no-no
 - 12 Book of maps
 - 13 Borscht
 - 21 Uttered
 - 22 Fairway shout
 - 24 Playful bites
 - 25 Org. for Tiger Woods: Abbr.
 - 26 Very much
 - 27 Adjust, as a piano
 - 28 Little
 - 29 Logger's tool
 - 31 Letter before tee
 - 32 The one over there
 - 33 Stash away
 - 35 Merely
 - 36 Had some dessert
 - 38 Crib or cot
 - 40 Female relative
 - 41 Belgrade resident
 - 43 Small sofa
 - 44 Cake sections
 - 45 Not fearful
 - 46 Annoyed
 - 47 Shy away from
 - 48 Begin
 - 50 Tehran's land
 - 51 "Now it's clear!"
 - 52 Start to melt
 - 53 Pulled apart
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with 11. Texas Tech got within three points with about eight minutes remaining but Davis responded with a dunk to push A&M's lead to 65-60. The Red Raiders made a pair of free throws before Sloan made four straight points, including a jumper in the paint off a nifty spin move, to make it 69-62 with 6 1/2 minutes remaining. Texas Tech didn't get within five points after that. A&M's night was helped by committing only four turnovers while forcing the Red Raiders to make 13. The four turnovers are the fewest for the Aggies in a Big 12 game. "Give A&M the credit," Beard said. "They have great spacing and

really good team chemistry. Guys know their roles. They spread the floor and pass the ball. It's hard to get steals on them." Texas A&M led 57-51 after a 3-pointer by Nathan Walkup with about 11 minutes remaining. The Red Raiders then went on a 7-2 run to cut the lead to 59-58 two minutes later. The Red Raiders wouldn't get any closer as Texas A&M scored four quick points to push the lead to 63-58. Texas A&M got 19 points and nine rebounds from David Loubeau and David added 15 points and had four blocked shots. "Three players that really concerned us coming in were Loubeau and Davis — and Sloan is one of the best players in the league," Beard said.

"We attempted to stop one or the other, but obviously they got off on both ends. Their perimeter game was great and their outside game was great. That's why we sit here with the outcome we had." Texas Tech scored the game's first six points and led by as many as eight in the first 11 minutes. Tech was up by eight with about eight minutes left in the first half before the Aggies went on an 13-3 run capped by a pair of free throws by Sloan to take their first lead, 34-32, three minutes before halftime. The Aggies outscored Tech 7-4 to end the first half and led 41-36 at halftime.

play with them."

Frenship 58, Big Spring 32
FHS 10 13 16 19 -- 58
BS 8 12 4 8 -- 32

FHS (23-7, 5-1) — Moore 3-5 2-2 8, Murdock 1-5 0-0 3, Palmer 3-8 1-2 8, Moorhead 3-4 0-2 6, Thomas 2-4 2-2 7, Chancellor 0-1 2-2 2, Pendergrass 1-3 0-0 2, Deterding 1-2 4-5 6, Thomas 1-2 2-2 4, Barker 1-2 6-7 8, Johnson 2-2 0-1 4; Totals 18-38 17-25 58; BS (7-15, 0-5) — Linzee Yarbar 4-8 0-0 8, Taylor Seaton 1-2 2-2 4, Stormi Smith 1-1 0-0 2, Bridgette Tuitt 3-8 0-0 6, Diamond Mayes 0-1 2-4 2, Cerbi Ritchey 5-7 0-0 10; Totals 14-33 4-9 32; 3-point goals — FHS 3-8 (Palmer, Murdock, Thomas); BS 0-3; Rebounds FHS 25 (Murdock 4), BS 17 (Ritchey 6); Assists FHS 11 (Murdock 3), BS 7 (Ross 3); Turnovers FHS 21, BS 29

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BSHS

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quarter. The Lady Tigers effectively shut down Ritchey in the second half, and Big Spring struggled to score elsewhere. Frenship cruised through the fourth quarter to another district win to keep it one game behind Plainview at the top of the District 4-4A standings. "They're the ones that said, 'We didn't concentrate to start the third

quarter,'" Warren said of his players. "Frenship raised its level of play, which a good team will do, and we need to find a way to release the pressure and look for backdoor cuts and things like that." The Lady Steers will get Abilene Cooper at home Tuesday in their last game of the season at Steer Gym. "I'm encouraged and looking forward to Cooper on Tuesday," Warren said. "We plan to beat them, not just

making shots at the free throw line. After Frenship opened the half on a 5-0 run, the Steers ran the lead back to double digits on a 12-4 spurt. Big Spring ended the quarter up 40-29 and cruised through the last eight minutes for the 11-point win. Big Spring made it unscathed through the first round of district play, but it faces a tougher test this time around as the team to beat. "It's the revenge round," Morris said. "People will be looking for revenge on us, and we can't let our guard down at all. But I don't

SPORTS IN BRIEF

NFL
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts insist Pro Bowl defensive end Dwight Freeney has a low ankle sprain, not a torn ligament, and that he remains questionable for next weekend's Super Bowl. Teamspokesman Craig Kelley said Freeney was being treated in Florida for a basketball-type injury, nothing more. MIAMI (AP) — Thanks to the Pro Bowl, the scoreboard in Miami is all warmed up for the Super Bowl. Long gains were the rule and hard hitting was the exception as the AFC all-stars beat the NFC 41-34. The AFC's Matt Schaub and the NFC's Aaron Rodgers threw two touchdown pass-

es each, and DeSean Jackson caught two scoring passes for the NFC. From the standpoint of ticket sales, this year's new venue and slot on the NFL calendar was a success. The crowd of 70,697 was the largest for a Pro Bowl since 1959 in Los Angeles. MIAMI (AP) — Quarterbacks Peyton Manning and Tom Brady joined two-time selections Willie Roaf, Larry Allen and Warren Sapp among the 53 players announced as members of the NFL's All-Decade team. Bill Belichick and Tony Dungy were selected as the best coaches of the decade, and Dante Hall made it as both a kick and punt returner. Roaf, Allen and Sapp were also part of the 1990s team.

Manning and Colts defensive end Dwight Freeney, along with New Orleans safety Darren Sharper, were part of the team and will be playing in the Super Bowl. **Tennis**
MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Roger Federer dismantled Andy Murray in the Australian Open final to extend his own record to 16 Grand Slam titles and prolong the British drought. Federer collected his fourth Australian Open title with a 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (11) win at Rod Laver Arena. **Golf**
SAN DIEGO (AP) — Ben Crane sank two birdie putts longer than 45 feet to win the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines.

STEERS

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think these kids will. They're a competitive bunch." Tipoff at Steer Gym Tuesday is 8 p.m. **Big Spring 56, Frenship 45**
FHS 4 9 16 16 -- 45
BS 7 17 16 16 -- 56

Big Spring 56, Frenship 45

FHS — Brody Christian 1-8 2-2 4, Tyler Rogers 2-6, 0-1 5, Chas Quisenberry 4-6 0-2 8, Jordan Nichols 2-3 0-3 4, Marquis Godfrey 1-1 2-2 4, Bobby Huey 3-7 2-4 8, Zach Kittley 2-4 4-4 8, Aaron Pool 1-3 2-2 4; Totals 16-40 12-20 45 BS (12-10, 4-0) — Williams 5-11 7-9 19, Adams 3-9 8-12 15, X. Parnell 4-6 2-3 10, Pavel Plakhotny 3-5 0-0 6, Ritchey 0-3 4-4 4, Clay 1-6 0-0 2; Totals 16-41 20-29 56 3-point goals — FHS 1-9 (Rogers); BS 4-13 (Williams 3, Adams); Rebounds 27-25 FHS (Huey 7, Williams 6); Assists FHS 6, BS 10 (Williams 6); Turnovers FHS 17, BS 13; Steals FHS 6, BS 12

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