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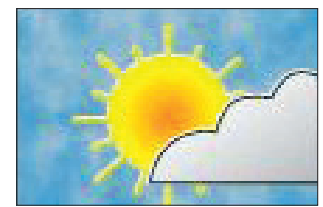


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## Council to eye code enforcement's future

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer



Davis

Officials with the city of Big Spring's Code Enforcement Office will meet with the city council in a special work session Tuesday night, as the newly overhauled department looks to establish its direction for the future.

According to Kenny Davis, who oversees a number of city operations, the department recently underwent

a change in staff and supervisor.

"We have new code enforcement officers and a new supervisor for the Code Enforcement Office," said Davis. "We're pretty excited with it. The new supervisor, Chad Averette, is doing a good job of motivating the officers and they are doing a good job with the

complaints we have been receiving.

"Right now, two of our code enforcement officers have their licenses and the other two are in the process of getting them, so we're moving forward. The two that haven't yet gotten their licenses are able to handle the paperwork, while the other two enforce city code."

Davis said Tuesday's meeting isn't intended to address any specific infractions of city code, but, instead,

to allow the department to discuss its direction in the coming years with the city council members.

"We really don't have any specific problems with code enforcement to address in the meeting. We want to look at how we enforce the city code and how we locate the problems," he said. "Right now, we operate mainly off of complaints from local citizens"

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## Skywarn class set March 11

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Would you know what to do if severe weather threatened the Crossroads area?

That's the question the National Weather Service is hoping area residents will ask themselves, as the service prepares to hold its annual Skywarn classes throughout West Texas, including March 11 in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St.

Set for 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., local emergency response officials say the SkyWarn class is a great way to brush up on your bad-weather skills.

"The SkyWarn school is put on by the National Weather Service to train people in the community on how to look at the clouds and conditions and tell what's going on," said Big Spring Police Department Lt. Terry Chamness. "It's very intense. It's very good training and it's only a two-hour class. They will also have



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

As part of a proposed \$60 million bond project, Big Spring Independent School District will renovate the local junior high school to include sixth graders. If the bond passes, the move could come as early as the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year.

### BISD facility woes:

## Plans call to move sixth-graders into junior high school setting

*EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles concerning the pending Big Spring Independent School District bond issue.*



Stevens

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

If and when Big Spring Independent School District trustees call for a bond election, most of the attention will be on plans to construct three new elementary campuses, but officials will have other goals as well.

Lost in the shadow of the proposed \$42 million price tag for the new elementary campuses is \$2.7 million earmarked for the junior high school. While comparatively minor, that amount will have almost as far-reaching a consequence for the district as the

proposed new buildings.

With that \$2.7 million, the district will install a fire safety sprinkler system and add 11 classrooms to existing space at the junior high and move BISD's sixth-graders to that building.

The cost for the junior high upgrade is relatively minor because the building has more than enough space to accommodate the action, officials said.

"Space won't be a problem," said Dr. Michael Stevens, special assistant to BISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar. "That building is huge. There's plenty of room for more classrooms."

The upgrade would also accomplish a long-standing district goal: to cut down

the moves students must make as they progress through grades at BSISD. At a majority of Texas school districts, students move twice — from elementary to junior high, then to high school. At Big Spring, however, students currently make three moves — from elementary (grades kindergarten through fourth) to Goliad Intermediate (grades 5 and 6), then to the junior high (grades 7 and 8) before finishing up at high school.

Stevens said there are very good reasons to cut down on the number of student moves.

"Keeping fifth grade separated from kindergarten through fourth has been a real challenge for us," he said. "That's because the way state testing is set up

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## Obituaries

### Elaine Potter

Elaine Potter, 91, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Craig Holstedt, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, Calif.



She was born Feb. 11, 1919, in Hutto to Mary Ellah and Pendry Evans Little. She grew up in Howard County but lived most of her life in California. She had been a beautician and owned several beauty shops in Bakersfield, Calif.

She was later a bookkeeper for an accounting firm in Bakersfield and her husband's business, Potter's Auto Center. Mr. and Mrs. Potter later owned the Fun Club for teenagers in Kernville, Calif. Her hobbies were her farm, driving and church activities. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring.

She is survived by one step-brother, Robert Beall and wife Bobbie Sue of Big Spring; two nephews, Mark Coldiron of Knott and Danny Coldiron of Lamesa; and several cousins, including Jim Bill Little of Big Spring and Jack Little of Austin.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Jay "Jack" Potter; one sister, Senie Coldiron; and one step-brother, Joe Beall.

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

*Paid obituary*

### Bledsoe O'Brien

Bledsoe O'Brien, 92, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, 2010, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 13, 1917, in LaFayette, Ala.

Bledsoe was a switchman for T&P Railroad for 42 years. He served in the United States Army during World War II and was a member of Staked Plains Lodge No. 598, A.F. & A.M.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Denna and Dennis Stotts and Kerry and Rick Peters, all of Lubbock; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, La Homa O'Brien.

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

### June Hambrice

June Hambrice, 87, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

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

- KENYATTA COLBERT, 19, of Mesquite, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- LATASHA TUBBS, 18, of Amarillo, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL SMITH, 31, of 1425 E. Sixth St. Apt. 114, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JACQUES FOSTON, 37, of 4201 W. Highway 80 Apt. 4, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended or invalid – no insurance.
- JOHNNY PANTOJA, 19, of 610 Hillside, was arrested Saturday on charges of disregarding a stop sign and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- AMALIA DEANDA, 19, of 1519 Wood, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant and a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- GUADALUPE DEANDA, 19, of Sweetwater, was arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct – language.
- ORTENCIA HERNANDEZ, 36, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 61, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant.
- MARCUS HATTENBACH, 38, of 1806 E. 15th St., was arrested Saturday on charges of criminal trespass and assault Class C – family violence.
- MARSHALL POTTS, 26, of Sterling City, was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 400 block of Edwards.  
In the 1800 block of Gregg Street.  
In the 1700 block of Third Street.  
In the 1100 block of 11th Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:  
In the 1400 block of Wood Street.  
In the 400 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 800 block of Settles.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 300 block of Austin.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported:  
In the 100 block of Second Street.  
In the area of Ninth Street and Lorilla.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Gregg Street.

## Take Note

• The Forsan Independent School District trustee meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday has been moved to the same time Tuesday. For more information, call 263-6571.

• A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel to help pay expenses in the death of Marcela "Marcy" Rivera, who died following a one-vehicle traffic accident. Donations can be delivered to the funeral home at 301 E. 24th or mailed to P.O. Box 2760, Big Spring, 79721.




• A fund has been established at Wood Forest National Bank for Jeffery Cate (Bubba). He is a lifetime resident of Big Spring and is employed at B&E Roustabout. He was in a car accident New Year's Eve and is still in a hospital in Lubbock. He had surgery to remove his spleen and has several broken bones, including one in his neck. He has also suffered some memory loss due to a bruise on one side of his brain. He has three small boys. The medical bills and family travel expenses are adding up. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

• Attention military personnel and dependents: The Salvation Army currently has funding for Texas military personnel now serving or who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Members or dependents may apply at the Salvation Army Office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., or call (432) 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

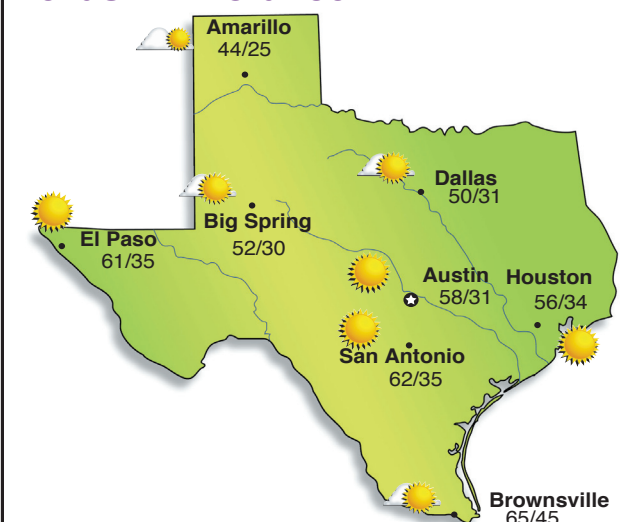
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## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 2/16	Wed 2/17	Thu 2/18
		
<b>52/30</b> Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High 52F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.	<b>60/37</b> Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	<b>67/41</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 6:33 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 6:34 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 6:35 PM

### Texas At A Glance



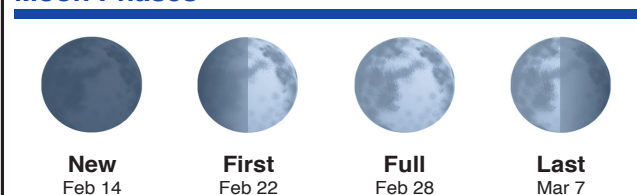
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	53	31	pt sunny	Kingsville	63	40	sunny
Amarillo	44	25	pt sunny	Livingston	54	27	sunny
Austin	58	31	sunny	Longview	50	29	sunny
Beaumont	55	33	sunny	Lubbock	49	28	pt sunny
Brownsville	65	45	mst sunny	Lufkin	54	29	sunny
Brownwood	55	31	sunny	Midland	55	33	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	59	39	sunny	Raymondville	56	42	mst sunny
Corsicana	49	30	sunny	Rosenberg	65	33	sunny
Dallas	50	31	mst sunny	San Antonio	62	35	sunny
Del Rio	59	36	sunny	San Marcos	58	31	sunny
El Paso	61	35	sunny	Sulphur Springs	47	30	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	57	34	sunny	Sweetwater	53	30	pt sunny
Gainesville	47	26	mst sunny	Tyler	49	28	sunny
Greenville	47	27	sunny	Weatherford	49	27	mst sunny
Houston	56	34	sunny	Wichita Falls	48	26	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	35	25	pt sunny	Minneapolis	28	9	sunny
Boston	36	26	snow	New York	35	26	sn shower
Chicago	31	19	sn shower	Phoenix	72	46	sunny
Dallas	50	31	mst sunny	San Francisco	66	48	cloudy
Denver	42	24	pt sunny	Seattle	52	39	rain
Houston	56	34	sunny	St. Louis	32	19	flurries
Los Angeles	75	53	sunny	Washington, DC	36	27	pt sunny
Miami	65	48	rain				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Tue 2/16	Wed 2/17	Thu 2/18
5	5	5
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 showing the need for greater skin protection.

## Lottery

he winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:  
14-29-32-35-39-51  
Estimated jackpot: \$47 million  
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery:  
1-3-7-14-25.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order:  
6-5-9-4. Sum It Up: 24.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order:  
0-6-6. Sum It Up: 12.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order:  
4-6-4-4. Sum It Up: 18.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order:  
0-7-3. Sum It Up: 10.

## Support Groups

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• 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 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.



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# Poll: Perry leads GOP rivals Hutchison, Medina

KELLEY SHANNON

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry leads his two Republican primary opponents with 45 percent support in a new poll, and though it shows him within striking distance of winning the nomination March 2 he may find himself in a runoff with U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Republican activist Debra Medina, whose campaign has attracted insurgent Tea Party voters, trails her better-known opponents by double digits in the poll conducted for the Houston Chronicle, The Dallas Morning News, the San Antonio Express-

News, the Austin American-Statesman and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The poll found Perry leading with 45 percent support among likely Republican voters, with Hutchison at 29 percent and Medina at 17 percent. Eight percent were undecided.

The Feb. 2-10 telephone survey conducted by Blum & Weprin Associates Inc. polled 1,508 registered voters, including 464 likely Republican voters. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

Polling was conducted before Medina, in an interview Thursday, refused to dismiss theories that the government

was involved in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in New York and Washington, D.C. She later said the attacks were carried out solely by Muslim terrorists.

Pollster Mickey Blum said normally poll numbers for an incumbent such as Perry would be mirrored in election returns, but that this is an unusual election.

“He looks good at this point: a 16-point lead and now the third candidate imploding,” Blum said. “He doesn’t need very much to get to 50 percent. He just needs (Medina’s) people to either stay home or vote for him.”

If no candidate wins a majority, a runoff between the

top two finishers would be April 13.

Perry and Medina have run on an anti-Washington message. Blum said the survey found a definite anti-incumbent, anti-Washington mood and noted that 44 percent of Medina’s supporters said they wanted to send a message to Washington.

“This is the year of the anti-incumbent and year of the outsider,” Blum said. “Perry, as the longest-serving governor — and running to extend that record even longer — has still managed to make himself seem like the outsider.”

Hutchison spokeswoman Jennifer Baker said Perry should be concerned that a

majority of the primary voters want someone else, but Perry spokesman Mark Miner said the governor expects to win. Medina said she is not expecting to lose any ground because of her controversial remarks and that her Web site has seen increased traffic.

The survey suggests Perry leads his challengers among likely GOP primary voters among all groups, including women. The governor edges Hutchison, 39 percent to 34 percent, among female voters, and he has a commanding lead among men. He has more support among Republicans in virtually every region of the state.

## TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS:

### Agencies must propose budget cuts

AUSTIN (AP) — The deadline has arrived as state agencies are asked to recommend cuts as Texas faces a projected budget shortfall in 2011.

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus in January asked all state agencies to offer proposals cutting 5 percent of their budgets. The deadline was Monday.

Authorities have said the projected state budget shortfall could range from \$10 billion to as high as \$16 billion next year.

Texas corrections officials, looking for perhaps as much as \$300 million in cutbacks in the 112-unit system, have not ruled out closing some prisons.

### Two slain in shooting outside Dallas bar

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police say a man has been charged with capital murder over a shooting outside a nightclub that left two women dead.

Police say 20-year-old Stetron Lawrence of Dallas was jailed Monday with bail set at \$1 million.

Electronic records for the Lew Sterrett Justice Center did not list an attorney for Lawrence, who was arrested hours after the gunfire early Sunday.

Sr. Cpl. Kevin Janse says multiple shots were fired in front of the club Ground Zero.

Police said 26-year-old Patricia Brown and 25-year-old Latoya Summerling were pronounced dead at a Dallas hospital. Two other people were wounded.

### Thousands of structures need demolition

HOUSTON (AP) — A crumbling Houston apartment complex that has been empty for two decades faces demolition by March.

A review by the Houston Chronicle found an estimated 9,000 houses, sheds, structures and ex-businesses deemed dangerous are in need of demolition.

City officials say they lack enough inspectors to address all the decrepit structures and the demolition approval process is lengthy.

The Park Place complex has been cited, ticketed

and issued warnings for nearly 10 years. The city has ordered the owner to raze the apartments within three weeks and remove the rubble.

Park Place owner Rodolfo Yannarella says he wants more time to get a loan to repair the place.

Montecella Flaniken with the Houston Police Neighborhood Protection Corps says the city can seek to raze or repair buildings over structural problems and conditions threatening the community.

### Search on for missing boater

AUSTIN (AP) — Authorities say they are searching for a boater missing since his vehicle was found with the engine running on a boat ramp at a central Texas lake.

Capt. Danny Villalobos of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says the man was reported missing Saturday afternoon at Canyon Lake, about 40 miles north of San Antonio. He says the man appeared to have taken his boat for a short test ride alone and didn’t return.

## SKYWARN

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information on how to go online to the National Weather Service Web site and track the weather on their radar sites. That way they can see what’s coming up.”

Chamness said the course will cover the most common severe weather situations for the Howard County area in hopes of preparing area residents for the worst case scenario.

“It’s really a lot of good information for people to have,” said Chamness. “It gives people a basic knowledge of what severe weather is like in our area. Since we’re

getting ready to head into the severe weather season, which begins in March and lasts until October, this is really important information to have. Spring time is when we really get a lot of the severe weather — things like hail and possible tornadoes.”

A class will also be offered in Stanton on April 5, in the Martin County Courthouse, also from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

“There’s no charge for the classes and the public is definitely welcome to attend,” said Chamness. “Those that sign up for the class will receive a certificate from the National Weather Service, and if you’re in law enforcement or emergency services,

you can get credit for it. It’s excellent training for anyone to have. They change it up every year. I’ve gone to them for the last seven or eight years and it’s just excellent information to have.”

According to Warning Coordination Meteorologist Pat Vesper, the class will include information on tracking and classifying storms and various weather conditions, but it’s certainly not limited to emergency management officials and storm chasers.

“While the class is designed for storm chasers and those participating in the SkyWarn program, it has a lot to offer everyone,” said Vesper. “We offer a lot of information on

safety during storms and bad weather that the average person can use to protect themselves and their family.

“Our main focus for these classes is safety. We’ll also look at super-cell thunderstorms and the type of weather that can arise out of them. We want our spotters prepared for the kinds of conditions they may see out in the field.”

Vesper said having spotters reporting in during severe weather allows the NWS to develop a better picture of dangers, and while not everyone wants to be a spotter, the information the class provides is invaluable to anyone finding themselves in severe weather.

“The SkyWarn

spotters are an integral part of our system,” said Vesper. “They provide reports to us from out in the field, which allows us to combine that information with satellite and radar data to get a good picture of what’s going on.

“Even if someone doesn’t want to become a spotter, I think these classes go a long way to prepare them and their families for a severe weather situation. We’re preparing for the storm season now and we hope everyone else in the area will do so as well.”

For more information on the SkyWarn program and the Midland branch of the National Weather Service, visit them online at [www.srh.noaa.gov/maf](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/maf), or call 432-563-5006.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

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## BSISD

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in Texas, fifth grade is really critical; that’s the first time that students have to pass the test in order to advance to the next grade.

“We need what we call ‘vertical alignment,’” he added. “We need

more communication between grades kindergarten and fifth so that students further understand what to expect.”

Eliminating the intermediate school move from the equation will also lessen logistical headaches for parents and educators alike, Stevens said.

And parents

concerned with their sixth grader suddenly rubbing elbows with older students can relax, Stevens said. While sixth graders would be part of the junior high, they would be effectively segregated from older students during the school day, attending classes in a separate area from others, eating lunch at a

different time, etc.

If voters approve a bond this May, Stevens envisions sixth-graders moving to the junior high school as early as autumn 2011.

“If the bond passes, we might move the sixth-graders over to the junior high that fall and leave the fifth graders at Goliad for the time being,” he said.

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## COUNCIL

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and that keeps us busy the vast majority of the time.

“However, we want to look at some other ideas, such as targeting areas and city districts and looking at them closer. I feel like these are things we need to discuss with the city council and get

direction on.”

Davis said the most common complaints received by the city haven’t changed much over the past few years.

“The majority of the calls we get are concerning weedy lots or things that have accumulated on weedy property,” said Davis. “That’s a problem we’ve faced pretty steadily over the years.”

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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## OTHER VIEWS

### Promising study

Supporters of abstinence-only have been touting the results of a recent study that showed better results with such a program than with the comprehensive approach favored by others. And, following years in the Bush administration in which abstinence-only funding gained steam and popularity, national teen births ticked upward.

In the first event, there is a lesson to be learned — just not precisely the one the abstinence-only folks claim. In the second, we have yet another reminder that, despite more promising statistical trends locally, this is no time to let down our guard.

About the study. The Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine reported that 662 African-American sixth- and seventh-graders were divided into four different sex ed programs — eight hours of abstinence only, eight hours of safer sex only, eight to 12 hours of a program that combined both and an eight-hour program on non-sex-related health issues.

The study tracked the youngsters and found that the abstinence-only program achieved the best results: 33 percent having sex over the next two years; 42 percent for the comprehensive program.

Here's what to keep in mind (besides that none of these results are what anyone should call sterling).

Even the study's authors say no one should pin a strategy on any one study. The abstinence-only here featured a non-moralizing approach — waiting until you're ready, for instance, rather than waiting for marriage. And it also did not affect condom use — a safe-sex option.

It's interesting that abstinence-only boosters have latched onto this study as validation, though the approach differs from many such programs. Meanwhile, the boosters for comprehensive sex ed are expressing interest in a way of teaching abstinence better through evidence-based strategies, though not willing to jettison other evidence-based tools in the tool belt based on one study.

That's where we end up as well. Intrigued but thankful that the state Senate just approved a Healthy Youth Act mandating that, if a school district teaches sex ed, it take a comprehensive approach, including abstinence.

And we view the increase in teen births nationally as even more reason to proceed with the full tool belt approach.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we keep You, Lord, always in our mind.  
Amen

# As death nears, prepare to suffer

Have you heard about the Belgians? They now allow assisted suicide. Takers have quickly risen to two percent of the failing population. The Swiss too have developed a relaxed view of dying. Their immediate goal is to keep from becoming a one-way destination for sick Englishmen, where terminal pain is just part of the stiff-upper-lip image. But even that fine old tradition is now shredding, as a poll shows that 74 percent of Brits favor death with dignity. Of course mere popular support is often insufficient impetus to change such an ancient pointless policy.

Death is a complicated subject in our country too. Each state has its own rules. Those 48 that have passed legislation, heavily influenced by Catholic bishops, are stern. Death is supposed to be "natural," painful and demeaning.

The two states where citizens have wrestled this policy away from government through referendum, namely Oregon and Washington, provide for physician assistance when the patient has finally had a bellyful of pain and decay. This shows

that occasionally voter initiative can actually do something worthwhile.

For the rest of us, finding a dignified death can be a struggle.

Here in Connecticut, the diligent constabulary in Manchester has just arrested the loving granddaughter of a 90-year-old. She brought in requested pills to help grandma pull the plug.

"Criminal attempt to commit manslaughter" they call it. The pills weren't in their original bottle either. Naughty, naughty! It seems grandma was merely "depressed" by her multiple ailments.

But such a loving relative would no doubt be arrested in Oregon or Washington too.

Even there only a physician can legally help you die, and you must be within six months of death to qualify. Still, at least the qualifications and options are carefully laid out.

Elsewhere there are no options.

Seeking to bring some common sense to our local chaos, two state doctors have filed a civil lawsuit asking the courts to clarify Connecticut's 40-year-old governing statute. They're asking the judge to define what they may do to help dying patients and what they may not.

Even "clarification" is too much for the bishops. They'll fight the case, realizing that while they have lots of clout in

the legislature, the courts can be dicey. After all, judges here recently allowed gay marriage.

Other states do worse.

Maryland and Georgia have gone after the Final Exit network, raiding homes and offices, confiscating computers and files and arresting members.

Their vile targets, some of whom were pinched on racketeering charges, are accused of advocating death with dignity and advising some sufferers on how to achieve it.

There are a number of such groups around the country. All serve as red meat for Catholic clerics and pontificating politicians.

Enforcement too, comes in all stripes. In most jurisdictions, doctors enjoy significant leeway in prescribing late-term meds. For some hospices that's part of their appeal. But we're just talking last-minute stuff here.

For those whose life has simply grown unlivable, help is in order.

Whether through legislation, court decree, or referendum, there's a need to provide a sure and dignified end to the awful suffering that surrounds so many Americans so privately and so shamefully today.

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## Don't ask, don't tell don't work

Aside from wanting Congress to pass legislation deeming me too cowardly for the military, I find it absurd that we make laws keeping willing participants out of our armed services. As a nation, we currently have two ongoing wars and not enough soldiers to fight them yet we won't let openly homosexual people take up the fight.

Technically, we do allow gay people to join the military as long as they don't mention they are gay. This would be like if we banned women from voting but chose to not ask any touchy questions to women dressed up as men who attempt to cast a ballot.

"Don't ask, don't tell" was a compromise forged out of political necessity. Republicans could not be seen supporting gay rights (you know because god/the religious right would get mad) and Democrats could not be seen backing down on the issue (might anger Barbra Streisand).

So, instead of a common sense policy based on providing equal rights for all citizens, we have one that discriminates a little less blatantly. Like all political

compromises, this one left neither side happy but it protected the status quo and did nothing to loosen any incumbent's grip on his seat in Congress.

We currently ban openly gay people from the military due to a mix of ignorance, prejudice and an overt willingness to stereotype (the Rush Limbaugh cocktail). Those who oppose letting homosexuals serve would have you believe that gays want into the service so they can paint the foxholes pink while seducing "normal" god-fearing soldiers.

They would also have you believe that if we let gay people into the military then they would ruin our wars by constantly having sex with each other instead of doing their jobs. Instead of attacking the enemy, our newly mixed sexual orientation army would then be distracted by Elton John songs and Broadway musicals or so the reasoning goes.

If we're going to let stereotypes govern our nation then why not keep blonds out of the Army because, well, everyone knows they're dumb? Redheads are out too because we all know you can't trust them. I'd probably keep black-haired people out as well because they might be of Italian descent and are most likely in the Mafia.

The argument to keep gays out of the military can only be made by people that consider being gay deviant behavior.

These ignorant folks don't make a distinction between a same sex relationship and pedophilia or other illegal behavior.

This ignores that most sex crimes get committed by straight people (by a wide volume) and being gay makes you no more likely to commit a crime. That is, of course, unless your church forces you to deny your sexuality and repress it until you're a grown priest stuck with the sexual desires he denied as a teen boy.

Gays in the military — like most soldiers — would simply do their jobs. They would have no higher a percentage of sexual misconduct issues than we already have in our straight, co-ed Armed Services today.

I salute anyone willing to put his or her life on the line for our country.

I also respect that same person's ability to follow the military's regulations while in the service and to act within those parameters.

We need to let the gay people already in the Armed Services stop having to deny their true selves.

We need to stand up and welcome all Americans who want to defend our freedom the freedom to do so.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Pisces moon invites you to dream a little dream. The impending conjunction of Venus and Jupiter makes a counteroffer. How about a big dream? If you're so inclined, consider that both sizes will require equal effort to make happen, though the larger version will have a greater impact on your life and the lives of those around you.

**ARIES**

(March 21-April 19). Stop being so hard on yourself about your physical limitations. You don't have to be a marathon runner or a vegetarian to be healthy. Accept who you are. Use the health you have to engage life to the fullest.

**TAURUS**

(April 20-May 20). It's natural to feel some trepidation as you experience something for the first time. Gauge your discomfort. Emotions will inform you as to your next step. If you feel super-weird about something, that's a sign.

**GEMINI**

(May 21-June 21). You'll make some terrific moves and find yourself in a pretty nice position. Ask yourself some key questions to figure out what you're doing right. What did you do differently that produced a happier outcome?

**CANCER**

(June 22-July 22). Boredom alert! You're at risk of sliding into autopilot during this important mission called Your Life. Add something spicy to your night, like a hot date with a steamy novel or an actual person.

**LEO**

(July 23-Aug. 22). You are spending too much time on a particular task. You're better, faster and more skilled than this pace you are taking. Just get in, get it done and get out. Only then will you have time for chasing a dream.

**VIRGO**

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Do not surf the Internet or the ocean. This is not the time for casual gliding along the waves of information (or water). This is the time for actual fishing, bringing in the bacon or other tasks that involve tangible results.

**LIBRA**

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your friends have wacky opinions, though it's hardly worth dis-

cussing. Simply smile and say, "Yes, I see what you mean." You'll get the chance to present your point of view under less potentially volatile circumstances.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Resist the urge to stray from your path. Stick to the point. If you take off in unpredictable directions, you are likely to lose the interest of those who might have followed you had you kept to the road.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Friends who tease you are fun to have around. They keep you humble and connected to your roots. Hopefully, all that humility isn't enough to stop you from the ambitious plan you're concocting.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's as uncomfortable for you to work when you want to play as it is to play when you want to work. If you can control your schedule, do so to a greater degree. If not, get used to going with the flow.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your expectations of a situation may be naive. Keep learning more. Like a childhood crush, this isn't based on reality. The more reality gets let into the situation the faster you'll get over it.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Conceptual work and play will be fun for you. You will amaze people with your inventive mind. And just because it can't be done today doesn't mean it can't be

done someday.

**T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 15). It's great rewards that you're after, and you're willing to take serious risks to get there. The next 10 weeks see you sweating with a smile on your face as you work to develop your potential to the highest degree possible. The top spot beckons to you in April. July brings a happy change in your personal life. Pisces and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 18, 4, 32, 10 and 50.

**ASTROLOGICAL TOPIC: CARDINAL ENERGY:** Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn people are natural-born leaders, magnetically attracting others with strong cardinal energy. Cardinal means "of prime importance." These cardinal signs mark the change of seasons in the sun's annual dance across the sky and represent the "true" natures of the four ancient elements.

For example, when the sun enters the fire sign of Aries, the spring equinox begins. The Northern Hemisphere rejoices like a ram bounding up a mountain.

The sun entering the water sign of Cancer signals the start of the summer solstice and days spent relaxing by the sea. A relaxed mind can easily access the intuitive, free-flowing wisdom of the water signs.

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When in the earth sign of Capricorn, the sun has officially arrived at its winter residence. Crafty goats make ideal use of this snowy downtime, tending to their fleecy winter coats and carefully weaving cashmere plans for the future.

**C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES:** Matt Groening is a poster child for the zany, creative spirit of Aquarius. This creator of "The Simpsons" and many other wacky cartoon worlds was born when the sun was in intellectual Aquarius and the moon was in Leo, the sign of entertainment. Mercury and Venus were in Pisces, indicating that Groening's artistic method is so intuitive that the process is mysterious, even to him.

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By Steve Becker

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

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♣ Pass 1♠ 2♦  
3♠ Pass 4♠

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

This hand was played many years ago by British star Adam Meredith. The bidding was far from perfect, but that's how it went. Meredith then proceeded to make four spades by an ingenious method of play.

West led the diamond king and, when Meredith ducked, continued with the queen. East discarded a heart, and Meredith won the queen with the ace. He then cashed the A-K-Q of spades, learning that West, who had already shown up with six diamonds, also had four spades.

Meredith seemingly had four sure losers at this point — a spade, a heart and two diamonds — and had to find

a way to eliminate one of them. This would have been easy to accomplish had the clubs been divided 3-3, but Meredith realized that this was unlikely to be the case.

After long thought, he concluded that his best chance for the contract was to try to convert his spade loser into his 10th trick by ruffing a diamond!

Accordingly, he led a heart to the king at trick six. Had West shown out, it would have meant he had three clubs, assuring the contract. But West followed suit, and Meredith then played the A-K of clubs.

When West followed to both clubs, Meredith knew he had the contract in the bag. He led another club toward dummy's Q-7. It would have done West no good to ruff, so he discarded a diamond. Dummy won with the queen and continued with the seven of clubs. When East played the ten, Meredith discarded his last diamond!

East was now forced to return a heart. Again West could not gain by ruffing, so he discarded another diamond. Meredith won the heart with dummy's ace and ruffed a diamond as West helplessly followed suit, and the game was home.

It might appear that if East ruffs the second diamond lead, the contract cannot be made. In that case, however, South can still come to 10 tricks by eventually squeezing East in hearts and clubs.

Tomorrow: The most trying task of all.

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# Olympics: US, Canada earn 1st gold medals

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Johnny Spillane ended an 86-year drought that few Americans even knew existed. Alexandre Bilodeau ended a much shorter wait that practically everyone in Canada had been agonizing over.

Spillane finished second in Nordic combined, just four-tenths of a second from mak-

ing the first U.S. medal come in the best color. It's still a terrific accomplishment, the kind that could land him on the cover of the media guide for the American Nordic combined team.

Bilodeau's feat — winning the men's moguls — might land him on a postage stamp or a loonie, Canada's \$1 coin.

His victory was the first by a Canadian in any event at an Olympics held in

Canada. Although there were only two Olympics in Canada before Vancouver, there were 244 gold medals awarded over those games.

Bilodeau's breakthrough came in the 10th event of these games and well past the point of panic for a country that invested about \$6 billion in hosting and \$110 million in preparing its athletes to "Own the Podium."

After disappoint-

ments stretching from the Battle of Brians in 1988 to Jenn Heil coming up short in women's moguls on Saturday night, Canadians were holding their breath when Bilodeau stood at the start line, trying to beat the score posted by Dale Begg-Smith — a native Canadian competing for Australia.

He moved into first with a swift, soaring run, then had to wait out one final foe. It proved

worth the wait. At 6:29 p.m. PST, Bilodeau stood atop the medals stand and bowed, revealing a large red maple leaf on the back of his white helmet as his prize was placed around his neck. Millions of folks from Yukon to Newfoundland were surely singing along to "O Canada."

"I had it, I took it and now I belong to history," Bilodeau said.

Begg-Smith took silver and American Bryon

Wilson got the bronze, giving the U.S. six medals through two days of competition — the most of these Olympics and matching the team's total from the last time the Winter Games were in Canada in 1988.

Canada is catching up. The home team has three, with just as many golds as the United States. France is the only country with two

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## No. 4 Hawks to face No. 1 Chaps

Herald Staff Report

Howard coach Mark Adams said his team's goal was to compete for a conference title this season.

This is the game it's come down to, and it will be a tough one to win.

Tonight's matchup at 7:45 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum features No. 1 vs. No. 4, a clash of two defensive-minded teams and a rivalry game with WJAC title implications.

Midland College (26-0, 10-0) has been the NJCAA's No. 1 team since the third edition of the polls Nov. 14. The Chaps beat the Hawks in 74-64 decision earlier this season in Midland.

"I'm encouraged because we played so bad individually and had so many holes in our team offense and defense," Howard coach Mark Adams said after that game. "As ugly as we played, I do think that there were some bright spots because we kept competing."

Howard (22-2, 9-1) hung tight with the Chaps for 39 minutes in a game that featured eight ties and five lead changes. The Midland lead was four going into the last minute, but the Chaps made all six of the free throws they took to shut the door. Midland beat Howard on the glass to a 41-26 advantage.

But the Hawks hope it will be a different story



HERALD FILE PHOTO/Tony Claxton

**Jae Crowder goes to the basket in a Jan. 21 game at Midland College. Crowder, who scored 21 points in the teams' first meeting, and the Hawks will take on the No. 1 Chaps tonight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.**

tonight in Big Spring.

"At least we're putting ourselves in a position to make this a big game," Adams said last week.

They will have to do so, however, with a few players nicked up. Carlos Emory left Thursday's game at New Mexico Military Institute with a hip pointer and is questionable for tonight. Moses Sundufu did not play in the second half of

that game. Their statuses are uncertain for tonight's game.

**Women prepare**

After a week to get over Monday's loss at New Mexico JC, Howard Hawks coach Earl Diddle has his team ready for No. 7 Midland at 5:45 p.m. tonight.

The Hawks stayed in the game early in the teams' earlier meeting in Midland, but a 55-33 rebounding advantage helped the Chaps pull

away in the second half for a 52-32 win.

Howard was out-rebounded 42-26 in last week's loss to NMJC in Hobbs, one of the reasons the Lady Thunderbirds were able to come back in the second half to beat the Hawks.

"Rebounding has to be our primary concern, it has been from day one and it's still our primary concern," Diddle said last Monday.

## Steer golfers take 2nd at home invitational

Herald Staff Report

Steer golfers shot the second- and third-lowest scores of the Big Spring Invitational en route to a second place team finish at Big Spring Country Club.

Blake Brohman shot a two-over par 144 over

36 holes for the tournament runner-up spot and Andrew Fillingim shot a 149, good for third place. Abilene Cooper's Cory Churchill won the tournament with a 139, including a 3-under par 68 in his second round.

Big Spring's team total

of 621 trailed Frenship B by two strokes for the tournament team title. All five of Frenship's golfers shot between a 154 and a 156.

Midland High took third in the tournament with a 633 team score.

Big Spring's Jake Moore and Gerald

Harris both shot identical scores of 164, followed by Ryan Pollard, who shot a 181 to round out the team.

Big Spring's B team of Jason Guevara, Caleb Lewis, Stormy Emery, Matt Davila and Nolan

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## Sports in brief

### Forsan girls begin playoff run tonight

The Forsan Lady Buffs will begin their basketball playoff run tonight against the Van Horn Lady Eagles in bi-district action in Fort Stockton.

Forsan is the second seed out of District 7-A, Division I. Van Horn is 12-14 on the season and was the third seed in District 8-A, Division I.

Also tonight, the Forsan softball team will open its state title defense against Grape Creek at home. First pitch is set for 4:30 p.m.

### Coahoma to play Grape Creek tonight

The Coahoma boys basketball game scheduled with Grape Creek for Tuesday has been moved to tonight. The game will get under way in San Angelo with junior varsity starting at 5 p.m. and varsity starting at 6:30 p.m.

Also tonight, a baseball scrimmage will be held in Coahoma against Shallowater at 5 p.m.

Coahoma will host a playoff game between Klondike and Robert Lee on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

### Playoff games scheduled at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

Big Spring will host two area high school playoff games at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum tomorrow night.

Ozona and Idalou will tipoff at 6 p.m., followed by Reagan County vs. Denver City at 8 p.m.

Tonight's game featuring No. 4 Howard vs. No. 1 Midland is free to fans wearing red and black to the game. A spaghetti dinner will be served at 5 p.m. in the foyer. Cost is \$5 per person.

## Mavericks sign deal for All-Star Butler

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Mavericks acquired Caron Butler and Brendan Haywood from Washington on Saturday, a seven-player deal that strengthens them for a playoff run and signals the breakup of a disappointing Wizards team.

The Mavericks dealt forwards Josh Howard and Drew Gooden, and two other players to the Wizards. Dallas also got guard DeShawn Stevenson and cash considerations.

Dallas president of basketball operations Donnie Nelson called trading Howard, who had spent his entire career in Dallas, an "excruciating decision." But couldn't pass up the chance to bring Butler, a two-time All-Star, to a team he acknowledges has been sputtering.

"Caron is kind of probably more of a conventional fit and a better fit of us," Nelson said. "It's never easy. You've got to give quality to get quality. We just got the pieces that are better fits for us at this particular time."

Howard was in his seventh season with Dallas, a span filled with promise and disappointment since being the 29th overall pick in 2003. Gooden, signed by Dallas last summer, will be going to his eighth team in eight NBA seasons.

It is a significant move for the Southwest Division-leading Mavericks (32-20), a deal announced just before the start of the Saturday night All-Star activities in their home arena.

Dallas lost five of its seven games before the All-Star break, and plays four games in five nights starting Tuesday in Oklahoma City.

"It makes us significantly better," Mavericks owner Mark

Cuban said.

The Wizards (17-33) expected to contend for a playoff spot and instead have endured a miserable season that made it likely they would be active in slashing payroll before Thursday's trade deadline.

Washington had already lost Gilbert Arenas and Javaris Crittenton when both were suspended last month by the NBA for the rest of the season. Both admitted to bringing a gun into the locker room after a dispute stemming from a card game on a team flight.

"We're all disappointed in how our season has gone. We need some freshening and we're getting proven players who will help us, and it gives us some flexibility down the road," Wizards president Ernie Grunfeld said. "We want to remain competitive and maybe this group can provide a spark. The group had gotten stale, and we needed a change."

As for the possibilities of more deals before the deadline, Grunfeld said "there's still a lot of conversations going on."

James Singleton and Quinton Ross also went to the Wizards to round out the deal.

Butler averaged 16.9 points and 6.7 rebounds in 47 games this season. Haywood was the Wizards' top rebounder with 10.3 per game.

Butler thanked the Wizards and their fans in a statement and said he would, "continue to play with the same desire and intensity that I have had throughout my entire NBA career."

Howard played 431 games for the Mavericks, and was the team's second-longest tenured player behind All-Star forward Dirk Nowitzki.

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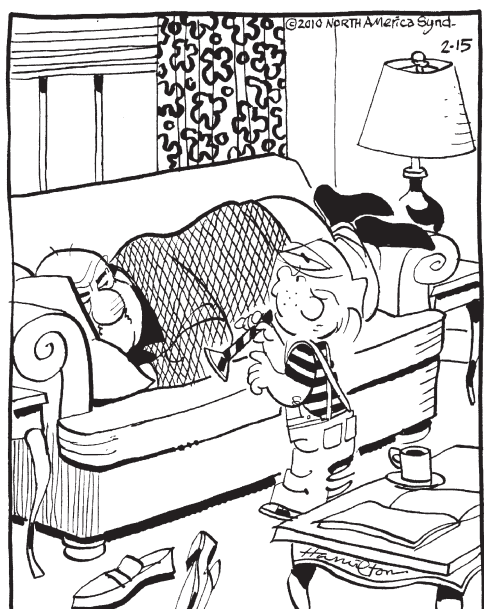
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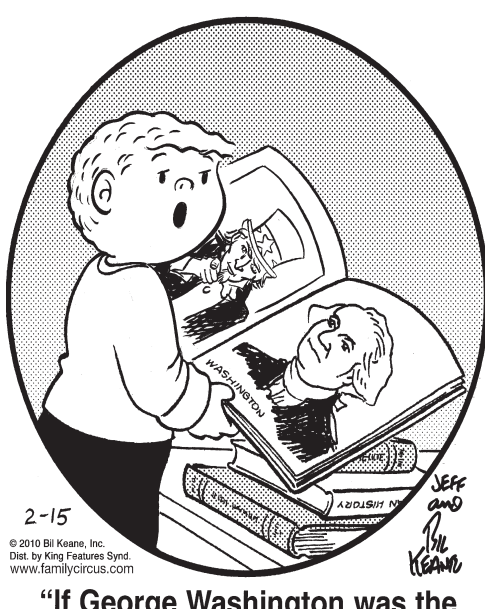
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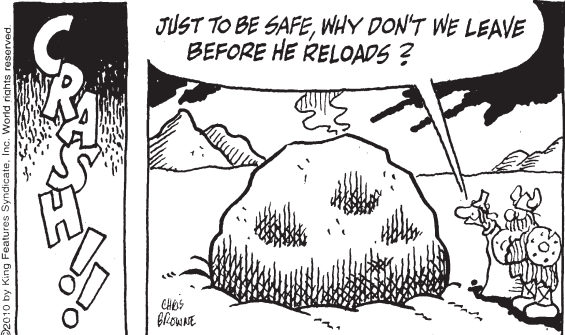
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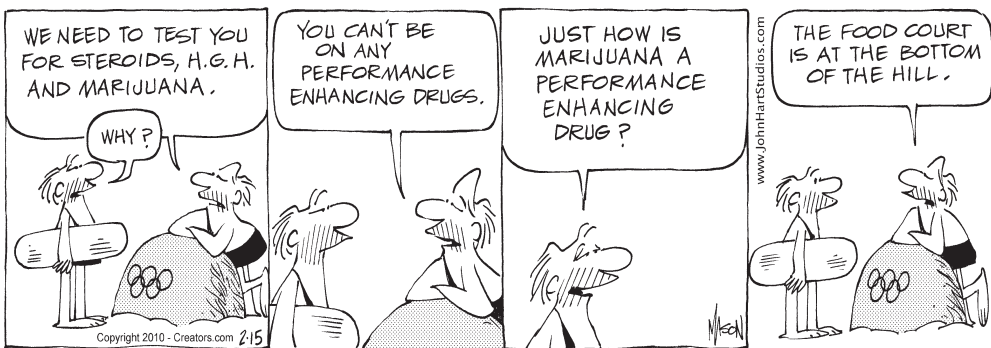


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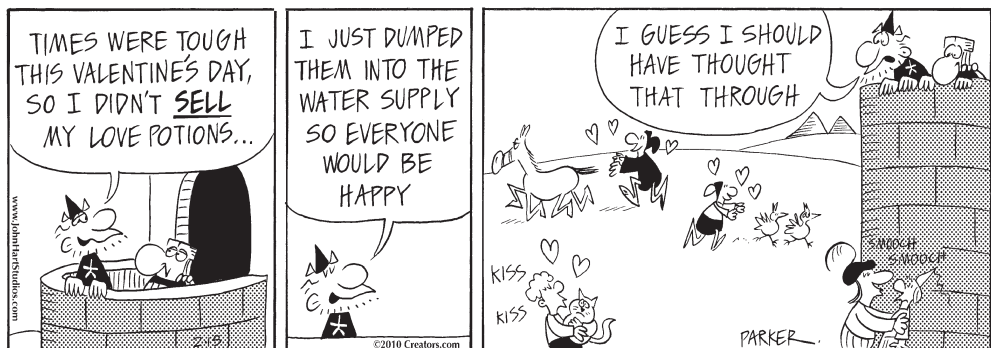


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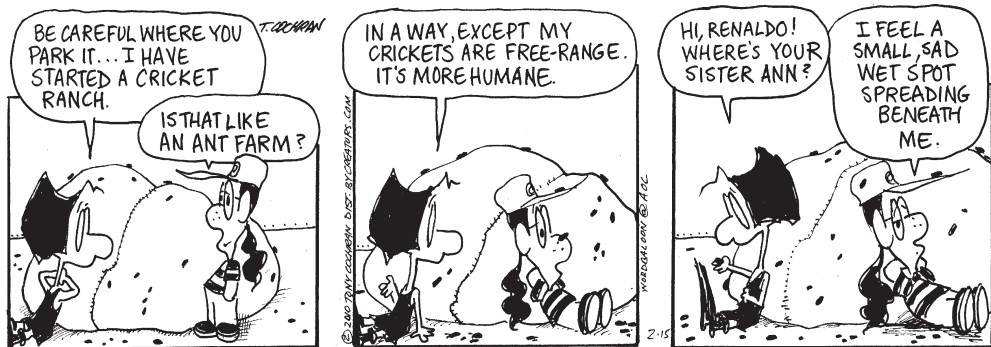
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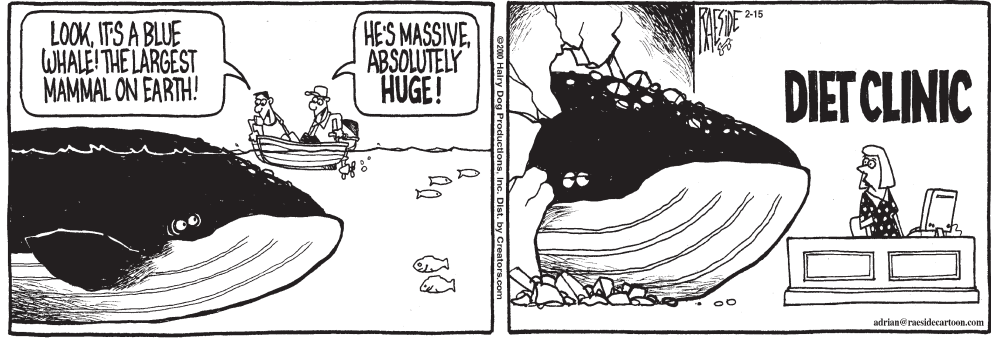
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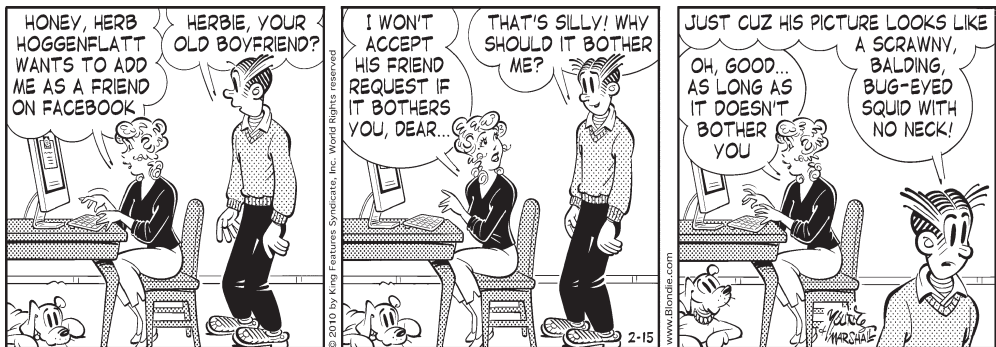
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 2010. There are 319 days left in the year. This is Presidents' Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 15, 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain.

On this date: In 1710, King Louis XV of France was born.

In 1764, the city of St. Louis was established by Pierre Laclède and Auguste Chouteau.

In 1820, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Mass.

In 1879, President Rutherford B. Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court.

In 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in

Miami that mortally wounded Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak; gunman Giuseppe Zangara was executed more than four weeks later.

In 1942, the British colony Singapore surrendered to the Japanese during World War II.

In 1944, Allied bombers destroyed the monastery atop Monte Cassino (MAWN'-tay kah-SEE'-noh) in Italy.

In 1961, 73 people, including an 18-member U.S. figure skating team en route to Czechoslovakia, were killed in the crash of a Sabena Airlines Boeing 707 in Belgium.

In 1965, Canada's new maple-leaf flag was unfurled in ceremonies in Ottawa.

In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that the last of its troops had left Afghanistan, after more than nine years of military intervention.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Kevin McCarthy is 96. Actor Allan Arbus is 92. Former Illinois Congressman John Anderson is 88. Former Defense and Energy Secretary James Schlesinger is 81. Actress Claire Bloom is 79. Author Susan Brownmiller is 75. Songwriter Brian Holland is 69. Rock musician Mick Avory

(The Kinks) is 66. Jazz musician Henry Threadgill is 66. Actress Jane Seymour is 59. Singer Melissa Manchester is 59. Actress Lynn Whitfield is 57. "Simpsons" creator Matt Groening (GREE'-ning) is 56. Model Janice Dickinson is 55. Actor Christopher McDonald is 55. Reggae singer Ali Campbell is 51. Actor Joseph R. Gannascoli is 51. Musician Mikey Craig (Culture Club) is 50. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Darrell Green is 50. Country singer Michael Reynolds (Pinmonkey) is 46. Actor Michael Easton is 43. Rock musician Stevie Benton (Drowning Pool) is 39. Actress Renee O'Connor is 39. Actress Sarah Wynter is 37.

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| <b>ACROSS</b>               | 61 Freudian subjects | 10 Man-made waterways         | 34 Anchovy container      |
| 1 Volcanic output           | 62 Avoid             | 11 Take no risks              | 37 Light-bulb units       |
| 10 IRS-form pros            | 63 Fruit on a bush   | 12 End in ___ (come out even) | 43 Tarzan, for one        |
| 14 Fail to include          | 64 Family rooms      | 13 Boot bottom                | 44 Gun, as an engine      |
| 15 More factual             |                      | 21 Plaything                  | 45 Very happy             |
| 16 Female choir voice       |                      | 22 Sauce made with basil      | 47 Farther down           |
| 17 Mailed out               |                      | 24 Does some housecleaning    | 48 Church platform        |
| 18 Think alike              |                      | 25 Gave a darn                | 49 Fragrant spring flower |
| 19 Hammer's target          |                      | 26 Dote on                    | 50 Finishes first         |
| 20 Central part of an oak   |                      | 27 Associated                 | 51 Poison-ivy symptom     |
| 22 Check recipient          |                      | 28 Demonstrate flexibility    | 52 Walk back and forth    |
| 23 Brief letters            |                      | 29 Lubricated                 | 53 Strongly recommend     |
| 24 Sandwich shop            |                      | 30 Asks nosily                | 54 King of beasts         |
| 25 Sweet treat              |                      | 32 Carved piece of jewelry    | 55 Mix, as a salad        |
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gold medals.

**Luge**

Two days after Nodar Kumaritashvili died in a training wreck, 20-year-old Felix Loch of Germany became the sport's youngest gold medalist with a dominant performance on a track made shorter and slower following the tragedy.

Another German, David Moeller, was second, followed by two-time defending Olympic champion Armin Zoeggeler of Italy.

American Tony Benshoof, sliding with three herniated discs in his third and final Olympics, finished eighth. He was fourth in 2006, one-fifth of a second from claiming the first medal by an American in singles luge.

**Biathlon**

Tim Burke was supposed to challenge for a medal. Then came a heavy, wet snowfall that was tough enough to undo Norwegian great Ole Einar Bjoerndalen as well.

Bjoerndalen, winner of a record nine biathlon medals, had the worst finish of his Olympic career — 17th.

"When the snow came down, it was hopeless," he said.

Burke, the first U.S. biathlete to lead the World Cup standings, wound up 47th.

The three medalists — France's Vincent Jay, Norway's Emil Hegle Svendsen and Croatia's Jakov Fak — were among the first 10 starters, before the snow began to cause problems. Jeremy Teela was the top American, finishing ninth.

**Nordic combined**

Todd Lodwick nar-

rowly missed making it two Americans with a Nordic combined medal. He was fourth.

The winner, Jason Lamy Chappuis, is an American by birth who has always raced for France.

Nordic combined is a mix of ski jumping and cross-country skiing and has been on the Winter Olympics program since 1924.

"After 86 years of trying we are actually legitimate," U.S. coach Tom Steitz said. "We are all going to sit around tonight and drink champagne and touch the medals."

**Women's hockey**

The only question was whether the United States would clobber China as badly as Canada's 18-0 wipeout of Slovakia.

No, but it was close.

The Americans won 12-1, with Jenny Potter

notching her first Olympic hat trick and becoming the leading scorer in U.S. Olympic history. The Americans came within 2:21 of a shutout in front of a crowd that included Vice President Joe Biden and 1980 U.S. hockey captain Mike Eruzione.

"I think we did a good job playing our game, but at the same time keeping sportsmanship in mind," U.S. captain Natalie Darwitz said.

Finland overcame an early deficit to beat Russia 5-1.

**Figure skating**

Real-life couple Shen Xue and Zhao Hongbo celebrated Valentine's Day by breaking their own world record in the pairs short program, putting them ahead of two-time world champions Aliona Savchenko and Robin Szolkowy of Germany.

The Chinese couple,

who've won bronze at the last two Olympics, will take a slim lead into the free skate on Monday night.

Russia's Yuko Kavaguti and Alexander Smirnov are third, in good position to keep up the streak of a Russian or Soviet pair winning the gold medal at every Olympics dating to 1964.

Americans Amanda Evora and Mark Ladwig are 10th. U.S. champions Caydee Denney and Jeremy Barrett 14th.

**Biden's motorcade**

Former gold-medal winners Peggy Fleming and Vonetta Flowers were slightly injured in a traffic accident while riding with 1980 U.S. hockey captain Mike Eruzione in Vice President Joe Biden's motorcade at the Vancouver Olympics.

Biden was in another car and wasn't involved in the wreck.

The motorcade was

headed to the U.S. women's hockey game when the vehicle with Fleming, Flowers and Eruzione was rear-ended.

Fleming, the 1968 figure skating champion, and Flowers, a 2002 bobsled winner, were examined at the scene and at a hospital. Both were at the figure skating event Sunday night.

"I think I'll have a stiff neck tomorrow and stiff muscles," Fleming said.

**Downhill**

It's getting to the point where it will be news when they do ski in Whistler.

The Alpine schedule was wiped out yet again, this time keeping the women from a training session because of heavy rain and snow. The men's downhill is to begin Monday, when drier, cooler air is expected.

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**GOLF**

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Beal shot a combined 803 for the tournament. Guevara shot a 174 for his team's low score.

Top 10 scores by finish:

**Frenship B (1st)** 316-303-619, Landry Allen 81-73-154, Hank Oliver 79-75-154, Hunter Rawls 78-77-155, Michael Helms 82-82-164, Cole Speed 78-78-156.

**Big Spring A (2nd)** 304-317-621, Blake Brohman 71-73-144, Andrew Fillingim 75-74-149, Jake Moore 79-85-164, Gerald Harris 79-85-164, Ryan Pollard 90-91-181.

**Midland High (3rd)** 313-320-633, Cade Parrinson 79-88-167, Alex Lyssy 77-79-156, Will Lester 79-79-158, Ben Taylor 78-86-164, Chris Babcock 93-76-169.

**Lubbock Trinity** 331-322-653, Jace Foster 78-78-156, Carson Downing 87-77-164, Ben Sheets 80-80-160, Davis Tucker 91-87-178, Alec Eberhardt 86-91-177.

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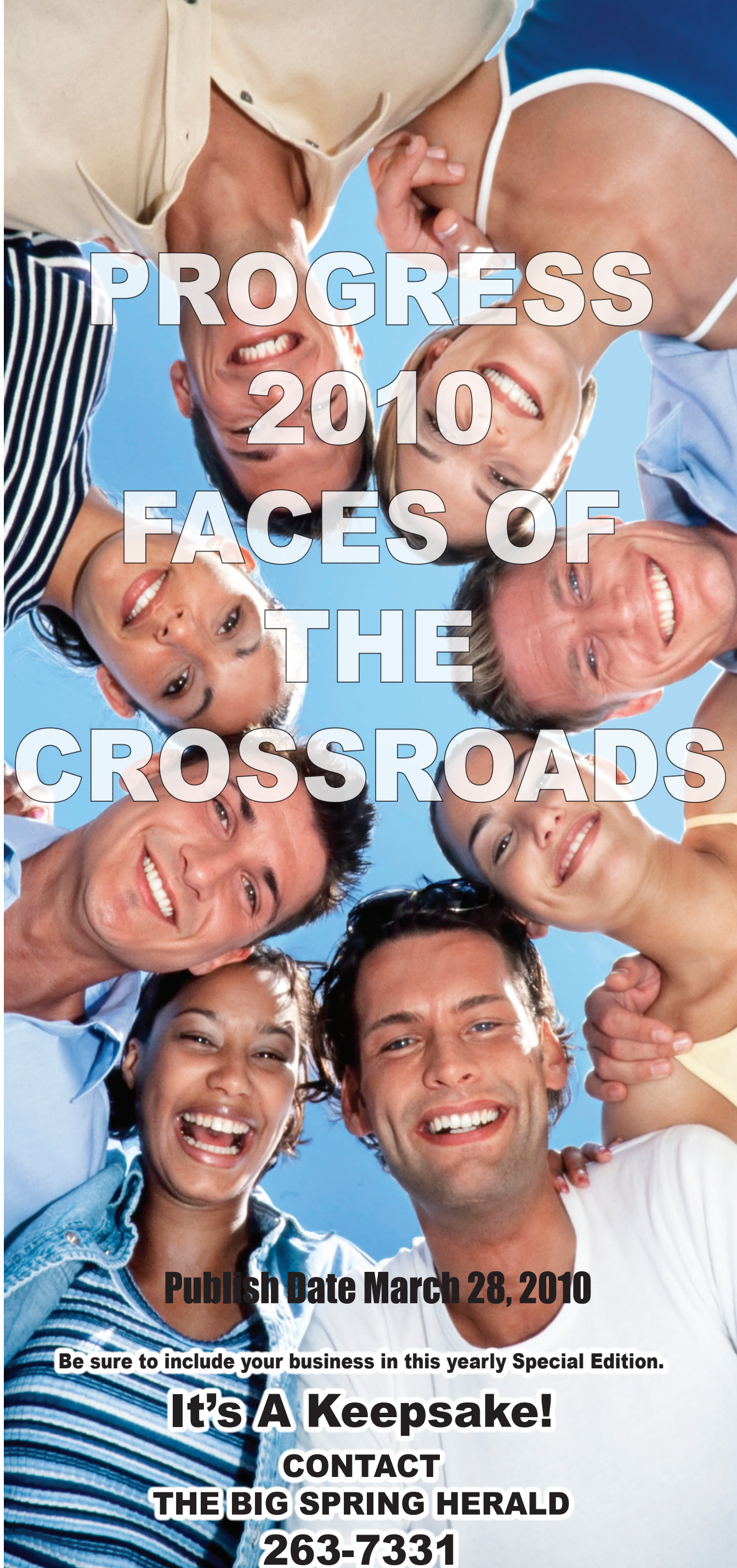
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**Plainview** 331-337-668; Jacob Rogers 80-76-156, Marshall Thomas 79-84-163, Kieffer McBeth 89-92-181; Tim Gonzales 83-85-168.

**Lubbock High** 350-328-678; Isaac Cortez 91-81-172, Mario Porras 86-78-164, Manning Pope 87-85-172, Anton Soriano 86-84-170.

Lamesa 346-337-683; Cameron Roy 73-80-153, Trevor McKinney 88-85-173, Jake Stafford 91-84-175, Tyler Ruiz 94-88-182.

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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

**NASCAR**  
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Jamie McMurray won the Daytona 500, holding off a hard-charging Dale Earnhardt Jr. over a wild, two-lap sprint to the finish of NASCAR's version of the Super Bowl.

The race was stopped twice and delayed for more than two hours because of a pothole at Daytona International Speedway, and the setback nearly derailed the event — which ended more than six hours after the first green flag. NASCAR struggled to patch the hole, and drivers knew

the pavement could tear at any time after the final repair.

It meant they had to race hard the final 80 miles, and did they ever.

Earnhardt drove from 10th to second over the final two laps, but was unable to chase down McMurray, who won

his fourth career Sprint Cup race.

**NBA**  
ARLINGTON (AP) — The Eastern Conference edged the West 141-139 in the NBA All-Star game before the largest crowd ever to watch a basketball game.

The crowd of 108,713 at Cowboys Stadium watched Dwyane Wade score 28 points before Dallas native Chris Bosh made the winning free throws with 5.0

seconds left.

#### America's Cup

VALENCIA, Spain (AP) — Larry Ellison's space-age trimaran BMW Oracle won back the America's Cup for the United States by speeding across the Mediterranean to rout two-time defending champion Alinghi of Switzerland for a two-race sweep.

The 65-year-old software tycoon was onboard his incredibly speedy craft, after sit-

ting out Race 1 due to a weight limit.

Ellison's victory over wealthy rival Ernesto Bertarelli sends the oldest trophy in international sports to San Francisco's Golden Gate Yacht Club.

The America's Cup has been away from U.S. shores for 15 years, the longest drought since America won the silver trophy by beating a fleet of British ships around the Isle of Wight in 1851.

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## MAVS

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months while recovering from offseason surgery on his left ankle and started only nine times, averaging 12.5 points in 31 games. He also had surgery on his left wrist last summer.

"Different teams go through different situations. The Mavs went through it in the '90s, the Wizards are going through some issues right now," Cuban said. "Sometimes giving guys a fresh home I think re-energizes them, and will work the other way too. I think Josh will find himself re-energized with the Wizards."

Howard was an All-Star in 2007, when he averaged 18.9 points in 70 games. He had his best season a year later, when he averaged 19.9 points.

In an interview on the ESPN radio station in Dallas on Saturday before the trade, Howard said he'd like to stay in Dallas but had been told by his agent that a trade was possible.

The same season of his All-Star appearance, Howard said in a radio interview during a first-round playoff series against New Orleans that he occasionally smoked marijuana. Later that same series, he angered then-coach Avery Johnson

by throwing himself a birthday party after a Game 4 loss to the Hornets.

Then last summer, a videoposted on YouTube showed Howard disrespecting the national anthem while attending a charity flag football game. On the first day of Mavericks training camp, Howard made a statement before taking questions from reporters and apologized.

Cuban said physicals were waived, meaning every player should be in their new uniforms right after the All-Star break. Washington is home Wednesday night against Minnesota.

"We haven't been playing well, that's for sure. Sometimes people might think that moving someone or making a trade can help," Jason Kidd, another Mavs All-Star, said Saturday before the trade was announced. "We have a big week coming out of the All-Star break ... 30 games left, it's a sprint now, not a marathon. I think we're going to be ready for that."

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drier, cooler air is expected.

The delays continue to help Lindsey Vonn in her recovery from a bruised right shin. Vonn's husband told The Associated Press she went through a rigorous slalom training session, her biggest test since being injured Feb. 2.

"Her focus has definitely changed from, 'Am I going to race?' to 'I'm definitely racing, and I need to get the rust off and try to get the speed back,'" Thomas Vonn said.

#### Men's hockey

Uh-oh, Canada: Sidney Crosby got hurt in his final NHL game before coming to the Olympics.

Crosby, the biggest star on a Canadian roster filled with big names, blocked a shot with his right shin in the second period of a game against Nashville. He played the rest of the game, with an assist in the third period of a 4-3 shootout loss for Pittsburgh.

"I will be there," Crosby said. "I'm on the flight tonight."

Canada was scheduled to practice Monday and open against Norway on

Tuesday.

Sweden was forced to replace Tomas Holmstrom on its roster because of an injury aggravated Saturday. His spot is going to his Detroit teammate Johan Franzen, who played last week in his return from knee surgery.

#### Speedskating

Martina Sablikova of the Czech Republic won the women's 3,000 meters. Germany's Stephanie Beckert got silver, and Canada's Kristina Groves got bronze.

Sablikova also is favored to win the 5,000 meters.

Nancy Swider-Peltz Jr. was the top American, finishing ninth.

#### Outdoor cauldron

That huge outdoor cauldron ignited by Wayne Gretzky would make for a great photo backdrop — if not for the chain-link fence keeping folks away.

Officials put it up for safety and security reasons. Vancouver organizing committee spokeswoman Renee Smith-Valade said they're realizing what an eyesore the fence has become. So now they're talking about another barrier that would at least be more photogenic.

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