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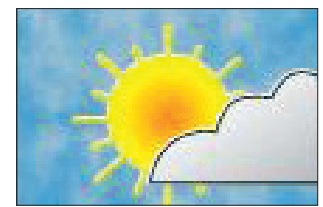


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## Warrant roundup big success

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Warrant roundups held by the Big Spring Municipal Court over the past several years have helped put a dent in the number of unpaid fines floating around the Crossroads

area, but according to city officials, the most recent one may have set a whole new level when it comes to success.

Municipal Judge Tim Green said the roundup — which was held Saturday, March 6 — brought in an un-

precedented amount in fines.

“It wasn’t until we went back and looked at the numbers from this year and compared them to last year that we realized we really

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

From left, Jerry Grimes, Sammy Hunnicutt and Katie Grimes inspect a banner touting the proposed nature center at Big Spring State Park.

## ‘Friends’ touts nature center to promote tourism locally

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Efforts to bring a nature center to Big Spring State Park are picking up steam.

The Friends of the State Park, a group of about 15 area residents, have been meeting for the past several months to build support for a 5,000 square-foot nature center.

The group believes a center at the park would make it more of a tourist attraction and, by extension, mean more tourist dollars for this area.

“Since 1934, we’ve had a drive-through state park,” said Jerry Worthy, Friends of the State Park president. “We want it to be a destina-

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Worthy

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Worthy, along with architect Bill Brooks and construction consultant Lee George, has hammered out some of the details for the proposed

center. According to preliminary plans, it will cover 5,620 square feet and be constructed out of conventional steel framing in a modified V shape. The outside wall will consist of cut native limestone and will simulate existing buildings at the park.

Inside the center, the main features will be display areas, a gift shop, office space and a theater for instructional talks, movies or demonstrations, Worthy said.

At the rear of the building will be an open grass sloped area, suitable for crowds of

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Courtesy photo

Fans cheer on their team during the 2008 Hoops, Dreams and Goals competition at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. This year’s event will be held Friday in the same location, beginning at 9 a.m.

## Hoops, Dreams to tip off Friday

Herald Staff Report

Final Four step aside.

West Texas Centers for MHMR is hosting its annual Hoops, Dreams and Goals competition Friday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, beginning at 9 a.m.

The event — sponsored by WTCMHMR, Howard County Arc and Howard College — recognizes and celebrates Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness month.

The competition pits basketball teams from the 23

counties served by West Texas Centers. The purpose of Hoops, Dreams and Goals is not competitive, but a friendly competition where everyone leaves a winner, said Shelley Smith, LMSW, West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO.

The day-long fun is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to come and join in.

“Hoops, Dreams and Goals is my favorite event of the year,” Smith said. “You can’t help but leave with a smile on your face.”

## City urges participation in cleanup program

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Spring cleaning, anyone?

The city of Big Spring’s annual large item pickup service will get under way Friday, and according to Code Enforcement Supervisor Chad Averette, the program will be available to more city residents than ever before.

“In the past, the program was simply aimed at residents who didn’t have the means to get these large items off their property and to the landfill,” said Averette. “This year, however, we’re opening it up to everyone. This is part of an all-out effort to go through each district and get rid of code violations.”

Averette said this month’s large item pickup will target District 1, which he and his code enforcement officers have been focusing on since the first of March.

“The first two weeks of March we focused on District 1 and identified 190 new cases,” said Averette. “We’re hoping the large item pro-

gram will help eliminate some of those violations and cases, but if it doesn’t, those people will be looking at citations in municipal court.”

The list of items city employees can pick up during the effort is quite long, but Averette said there are a few things they cannot legally gather.

“Some of the more typical

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# Coahoma's Coker first state lifter in 13 years

BY JOE ZIGTEMA  
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Justin Coker's name is all over the weightlifting record boards at Coahoma High School.

Coker's name is on the board in each of the five categories the school keeps — bench press, squat, dead lift, vertical jump and agility drill.

But what makes the feat even more impressive for Coahoma's first state powerlifting qualifier in 13 years is that he's only 148 pounds — and ahead of some big boys on the weightlifting charts.

"I just work to be better than every-

body else," said Coker, who will lift in the state meet Saturday at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. "My weight doesn't matter to me. If somebody outlifts me, it doesn't matter if they're 250 pounds or 120 pounds. I'm going to try to get them."

Coker is at school early every day to lift before class, during class and for practice after school. It's a full schedule.

"It's just my self-drive really," Coker says is what gets him up in the morning. "I've always been driven to do the best I can do, and coaches and parents just build on that."

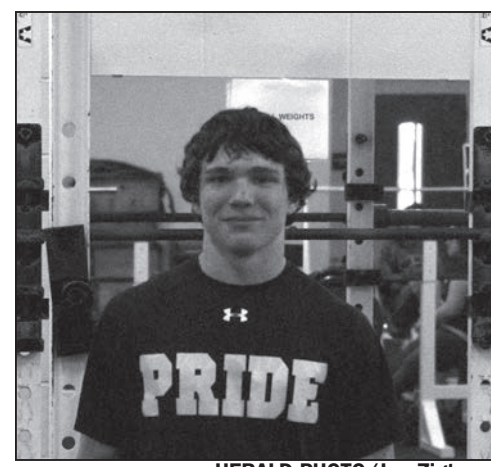
Take, for example, Coker's road to

the regional meet. He ran in the 100-meter, 200-meter and took second in the long jump, then hit the road for the 100-mile drive to Sundown for the regional meet. Coker didn't get to bed until well after midnight and was up early to weigh in.

"It's pretty busy," he acknowledged. And that doesn't count baseball practice.

And still, Coker, who has finished in the top three in every meet he's lifted at this season, qualified for the state tournament as a sophomore by finishing second in his region. Coker lifted a

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HERALD PHOTO/Joe Zigtema  
Coahoma powerlifter Justin Coker will lift in Abilene's state meet Saturday.

# A look at the NCAA round of 16

Associated Press

The first two rounds of the NCAA tournament are supposed to give us enough upsets and feel-good stories to tide us over until next season.

The second weekend, the round of 16 and the regional finals, are supposed to be the time the teams from the power conferences remind us why the schools from those leagues dominate the Top 25 all season and fill the upper seed lines in the tournament bracket.

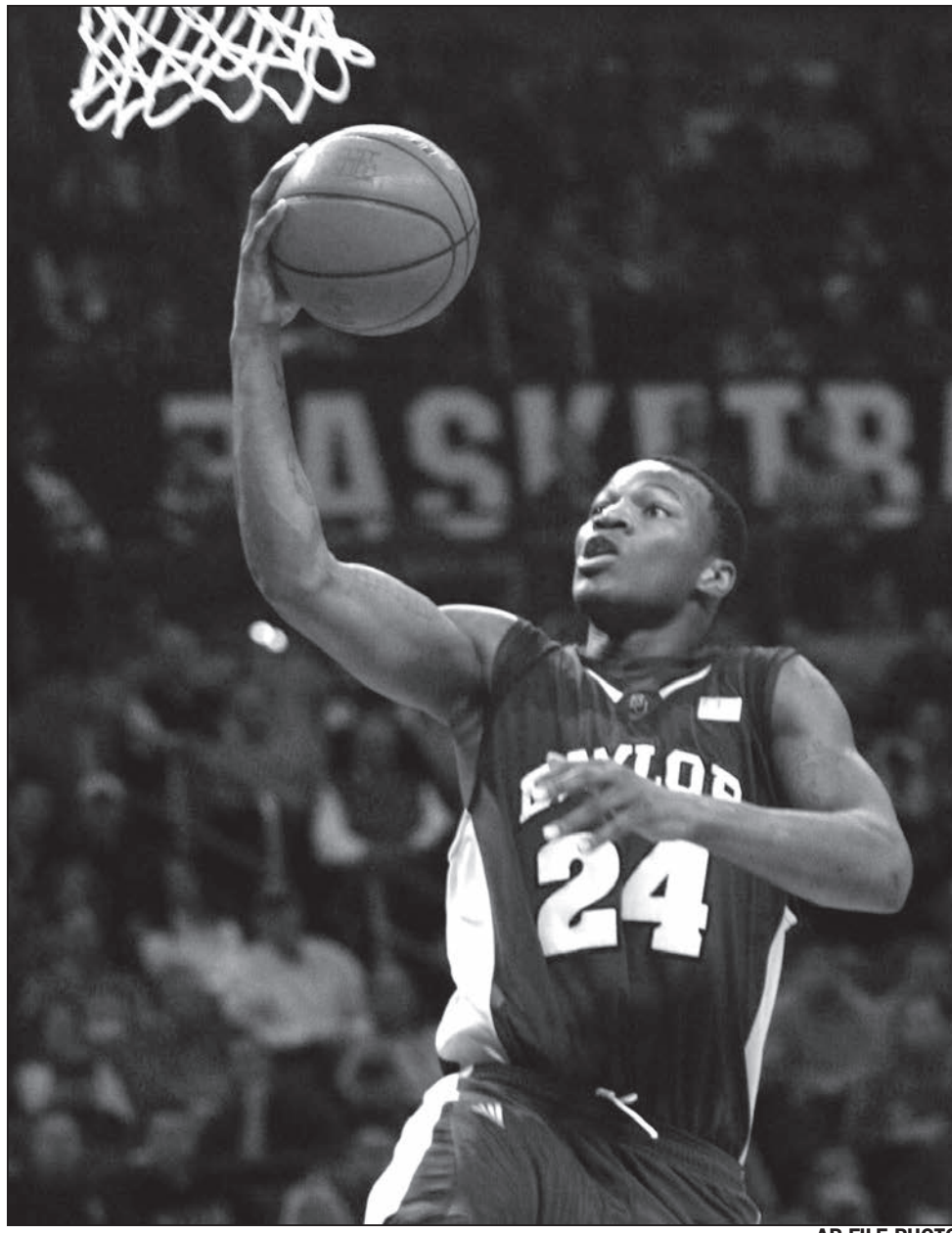
Not this weekend. There is one of those pesky "mid-major" teams in each of the regionals.

Davidson had a shot in the air to beat Kansas and reach the Final Four in 2008. George Mason beat three former national champions on the way to the Final Four in 2006 as a No. 11 seed.

It can happen, and three No. 1 seeds and three No. 2s can only hope everything returns to form.

**East Regional**  
At Syracuse, N.Y.  
No. 1 Kentucky vs.

No. 12 Cornell  
It would be tough to find a matchup of more different approaches to college basketball. Kentucky comes into the Carrier Dome with a roster full of future NBA players — including freshmen



AP FILE PHOTO

**Baylor's LaceDarius Dunn and the Bears are in their first Sweet Sixteen in school history. Dunn is averaging more than 19 points per game as the Bears take on Saint Mary's on Friday in Houston.**

John Wall, DeMarcus Cousins and Eric Bledsoe. Coach John Calipari is seeking his third Final Four with as many schools.

Cornell starts three seniors and is a true team with a 7-foot defensive specialist

(Jeff Foote), a dead-on 3-point shooter (Ryan Wittman) and a steady point guard (Louis Dale).

**No. 2 West Virginia vs. No. 11 Washington**

All the talk around this game concerns West Virginia's abil-

ity to handle the loss of starting point guard Darryl "Truck" Bryant, who broke his foot in practice Tuesday. Still, the Mountaineers have Da'Sean Butler, who hit two game-winning

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# Bryant's 24 powers Lakers past Spurs

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Kobe Bryant kept his shooting hand raised high, smiling while backpedaling to half-court after burying the San Antonio Spurs.

A seventh straight victory for the Los Angeles Lakers looked that easy.

Bryant scored 24 points and hit a pair of backbreaking 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, helping the Lakers preserve their second-longest winning streak of the season with a 92-83 victory on Wednesday night.

"It was a playoff-type of atmosphere," Bryant said. "We were down in the first half. We had to battle back. It was a good win for us to start this road trip."

He means a five-game road trip, the longest left for the Lakers before the playoffs. With just 11 games remaining, the West-leading Lakers have a six-game cushion over Dallas.

The Spurs, meanwhile, are seventh in the West, a half-game ahead of Portland.

San Antonio might have blown a chance to get more breathing room.

Manu Ginobili scored 24 points and George Hill had 21, but the Spurs got little help from anyone else. San Antonio had no other scorers in

double figures, and got a dreadful 2-of-11 night from Tim Duncan, who finished with six points and 12 rebounds.

The Spurs led for much of the game, but after Bryant took over in the fourth, San Antonio wilted late against the best in the West. And the worst isn't behind the Spurs: Next up is LeBron James and East-leading Cleveland on Friday.

"You always want to beat the best teams, but at this point in the season, I just want to beat the team in front of me," Ginobili said. "If it's the worst or the best, we just need to win."

The Spurs shot 31 percent in the fourth quarter. Bryant was 4 of 5 and had 10 points in the period, including his two 3-pointers that put away San Antonio.

Bryant pulled up over Roger Mason Jr. to hit the first one, putting the Lakers up 80-74 with 5:41 left. Two minutes later, another one from the corner stretched the lead to 11.

Lamar Odom had 19 points and 13 rebounds, and Ron Artest scored 16 points. Paul Gasol had 10 points and 12 rebounds.

"I think we understand that we're at the point of the year where we're really tuned in and focused about what we have to do out there," Gasol said.

# Texas QB McCoy to work out for Cleveland Browns before draft

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Former Texas star Colt McCoy, one of the top rated quarterbacks in the upcoming draft, will visit the Browns April 12-13, according to a report on ESPN.com.

McCoy's visit is scheduled just 10 days before the draft. The top two quarterbacks are Sam Bradford of Oklahoma and Jimmy Clausen of Notre Dame. McCoy, Tim Tebow of Florida and Tony Pike from the University of Cincinnati are generally lumped in the next group.

McCoy, a four-year starter for the Longhorns, is the winningest quarterback in NCAA history. The biggest question about him is his durability, even though he played in 53 games with 52 starts at Texas. In the biggest game of his life, however, in the BCS championship game against Alabama, he was knocked out of the game early and later said he could not feel his arm.

"It was tough because you work for something your whole career, you dedicate yourself for four years to reach a certain point and there's no higher

place you can get to than playing in the national championship in the Rose Bowl your senior year," McCoy said last month at the NFL Scouting Combine.

"My shoulder is doing great. I'm way ahead of schedule. I just had a nerve injury in my deltoid. It's not even actually my shoulder. It was just a weird injury."

"It's hard to describe, hard to explain. The only thing I can say is, there was no pain. There was never pain involved in the whole injury, the whole situation. It was just completely

dead. My arm was dead. My fingers were dead. I couldn't grip anything. I really couldn't throw anything at all or raise up my arm. A couple days later, I regained all my feeling in my fingers and in my arm. I've just been battling the weakness part of it ever since."

McCoy threw 112 touchdown passes and 45 interceptions in his stellar career.

Holmgren said the Browns will use one of their 12 draft picks on a quarterback and likely wait until after the first round to make the selection.

# Sports in brief

## Big Spring to start Pony League signups

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

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

## Ragball tournament rescheduled to Friday

The 2010 Spring Break ragball tournament has been rescheduled to Friday to send Big Spring ISD students to Florida for a World Strides Science in Motion event.

Registration is from 5-7 p.m. Friday, with games starting at 7 p.m. Call 935-2371 after 6 p.m. to sign up early for the tournament, sponsored by Big Spring UFO (Unlocking Future Opportunities).

## Hole-in-ones reported at Comanche Trail

Two holes-in-one were reported at Comanche Trail Golf Course recently.

Suzie Hernandez knocked in an ace at the 123-yard third hole with a six-iron. Sue Ann Seay, Linda Dewaters and Nicholas Dewaters were witnesses.

On Tuesday, Earl Newell aced the 122-yard fourth hole. Vaughn Martin and Ray Russell were witnesses.

# Obituaries

## Ethan Parsley

Ethan "Hobbes" Grant Parsley of Midland departed this life Saturday, March 20, 2010, after a lengthy illness of 10 years. He was born Sep. 25, 1990, in Big Spring to Chris and Wende (Strickland) Parsley. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27, 2010, at Fannin Terrace Baptist Church in Midland with Pastor Doug Lamb officiating.



Ethan lived in the community of Midland for 14 years and was the happiest person his parents knew, always smiling with a heart full of joy. Being a light for Christ and with indomitable spirit, Ethan made a difference in the lives of everyone he came in contact with.

He had a great sense of humor; was a cowboy at heart; loved studying history; being outdoors in nature and gardening.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving parents, Chris and Wende Parsley; two brothers, Jackson and Anthony Parsley, both of Midland; paternal grandmother, Mary Lynn Parsley of Midland; maternal grandmother, Koila Strickland of Big Spring; one aunt, D'Lynn Ramby of San Angelo; two uncles, Ricky Parsley of Midland and Dan Strickland of Big Spring; four cousins, Rebeka Ramby of Amarillo, Devin Barrett and wife Katie of San Angelo, Amanda Parsley of Austin and Danielle Strickland of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Jerry Bateman; maternal grandfather, Don Parsley; great-grandparents, Jeff and Freida Grant; and good friend Cole Williams.

Family suggests Memorials to Ethan Parsley Memorial Fund at West Texas National Bank, account number 5210216, to benefit Hillcrest School or Midland Children's Rehab Center at 802 Ventura Ave, Midland 79705.

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

*Paid obituary*

## J.L. Blake

J.L. Blake, 86, passed away Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at the Lamun Lusk Sanchez Veterans Home in Big Spring. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, March 26, 2010.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27, 2010, at the Crane County Cemetery with the Rev. Tommy Parker officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home in Crane.

J.L. was born Aug. 30, 1923, in Henrietta, Okla. He was a longtime resident of Crane and a World War II Army veteran. J.L. retired from El Paso Natural Gas and was a member of First Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Blake, in 2004.

Survivors include two sons, Curtis Blake and wife Debbie of Hobbs, N.M., Carl Blake and wife Julia of Livingston; his daughter, Connie Calobreves of Midland; two stepsons, Bill Johnson and wife Paquita of Kingsland, and Steve Wilkes and wife Kaila of Littleton, Colo.; a stepdaughter, Charlotte Skinner and husband Mike of Texarkana; 11 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

An online guestbook can be signed as well as condolences sent to the family at www.shaffer-nichols.com

## Sid Hanslik

Sid Hanslik, 60, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Hubert O. Whitt Jr.

Hubert O. Whitt Jr., 82, died Thursday, March 25, 2010, in a local nursing home. His 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 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today:

Note: According to officials with the BSPD, activity and arrest reports for the corresponding times were not available Thursday morning due to ongoing computer problems. It's unclear at this time when these issues, which have been persistent for more than a week, will be corrected.

# Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.

- MICHAEL DALE PARKER, 24, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of operating on a flat tire axle, violation of driver's license restriction (corrective lenses) and a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest or detention.

- JIM TRAVIS COKER, 59, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid and unregistered motor vehicle.

- ROBERT MANGUM, 52, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of tampering with/fabricating physical evidence and possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia.

- MARY LOUISE MITCHELL, 47, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

- JOEY SHANE PEREZ, 35, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of credit/debit card abuse (two counts).

- TAVIENCE DAVON CLEMONS, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention, minor in consumption, criminal mischief, possession of marijuana — two ounces or less, possession of a controlled substance (two counts) and theft of a firearm.

- TY JERMAINE BANKS, 27, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less (two counts), possession of a controlled substance, theft of a firearm and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

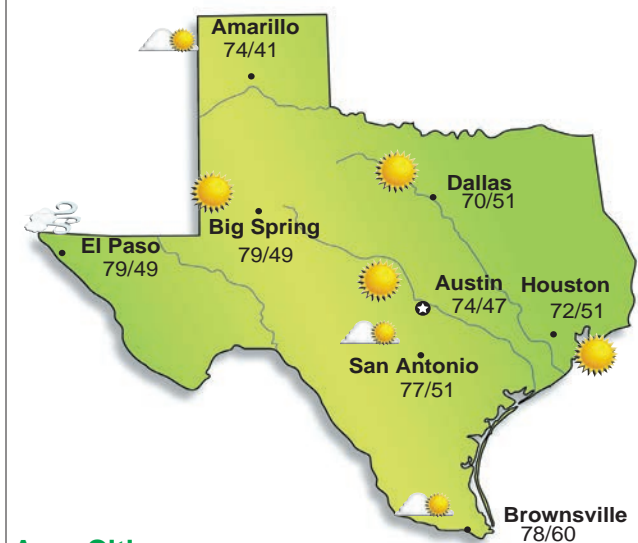
- NATHANIEL J. AUSBIE, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, criminal mischief, possession of marijuana — two ounces or less, possession of a controlled substance, theft of a firearm and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 3/26	Sat 3/27	Sun 3/28	Mon 3/29	Tue 3/30
<b>79/49</b> Mainly sunny. High 79F. Winds S at 20 to 30 mph.	<b>70/43</b> Windy with sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	<b>68/35</b> Sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	<b>75/43</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.	<b>82/50</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 8:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 8:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 8:04 PM	Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 8:04 PM

## Texas At A Glance



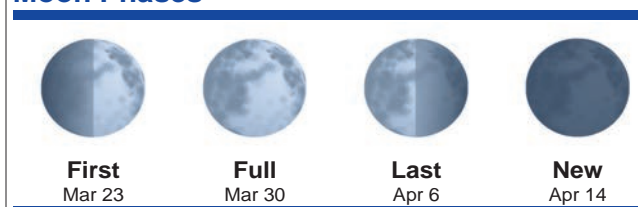
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	75	55	sunny	Kingsville	78	57	sunny
Amarillo	74	41	pt sunny	Livingston	72	45	sunny
Austin	74	47	sunny	Longview	68	48	sunny
Beaumont	72	49	sunny	Lubbock	78	47	sunny
Brownsville	78	60	pt sunny	Lufkin	73	47	sunny
Brownwood	76	52	sunny	Midland	82	51	sunny
Corpus Christi	73	58	sunny	Raymondville	79	58	pt sunny
Corsicana	69	49	sunny	Rosenberg	72	50	sunny
Dallas	70	51	sunny	San Antonio	77	51	pt sunny
Del Rio	81	53	windy	San Marcos	74	47	sunny
El Paso	79	49	windy	Sulphur Springs	67	51	sunny
Fort Stockton	86	50	windy	Sweetwater	78	53	sunny
Gainesville	67	48	sunny	Tyler	68	48	sunny
Greenville	67	48	sunny	Weatherford	69	48	sunny
Houston	72	51	sunny	Wichita Falls	70	51	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	59	41	pt sunny	Minneapolis	55	38	mst sunny
Boston	39	22	mixed	New York	45	30	rain
Chicago	45	32	sunny	Phoenix	70	49	windy
Dallas	70	51	sunny	San Francisco	63	44	sunny
Denver	54	32	t-storm	Seattle	53	42	rain
Houston	72	51	sunny	St. Louis	55	37	sunny
Los Angeles	71	51	sunny	Washington, DC	52	36	rain
Miami	84	63	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Fri 3/26	Sat 3/27	Sun 3/28	Mon 3/29	Tue 3/30
8	8	9	9	9
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

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

# Support Groups

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# Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Wallace. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- GRASS FIRE was reported in the area of S. Griffith.

# Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-16-17-23-25-44.  
Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-8-16-17-21.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-2-7-2. Sum It Up: 13.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-3-5. Sum It Up: 15.

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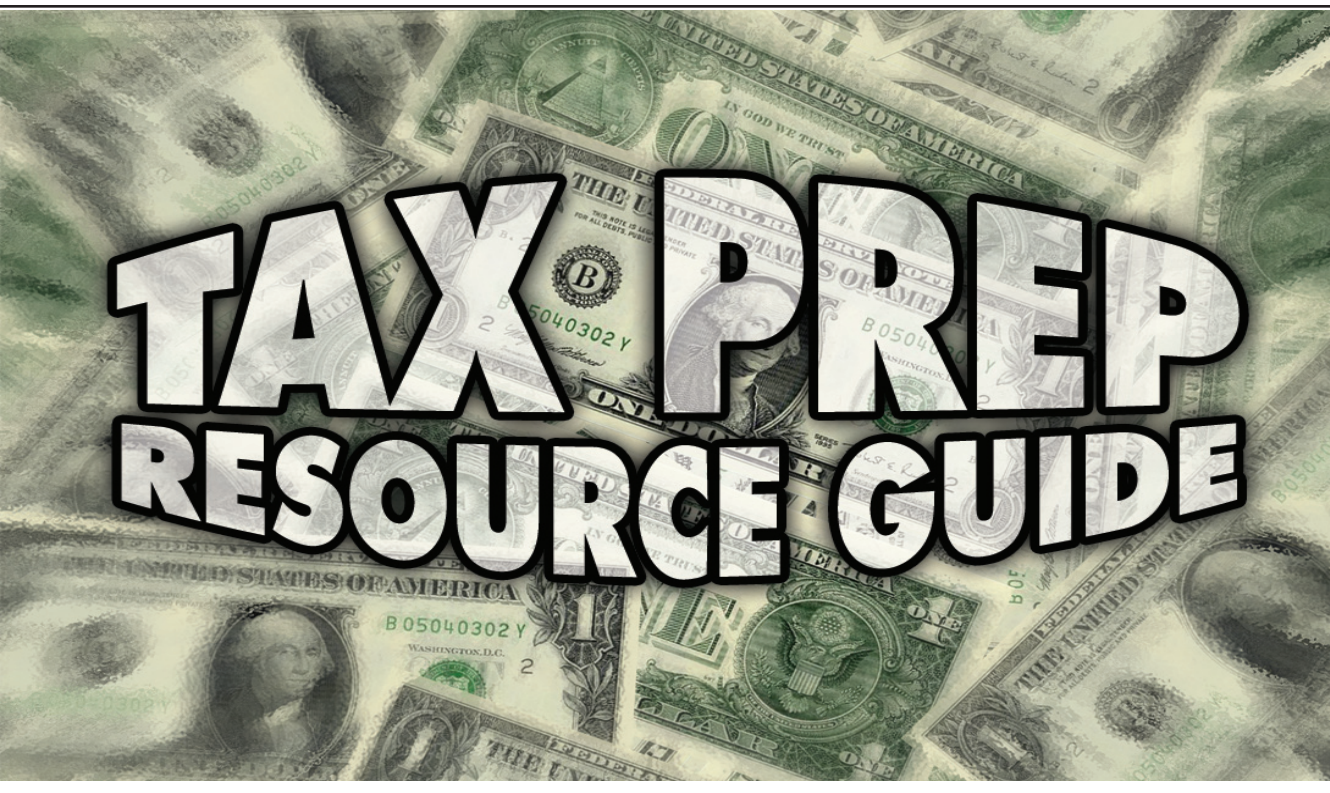
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## COKER

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415-pound squat, 230 pounds on the bench press and a 425-pound dead lift.

"Making state my sophomore year, it's just all my hard work paying off I guess," he said.

That's an understatement for the first state qualifier at Coahoma since Coker was five years old and Smash

Mouth's "All-Star" claimed the top of the pop charts.

"He leads by example," coach Coley Dobbs said of Coker. "He's not going to get up there and rah-rah and yell at people, but they're watching him work, and they're going to work."

"He's confident, but he's real quiet. He looks like Opie Taylor with his shirt on, but he takes it off and he's a Greek god. He's ripped."

## NCAA

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shots in the Big East tournament title run.

Washington is one of the hottest teams in the country, having won nine straight, a streak that has allowed the Huskies to change what many considered to be an unsuccessful season.

**SOUTH REGIONAL At Houston**  
No. 1 Duke vs. No. 4 Purdue

Duke is playing its best defense of the season. It has held 10 of its last 13 opponents — including the two in the NCAA tournament — to 61 points or less.

The Boilermakers weren't given much of a chance to advance without second-leading scorer and rebounder Robbie Hummel, who injured his knee and is out for the season.

**No. 3 Baylor vs. No. 10 Saint Mary's**

Baylor boasts one of the country's best backcourts in LaceDarius Dunn (19.4 points per game) and Tweety Carter (15.1), and the two are complemented by forward Ekpe Udoh, who almost averages a double-double (13.9 points, 9.7 rebounds).

Omar Samhan has moved up the big man charts like a bullet since the start of the NCAA tournament. A solid player all season for Saint Mary's, the 6-11 Samhan has turned it on in the post against Richmond and Villanova, averaging 30.5 points and 9.5

rebounds while shooting 75 percent (24 of 32) from the field.

**WEST REGIONAL At Salt Lake City**  
No. 1 Syracuse vs. No. 5 Butler

Syracuse wasn't affected at all in the first two rounds by the absence of center Arinze Onuaku, who hurt his knee in the Big East tournament, and he won't be there for the regional semifinal, either.

Butler was a mid-major that spent a good part of the season ranked just outside the top 10. The Bulldogs steamrolled through the Horizon League and then squeaked by Murray State to reach this round.

**No. 2 Kansas St. vs. No. 6 Xavier**

Kansas State has been a quiet No. 2 seed, just cruising along with easy wins to reach this round for the first time since 1988. The frontcourt of Dominique Sutton, Curtis Kelly and Jamar Samuels has allowed the Wildcats to outrebound their opponents by almost six a game.

Xavier is in the round of 16 for the third straight year, a feat only Michigan State can match. Jordan Crawford is averaging 20.2 points this season and has upped that to 27.5 in the tournament.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL At St. Louis**  
No. 5 Michigan St. vs. No. 9 Northern Iowa

Michigan State heads into the round of 16 with several injuries. But the first of the replacements did just fine as Korie Lucious stepped in for Lucas and hit the game-winning 3-pointer at the buzzer against Maryland to send the Spartans on to this round for the third straight year.

Ali Farokhmanesh hit the traditional game-winning 3-pointer in the first game and buried a 3 few would have taken to give the Panthers a four-point lead over the Jayhawks in the final minute.

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**WARRANT**

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blew last year's results away," said Green. "We were able to clear 648 warrants this year, compared to 366 warrants during last year's roundup. We were able to locate 321 violators, compared to the 206 violators we saw last year.

"The total amount collected was slightly more than \$130,000. Last year we were able to collect slightly more than \$79,000, so there has been a big jump when you compare the results to last year."

Green said his office began preparing for the roundup several weeks in advance.

"We started sending letters out in February and continued through March," said Green. "So there was about six weeks, which isn't a very long period of time, and the calls came in. They nearly flooded the office, and the staff did a heck of a job fielding calls. I'd really like to thank the municipal court staff, as well as Police Chief Lonnie Smith and Sheriff Stan Parker for their help with the roundup.

"We had a somewhat smaller posse than we had last year, but they started knocking on

doors around 7 a.m., didn't take a lunch break, and just kept going out and getting people. The effort was huge."

When asked why this year's warrant roundup was much more successful than the one held in 2009, Green said the answer is anybody's guess.

"It's really hard to say. I think it was a combination of the mailings and a few things (we did differently)," said Green. "Everything came together for us and the numbers were just outstanding. The phone rang from 8 a.m. until we shut the doors, and we had to walk out with the phone still ringing. I'm not sure what it was. Maybe it was because we did it around tax time. Either way, in six weeks time we brought in \$130,000 and closed out a large number of warrants. I was very pleased with the effort."

Despite the huge effort involved in the roundup, which was orchestrated by Big Spring Police Department Officer Wayne Wright, it yielded grand results, Green said the percentage of fine money that will stay in Big Spring is still rather small.

"When you are looking at fines, not a large percentage of the money received stays here," said Green. "The good

thing about that money that is coming in, however, is the state allows courts to establish a couple of funds. Our technology fund is funded by those fines, as is the security fund. So, when you're looking at that much money coming in, and knowing we have those funds set aside so some of that money stays here in Big Spring ... At the beginning of the year we can look at those funds being padded pretty well."

While a date has not been set for the next warrant roundup, Green urged area residents who know they have a warrant for their arrest not to wait.

"If you come in and have the money to pay your fines, you don't have to worry about being arrested here in the office," said Wright. "However, if you're unable to clear up your fines, it's pretty likely you're going to end up behind bars. My advice is to get these matters taken care of as soon as humanly possible."

For more information, contact the Municipal Court at 264-2531.

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• Seventh, eighth and ninth grade students from Big Spring Independent School District who will be traveling to Florida this summer to take part in the educational Science in Motion Program. However, each student must raise \$1,800 to participate. Area residents who would like to make a donation toward these students' fees can do so by contacting Debbie Durham at State National Bank, 264-6100; Chrissy Shubert, 264-6492 (evenings only); or Vickey Bloodworth, 264-4135 during the work day, or 263-3149 after hours. The trip is slated for June 21-24 and the deadline to raise the funds is April 7. The group will be serving pizzas at Pizza Inn from 4 p.m.-9 p.m. April 5. For more information, call 935-2371.

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• An account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Faye McGee of Big Spring to help defray the cost of medical bills and treatment. She is in ICU at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Contact CFCU at 400 E. Marcy in Big Spring, account 762989 or call Cosden at 264-2600 or toll free 800 725-2673.

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**CENTER**

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up to 200 people to view movies or other performances.

The catch, of course, is that the center won't come cheap.

"A realistic figure that has been studied by experienced builders shows a probable turnkey cost of less than \$560,000," Worthy said.

Solicitation for donations is already under way, although no figures were announced at Wednesday's meeting.

"State money to help build the center can be obtained, but a lot of that is contingent on how much in local donations we collect," Worthy said. "Needless to say, the more local money we have, the better chance we have of obtaining state funds."

Supporters of the idea believe a nature center would dramatically increase tourism to the state park.

"Motels would love this center, because it would bring them more business," Worthy noted.

Supporter Pat Sim-

mons agreed that the proposed center would be beneficial to this area.

"I think this would promote Big Spring in a big way," Simmons said. "It would be great exposure for Big Spring."

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**CLEANUP**

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items we pick up are appliances that don't work anymore, couches and mattresses," said Averette. "Those are the kind of things that we can take to our landfill and we're allowed to pick up. However, we can't pick up any household hazardous waste.

That means any kind of chemicals including lawn chemicals, car batteries and tires and things of that nature. We also won't be picking up any tree branches, shrubs or things like that.

"We're trying to target people who are elderly, handicapped or otherwise don't have the means to get these large items to our landfill. This is a service the city is going to provide as a courtesy to those people and give them

the opportunity to get things off of their property they might not be able to otherwise."

All items must be by the curb in the city's right-of-way no sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled pick up. Items need to be separated as much as possible for its trip to the municipal landfill, added Averette.

"To be placed on the pick up list, all residents have to do is call 264-2504 or 264-2501, and we'll get them set up," he said. "If they don't call and get on the list, we can't pick up their items."

Averette said customers need to be aware of gas, water and electricity meters and lines when they put their large items out to be picked up.

"A lot of time we have to bring in equipment to pick those large items up," he said. "If you

cover the meters up, it's hard for us to know where they are. Using the equipment makes the pick up go quicker and we want to make sure our employees are safe while they are picking these things up."

As for those citizens unwilling to take care of their code violations before the April 1 deadline, Averette said the fines could get very expensive.

"The minimum fine for a first offense is \$250, and if they have been cited in the past, a second offense could cost

them up to \$2,000," said Averette. "We're working hard to try to clean up our city and bring things into compliance, and we're more than willing to work with the citizens. However, if you want to just sit back and ignore the notices and letters, it's going to hurt your wallet in the long run."

Averette said he and his officers are looking at following a similar plan for District 2 in April.

For more information on the large item pick-up program — which

will target one city district each month — and maps of the six city districts, visit the city of Big Spring Web site at [www.ci.big-spring.tx.us](http://www.ci.big-spring.tx.us), or call 264-2504.

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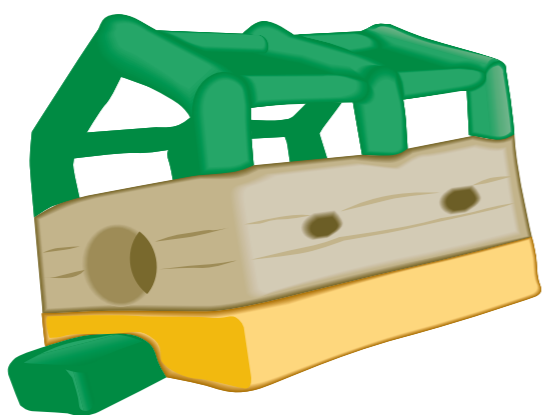


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## OUR VIEW

# Symphony will close season with some hits

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra wraps up its 2009-2010 season Saturday night, this time at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, with a "Symphony Pops Extravaganza" and an appearance by guest artist Paul Williams.

Williams is the composer of hits like "Rainy Days and Mondays" and "We've Only Just Begun," made popular by the Carpenters, as well as the Three Dog Night hit "Just an Old Fashioned Love Song" and "Evergreen" that was sung Barbara Streisand.

During Saturday's performance, Williams will debut one of his newest songs with the symphony, "It May Not Be Today."

Familiar songs Williams has written that will be performed include "Old Fashioned Love Song," "I Won't Last a Day Without You," "Rainy Days and Mondays," "Evergreen," "You & Me Against the World," "Love Boat," "Rainbow Connection," "Let Me Be the One," "Old Souls" and "Loneliness."

Tickets are available at KBST Radio, Western Banks, Faye's Flowers, Blum's Jewelers, the Heritage Museum, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and the Big Spring Herald.

Prices for the concert are \$30 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens and \$10 for students. There will be no reserve seating, but close-to-stage seating on the floor of the Coliseum should be available.

Children under the age of 5 are not expected to enjoy the concert.

For additional information, contact any of the ticket outlets or the Big Spring Symphony Office at 264-7223.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we be as tactful and diplomatic as You would want us to be, Lord.  
Amen

# What Obama didn't say

In Spanish, we have a special word to describe nonsensical discourses. Long-winded speeches, especially by demagogic politicians, are called "cantinfladas."

The word derives from

"Cantinflas," a hilarious character — played by the late Mario Moreno in many Mexican movies — who had an amazing talent for saying a lot without really saying anything.

Nowadays when politicians deliver florid yet empty speeches, we say they have given us cantinfladas.

Take President Barack Obama's videotaped message to some 200,000 pro-immigrant demonstrators at the March for America rally in Washington Sunday. When I saw the video on the Internet, I thought I was watching a Cantinflas movie!

To a crowd of people who had been demanding new and concrete immigration reform proposals, Obama delivered only the same tired rhetoric he used during his campaign for president. The speech, viewed by demonstrators on huge monitors on the National Mall, was a rambling and unconvincing attempt to make us believe that his administration has actually been doing something to reform our broken immigration system.

As he spoke, the crowd had to wait for something to cheer for, and reporters had to wait to find a statement worth quoting. But there was no substance, nothing new. Cantinflas was speaking at the immigration march!

A few weeks ago, many people were offended by how little Obama said about immigration reform during his State of the Union speech. Well, this time he spoke for a lot longer yet managed to remain remarkably vague about everything.

"I've always pledged to be your partner as we work to fix our broken immigration system, and

that's a commitment that I reaffirm today," Obama said in one of his most quotable statements.

He said his administration has "worked together" with Sens. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., on what is only still "a framework" of legislation to reform immigration, and then he had the audacity to congratulate Schumer and Graham for work that is yet to be done!

In fact, Schumer, Graham and Obama have taken a year to rewrite old immigration reform proposals — and they're still not finished! On the road to immigration reform, they have done so much backpedaling that they already broke the bicycle! Whom do they think they are fooling? This is work that can be done in a week!

However, in a very subtle way, Obama was letting us know that he has set a new standard for moving forward with immigration reform and a legalization plan for undocumented immigrants.

Now he says he needs a bipartisan consensus. In other words, now he says it's up to the Republicans! Had he told us this while he was shouting "yes, we can" or "si, se puede" during the 2008 presidential campaign, he probably would not be president today.

"I pledge to do everything in my power to forge a bipartisan consensus this year on this important issue," Obama said. Mind you, he didn't say he would fight for Congress to pass this legislation this year. On the same day he was counting only on Democrats to pass health care reform, he was telling us he is not willing to spend the same kind of political capital on immigration.

"You know as well as I do that this won't be easy, and it won't happen overnight," the president added. This time, he didn't say "si, se puede."

Obama recognized that our immigration system is broken and that many people are suffering because of it, yet he had nothing to say about the many policies

he could change — without the consent of Congress — to ease those people's pain.

The president didn't bother to address many of the key concerns of the people who organized the march — including some who campaigned for him and recently have accused him of betrayal.

He didn't say that he would stop the deportations or that he regrets breaking former President George W. Bush's deportation record or that at least he would order a moratorium on immigration raids while undocumented immigrants are being encouraged to participate in the U.S. census, as other presidents have done in the past. He didn't say he would order the Justice Department to intercede when local authorities (and racist sheriffs) abuse federal immigration laws to violate human and civil rights.

Yet at the end of Obama's videotaped diatribe, amazingly, many of the marchers clapped and cheered for his cantinflada. Who knows? Maybe they didn't hear him well. Perhaps it was difficult for them to realize that they were listening to hollow words. After trekking across the country to get the president's attention, maybe seeing him on the big screen, in the role of Cantinflas, was impressive enough. Or perhaps they are masochists, setting themselves up to be betrayed by Obama once again.

Instead of having more immigration marches to shout "si, se puede" in vain this year — knowing that immigration reform has no chance of clearing Congress before the November midterm elections — they should be planning voter campaigns to say "no se puede" to Obama and other politicians who have failed to deliver on their promises.

When Mario Moreno became Cantinflas, he often was satirizing politicians and making many people laugh. But when Barack Obama becomes Cantinflas, it's not funny.

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# If it looks like snake, it probably is

With all apologies to Tom Hanks and, perhaps, Danny Devito, I think it's fair to say that the vast majority of married celebrity men have affairs. Give a guy a taste of fame and fortune — really any sort of celebrity — and most will "forget" their marriage with whatever bar skank points her synthetic cleavage and poorly-drawn tattoos his way.

Chris Rock has a routine about how men are as faithful as their options and, while I think that's an exaggeration, all available data shows that famous men have a very limited shot at being faithful. Despite this, the entire nation always seems truly surprised when another sleazy actor, television personality or miscellaneous famous guy cheats on his wife.

Perhaps Tiger Woods' infidelity was a bit surprising as his carefully crafted fuddy duddy/golf Urkel image made the public think of him as someone who had sex exactly as many times as he had children. Nobody, however, should be shocked that Sandra Bullock's husband, Jesse James, — once married to a porn

star — would be unfaithful.

Still, whether its Woods sleeping with every morally vacant woman in the country (perhaps the world) or James stepping out on Bullock with a tattoo-covered Nazi, I'm tired of it. It's hard to imagine a worse sin you could commit then betraying your spouse, yet the public never seems that outraged by it.

We certainly lap up the lascivious details in various tabloid magazines and we all want to know what happened, but in the end, as a society, we seem to treat infidelity as an "oopsie" instead of as a major character flaw. It took about 10 minutes for us to forgive Kobe Bryant who had to confess to cheating on his wife to combat rape charges and nobody even seems that mad at John Edwards who cheated on his cancer-stricken wife while running for president.

I could understand our willingness to forgive if a celebrity (or a regular person) had a one-time transgression, but when a pattern emerges it's time to be angry.

Woods, Edwards, James and their ilk did not get drunk at the office Christmas party and kiss their cute co-worker, confess and apologize. They willingly betrayed their spouses, putting them at risk of public humiliation and they did it repeatedly.

We should not let the women

in these affairs off the hook either as it might be possible to not know that the guy you met in a bar at the Sheraton is married, but it's pretty easy to determine that Woods is. If someone has a Wikipedia page, appears in campaign commercials with his wife or shows up next to her at the Academy Awards, it's simple enough to know whether or not he's single.

If you don't want to be faithful, don't be married.

I'm sure that having the "honey I really like you but I want to sleep around so we should get divorced" conversation would be horrible, but it can't be worse then when she finds out after the fact.

We live in a world where a Web site actually exists to help married people "have discreet affairs." This particular multi-million dollar business acts as if the problem with infidelity comes from getting caught, not from betraying the trust of your spouse and humiliating your family.

Well, let me say that it's not about whether you get away with it or not, it's about whether you are the type of person who acts this way in the first place.

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

How fitting that Aries pop icon Sir Elton John celebrates a birthday today under the theatrical Leo moon. This exciting performer is a fiery reminder of the kind of fun, beauty and great art that can spring forth when we take our commitment to expressing and sharing our own gifts and talents more seriously than we take ourselves.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You perceive the moods of others and inquire about them. Your working relationships will improve because you are so observant. People will trust you. The communication you have today brings future work opportunities.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your nearest and dearest have a style that is different from yours. To take issue with a loved one's manner of solving life's problems is silly. Stay in the spirit of cooperation. It's one way you can express your love.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll be leading an important effort. As you choose your team, do not include anyone who makes a habit of ducking responsibility. Only the most reliable of your friends and colleagues need to be in on this one.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You think you are justified in your position — almost sure of it. But what if you could see it from another standpoint? Just try. A broad view will give you a considerable advantage.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). This is not the time to present your case, loud and clear. You know when to be quiet and observe, which will help you to win the respect of power players who are in the know.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can't be expected to get along with absolutely everyone. But the one you obviously clash with need not be avoided, either. A little controversy is part of the fun. In the end, you just may find your opposition enchanting.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Those with strong personalities will seek you out. Perhaps that's because you're not the least bit intimidated. You see the fearful child underneath the bravado and quickly figure out the best way to manage things.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're more powerful than you usually give yourself credit for. That doesn't mean you can rest on your laurels, though. You will be busy preparing yourself for the challenges to come.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll go in and out of hiding. It's what's necessary if you are going to get anything done. Being too available to your loved ones will only encourage them to take you for granted.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Most people are thinking so exclusively about themselves that they'll miss the juicy bits of life waiting to be squeezed from other people's stories. Not you. Ask the right question, and it's amazing what you'll learn.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will be magnetically drawn in by one who shares your love of music and art. Your knowledge and taste will expand with the new recommendations you get, as well.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Leave no room for doubt. Your mission is too important; your self-esteem, too fragile. Surround yourself with the kind of people who naturally see you as a person who will succeed.

**T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY** (March 25). This is one of your

best years to date because your goals are reasonable, meaningful and aligned with the higher good for all involved. You will go far on your strength of purpose. In April, you'll be drawn to activities that teach you who you are. You'll make an important sale in June. Your love life perks up in July. Leo and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 2, 50, 14 and 43.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "OK, I get the whole thing about the eighth house

being about the cycles of rebirth and all that, but what about 'other people's money,' which is often associated with this house?"

As you astutely observe, the eighth house has a reputation for concerning itself with other people's money, in addition to the more lofty topics of life, death and rebirth. "Other people's money" refers to money you receive that you haven't physically worked for. Inheritances, alimony, child support, weddings and bar mitzvahs, business and educational

loans, investor seed money, winning the jackpot ... these are all examples of how you might get greenbacks you haven't actually earned through clocking in and out at a job. What does all this have to do with death and rebirth? Well, all of these revenue sources result from either endings or beginnings (as opposed to the never-ending treadmill of the daily job grind). The end of a marriage or someone's passing could prove financially beneficial. Happier tidings — such as the celebra-

tion of a marriage, an education, a business or adulthood — can also yield windfalls.

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# Casual cooking with Kris

**W**elcoming readers to my world where I enjoy simple, sometimes quick, but always delicious meals.

Don't be surprised if you come home to find your Italian grandmother weeping quietly at the kitchen table after reading this week's recipe. Just give her a hug and tell her everything will be alright. I'm taking a classic Italian dish and giving it a Southern twist, as insouth of the border. The recipe provided today is a mixture of pasta, cheesy goodness and red beef enchiladas. What's not to love? I am still representing the red, white and green of both countries.

This recipe is super easy and can cook while you visit with friends and family. The ground meat can be cooked ahead of time and frozen and the pasta does not have to be boiled — sounds like step savers to me. Serve this up with tossed salad and scoop of guacamole, homemade pico de gallo and a glass of frozen Red Sangria margaritas. Ole!

## MEXICAN LASAGNA

- 2 pounds ground meat (beef, pork, chicken or turkey)
- 12 lasagna noodles
- lg tub of small curd cottage cheese
- 1 pkg taco seasoning
- 2 sm cans of mild diced green chilis
- 3-4 cans of red enchilada sauce

- 2 cups of cheddar cheese
- 2 cups of mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup of parmesan cheese
- 1 cup of fresh chopped cilantro
- 1 sm onion diced
- 2 garlic cloves finely minced
- Salt and pepper to taste

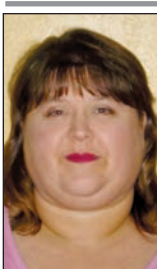
Ground meat can be cooked ahead and frozen. Cook ground meat with onion, garlic, salt and pepper to taste.

In a bowl, add cottage cheese, green chilis, cilantro and taco seasoning. Mix well.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Use a large baking dish. Spray with non-stick coating. Pour half cup of red enchilada sauce in bottom of pan and spread around for thin coating. Add 3 uncooked noodles across pan and spoon 1/3 of meat mixture, spreading it out. Pour cup of red sauce over meat and add another layer of noodles. Spoon 1/3 of cottage cheese mixture over noodles, spreading it out. Add 1 cup of cheddar and 1 cup of mozzarella.

Add another layer of noodles, spoon meat mixture, spreading it out. Pour cup of red sauce and add layer of noodles. Spoon in more mixture of cottage cheese and 1/2 cup of cheddar and mozzarella. Add layer of noodles again, last of meat mixture. Spread out and add a cup of red sauce. Spoon last of cottage cheese spread on top of meat and remaining red sauce. Top it off with all remaining cheese.

Loosely cover with foil and bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour. Remove foil and cook an additional 15 minutes until fork tender. Remove from oven, cover and let rest 10 minutes before serving.



KRIS SOLIZ



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Several Moss Elementary teachers take turns shaving Pepper Sullivan's hair during an assembly at the school Wednesday afternoon. Sullivan sacrificed his curly locks after Moss students recently exceeded their reading goals this school year.

# Tech offers quicker degrees to family docs

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech University's medical school will soon become the first in the U.S. to offer aspiring family doctors a three-year degree at half the cost of a traditional four-year path, university officials said.

The program, which begins this fall, is aimed at addressing a national shortage of family physicians. One study estimates the country will need about 39,000 more family doctors by 2020.

Texas Tech announced the plan Tuesday, the same day President Barack Obama signed health care reform legislation expected to add millions of people to doctors' patient lists by 2014, when the law's major provisions take effect.

The three years of medical school will cost about \$75,000. After getting their degrees, doctors will spend three years in residency with a family practice. The school also will provide a \$13,000 scholarship to each student going into

family practice to cover first year tuition and fees.

The four-year program at Texas Tech currently costs students about \$150,000.

Dr. Steven Berk, dean of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, said about a dozen of the 140 students who enroll each year typically go into family practice. He hopes the three-year program will double the number.

"We don't have any doubts that this is going to work," he said.

The program, called the Family Medicine Accelerated Track, was approved last month by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, which accredits medical schools.

The committee is jointly sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges and the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association.

"It's just that time is reorganized and

the focus is on family medicine," Barbara Barzansky, a member of the AMA, said of the program.

Berk said many students become surgeons, cardiologists, psychiatrists or go into other specialized fields in order to more quickly pay off their medical school debt, which for four years at Texas Tech is about \$150,000.

Paying off half of the debt could be a strong enticement to go into family practice, but Berk said the university also wanted to address the lack of practicing family doctors. A 2006 study by the American Academy of Family Physicians determined that in order for all Americans to achieve adequate access to a primary care physician, the country would need about 39,000 more family physicians by 2020.

"Our school felt some responsibility to come up with a solution to the problem of too few students going into primary care," Berk said.



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Kim Howell, Marketing Director at Scenic Mountain Medical Center surprised employees at the Big Spring Herald on Wednesday by providing breakfast for the entire staff. The Big Spring Herald and Staff would like to say "Thank You" to Kim Howell and Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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# Execution halted for Texas man

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday stopped the execution of condemned prisoner Hank Skinner about an hour before he could have been taken to the Texas death chamber.

Skinner asked the court and Gov. Rick Perry for the delay for DNA testing that he insisted could clear him in a triple slaying.

The brief order grants him the delay but does not ensure he will get such testing. Perry had not decided on the delay.

Skinner, 47, faced lethal injection for the bludgeoning and strangling of his girlfriend, 40-year-old Twila Jean Busby, and the stabbings of her two adult sons. The slayings occurred at their home in the Texas Panhandle town of Pampa on New Year's Eve in 1993.

The court order came as relatives of Busby were climbing the steps of the Huntsville prison to prepare to witness his punishment.

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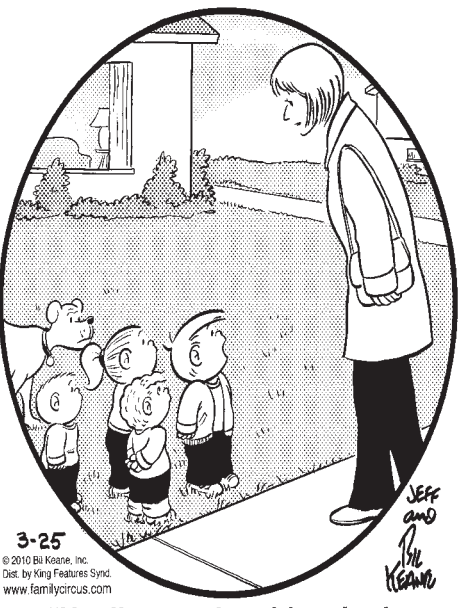
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"WHEN I GET BIG AN' DO MY OWN COOKIN', I'M GONNA HAVE HOT DOGS FOR EVERY MEAL."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"No, I'm not the oldest in the family — Daddy is."

HAGAR



LIKE MOST MARRIED COUPLES... ...HAGAR AND I HAVE BEEN THROUGH THICK AND THIN!

BLONDIE



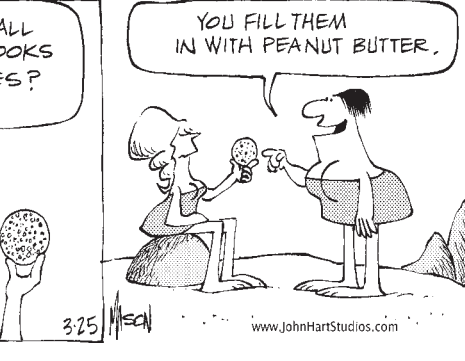
OH, YOU BET WE DO! WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO ASK IF WE COULD MOVE IN WITH HIM.

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THESE DIET RICE CAKES ARE DELICIOUS — IT'S ALL I EAT.

WIZARD OF ID



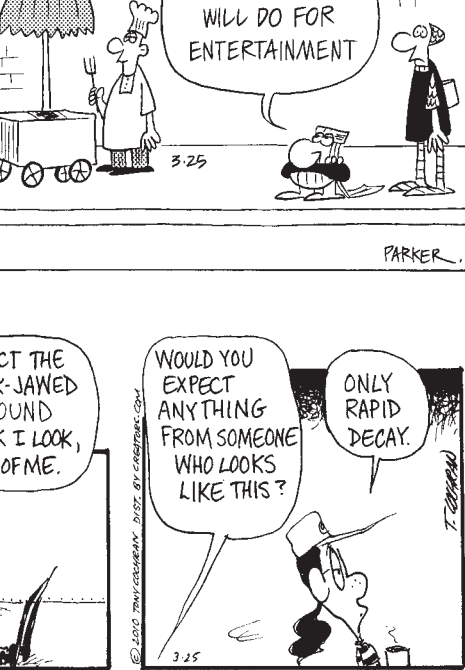
IT'S AMAZING WHAT PEOPLE WILL DO FOR ENTERTAINMENT.

AGNES



HOW'S THIS? WHAT? I AM TRYING TO PERFECT THE PERFECT LOOK OF SLACK-JAWED STUPIDITY... I HAVE FOUND THAT THE MORE BLANK I LOOK, THE LESS IS EXPECTED OF ME.

HI AND LOIS



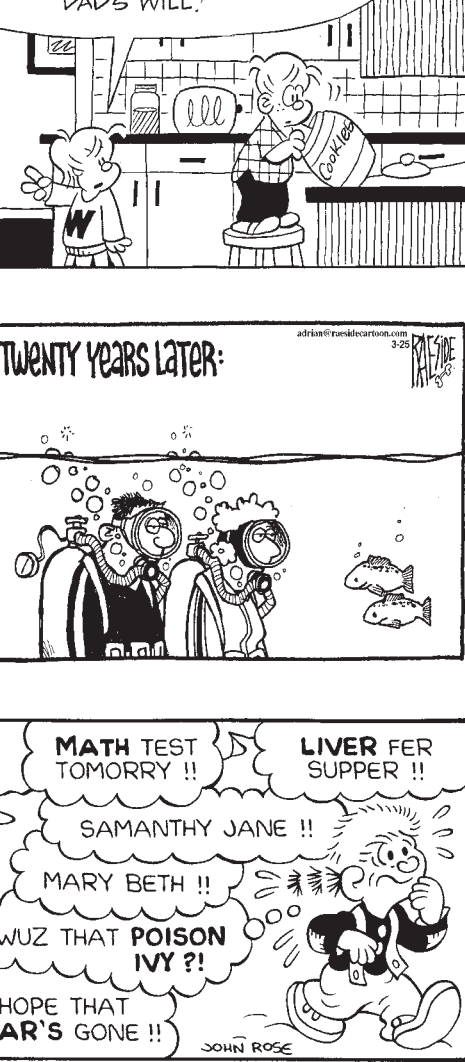
DO YOU AND DAD HAVE A WILL? YES. YOU'D BETTER BEHAVE OR YOU'LL GET CUT OUT OF MOM AND DAD'S WILL!

THE OTHER COAST



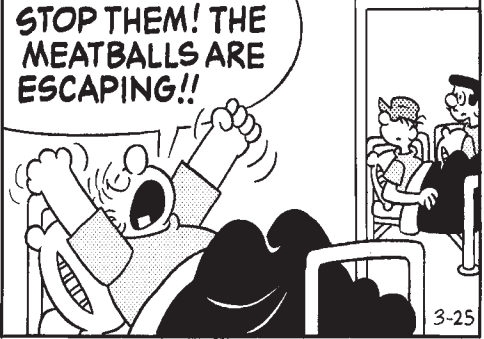
I'M SICK OF BREATHING ALL THE SMOG CREATED BY AUTOMOBILES! RELAX. TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW, WE'LL ALL BE DRIVING HYDROGEN-POWERED VEHICLES, WHICH ONLY EMIT WATER!

SNUFFY SMITH



NOW THAT'S TH' BEST AGE T'BE !! YEP !! NO WORRIES, NO CARES, GOT IT MADE !! MATH TEST TOMORRY !! LIVER FER SUPPER !! SAMANTHY JANE !! MARY BETH !! WUZ THAT POISON IVY ?! HOPE THAT BEAR'S GONE !!

BEEBLE BAILEY



STOP THEM! THE MEATBALLS ARE ESCAPING!! SEND THE SPAGHETTI TO GET THEM! DOES HE ALWAYS HAVE DREAMS LIKE THAT? LAST NIGHT IT WAS DANCING DESSERTS

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, March 25, the 84th day of 2010. There are 281 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 25, 1965, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 marchers to the state capitol in Montgomery, Ala., to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks. On this date: In 1634, English colonists sent by Lord Baltimore arrived in present-day Maryland. In 1865, during the Civil War, Confederate forces attacked Fort Stedman in Virginia but were forced to withdraw by counterattacking Union troops. In 1894, Jacob S. Coxey began leading an "army" of unemployed from Massillon (MA'-suh-luhn), Ohio, to Washington D.C., to demand help from the federal government. In 1911, 146 people, mostly female immigrants, were killed when fire broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company in New York. In 1918, French composer Claude Debussy (dehb-yoo-SEE') died in Paris. In 1947, a coal mine explosion in Centralia, Ill., claimed 111 lives. In 1957, the Treaty of Rome established the European Economic Community. In 1960, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, in New York, ruled that the D.H. Lawrence novel "Lady Chatterley's Lover" was not obscene and could be sent through the mails. Ray Charles recorded "Georgia on My Mind" as part of his "The Genius Hits the Road" album in New York. In 1975, King Faisal (FY'-suhl) of Saudi Arabia was shot to death by a nephew with a history of mental illness. (The nephew was beheaded in June 1975.) In 1990, 87 people, most of them Honduran and Dominican immigrants, were killed when fire raced through an illegal social club in New York City. Today's Birthdays: Modeling agency founder Eileen Ford is 88. Movie reviewer Gene Shalit is 84. Former astronaut James Lovell is 82. Feminist activist and author Gloria Steinem is 76. Singer Anita Bryant is 70. Singer Aretha Franklin is 68. Actor Paul Michael Glaser is 67. Singer Elton John is 63. Actress Bonnie Bedelia is 62. Actress-comedian Mary Gross is 57. Actor James McDaniel is 52. Sen. John Ensign (R-Nev.) is 52. Rock musician Steve Norman (Spandau Ballet) is 50. Actress Brenda Strong is 50. Actor Fred Goss is 49. Actor-writer-director John Stockwell is 49. Actress Marcia Cross is 48. Author Kate DiCamillo (Book: "Because of Winn-Dixie") is 46. Actress Lisa Gay Hamilton is 46. Actress Sarah Jessica Parker is 45. Former

Answer to previous puzzle  
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**ACROSS**  
1 Keyed up  
6 French singer  
10 On or after  
14 Dean Martin song subject  
15 It may be oversized  
16 Oversize volume  
17 Disdain  
18 With everything in place  
19 Something one can never do?  
20 Word of disdain  
21 Shows leadership ability  
24 City of sparkling wines  
25 "What a pity!"  
26 Listen carefully  
31 Where Sun Valley is  
32 Sty cry  
33 Roasts' hosts  
36 Afternoon rituals  
37 Lamenting  
39 Actor Robert De \_  
40 911 response org.  
41 Buufs  
42 Guadalajara guy  
43 Horror-film star  
46 Kenya neighbor  
49 Canadian flag symbol  
50 Velocity  
53 AMA contingent  
56 Actor Baldwin  
57 Chelsea "Ciao!"  
58 Nome dome home  
60 Boater's worry  
61 Terminal info

**DOWN**  
1 Jumble  
2 Place to learn CPR  
3 "Oh, that's silly!"  
4 Bark up the wrong tree  
5 Provides lodging for  
6 Place for a ring  
7 "Gotcha!"  
8 "What a pity!"  
9 Very attractive  
10 Time to crow  
11 Turns bad  
12 Greek letter  
13 Honored with a big bash  
22 Justice Dept. worker  
23 Ensnare  
24 Contented comments  
26 Carry a torch  
27 First of all  
28 Chatters  
29 Some urban pollution  
30 Soft metal  
33 Prefix for van or cam  
34 Everglades critter  
35 Feeling miffed  
37 Pursued  
38 Chapel Hill sch.  
39 Soft ball material  
41 Generic pooch  
42 Garden chore  
43 Some sweaters  
44 Phillies' div.  
45 Course starting point  
46 Natural continental border  
47 Outbursts of laughter  
48 Bothered big-time  
51 Appease fully  
52 Educ. support groups  
53 Hidden valley  
54 First successful video game  
55 Covers ground, in a way  
59 Bit of baby babble

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