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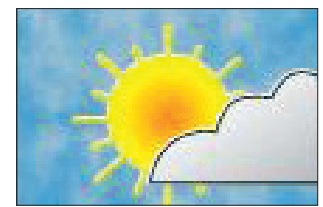


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Aguero out as principal at Washington Elementary

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Steven Saldivar confirmed Thursday that Oscar Aguero, principal of Washington Elementary, has left that position.

Aguero, hired to be principal of the Birdwell Lane campus prior to the start of the current school year, left his position effective Monday, Saldivar said.

Steve Waggoner, who was principal at Washington for three years earlier this decade, was named interim principal at Washington and will likely serve out the remainder



Aguero



Waggoner

of the school year, Saldivar said.

Saldivar would not comment on the reason behind Aguero's leaving the district, citing legal and confidentiality issues.

Waggoner was a long-time music teacher and administrator at BSISD who served 31 years as an educator before retiring in 2005. Among his several postings was band director at both Big Spring High School and Runnels Junior High.

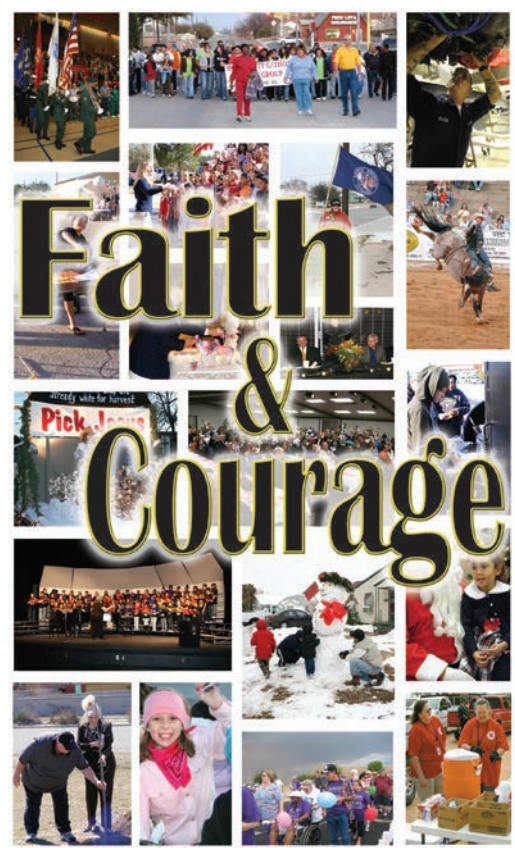
He served three years as principal at Washington before announcing his retirement. Since that time, he has served as interim principal at Big Spring Junior High School in 2006 and Marcy Elementary in 2007.

Saldivar said the Washington position would be posted and applicants screened in the coming months, with a new principal likely to be named prior to the start of the 2010-2011 school year.

Attempts to contact Aguero for comment were unsuccessful.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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Final symphony performance to feature Williams

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

While a post-construction celebration along Gregg Street and the start of the AMBUCS Rattlesnake Roundup at the county fairbarns are good ways to have some fun, those looking to top off Saturday's enjoyment won't need to look — or listen — far.

Singer and songwriter Paul Williams will be on stage Saturday evening at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's final concert of the 2009-2010 season. The concert will get under way at 8 p.m. Williams has composed such hits as "Rainy Days and Mondays" and "We've



Williams

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Price Construction crews prepare for repaving work on the 200 block of Main Street Thursday morning. Renovation work on Main is entering its final stages, officials say.

Gregg Street set to celebrate

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Let's get this party started. That's the message the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Gregg Street merchants will be delivering Saturday when they hold a Gregg Street Celebration to mark the completion of the roadway's

renovation. Various merchants are hosting various activities, including discounts, drawings, kids' crafts, ice cream and more, Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said.

Even Elvis is making an appearance.

The year-long construction project was tough on merchants along Gregg Street, ValVerde said, which makes a party to celebrate the work's completion an even better idea.

VaVerde said that the idea for

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For Pete's snakes, it's roundup!

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

If you like cute, cuddly animals, stay away from the Howard County Fair Barns this weekend.

If, on the other hand, you don't necessarily mind getting within spitting distance of hundreds of poisonous snakes, the American Business Club's 46th Rattlesnake Roundup might just be your cup of tea.

Hunters began bringing snakes in today in advance of the roundup, which is open to the public Saturday and Sunday, organizers said.

Day passes to the event will be \$5 for visitors age 12 and older and \$3 for younger children. Admission is free to the arts and crafts section of the event.

Officials are anticipating a large number of snakes this year, thanks

to a recent trend of warmer weather.

"The warmer it is, the better the chance we'll have of catching a large number of snakes," said Ray Alexander, secretary/treasurer of the local AMBUCS.

Simply put, rattlers, which are cold-blooded animals, will go

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Big Spring powerlifting trio ready for state

Herald Staff Report

Derrick Anderson was a stranger to the state powerlifting scene last year.

But this year, Anderson returns for his second trip to the state meet with a medal on his mind along with fellow Steers Jonathon Molina and Justin Yanez. The meet starts at 9 a.m. Saturday at Abilene's Taylor County Expo Center.

Anderson took 13th in the meet last year, but he couldn't lift his max in all three categories. This year, Anderson enters the state meet ranked No. 3 in his region, having lifted 1,480 pounds

last Saturday — 580 in squat, 345 on bench press and 555 pounds on dead lift.

"If he lifts like he's capable of, he can be in the top five or six," head coach Reg McConnell said.

Heavyweight Jonathon Molina qualified for the state meet as a sophomore last year, but he didn't lift due to an illness. Molina racked 1,605 pounds in the regional meet, 250 pounds ahead of the next competitor. He squatted 705 pounds, bench pressed 400 and dead lifted 500 to finish first in the region's super-heavyweight class.

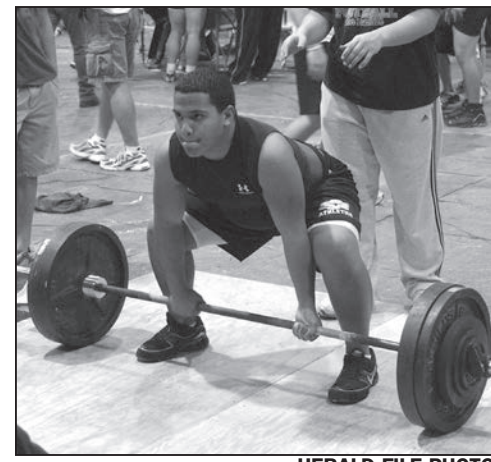
Yanez is a surprise state qualifier after he put up some additional

weight to qualify for the meet.

"Yanez wasn't in the picture to go to state, but he lifted 100 pounds more to go," McConnell said.

Yanez racked 590 pounds on squat, lifted 340 on bench press and dead lifted 490 pounds to finish second in his region. Yanez upped his totals 40 pounds in squat, 10 pounds on the bench and 30 pounds on the dead lift from his last finish in Sweetwater Feb. 27.

All three lifters saw time on the football gridiron this season as Molina earned second team all-state and Anderson was an honorable mention all-district selection.



HERALD FILE PHOTO

Big Spring's Derrick Anderson is getting his second crack at state.



HERALD FILE Photo/Tony Claxton

Howard ace Burch Smith pitches in a game earlier this season at Jack Barber Field. Smith is 5-1 this season with a 2.13 ERA and 35 strikeouts in 42 innings. Howard has won six straight games.

No. 5 Hawks hit road to El Paso

Herald Staff Report

The Howard Hawks are taking their six-game winning streak to the road this weekend as they meet El Paso Community College for doubleheaders Friday and Saturday starting at noon.

Fresh off a sweep of New Mexico Military Institute last weekend at Jack Barber Field, Howard (23-5, 8-0) will try to stay unbeaten in WJCAC play against the Tejanos (8-17, 0-4).

Catcher and designated hitter Landon Steinhagen has been

pasting the ball in the middle of the lineup this season, batting .528 with five home runs and 30 RBI.

"When we recruited him we fully envisioned him hitting right in the middle of our lineup," head coach Britt Smith said. "It's good to see that he's developed into that type of hitter."

Leadoff man Joe Leftridge is continuing where he left off last year, batting .490 with seven home runs and 22 stolen bases, which ranks in the top five in the country.

Kevin Sah, the Hawks' No. 2 batter, is leading the nation with 24 swiped bags.

Six Hawks with more than 20 at bats are batting better than .400 on the season. Howard's .398 team batting average ranks second in the country.

On the mound, Hawks starters have a combined record of 20-4. Carter Hahn leads the way with a 6-0 mark and a 2.34 ERA. Burch Smith, the team's No. 1 starter, is 5-1 with a 2.13 ERA and Tyler King leads the squad in both innings pitched

with 44 and ERA with a 2.01 average.

"We have guys with good enough stuff to win at this level," Smith said. "They have got to trust the fact that they're good enough to pitch here."

Smith said he's looking for a hot start to conference play.

"Our goal is to start off conference, we need to be 12-0," he said. "We need to win all our home games, and you expect to try to go split on the road. If you win more than that, great."

Pullen lifts K-State in 2OT instant classic

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Kansas State is trying to get back on the big-time basketball map, rekindle a tradition that exists, even though most of it's in black and white.

No better way to do it than by winning a game no hoops fan will soon forget.

Jacob Pullen hit a pair of 3-pointers in the second overtime Thursday to help K-State outlast Xavier 101-96 in the West Regional semifinals — a game that immediately went down as an instant classic.

"As good a game as I've ever coached or been a part of," Xavier coach Chris Smith said.

It added yet another dramatic chapter to an

NCAA tournament that has already been memorable, filled with bracket-busters and buzzer-beaters. This was the fifth game to go to overtime — and the second that went to double OT.

After knocking off one so called mid-major in Xavier, the second-seeded Wildcats (29-7) will play another Saturday in fifth-seeded Butler.

This is the first time Kansas State has made it this far since 1988, and the Wildcats are shooting for their first Final Four in 46 years — back before the shot clock or the 3-point line, when Tex Winter was coaching in the Little Apple, not working with Phil Jackson.

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Mountaineers, Butler rally past Washington

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Da'Sean Butler says his right hand is fine. If that's the case, so too are the West Virginia Mountaineers' hopes in preparing to face Kentucky in the East Regional finals of the NCAA tournament.

The second-seeded Mountaineers survived a momentary scare when Butler fell hard to the court and jammed

his right hand midway through the second half of a 69-56 win over Washington on Thursday.

After spending a few minutes writhing in pain, Butler got up and continued playing in helping West Virginia (30-6) set a school record for victories — surpassing the 29-5 mark set by the Jerry West-led team that lost in the 1959 NCAA tournament.

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Butler topples No. 1 Syracuse

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Butler missed three times as many 3-pointers as it made, yet never hesitated to keep on shooting them.

A couple of them finally fell late and the Bulldogs went from being pesky defenders to stifling, holding Syracuse scoreless for almost 5 minutes and upsetting the

top-seeded Orange 63-59 on Thursday night in the West Regional semifinals.

Butler is in the regional final for the first time in school history, facing Kansas State on Saturday for a ticket to the Final Four in Indianapolis — home of the Bulldogs.

"I'm going home Saturday night or Sunday morning whenever the charter gets here," coach

Brad Stevens said. "I just hope we're going there with some season left." There just might be.

The Bulldogs scrapped through a poor shooting night and were ultra-protective of the ball — even while chucking it 24 times from beyond the arc — as they tried to crack Syracuse's acclaimed 2-3 zone

See **BUTLER**, Page 2B

Wall, Kentucky outscrap Cornell

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Big Red came readied for the big upset. Cornell turned the regional semifinal into a home game, with fans dressed in red and chanting, "Let's Go, Red!" in nearly every section of the massive Carrier Dome.

When Cornell pounced to 10-2 lead, the roar could be heard 55 miles

away on its campus in Ithaca, N.Y.

But you don't have to be an Ivy Leaguer to know the real team to beat didn't come in red, but Big Blue.

John Wall, DeMarcus Cousins and Patrick Patterson stopped Cornell's captivating NCAA tournament run, giving the top-seeded Wildcats a 62-45 win Thursday night in the

East Regional semifinals.

"They're a group that has a will to win," Kentucky coach John Calipari said. "But they hadn't been in a game like this where the other team makes a little run ... and we got away from playing how we play."

Only for a little bit. Kentucky overcame

See **KENTUCKY**, 2B

Sports in brief

Sports scheduled today

Check the Herald for results.
BS baseball vs. Frisling, 7 p.m.
BS softball vs. SA Lake View, 6:30 p.m.
Forsan baseball vs. Hermleigh, 5 p.m.
Forsan softball vs. Miles, 5 p.m.
Big Spring Tennis at Abilene High
Big Spring track at UTSA Relays, San Antonio
Howard College baseball at El Paso, noon, 3 p.m.
Howard College softball at Midland, 4 p.m., 6 p.m.

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.

Big Spring Country Club to hold United Way fund-raiser

Big Spring Country Club and the United Way invite the public to participate in a 3-person scramble Saturday and Sunday at the Country Club.

Entrance fee is \$60 per player plus a cart. Private carts are welcome.

The event will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Entry includes barbecue on the course Saturday at noon and a 19th hole party on the patio.

Obituaries

Dr. Sidney William Hanslik

Dr. Sidney William Hanslik of Big Spring passed away Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at the age of 60 years, 10 months, 21 days. Sid fought a six-month battle after suffering a massive stroke last September. A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 27, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel. The family visitation will immediately follow the memorial service.

Doc was born May 3, 1949, in Wharton to William and Vlasta Hanslik. He grew up in Wharton, attending Wharton Junior College upon graduation from high school.

He and his many high school and college friends enjoyed life to the max. Following graduation from Wharton Junior College, Sid transferred to Texas A&M University, graduating from the Texas A&M University School of Veterinary Medicine in August 1974.

Shortly thereafter, Sid moved to Big Spring to join Dr. Hank Thompson at Western Hills Animal Clinic. In 1984, Dr. Sid decided to become self-employed. He was an outstanding veterinarian who enjoyed his profession. More importantly than establishing a great clientele, Sid enjoyed all the very close friends he gained through his years of practice.

Sid is survived by his wife of 30 years, Iva Jo, their daughter, Mandi, and his special granddaughter and namesake, Cydnee. Sid was an avid hunter and loved to fish. He placed his love for hunting on hold a few years while he hauled Mandi and her show lambs all over the state of Texas, and was looking forward to the day he could take his Cydnee hunting and shop for her show lambs.

Other survivors include his parents, William and Vlasta Hanslik of Wharton; a son and his family, Chris and Catherine Hanslik and their daughters, Hayden and Hollyn, of Houston; his sister and her family, Ann and Kevin Hodges, their children, Kelsey and Kyle, of Argyle; a special uncle, Bennie Macha of Houston; and two other daughters, Amie Mangine and Haley Mangine White. In 2005, Sid and Iva Jo were blessed with another son, Cory Anderson.

Sid was preceded in death by his very special grandparents, Grandma and Grandpa Hanslik, and a special sister-in-law, Judy Thompson.

Iva Jo and Mandi share a very special thanks to all the many wonderful friends for all the love and support during these past six months. Not only have we lost an outstanding "country vet," but a great husband, father, grandfather and a dear friend to many - both young and old.

The family suggests memorials be made to Sid Hanslik Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Lone Star State Bank, 600 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Take Note

• 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.

• Home Hospice is looking for adult volunteers and junior volunteers. New training time will be at 9 a.m. April 17 at the Hospice office, 111 E. Seventh St. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

Ethan Parsley

Ethan "Hobbes" Grant Parsley of Midland died Saturday, March 20, 2010, after a lengthy illness of 10 years. 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.

He was born Sep. 25, 1990, in Big Spring to Chris and Wende (Strickland) Parsley. Ethan lived in the community of Midland for 14 years.

Survivors include his 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; and four cousins.

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

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

Hubert O. Whitt Jr.

Hubert O. Whitt Jr., 82, of Midland died Thursday, March 25, 2010, in a Big Spring nursing home. Graveside services will be held at Lawnhaven Memorial Park in San Angelo at 10 a.m. Monday, March 29, 2010.

A memorial service will be held at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Chapel in Midland at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 2010.

Whitt was born July 7, 1927, in Sweetwater. He graduated from Bronte High School in 1944 and attended John Tarleton Agriculture College until joining the Navy in 1945.

After discharge from the Navy, he attended Texas Tech University, graduating in 1949 with a B.A. in Business Administration. Whitt was employed in 1949 by El Paso Natural Gas Co. in El Paso, Jal. N.M., and Midland, retiring in 1983 after 33 years.

A member of the First United Methodist Church of Midland, he also served as a Mason.

He is survived by two nieces and two nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, H.O. and Della Whitt; his brother, Donald LaMarr Whitt; and his sister, Kay Whitt Fleming.

Memorials may be directed to Community and Senior Services of Midland or a charity of choice.

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

Support Groups

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 3/27	Sun 3/28	Mon 3/29	Tue 3/30	Wed 3/31
71/42 Mainly sunny. High 71F. Winds WNW at 20 to 30 mph.	68/36 Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	73/44 Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	80/50 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	88/53 Windy with a mix of sun and clouds.
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	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 8:05 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	73	45	windy	Kingsville	86	59	mst sunny
Amarillo	54	34	rain	Livingston	77	48	pt sunny
Austin	80	48	pt sunny	Longview	75	49	mst sunny
Beaumont	74	55	mst sunny	Lubbock	63	39	windy
Brownsville	83	62	mst sunny	Lufkin	77	50	mst sunny
Brownwood	78	47	sunny	Midland	71	44	sunny
Corpus Christi	80	59	pt sunny	Raymondville	87	60	mst sunny
Corsicana	74	48	sunny	Rosenberg	77	53	pt sunny
Dallas	75	49	sunny	San Antonio	84	50	sunny
Del Rio	85	52	sunny	San Marcos	81	48	pt sunny
El Paso	69	42	sunny	Sulphur Springs	73	50	windy
Fort Stockton	74	42	windy	Sweetwater	73	44	windy
Gainesville	71	45	windy	Tyler	75	49	mst sunny
Greenville	72	46	windy	Weatherford	73	45	windy
Houston	77	55	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	64	45	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	64	50	sunny	Minneapolis	56	34	rain
Boston	40	28	sunny	New York	46	35	mst sunny
Chicago	54	40	cloudy	Phoenix	72	49	sunny
Dallas	75	49	sunny	San Francisco	69	47	sunny
Denver	44	29	mixed	Seattle	62	47	pt sunny
Houston	77	55	pt sunny	St. Louis	60	47	rain
Los Angeles	79	53	sunny	Washington, DC	54	42	mst sunny
Miami	80	65	mst sunny				

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 21-22-23-31. Bonus Ball: 14.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-6-12-14-19.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-2-4-3. Sum It Up: 17.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-7-6. Sum It Up: 17.

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K-STATE

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“My challenge and our challenge has been to reconnect with that incredible history,” Wildcats coach Frank Martin said. “It makes me proud that these kids have embraced that, to get that passion of K-State basketball going again.”

The sixth-seeded Musketeers (26-9) were seeking their third trip to the regional finals in seven years. They missed, just barely, but it was hard to call anyone a loser on this night.

Trailing by three at the end of regulation, Xavier’s Terrell Holloway got fouled while heaving up a 30-footer with 5 seconds left and calmly made all three free throws. Xavier was down

by three again at the end of the first overtime, but Jordan Crawford jacked up a 35-footer that hit nothing but net.

“When you make a couple of them shots, you do kind of start to think that it’s meant to be,” Crawford said. “Unfortunately, it didn’t happen that way.”

Instead, it turned into the next great moment for Kansas State in a season that took on its own personality in January, when Pullen decided to let the beard he grows along his jawline turn into something Abe Lincoln could love — and the K-State administration went along with it, passing out fake beards to fans who came to Bramlage Coliseum.

Now, the whole team has facial hair and fans wear T-shirts that say

“Fear the Beard.”

Only lovable if the team plays well, and at this point, there’s no arguing that.

“Real proud of our guys to find the courage and character to figure out a way to overcome some of our mistakes and some of the shots that Xavier made,” Martin said.

With Pullen slowed down and in foul trouble, Denis Clemente kept Kansas State in it, scoring 21 of his 25 points in the second half.

It looked as though Kansas State had it wrapped up when Pullen made a 3-pointer and two clutch free throws late in regulation to help the Wildcats take a pair of three-point leads.

“It was an emotional roller-coaster,” Pullen said. “I hit a shot at the end of the game, I’m thinking, ‘That’s game. That’s the nail in the coffin.’”

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ment final.

“I’ve played with worse,” Butler said, pointing to his hand that was heavily wrapped in ice.

The senior guard’s presence has been a key all season. Butler’s the team’s leading scorer this year and has hit game-winning shots six times already, including a running jumper with 4 seconds left in a 60-58 win over Georgetown in the Big East championship game.

And the Mountaineers, who face Big Blue on Saturday, can’t afford losing anyone else to injury after facing the Huskies without point guard Darryl Bryant, who broke a bone in his right foot during practice Tuesday.

“That was a very big

sense of relief,” said forward Kevin Jones, referring to watching Butler get up. “Something would really have to be wrong if he didn’t get up. Luckily, it wasn’t that. He got up and showed how tough he was.”

Butler scored 14 points, added seven rebounds and — shortly after he was hurt — made a key steal that helped cap a 20-6 run that provided the Mountaineers a 56-43 lead with 8:11 left. Jones scored 18 points and added eight rebounds.

Justin Holiday scored 14 and added eight rebounds for the Huskies (26-10), who were at a disadvantage after leading scorer Quincy Pondexter picked up his third foul with 4:27 left in the first half. Point guard Isaiah Thomas scored 13 before fouling out with 2:41 left.

The Huskies had a nine-game win streak

snapped. The Pac-10 tournament champions were trying to become only the fourth school seeded 11th or lower to reach the round of eight.

“It definitely hurts. We made a great run down the last stretch of the season,” Pondexter said. “It hurts right now. There’s nothing much to say about it.”

The Huskies were the latest to discover how stifling the Mountaineers’ defense can be. Though West Virginia struggled on offense minus Bryant’s settling presence, the defense was dominating in holding its sixth straight opponent from scoring 60 points.

The Huskies shot 22 of 56 from the field and out-rebounded 49-29.

“It felt like it was eight against five out there,” Washington forward Darnell Gant said.

KENTUCKY

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the early deficit with a swarming defense, spoiling all the fun at Cornell’s loudest and largest pep rally.

Calipari has the Wildcats (35-2) in the regional final in his first season, erasing much of the sting of the program’s decade-long slide from the top.

The climb back is nearly complete. Kentucky moved within

one win of its first Final Four since winning the national championship in 1998 and will play second-seeded West Virginia on Saturday.

In an NCAA tournament gone wild with upsets, it’s 1 vs. 2 with a trip to the Final Four in Indianapolis at stake.

With much of the crowd — and the country — pulling for an upset by the 12th-seeded Ivy Leaguers, Cornell bolted to a 10-2 lead in the opening minutes.

“I think we did a great

job landing the first punch,” Cornell center Jeff Foote said. “They’re a very talented team. Their skill and talent is going to show eventually.”

All the fan adulation and media hype shifted to Cornell this week after Big Red (29-5) stunned the field with an improbable run to the round of 16. This was no Revenge of the Nerds — they proved they could they play with the big boys.

The nation’s top

3-point shooting team continuously misfired from beyond the arc and Cornell couldn’t catch up against a Kentucky lineup that could stage a reunion at the NBA’s 2012 Rookie Challenge.

“I thought the second half, we kind of backed up and tried to just get out of the gym,” Calipari said. “You can’t play that way in the NCAA tournament, but that’s OK. We learned a great lesson. We gave them a chance to maybe clip us.”

BUTLER

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the ball clanged off the rim, several Butler players were already diligently on their way to the other end to defend and keep the Orange

from fast breaks.

Butler forced 18 turnovers while committing just seven, more than making up for Syracuse’s 38-28 advantage in rebounds.

“We value possessions. That’s the main reason we are still here,” Stevens said.

That and some clutch shooting. After making only 4 of 22 3-pointers, the Bulldogs hit their last two attempts during the 11-0 run that clinched it.

Ronald Nored got it started when his 3-pointer cut Syracuse’s lead to 54-53 with 3:14 left and Willie Veasley kept it going with a 3 that

bounced high off the rim and appeared to be headed over the backboard. But the ball caromed off the glass and ended up falling through the net as Veasley celebrated with a fist pump and grin — while on his way back to defend.

“I was headed down the court on defense because I figured it was going to go over the top of the backboard. But I looked back and it came down and went through,” Veasley said. “That was a H-O-R-S-E shot. I’ve never made a shot quite like that.”

Veasley followed his fortunate 3 with a tip-in as the Bulldogs scored 11 straight points and became the latest mid-major team to knock off a top seed in the NCAA tournament.

Instead of Syracuse’s vaunted zone controlling the game, Butler’s pesky man-to-man defense was the difference as the Bulldogs scrapped through poor shooting and won their 23rd straight.

“We said this word over and over in

Indianapolis, and that word is ‘resolve.’ These guys have resolve,” Stevens said. “It’s hard to measure, but they’ve got it.”

The Bulldogs (31-4) certainly did in the last 5 minutes, holding the Orange without a point from the time Syracuse went up by four with 5:23 left until a too-little-too-late layup with 35 seconds remaining.

Gordon Hayward scored 17 points and started the celebration while dribbling out the clock after the Bulldogs forced Syracuse into its 18th turnover.

The Orange (30-5) made only three more field goals than turnovers in another loss in the round of 16. Syracuse hasn’t played in the regional finals since winning the 2003 national title.

“The game was a story of turnovers. They didn’t make turnovers,” Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. “They were really good with the basketball. We just had 18 turnovers and you can’t give away that many possessions.”

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Unlocking Future Opportunities

“Where access to knowledge has no limits.”

The youth in this area have been selected to qualify for a learning trip to Florida this summer in order to expand their scientific knowledge through hands on experience. A selection of 7th, 8th and 9th grade students from the Big Spring Independent School District are looking to the community for their educational support.

This once in a lifetime opportunity can give these select few individuals the chance to visualize future employment and learning opportunities. It is, however, an expense that few families can undertake individually. Therefore, on behalf of the parents of these children, we have grouped together in order to endeavor in raising the funds so that each child is able to attend. It is through the generosity of local businesses and individuals that we will endeavor to further the education of these deserving students through this exceptional educational program provided by Science in Motion. Each child must raise \$1800.00 before April 1st in order to attend. I know that this is short notice and seems like a large task, but we students are determined to raise enough money so that all who are invited to attend are able. We are requesting any donations that you would be willing to provide us with, your support toward our educational endeavor would be greatly appreciated.

This trip all takes place June 21st to 24th, 2010. We will get on a charter bus here at the Jr. High at midnight of the 21st and go to Dallas where we will board a plane that will take us to Florida. We will then catch the plane on the 24th, fly back to Dallas and get back on the charter bus that will bring us back home, arriving on the 25th, early in the morning.

I personally would like to thank you for giving our students this opportunity.

Vicky Bloodworth
Science in Motion Team Leader

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 26 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. • Weigh-in of snakes	Saturday, March 27 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. • Snake Shows, Demonstrations, Races • Arts & Crafts Show - Dora Roberts Bldg.	Sunday, March 28 Noon to 4:00 p.m. • Weigh-in of snakes Night to 6:00 p.m. • Snake Shows, Demonstrations, Races • Arts & Crafts Show - Dora Roberts Bldg.
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Contest for: Heaviest Snake and Snake with Most Rattles
PROCEEDS Benefit - AMBUC Scholarship Fund for Therapists

CELEBRATE

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the celebration was the brainchild of Mike and Sheila Abusaab, along with Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen.

"Mike, Sheila and Russ all thought it would be a great idea and we helped to bring everyone together," she said.

Formal activities will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the parking lot of the chamber of commerce, located at Third and Gregg streets. After McEwen reads a proclamation, motorcycle and classic car owners will travel south on Gregg to the VA hospital, where they will visit with patients and staff before making the return trip on Gregg.

Several of the businesses along Gregg will join in the festivities, ValVerde said.

She noted times will vary according to the merchant, but most activities will run between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

"This will just be a party," ValVerde said. "We've brought together chamber members and non-members ... for a fun afternoon."

Among the merchants participating and activities planned are:

- H-E-B Grocery Store (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) — HEBuddy, the Howard College Dance Team and a band will be on hand for entertainment. Free coupons, sodas, hot dogs and balloons will be given away.

- American State Bank (9 a.m. to noon) — Free popcorn and water.

- Sonic (no times listed) —

The drive-in will host a "Rollin' Back to the '50s" event. An Elvis impersonator will be on hand along with classic cars, and a Hula Hoop/Twist contest is scheduled. Other attractions include an inflatable obstacle course, free balloons, prizes from Coca Cola, and 50-cent corn dogs and ice cream cones and 99-cent burgers during Happy Hour (2 p.m. to 5 p.m.).

- Al's Barbecue (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.) — A free medium drink with each meal purchase.

- Caring Hearts (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.) — Free peanuts and water.

- Ward's Western Wear (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) — Kid's Bouncer; and an Easter Egg discount on each purchase.

- Compass Bank (12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.) — Hot dogs and drinks; games for the kids.

- Downtown Botique (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) — Free refreshments.

- Pizza Inn (all day) — \$6 "out the door" special.

- Red Mesa Grill (all day starting at 11 a.m.) — T-shirts and drawings for gift certificates.

- Floral Designs by Lupe (noon to 4 p.m.) — Kid's face paintings and crafts, balloons, and a drawing for a spring wreath.

- Midwest Finance (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) — Drawing for an Easter basket each hour.

ValVerde said other Gregg Street merchants will be participating, but specific events were not finalized as of this morning.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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

- TERRY D. SPEARS, 43, of 2310 Marshall, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

- FELIX JARAMILLO, 31, of 1906 Nolan, was arrested Friday on four local warrants and a charge of tampering with evidence.

- JUDY CASTILLO, 41, of 1112 N. McGregor, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

- THEFT was reported: In the 1600 block of Gregg Street.

- In the 1700 block of FM 700.

- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson.

- DISORDERLY CONDUCT - LANGUAGE was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad.

- ASSAULT BY THREATS was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the

Police Beat

Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

- SILVESTRE GUERRE-RO-TALAVERA, 41, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a fugitive warrant from Colorado for controlled substance - distribute.

- MICHAEL DANIEL ROCKHOLT, 24, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a warrant from Oklahoma for failure to appear - grand larceny, false declaration of ownership by a fugitive.

- MICHAEL JON FOX, 50, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

- JAVIER IBARRA DELGADO, 20, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest or detention.

- TERRY D. SPEARS, 43, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of delivery of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

- FELIX JARAMILLO, 31, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of tampering/fabricating physical evidence, speeding, possession of drug paraphernalia,

failure to appear and violation of a promise to appear.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Westover Road. Three people were transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of Caylor. One person was transported to SMMC.

- GRASS FIRE was reported in the area of N.W. Third Street.

- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents may call the office at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

WILLIAMS

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Only Just Begun," made famous by the Carpenters; "Just an Old Fashioned Love Song," performed by Three Dog Night; and "Evergreen," sung by Barbara Streisand. Saturday, the Oscar, Grammy and Golden Globe award winner will perform some of those, as well as one of his newest songs.

"I am deeply honored

that the Big Spring Symphony will be performing the orchestral debut of his new song, "It May Not Be Today," said Dr. Keith Graumann, orchestra director.

Other songs Williams is expected to perform include "Old Fashioned Love Song," "I won't Last a Day Without You," "Rainy Days and Mondays," "Evergreen," "You and Me Against the World," "Love Boat," "Rainbow Connection," "Let Me Be the One," "Old Souls"

and "Loneliness."

Williams' career has spanned decades and included numerous television and film appearances. He has several Academy Award nominations and is a member of the Songwriter's Hall of Fame.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students and are available at KBST Radio, Western Banks, Faye's Flowers, Blum's Jewelers, the Heritage Museum, Big Spring Area Chamber of Com-

merce and the Big Spring Herald. There is no reserve seating, but one may expect close-to-stage seating on the floor of the coliseum.

Concert sponsors are Howard College, the Dora Roberts Foundation, Lucy Knox, Area-Wide Phonebook and the Big Spring Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Children under the age of five years are not expected to enjoy the concert. For further information contact any of

the ticket outlets or the Big Spring Symphony Office at (432) 264-7223.

www.paulwilliamsconnection.com

ROUNDUP

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where it's warm. The warmer the weather, the better the chance of catching them outside.

"Last year, we had a lot fewer snakes because the weather was cooler and they stayed in their dens," said AMBUCS member Dennis Burns. "Hopefully, we'll get a break in the weather and bring in a lot more snakes this year."

Regardless of the number of snakes on display, however, organizers promise many of the same attractions as in previous years.

Club members will go ankle-deep into the snake pit to give han-

dling demonstrations and tips on how to avoid getting bitten if you happen across one of the creatures.

"It really is an educational program," Alexander said. "We show them that these snakes can be really dangerous ... and the best way to handle yourself when and if you come up on one."

Ken Darnell of Alabama will return this year and present a milking demonstration — venom extracted from rattlers is routinely used in medical research. Venom collected at this year's event will be sold to BioTech, a medical firm.

A major draw, as always, will be professional snake handler Jackie

Bilby of Fort Worth, who will perform a variety of stunts, including crawling into a sleeping bag full of snakes and putting several rattlers into his mouth.

And, if you prefer your rattlesnakes dead, skinned and cooked, fried snake meat will be on sale. Other, more traditional food also will be for sale.

Alexander said he expects up to 50 vendors for the arts and crafts show, which will be held in conjunction with the roundup.

"It'll be a mixture of items," he said. "There will be jewelry, there will be caps and other clothing items, candles and lots of other things."

For more informa-

tion, contact Burns at 263-3409 or Alexander at 212-3533.

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MARCH 27, 2010
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Some of the Businesses Participating are:

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American State Bank	Floral Designs by Lupe	Pizza Inn	Taco Villa
Buckeazy	H&R Block	Red Mesa Grill	Ward's Western Wear
Caring Hearts	HEB	Sam's Liquor	United Country Heart Of the City Realtors
Compass Bank	Howard College		Vision Makers

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Businesses are celebrating the completion of GREGG STREET and invite you to join them!!!
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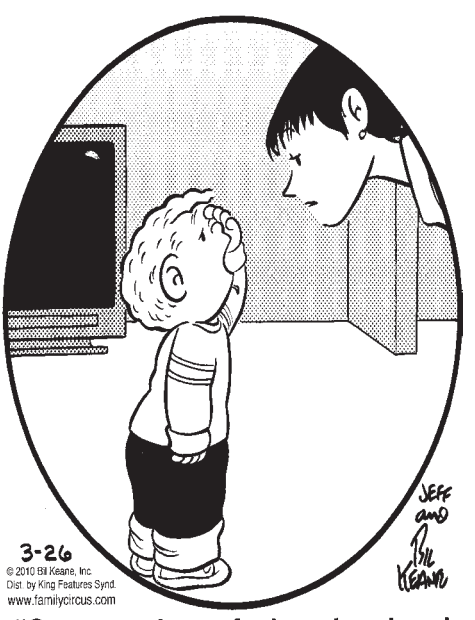
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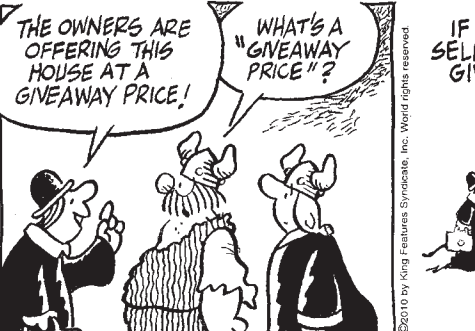
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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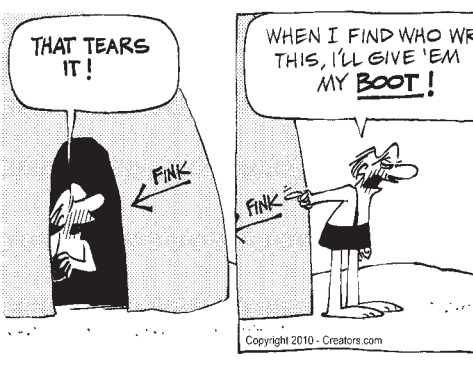
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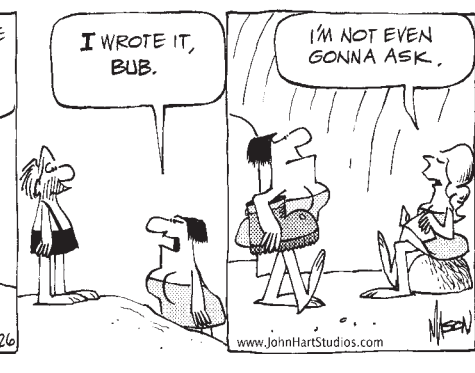
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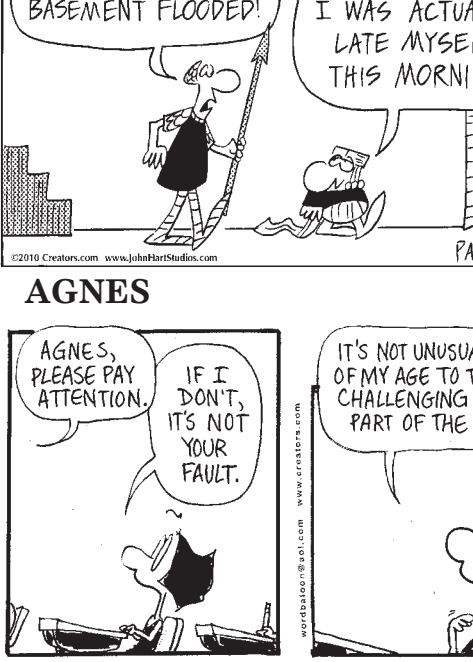
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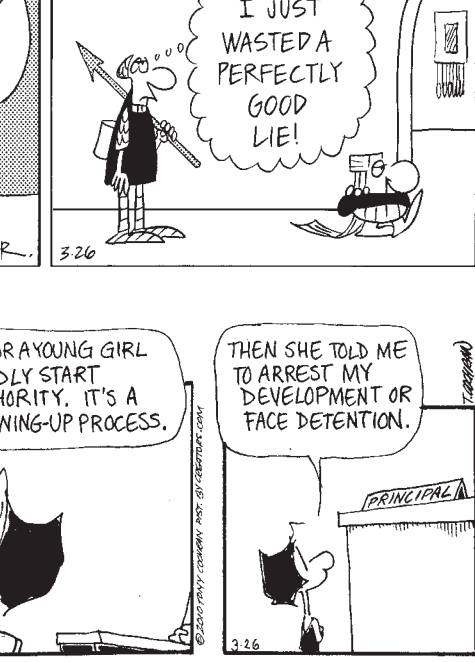
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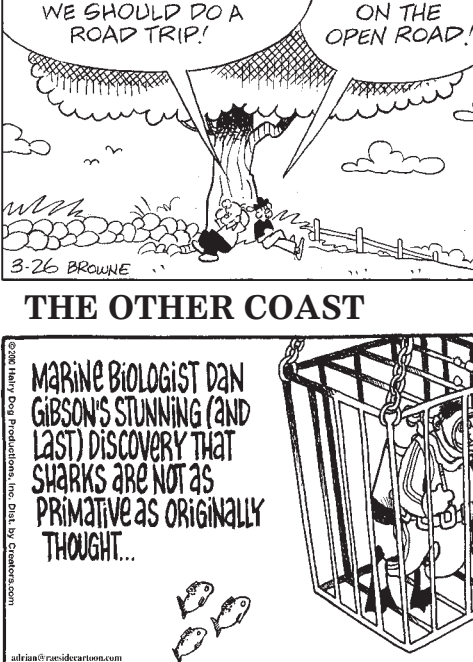
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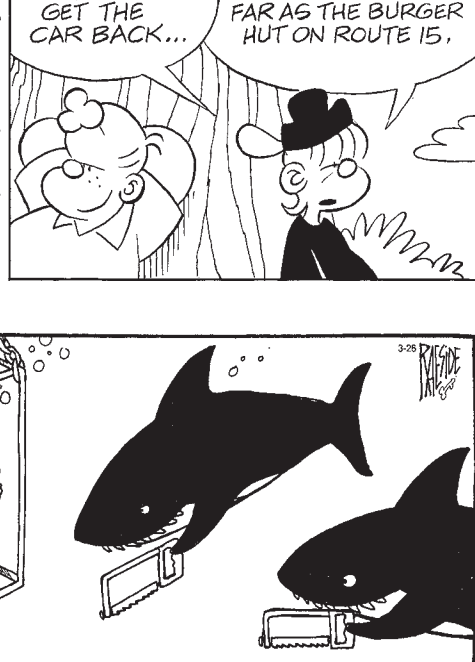
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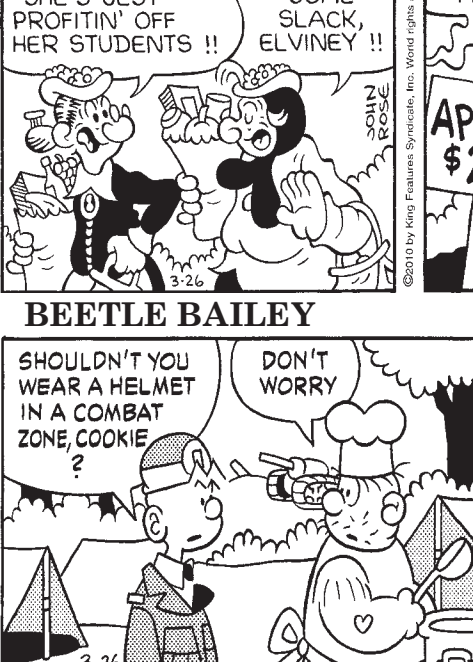
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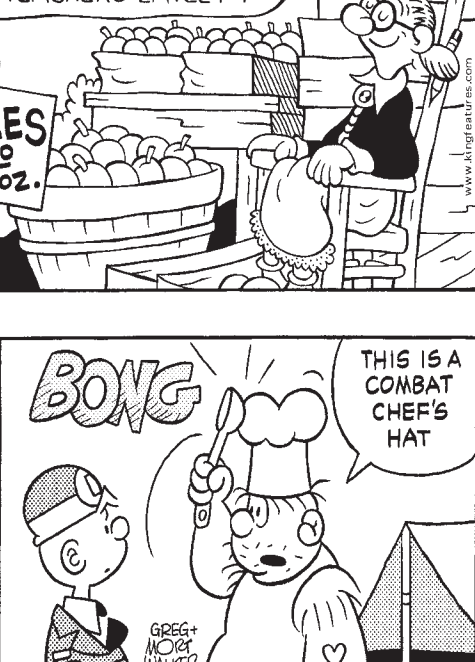
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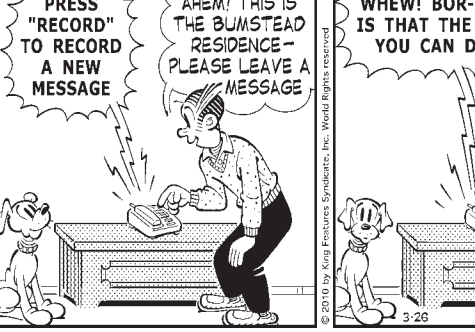
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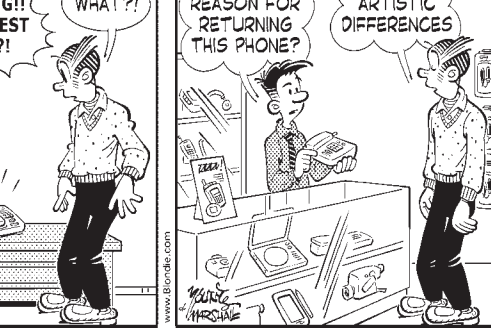
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BLONDIE



WHOW! BOR-ING!! IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO?!

This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 26, the 85th day of 2010. There are 280 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 26, 1979, a peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gih) and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and witnessed by President Jimmy Carter at the White House.

On this date:

In 1804, the Louisiana Purchase was divided into the Territory of Orleans and the District of Louisiana.

In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna.

In 1885, the Eastman Dry Plate Co. of Rochester, N.Y. began manufacturing the first commercial photographic film on paper rolls.

In 1892, poet Walt Whitman died in Camden, N.J.

In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley

Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens.

In 1958, the U.S. Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer 3.

In 1971, East Pakistan proclaimed its independence, taking the name Bangladesh.

In 1982, groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Washington, D.C. for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

In 1990, designer Roy Halston died in San Francisco at age 57.

In 1997, the bodies of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate techno-religious cult who'd committed suicide were found inside a rented mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician James Moody is 85. Conductor-composer Pierre Boulez is 85. Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is 80. Actor-director Leonard Nimoy is 79. Actor Alan Arkin is 76. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (puh-LOH'-see) is 70. Actor James Caan is 70. Author Erica Jong is 68. Journalist Bob Woodward is 67. Singer Diana Ross is 66. Actor Johnny Crawford is 64. Rock singer Steven Tyler (Aerosmith) is 62. Singer and TV personali-

ty Vicki Lawrence is 61. Actor Ernest Thomas is 61. Comedian Martin Short is 60. Country singer Ronnie McDowell is 60. Movie composer Alan Silvestri is 60. Rock musician Monte Yoho is 58. Radio talk show host Curtis Sliwa is 56. Country singer Dean Dillon is 55. Country singer Charly McClain is 54. TV personality Leeza Gibbons is 53. Actress Jennifer Grey is 50. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Marcus Allen is 50. Basketball Hall of Famer John Stockton is 48. Actor Michael Imperioli is 44. Rock musician James Iha (EE'-hah) is 42. Country singer Kenny Chesney is 42. Actor T.R. Knight is 37. Rapper Juvenile is 35.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

NOTHING SPECIAL by Merle Baker

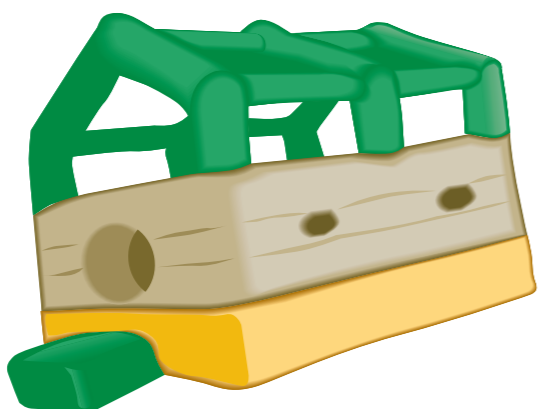
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 - 23 Fake drake
 - 24 Bygone Atl. crossover
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 - 29 Fiber source
 - 31 Mystical meeting
 - 32 1/2 or 1/3
 - 37 Evil computer of filmdom
 - 38 Treble-staff symbol
 - 39 Adjudicate
 - 40 Merchant-ship apprentice
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 - 46 MLB stat
 - 47 Hall of Fame football coach Hank
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 - 51 Scalawag
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 - 64 David Ben-__
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 - 68 Congressional vote
 - 10 Construction worker
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 - 12 Trouble
 - 13 Long-running NBC show
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 - 26 Santa ___ (California racetrack)
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 - 36 Hi-__ graphics
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 - 41 Fictional Saxon knight
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Nation, world news in brief

Dems finish final health care bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Democrats sent the final piece of landmark health care legislation to President Barack Obama before heading home to face a skeptical — and sometimes even threatening — electorate.

The last legislative chapter in the wrenching national debate over Obama's health overhaul plan came Thursday night in the House, as Democrats approved — for the second time — a package of fixes to the sweeping health bill Obama signed two days earlier. The measure includes better benefits for seniors and low-income and middle-class families.

In the hours ahead of the vote lawmakers reported isolated threats of violence from a volatile public.

The vote was 220-207, as majority Democrats prevailed despite 32 defections and no Republican support. The same bill had passed the Senate earlier in the day 56-43, with all voting Republicans and three Democrats voting “no.”

Obama was expected to sign the measure early next week.

North Korea vows 'nuclear strikes' in latest threat against South Korea, U.S.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea's military threatened South Korea and the United States on Friday with “unprecedented nuclear strikes” as it expressed anger over a report the two countries plan to prepare for possible instability in the totalitarian country, a scenario it dismissed as a “pipe dream.”

The North routinely issues such warnings. Diplomats in South Korea and the U.S. have repeatedly called on Pyongyang to return to international negotiations aimed at ending its nuclear programs.

“Those who seek to bring down the system in the (North), whether they play a main role or a passive role, will fall victim to the unprecedented nuclear strikes of the invincible army,” North Korea's military said in comments carried by the official Korean Central News Agency.

The North, believed have enough weaponized plutonium for at least half a dozen atomic bombs, conducted its second atomic test last year, drawing tighter U.N. sanctions.

Experts from South Korea, the U.S. and China will meet in China next month to share information on North Korea, assess possible contingencies in the country, and consider ways to cooperate in case of an emergency situation, South Korea's Dong-a Ilbo newspaper reported earlier this month, citing unidentified sources in Seoul and Beijing. The experts will also hold follow-up meetings in Seoul in June and in Honolulu in July, it said.

Lifting the ban on gays in the military would raise another issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — If gay service members are allowed to serve openly, the military will face another tough question: Should gay partners be entitled to military benefits?

Momentum appears to be building for ending the ban on gays in the military. New rules ordered Thursday by Defense Secretary Robert Gates make it harder to discharge men and women under the policy known as “don't ask, don't tell.” His decision is intended as a stopgap measure as Congress weighs whether to go along with President Barack Obama's request to repeal the law.

Since the draft ended in 1973, spousal benefits have increasingly been used as an incentive to recruit and retain an effective force. Today, more than half of all troops sport a wedding ring.

Benefits for married service members include college tuition for a spouse and the right of a spouse to be at a wounded service member's bedside. Spouses also have access to military health care and commissaries worldwide, and married service members receive better housing and even extra pay when they go to war.

The ticket to qualifying for those benefits is a marriage certificate. Heterosexual couples have a choice whether to marry, but same-sex marriages are legal in only five states and Washington, D.C. Whether same-sex partnerships would be recog-

nized by the military and what benefits might be afforded gay couples would become issues if the ban were lifted.

Officials: Clashes kill 5 Pakistani soldiers, at least 21 suspected militants

PARACHINAR, Pakistan (AP) — Five Pakistani soldiers and at least 21 suspected militants were killed in clashes in a region near the Afghan border where the military is pursuing Taliban insurgents fleeing a U.S.-backed offensive, authorities said Friday.

The reports came a day after officials said 61 suspected militants died in airstrikes in the same region, Orakzai, and underscored the challenge facing Pakistan as it tries to wipe out Pakistani Taliban fighters bent on overthrowing the state.

Local government official Sami Ullah said the fighting occurred after dawn Friday when militants attacked a checkpoint. He said at least 27 militants died. But an army statement said 21 insurgents were killed, and the clashes occurred when security forces were trying to recapture a checkpoint taken Thursday night by militants in the Kalaya area of Orakzai.

The two accounts could not immediately be reconciled. Access to the remote, dangerous region is heavily restricted, making it nearly impossible to verify the accounts independently.

On Thursday, jet fire rained down in the Mamuzai area of Orakzai, targeting a religious seminary, a mosque and a school, local official Samiullah Orakzai said.

U.S. priest accused of molesting boys was spared defrocking in 1990s by future pope

ST. FRANCIS, Wis. (AP) — Steven Geier says that four times in the mid-1960s, the Rev. Lawrence Murphy coaxed the then-14-year-old student into a closet at St. John's School for the Deaf just outside Milwaukee and molested him, using God to justify his actions. Geier said when he told Murphy what was happening was wrong, the priest replied, “Oh, yes. God sent me. This is confession.”

Geier, now 59 and living in Madison, was one of about 200 deaf boys at the school who say they were molested by the late priest decades ago in a case now creating a scandal for the Vatican and threatening to ensnare Pope Benedict XVI.

“Father Murphy put everything into the context of God,” Geier said through a sign-language interpreter Thursday. “I felt like I was really brainwashed.”

Some allegations became public years ago. But they received renewed attention this week after documents obtained by The New York Times showed Murphy was spared a defrocking in the mid-1990s because he was protected by the Vatican office led by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now the pope.

The Vatican on Thursday strongly defended its decision not to defrock Murphy and denounced what it called a campaign to smear the pope and his aides.

A year and a half later, McCain and Palin to campaign together in Arizona

PHOENIX (AP) — John McCain helped Sarah Palin launch her national political career two years ago. Now, she's trying to help McCain save his. The former running mates will campaign together Friday for the first time since losing the presidential race in 2008.

Palin was a first-term governor of Alaska when McCain plucked her from relative obscurity to be his running mate. She went on to become a conservative rock star and a key Republican critic of President Barack Obama and the Democrats in Congress.

McCain is fighting for his political life. Fending off a primary challenge from the right, the four-term Arizona senator is facing the toughest reelection campaign of his Senate career.

Former congressman and conservative talk-radio host JD Hayworth says McCain is too moderate for Arizona Republicans. He points to McCain's reputation for working with Democrats on key issues such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions and

restricting campaign donations.

Palin will help McCain tout his conservative credentials at rallies in Tucson on Friday and the Phoenix suburb of Mesa on Saturday. They'll hold a fundraiser on Friday at the same Phoenix hotel where they conceded the presidential election on Nov. 4, 2008.

Police say truck mowed over motorcycle group; 3 riders killed, 6 others injured

PHOENIX (AP) — A dump truck plowed into a group of eight motorcycles stopped at a red light in Phoenix, killing three riders, injuring six others and scattering flaming wreckage across the intersection.

The eight motorcycles, carrying at least nine people, had pulled up behind a pickup and a small SUV at the light Thursday when the truck driver rammed them from behind, said Phoenix police spokesman Detective James Holmes. The truck ran over the motorcyclists and continued into the SUV.

“It's a horrific scene,” Phoenix Fire Deputy Chief Frank Salomon told The Associated Press.

Some of the motorcycles burst into flames under the dump truck, while others ended up scattered behind the truck. Television images of the crash site showed a horrifying collection of mangled chrome Harley-Davidson bikes and scattered personal belongings, including pairs of riders' boots laying in the roadway.

Lynn McDowell, an employee at a nearby drug store, told The Arizona Republic that she ran to the scene with others from her job to help. “There were bodies everywhere,” McDowell said.

Panettiere, boxer boyfriend Klitschko visit Japan dolphin hunt town

TAIJI, Japan (AP) — “Heroes” star Hayden Panettiere and her boyfriend, world champion boxer Wladimir Klitschko, received a chilly reception Friday in the Japanese fishing village of Taiji, where they called for an end to its annual dolphin hunt.

Panettiere said she would “love to be a spokesperson” for the town if it abandons the hunt. Her visit to Taiji comes just weeks after “The Cove,” a gory depiction of Taiji's dolphin slaughter, won the Oscar for best documentary.

The celebrity couple arrived in the morning with a small group of environmental activists. Panettiere tried to meet the mayor and representatives from the local fisheries union, but she and Jeff Pantukhoff, an anti-whaling activist from the U.S., were blocked at the door of the town hall.

“We are trying to peacefully come up with better ideas as to how to generate income and utilize the nature here,” Panettiere told reporters. “We've been to Taiji before and it's a beautiful place with beautiful wildlife.”

If Taiji were to quit killing dolphins, “I'd love to be a spokesperson or to help generate tourism,” she said.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel praises deal to rescue heavily indebted Greece

BRUSSELS (AP) — German Chancellor Angela Merkel praised a hard-won deal to rescue heavily indebted Greece from its financial woes, insisting Friday that it will steady the wobbly euro and showed that Europe could cope with the crisis despite having asked the International Monetary Fund to join in on a bailout package.

“I am very satisfied with yesterday's summit because I think that it demonstrated Europe's capability to handle things and at the same time did something for the stability of the euro and for solidarity with a country that is in difficulty,” Merkel said while entering the second day of an EU Council of Ministers summit.

“For us, it is also important in the long term that the euro, which is such a success for peace and unity, remains stable. Yesterday was an important day for the euro,” she said.

The deal, reached late Thursday night at a meeting of European leaders, aims to halt the government debt crisis undermining Europe's currency union.

Perry takes measured approach on health care

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas governor and conservative firebrand Rick Perry took a measured approach to the federal health care overhaul Thursday, saying the law is not all bad and condemning opponents who have crossed the line into inappropriate or threatening behavior.

Speaking to reporters at the state capitol, Perry reiterated his firm opposition to the law signed by President Barack Obama earlier this week. Fixes to the legislation still are working through Congress.

But Perry also said he was troubled that members of Congress who supported the Democratic initiative had been subjected to threats of violence and obscenity-laced tirades.

“Once you cross the line

of passionate to threatening, then you've got problems,” Perry said. “I don't care which side of the debate you're on. If these remarks are as caustic as they've been reported, they're inappropriate.”

U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes, an El Paso Democrat, said protesters in Washington repeatedly hurled obscene and anti-Mexican ethnic slurs at him and his staff.

“We are dodging insults,” Reyes said. “One of my staffers was accosted on the street and called a ‘stupid ... Mexican.’ She got away from them, but of course she was frightened.”

A spokesman for U.S. Rep. Gene Green, a Houston Democrat, said the office is receiving profanity-laden phone calls that include shouts of, “You're commu-

“There are things in that bill that are probably good, but the bad outweighs the good by a substantial margin,”

Rick Perry,
Texas governor

nists!”

Perry has been one of the nation's most vociferous critics of the federal health care legislation, and he said he will continue to oppose provisions that will eventually require most Americans to buy health insurance or face a fine.

“That crosses over into the line of socialism and I cannot support that in any form

or fashion,” Perry said. He also criticized the price tag, saying Texans would have to pay an extra \$24 billion over the next ten years as the law takes effect.

But the longtime Texas governor said it's not all doom and gloom.

“There are things in that bill that are probably good, but the bad outweighs the good by a substantial margin,” he said.

Perry, who faces Democrat and former Houston Mayor Bill White in the November general election for governor, was asked in particular if he supported the provision that allows parents to keep children on their insurance plans until they reach their 26th birthday. He didn't directly answer, but said “there are some” changes worth keep-

ing.

“We're not going to sit here and delineate all of them right now,” Perry said.

Perry's Democratic opponent wouldn't commit to any specifics, either. White spokeswoman Katy Bacon said there are “good things and bad things” in the legislation.

“He hasn't read the health care bill,” Bacon said. “We've got to analyze what the actual effects are going to be.”

The landmark legislation would provide health care to 32 million uninsured people, and make coverage more affordable to millions of others by expanding the reach of Medicaid and creating new subsidies. Insurance companies also would be forbidden to refuse coverage to people with illnesses.

► Church News

Baptist Temple

This Sunday morning's message will be from Acts II:42-46. We will be examining where our church is in light of the kind of church community we see in Acts II and steps we need to take to become more like that. Sunday, we will not have our evening service. Instead, we will gather in our fellowship hall at 6 p.m. and break from there to distribute door hangers throughout our immediate neighborhood. We will be distributing 250 copies of a multimedia CD with testimonies and different translations of the Bible.

On April 2, we will have our Good Friday service at 7 p.m. in our auditorium. We will observe the Lord's Supper and observe the crucifixion of Christ. Sunday, April 4, we will have a celebration service at 11 a.m. of the resurrection of Christ.

Our Financial Peace University class meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. We have already started for the spring semester, but will offer this course again in the fall.

Our weight-loss support-group SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) meets Tuesdays at the church at 6 p.m.

Our 12-Step Recovery group, led by Dean Thomas, has also resumed and meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

You are always welcome here. On Sundays, we have classes for all ages starting at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesdays, we have groups for all ages starting at 7 p.m.

For more information, call us at 267-8287 or check us out on the Web at btcbigspring.org.

Salem Baptist

Salem Baptist Church meets for Sunday school at 10 a.m., and worship at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. A nursery is available for all Sunday services. Prayer meeting is held Wednesday at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

Evangelist David Garrett will be leading a revival at Salem Baptist, April 4-7.

Easter Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Week day services will be held at 6:30 p.m. with a fellowship meal will follow all evening services. A nursery will be available.

Salem is pastored by Monroe Teeters and is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway. For more information, call 394-4655.

First United Methodist

This Sunday the 10:50 a.m. worship service will begin with the children's procession into the sanctuary waving their palm branches commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The sermon for this Palm Sunday will be "Because of the Cross," with scripture readings from Isaiah, Philippians and Luke. This is also the service in which birthdays and anniversaries are recognized.

We will have our regular Noon Bible Study and Luncheon in Garret Hall on Wednesday of Holy Week. On Maundy Thursday there will be a communion service in the sanctuary from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. These come-and-go services will be only 15 minutes long and will be served at a long table seating 12 persons. Sign up sheets are available in the church office on weekdays and in the foyer Sunday morning. Be sure to sign up for the time you prefer.

Good Friday service will be at noon. Lunch will begin being served at 11:30 a.m. The service will be in the sanctuary beginning at approximately 12:10 p.m. For those who could not get here before the service a sack lunch will be provided for them to take with them as they leave.

There's been a change in the plan for the Easter brunch. The time and place remain the same — 9:30 a.m. in Garrett Hall. The good news is that you don't have to bring a thing. The youth and their parents will be preparing all the goodies as a fundraiser for their events coming up soon. So be sure to join the fellowship at Sunday school time on Easter Sunday. And remember to bring a handful of the flowers from your home to adorn the cross which will be in the foyer prior to the beginning of the service.

The "Recipes For Life" cookbooks are almost finished and the Pathmaker's class is taking orders. You will find the order sheets in the foyer Sunday and again April 4. All those who contributed recipes to the collection are asked to prepare one of the recipes for the tasting event to be held after church April 11.

Check our Web site www.fumcbs.com for details on regular scheduling as well as special activities and events. It's all at First Methodist in downtown Big Spring, where families grow in Christ.

Signal Mountain

Emmaus Community

The Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane, the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be April 8. Please mark your calendar.

At this month's meeting we will honor the 2002 Walks; Women's Walk 27, led by Rhonda Harding; Men's Walk 28, led by Danny Wright; Women's Walk 29, led by Sonya Metcalf; and Men's Walk 30, led by John Plaia. Please plan to attend. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

For more information see our website www.signal-emmaus.org

Chapel of Faith

You are invited to attend Chapel of Faith church, located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad streets, as we learn more about God's Word and His love for each of us. Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. each week.

Pastor Scott Willis will be preaching this Sunday.

Take a stand for your faith

On a return trip from a convention in Louisiana, my husband and I stopped in

East Texas to have lunch and

visit with some friends whom we had not seen in a long time. We had been discussing our various opportunities to try some Cajun cuisine when I commented that our convention-hotel menu had included green beans and gumbo at every meal except breakfast.

Although there was no visible reaction to the suggestion of eating a steady diet of gumbo, the mention of green beans prompted a story from our friend Ron, a master storyteller, about the day that he stopped eating green beans.

On his youngest child's 18th

birthday, he called a family summit for the purpose of announcing an important decision:

"As of today," Ron announced between bites of birthday cake and ice cream, "I will no longer be eating green beans."

As the head of his family, Ron had done his best to be a good father, always setting a good example for his children to follow. He had even supported his wife's efforts to teach their children to eat vegetables. But now that his baby girl had turned 18, Ron was through with green beans.

As a non-coffee-drinking mother who confesses to having disguised Dr. Pepper in a coffee mug a few times rather than teach my children to drink soda pop for breakfast, I appreciate Ron's efforts to set a good example.

However, I also applaud his courage in taking a stand against green beans. While I find green beans to be the most

palatable of all green vegetables, I don't see much virtue in choking something down just because it is supposed to be good for you.

To the best of my knowledge, the apostle Paul never mentioned eating green beans or scraping them off the plate in any of his epistles. However, in the closing verses of 1 Corinthians, he admonishes his readers to stand firm in their faith: "Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13 NASB).

Whether our faith convicts us that we need to do something distasteful in order to be an example to others or compels us to oppose something that we find detestable, we should be obedient to God's leading.

We should always be willing to take a stand for our faith.

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BONNIE WHEAT

His message will be "Prince of Peace," based on scripture from Luke 23: 1-49.

Encouraging words: "The gift of happiness belongs to those who unwrap it." — Unknown.

We encourage you to attend the church of your choice. However, if you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit the Chapel of Faith. You will be warmly welcomed!

Remember, God loves each of us with a love so great He sent His son to die for our sins that we might live for Him now and with Him eternally.

North Birdwell Lane UMC

The North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets each Sunday for worship at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Local Lay Pastor Billy Bates leads both worship services.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. with discussion led by Bill Lovelace on "Acceptance in Community," taken from Ruth 2: 5-12.

Bible Study is held on the first and third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the Book of John and are now in the ninth chapter led by reader Jacque Mauch.

The United Methodist Women presented a prayer shawl to Pauline Stinson. Treasurer Laura Philippe reported our pledges to the district United Methodist Women and the local Bible Fund had been paid.

Sunday we will be honored to have special music by Valerie McCutchan of Coahoma. We are looking forward to this time of worship in music.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane and welcomes all who wish to be the hands and feet of Christ as we serve our community.

First Church of the Nazarene

The Second Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 3 at Comanche Trail Park for ages 2-10 beginning at 10 a.m. The Easter Egg Hunt is divided by age groups. There will be food, prizes and a bounce house.

Coming May 16 is Biker Sunday; look for more details in future articles.

Sunday morning fellowship begins at 9:30 and worship service is at 10. Children's Church, for ages 4-11, is in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday night classes begin at 6:30 for all ages. Ages 4 years through third grade meets in the classrooms at the north end of the fellowship hall for Bible class. The fourth through sixth grade pre-teens have their own "gender focused" classes learning to grow into Christian men and ladies. The boys meet under the "Salt Shaker" in the gym and the girls meet in the east classroom under the "Salt Shaker." And Youth Explosion for seventh through 12th graders meets with Pastor Cal in the same location. For adults there are three different options: A study of the holiness movement in the Commons, the "Sunday Sermon Revisited" class is in the conference room, or you can enjoy "The Coffee Class" in the Library for fellowship and discussion of various topics.

FCN also has small groups! On Thursdays at 7 p.m. there is the College and Young Adults Life Group. Sunday evenings at 6:30 is the Harvest Life

Group and Financial Peace University is at 6 p.m.

If you have any questions about the Church of the Nazarene, call 267-7015 or e-mail us at church@nazfamily.org. Also look us up on our Facebook and Twitter under Big Spring First Church of the Naz.

First Presbyterian, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

Tom, along with Big Spring's pastor Craig Holstedt, continues to have a Bible study on the week's lectionary in the library of First Presbyterian, Big Spring, on Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. Everyone is invited to this informal study.

We invite you to make plans to join us for worship opportunities that will be offered during Holy Week, beginning with Sunday worship on Palm Sunday. We will have our regular Bible study on Wednesday evening. We will join with First Presbyterian, Big Spring, for a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. April 1, at Eighth and Runnels. The Big Spring Presbyterians will join us at First Presbyterian, Coahoma, for a Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 8:30 p.m. April 2. Saturday, April 3, we will have our annual pre Easter breakfast at 9 a.m. and an Easter Vigil service at 11 p.m.

Easter Day will begin with a Sunrise Service at Coahoma Presbyterian at 7 a.m. and a celebration of the Resurrection during the 11 a.m. worship service.

The lectionary for Palm Sunday is Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:29-48.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study met Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. Choir practice was at 6 p.m.

The calendar for Lenten services at First Presbyterian, Big Spring includes a choir cantata during worship this Sunday. Maundy Thursday, April 1, we will be joined by First Presbyterian, Coahoma for a Service at 7 p.m. April 2, we will join the Presbyterians in Coahoma at their church for a Tenebrae Service at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 4, we will celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord at Sunday worship and receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

To provide lilies for the church on Easter Day the Youth Group is taking orders for the plants to be displayed. Each plant is \$15 and proceeds will go to the FPCBS Youth Mission Trip for this year. If you wish to remember or honor someone with a lily, please give the name when ordering.

Liturgist is James F. Little. The lectionary for Palm Sunday is Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23. The chancel choir

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Garage Sales

MULTI FAMILY: 1704 Yale, Saturday 9-Noon. Baby clothes, baby furniture, day bed, refrigerator, vacuum cleaner, knick-knacks and lots of misc items.

THE YOUTH of Hillcrest Baptist Church are having a Garage Sale Saturday, March 27, 8am-1pm, 2000 W FM 700. Books, dishes, appliances, TV's, desks, video games, misc electronics, tables, too much misc to list. Proceeds will help Youth go to camp.

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HERALD

Think about your thinking

Life is not always easy. We all get knocked down from time to time and become discouraged, but we never need to remain there. We have the power to choose our thoughts and "think about what we are thinking". Nobody can make us think a certain way. Each of us is in charge of what we entertain in our minds.



JERRIE STOCKS

When negative thoughts come, don't nurture them for they will only grow. This in turn affects our emotions, attitudes, and eventually our actions. Pondering the negative saps our energy and strength. When this kind of thinking comes around, stop and "think about your thinking". We can choose to think on the positive just as easily as on the negative. It is our choice.

Most often it is not our circumstances that cause us to think wrong thoughts and get us down, but our thoughts about our circumstan-

es. We can still maintain a sense of peace and joy even in the midst of life's biggest battles. It is important to remember that God is greater than any problem we will ever have.

A little over a year ago, I faced very major surgery. My doctors explained to me the severity of the surgery and some of the problems they could encounter, the complications that could and often do occur, as well as other issues. But they also talked to me about how important it was to have faith and confidence in God as well as in them, the top-rated pancreatic surgeons in the United States. They explained that since I was in excellent health, had never smoked, had never used alcohol, had maintained an ideal body weight, and had a lifestyle with relatively little stress, these were all big pluses in my favor. Since I am by nature a positive person, I naturally chose to think on the positive side and my surgery turned out perfect in every way. My doctors were amazed at the rapid process of healing and how well everything went. My story was even published in one of the leading medical journals that sur-

geons subscribe to. During the recovery time of over three months, I kept a positive outlook and refused to read negative articles in the newspaper or watch negative reports on television. The Bible was my main source of reading material and I drew strength from God through daily prayer. Believe me, a positive attitude and prayer are the greatest medicines available, and they are free! Remember that wrong thinking will never change an outcome, solve a problem, or bring about a miracle. As a matter of fact, wrong thinking will keep us from doing all the right things that will make a positive difference. The truth is, what we focus on is what we feed, and what we feed grows. If we fuel our problems with wrong thinking, they soon become giants, and in comparison we feel small and vulnerable, we lose our confidence and can become someone we never wanted to be. We always travel in the direction of our most dominant thoughts. Therefore, if our thinking is positive, great things happen and

if our thinking is negative, we get negative things that we are afraid of and do not want.

I have found that fear and constant wrong thinking cannot live in the same space with hope and action. The two create their own battle zone and one will always drive the other out.

When you take a stand of faith, wrong thinking is evicted and soon gone.

To break the habit of wrong thinking, we must become more aware of thinking correctly. We must not allow wrong thinking to play in the corners of our minds. Instead, we pull it out into the light and face it squarely.

Thinking wrong thoughts about things we cannot change or impact is, in essence, giving our strength and power away which drains our batteries. No good thing comes from wrong thinking.

Proverbs 23:7 says, "As he thinks in his heart, so will he be." Ephesians 4:22-23 says, "Strip yourself of your former way of thinking, and be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind, having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude."

God bless.

Club News

Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter

Daughters of the American Revolution

Vice Regent Anne Witherspoon and Registrar Sue Ann Damron attended the TSDAR 111th State Conference in Houston from March 10 through 13.

On Wednesday evening, Big Spring's own Bebe McCasland, winner of the 2009 NSDAR's Conservation Award, signed copies of her book, "The Scoop from 'Bird Poop' — 35 Years of Wild Bird Rescues."

As State Lineage Research Vice Chairman, Damron attended the "TSDAR Days Across Texas" workshop to learn about the strategies that can be implemented to support chapter membership growth. Initiated at the Clayton Library in Houston, TSDAR Days Across Texas plans to meet with libraries and learning institutions to set up regularly scheduled workshops, where members will work one-on-one with prospective members.

At Thursday's State Chairmen's Club Luncheon, Secretary Witherspoon collected contact information from the coming year's newly elected officers, including Damron, who was chosen president.

Damron and associate member Jan Fields stood in remembrance of deceased member Diane Carter at the memorial service Thursday afternoon.

Witherspoon, State Junior Membership chairman, presided over the Junior Award presentations during the State Regent's Evening on opening night. She also presided at the Heart of Texas Juniors Breakfast Saturday morning where her skit, Page Idol, a parody of American Idol, was a big hit.

First Lady of Texas Anita Perry spoke at Friday's business session to thank the TSDAR for its generous contribution toward the restoration of the Governor's Mansion. She also invited all to visit the Texas Governors exhibit, which the TSDAR will help underwrite, that will be in the State Capitol's basement this summer.

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CHURCH NEWS

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will present the cantata "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois during the worship service. The Noisy Offering will be collected. If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our Web site: www.fpcbs.org. There, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

Alive in Christ Lutheran LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. Our phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our Web site is www.lutheranonline.com/aliveinchristbstx. We would love to have you join us for church on Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15.

Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching this Palm Sunday. The sermon text will be from Deuteronomy 32:36-39 and the sermon topic will be "How soon we change our tune?"

We will celebrate Holy Communion this Sunday.

This week's acolyte will be Analyasia Rodriguez. Our elders are Richard Knocke and Richard von Hassell.

The liturgy will be read by Bobby Roever. The readings for this week are Deuteronomy 32:36-39, Psalm 118:18-29 or Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, and Luke 22:1-23:56 or Luke 23:1-56 or John 12:20-43.

There will be no meal, Mid Week School, or confirmation classes March 31 during the celebration of Holy Week. Meals and classes will resume April 7.

Last Sunday, the pastoral call committee was formed. Thank you to all who volunteered for this very crucial part of the pastoral search.

Everyone interested in ordering Easter lilies to help decorate the church for the Easter Service needs to contact Bobby Roever or Janette Bentley by this Sunday. Lilies are \$7 apiece.

There will be No Lenten service March 31. Instead, Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching on Good Friday, April 2 at 7 p.m. His topic for Maundy Thursday/Good Friday (which will be combined into one service) is "The Fulfilled Word, It is Finished" from John 19:30.

Sunrise service Easter morning at 8

a.m. will be followed by the pancake breakfast at 9 a.m. Traditional services will be held at 10:30 a.m.

The Board of Education is still preparing for the Second Annual Easter Festival to be held Saturday, April 3 from 10 am to noon. There will be games and prizes, egg hunt, crafts, coloring of Easter eggs, cookie decorating, face painting, egg walk, etc. There will be fun for all ages.

The Board of Education is asking all members of our congregation to bring individual wrapped candies for the Easter egg hunt. We will be filling the Easter eggs during the next week.

The LWML will be taking items from the Candelaria, Texas, Mission wish list to the West Texas LWML Spring Rally on April 10. Please have any items at church by April 7. If you need a list of items, check with Jaunell Roever.

The Executive Board will meet at 2 p.m. April 17.

Birdwell Lane Baptist

If you are looking for a church to visit we invite you to Birdwell Lane Baptist Church. We are a very friendly, Bible-believing, Bible-teaching, independent, missionary minded Baptist church.

Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children's church is during the morning worship for ages 4-12. There is a nursery for your little ones and if you need a ride call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

Midweek service is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. There is Sunday school at 10 a.m. for all ages from Pre-K and up.

For further information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

East Fourth Street Baptist

We invite you to come to this Sunday's morning worship service and hear our choir present the Easter cantata, "Nail-Scarred Hands." The service begins at 11 a.m. in the Family Worship Center.

The women's seminar we had scheduled for April 30-May 1, is being rescheduled for a later date.

Several members are really busy in getting things ready for our VBS workshop. The dates and times will be announced soon.

Opportunities to attend our Church services are: Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 11 and evening worship at 6. Wednesdays at 7 p.m. we have adult Bible study and prayer meeting, youth Bible study and music and Children's Backdoor Bible Study and music. The men gather at 7 a.m. Saturday for Bible study.

Our church is located at 401 E.

Fourth St. Our phone number is 267-2291. Come be a part of our Easter worship service this Sunday, you'll be glad you did.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. We have Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's noon Holy Eucharist Service is every Wednesday in the chapel.

Join us for our Holy Week services. Our Maundy Thursday service is April 1 at 6 p.m. Good Friday services is April 2 from noon to 1 p.m. with meditation until 3 p.m.

Easter Vigil and Baptism will be held at 7 p.m. April 3 and our Easter Sunday service is at 10:30 a.m. An Easter egg hunt will follow for all the

children.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

East Side Baptist

Join us for a revival meeting beginning this Sunday. We will have great preaching, great singing and great fellowship in a very friendly church.

Services Sunday will be at 9:45 and 10:45 a.m. and a 1:45 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, services will be held at 7 p.m.

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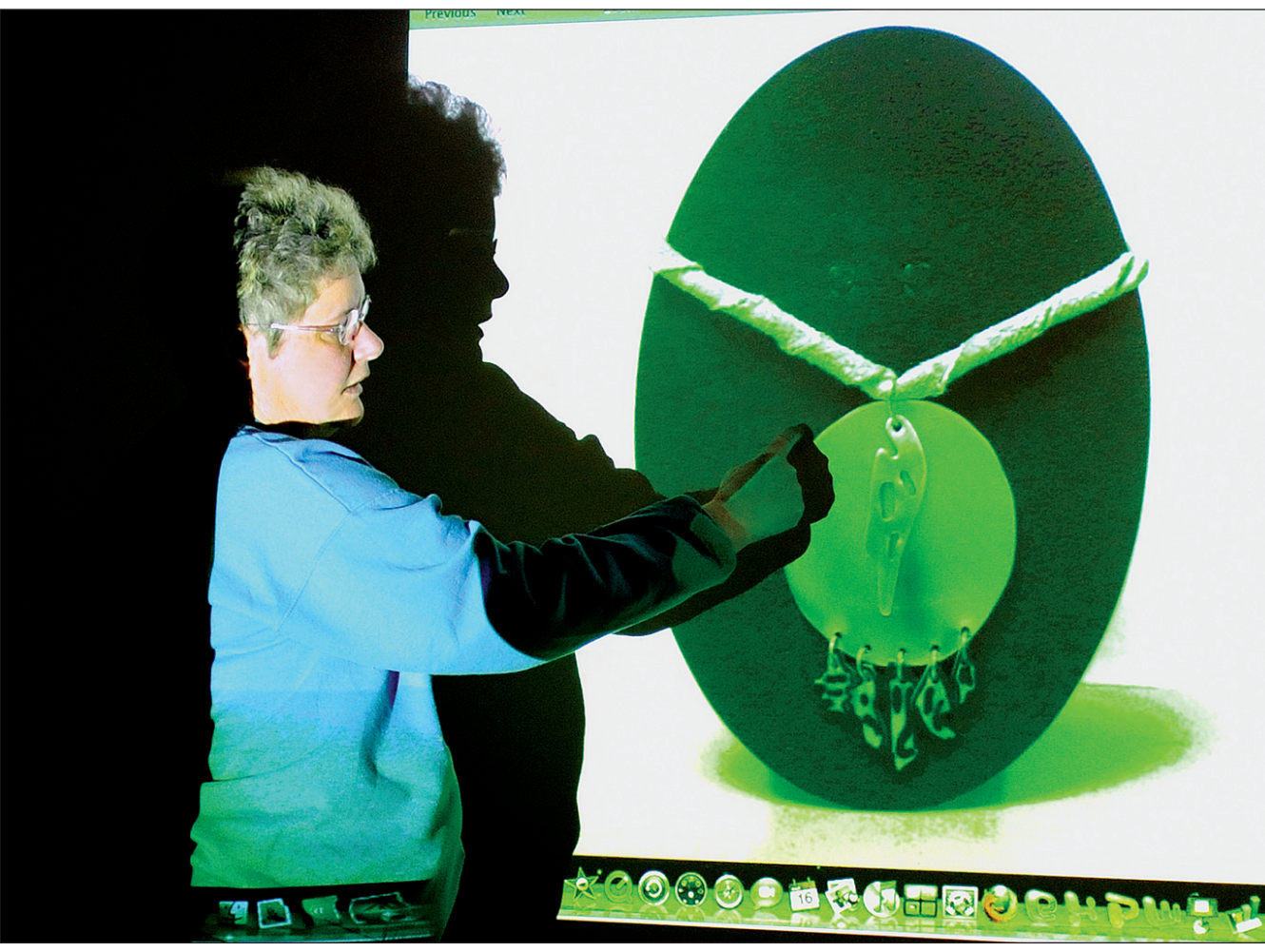
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Big Spring High School Art Instructor Judy Tereletsky gives a presentation during a recent Big Spring Art Association meeting.

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On the recommendation of the state board, conference delegates voted to appropriate \$25,000 toward State Regent Joy Dabney Hagg's project to preserve Stephen F. Austin's 183-year-old Registro, in which the land grants and immigration records of his first 300 settlers were recorded. An archival presentation box will also be built to protect the ledger.

The Capt. Elisha Mack chapter and members were awarded 21 certificates of merit.

TOPS TX 0021

TOPS TX 0021 met Monday evening to discuss weight programs that interest all people. Leader Laura Sickles called the meeting to order by reading the TOPS cheer. Linda Stapel then led the TOPS pledge followed by Ethel Cassady leading the KOPS pledge.

Roll call was next on the agenda and it showed the club had a whopping 17-pound loss with 11 TOPS and two KOPS answering. The best loser for the week was Carol Smith with a 3.25-pound loss.

During the business portion of the meeting, members were greeted with a food list sign up sheet for the forthcoming KOPS Honor Society activity. Linda Stapel then showed members four sheets of name tags she is preparing for the activity. These were approved by the members and she committed to preparing the name tags on business cards.

Members were reminded of the installation of new officers to be held March 29. There will also be a coronation of the club's chapter queen the same night. All members are encouraged to bring cameras for pictures.

The program was then presented by Frank Sickles, "Are you Ready for an Oil Change?" This program enlightened members about the necessity of fats in our diets — but they must be the right kinds and amounts of fats or oil. How much fat, whether saturated or unsaturated, and the role of omega 3 in our diets were questions that were asked and answered. Total fat in our diets need to be limited. Steps we take to limit fats was also addressed.

For more information about TOPS meetings, call Frank Sickles at (432) 213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819. Visitors are welcome. TOPS does help us lose weight. Come see for yourself.

Weigh-in begins at 5:30 p.m. each Monday, with the meeting following from 6-7 p.m. We meet in the First Christian Church fellowship hall at 10th and Goliad.

Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association met March 16 at the Howard County Library for its regular monthly meeting. A business meeting was held at the beginning, then a program was presented.

Ruby Bruns called the meeting to order, and minutes were read and the treasurer's report was given. Old business was discussed, mainly about our upcoming Area-Wide Art show to be held in May at the Howard College Center for the Arts.

Doris Vieregge presented a rough draft of the calendar for the art show. After much discussion, the calendar was finalized as follows: Art entries will be received from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. May 7 and again from 9 a.m. to noon May 8. Judging will be done from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. May 8, with the show open to the public from 4:30 to 8 p.m. the same day. The show will run all week, with an artists' reception and awards held May 15 at 3 p.m. We invite all artists to come and be a part of our Area-Wide Art show this year.

New business consisted of a nominating committee for our upcoming election for new officers. The business meeting was then adjourned for our program.

Judy Tereletsky presented our program for the evening. Judy is the art teacher for Big Spring High School. She presented a slideshow of her students' work, from the beginners to advanced students. Judy explained about the art in the slideshow and what happens when students bring their work to shows to be judged. There are exceptional artists at the high school. Several art students will be showing their work at the Howard College Center for the Arts from April 20 to May 1, and then at the Heritage Museum from May 15 to the 27.

Jean Money is the "Artist of the Month" at the Heritage Museum and Estelle Howard will be for the month of April. Stop by and see what our local artists have been doing.

Our next meeting will be held April 20, in the Howard County Library basement at 7 p.m.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Genius doesn't always show up with a shining face to solve the problem. More often, it's a disruptive and dynamic force to be tamed into usefulness. However your inspiration comes, be ready to use it.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). With your naturally intense, fiery approach to relationships, you will cook up a few interesting opportunities for your personal life. Keep it on simmer, though. You'll be richly rewarded for your self-control.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be more curious than usual about what others do with their money. You might even be so bold as to ask outright. Tonight, focus on your own treasure -- your relationships -- and you'll feel absolutely rich.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Intriguing characters abound. Your presence will coax them out of the woodwork. Tonight: You want proof that others appreciate you. Preferably, this will come in the form of lavish compliments and, hopefully, money.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may feel angry, and you have plenty of options for how to express it. Choose an effective and productive way to act on your feelings. Whatever you do now is likely to become a tendency.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 26). It takes guts to win in life. You shoot for lofty goals, and you'll nail one of them in May. June brings the chance to meet a master, and this person could mentor you for years to come. Education and investments will happen in July. A love relationship deepens in November. Family additions occur in February. Gemini and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 25, 4, 14 and 43.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** An exciting time starts with someone who catches your eye and causes your heart to skip a beat. **TAURUS:** Though others already think you are perfect, you'll take steps to feel more attractive.

GEMINI: Your awareness expands as a friend becomes your best confidant, helping you see your own blind spots. **CANCER:** The situations that crop up allow you to master your people skills. **LEO:** You are willing to put your own agenda and stories on hold while you focus on making the other person feel important. **VIRGO:** You are disarming. You get someone to lower his or her guard and reveal the true personality under all the hype. **LIBRA:** Your self-esteem is on the rise, and you attract an equally confident match. **SCORPIO:** Don't ask for or listen to the opinions of others. You know the most about your love life, and therefore you are the one who will make the best decisions regarding it.

SAGITTARIUS: Timing is everything. You create a memory by striking an emotional chord at just the right time.

CAPRICORN: There is an elegance about you that draws people in. **AQUARIUS:** There's someone who makes you feel happy, positive and more alive. Let this person know. **PISCES:** You can be exciting at times, but what's really important and most attractive is that you are an all-around decent person.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Aries and Leo are two fire signs with a collectively combustible energy. The intense power that's created with their combined chemistry can be either highly productive or absolutely disastrous. These two need to be careful about how they communicate with each other. They need to be aware of each other's temper triggers and avoid them. Positivity and praise will keep the relationship on track.

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