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Child endangerment charged

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Incest also filed against children's father/grandfather

By THOMAS JENKINS

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Staff Writer

A Big Spring man and woman were arrested on charges of abandoning and endangering a child – criminal negligence early Sunday morning after law enforcement officials say their child was reportedly found riding a biHighway 87.

Tamara Ruth Whitt, 26, of 4302.5 S. Highway 87, was arrested Sunday by the Howard County Sheriff's Office on charges of abandoning/endangering a child – criminal negligence (two counts).

A second person arrested during the investigation was Parker,

charged with two counts of abandoning/ endangering a child — criminal negligence.

According to Sheriff Stan

— was reported to be riding tion and officers spoke with



Tamara and Edgar Whitt

Edgar Dale Whitt, 54, also of child — a 7-year-old male "He took them to the loca-

his

Parker

his bicycle in

the highway

when officers

"Officers

spoke to the

boy, who led

them back to

home,"

said.

responded.

his mother, who had no idea where the boy had been.

"The conditions at the home were not suitable at all, and it was at that time Texas Child Protective Services were called to the scene. It was discovered there were a total of three children living at the home, the 7-year-old male

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Fish, red beans, cole slaw and other fixins were the order of the day Saturday as American Legion Post 506 held a fish fry fund-raiser.

Routine business for Big Spring EDC

☐ Board meets at 5:15 p.m. Monday...

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

Routine business is the focus of the agenda for Big Spring Economic Development Board.

The board will convene to hold their monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in the Chamber of Commerce board

Financials, minutes and investment reports will be presented for consideration of approval at the beginning of the meeting, as usual. The director's report will be delivered before the board entersintoexecutivesessionto consider proposed expansion of existing business.

The board will also be

charged with approval of sponsorship for Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce/ Workforce Solutions Job Fair. The annual audit will also be presented to the board, as

The meeting will conclude with action being taken, if needed, on information provided in the executive session. There will also be time alloted for public comment and board comment before the meeting adjourns.

All meetings are open to the public.

For contact the BSEDC at 264-6032 or visit the website at www. bigspringtx.com.

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Donations help keep annual event going

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Officials with the 8th annual Big Spring Powwow say they are still trying to "drum up" sponsors for the event, which is slated for April 21-22 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. According to Richard



"Indio" Lesser, event coordinator for the Spring Powwow Committee, preparations for the powwow are in the works, with just a few key ingredients missing at this point.

"Donations and sponsors are what keep the powwow going each year," said Lesser. "It costs anywhere from \$8,000 to \$10,000 to put it on each year, so donations are always a huge help, even if it's just a few dollars here and there. Our local businesses, who help sponsor the event, are also a huge part of what

we do. We'll be taking

business sponsors right up until about a week before the powwow, so it's not too late to show your support for this great event." Lesser said sponsorships

allow local businesses and residents — to show their support for the event, which aims to educate the community on Native American culture.

"Businesses can sponsor for a minimum donation of \$50," Lesser said. "That guarantees their name will be in the program. Also, area residents who would like to make a donation

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Obituaries

Ethel Mary Dunn Tarbet



Ethel Mary Dunn Tarbet, a longtime resident of Dawson County and Lamesa, went to her eternal rest March 17, 2012, at the age of 101 years. Ethel was born Nov. 11, 1910, in Hamilton County, near the Leon River, to Eric V. Dunn and Jackie Alice Wright Dunn. She was the eldest of five children. The family moved from the Hico area to Dawson County in 1923. The family traveled 300 miles in two weeks by covered wagon, with Ethel, almost 13 years old,

driving one of the two wagons.

Ethel met Price Tarbet while attending Mount Olive School. They were married Dec. 20, 1928, and farmed in various areas of Dawson and Martin counties, including Hancock, Sparenberg and Ackerly. Price passed away on Dec. 1, 1969. Ethel was a good farmer's wife, helping in the fields when necessary, growing and canning fruits and vegetables and keeping their seven children fed and clothed, sometimes when it seemed impossible during times of poor harvest and the Great Depression. She often said, "The impossible just takes a little

After her husband died, Ethel moved to Lamesa where she worked as a caregiver. She was active in the Church of Christ and spent a lot of time baking cookies and chocolate pies for the sick and elderly

Ethel was preceded in death by her husband of 40 vears: her parents: two brothers, Fred Dunn and E.V. Dunn Jr.; one sister, Gladys Kidd; and a daughter-in-law, Faye Tarbet.

She is survived by her sister, Jackie Nell Proffitt and husband Jasper of Cedar Park, Texas; five sons, Joe Tarbet and wife Jerry of Lubbock, Texas: Don Tarbet and wife Jewel of Denison, Texas; Bob Tarbet and wife Sharon of Big Spring, Texas; Lynn Tarbet and wife Rita of Artesia, N.M.; and Sam Tarbet and wife Linda of Marble Falls, Texas; two daughters, Nelda Lampe of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Ruth Bearden and husband Layne of Hutto, Texas. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Family visitation will be Monday, March 19, 2012, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Branon Funeral Home, 403 North Austin, Lamesa.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at 2 p.m. at the Lamesa Church of Christ with Mark Hackett officiating. She will be laid to rest at Lamesa Memorial Park beside her husband.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the staff of Youngblood Elder Care and Interim Hospice Care for their compassion and care of our mother during the past few months.

The family suggests memorials be made to the New Mexico Christian Childrens' Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, NM 88130 or to Interim Healthcare, 1031 Andrews Hwy., Suite 200, Midland, TX 79701. To send condolences online please visit www.branonfuneralhome.com

Paid obituary

Hannah Charlene Ables

19, 2012, at 10 a.m. at Gaines County Cemetery in Seagraves with the Rev. Ronnie Lundsford officiating. All services are under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ables passed away Sunday, March 18, 2012, at Memorial Health Care Center in Seminole, Texas. She was born May 19, 1934, in Oxford, Miss., to Cora (Keel) and J.D. Keel Sr. She was a Baptist. Hannah Ables was a resident of Seagraves for 58 Mrs. Ables was a florist for 25 years and worked Jerelene Bell

for Keel Florist in Seagraves, Texas.

Mrs. Hannah Ables is preceded in death by her parents; one brother, James Keel; and one sister, Billie Browne. She is survived by two sons, Tim Ables and wife Sylvia of Fort Worth, Texas, and Danny Ables and wife Rhonda of Odessa, Texas; a daughter, Alisa Kinard and husband Glen of Big Spring, Texas; two brothers, J.D. Keel Jr. and wife Ilean of Seagraves, Texas and Charles Keel of Seagraves; a sister, Mary Savage of Orville, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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Police blotter

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

- ANTONIO LIMON IBARRA, 23, of 211 Channing, was arrested Sunday on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, driving while license invalid (two counts), failure to appear (four counts) and operating a motor vehicle without license plates – or with one license plate.
- RODNEY JOHNSON, 35, of Wisconsin, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxica-TANYA JEAN JENKINS, 24, of Quinlan, Texas,
- was arrested Sunday on two warrants from other • RODOLFO HERNANDEZ, 41, of1306 Tucson,
- was arrested Sunday on a warrant for theft. • ADALBERTOS CEDILLOS, 35, of 3206 W. Ninth
- St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated. • TAMARA RUTH WHITT, 26, of 4302.5 S. Highway

87, was arrested Sunday on charges of abandoning/

endangering a child - criminal negligence (two counts). • EDGAR DALE WHITT, 54, of 4302.5 S. Highway 87, was arrested Sunday on charges of abandoning endangering a child – criminal negligence (two

counts) and prohibited sexual conduct – incest.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln Avenue.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- In the 2300 block of Allendale.
- In the 2200 block of Lynn. THEFT was reported in the 600 block of

Highland.

ASSAULT was reported in the 3600 block of

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.

• RICHARD LEE MCEVERS, 44, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance (two counts).

 GEORGIO ALEXANDER TAYLOR, 21, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.

 HOWARD OTHELLO MARTIN JR., 43, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a Gray County warrant for failure to appear – driving while intoxicated.

• KEVIN LOGAN TOWNER, 17, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of

ADRIAN JERMAINE SNEED, 36, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

 JENNIFER HERRERA JOSLYN, 33, was booked into the county jail Friday by the Martin County Sheriff's Office on a Scurry County warrant for theft by check and a Nolan County warrant for motion to revoke probation for theft by check.

 JASON TYRONE CARTER, 42, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on an Athen Graveside services for Hannah Charlene Ables, Police Department warrant for organized retail 77, of Seagraves, Texas, will be held Monday, March theft and warrants for burglary of a building and blue warrant - Austin parole division.

• DAVID LYNN DOW, 28, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of assault - family violence.

• MARIO ORNELAS GARCIA, 46, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxica-

Jerelene Bell, 89, of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 18, 2012, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Erineo Gomez

Erineo Gomez, 84, of Big Spring, formerly of Ackerly died Sunday, March 11, 2012, at Texas Speciality Hospital in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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 CARLOS ALVARADO, 37, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension. LUCIA CEDILLO, 42, was booked into the coun-

ty jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public DONNA M. SMITH, 36, was arrested Saturday

public intoxication.

Américan *Profile*

- by the HCSO on charges of no liability insurance, violation of a promise to appear, theft by check (three counts), issuance of a bad check, forgery of a financial instrument and credit/debit card abuse. CAMELIA CEDILLO, 39, was booked into the
- county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. CESAR GAMEROS, 49, was booked into the
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- JOSHUA DAVID HARRINGTON, 22, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for assault - family violence and failure to appear.

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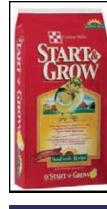
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 The Howard County Clerk's Office will be closed through Tuesday to allow for remodeling.

· An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

 Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

 As the 8th annual Powwow is coming near, organizers are seeking people interested in native American culture. The group is a family oriented organization that is looking to expand. You do not have to be native American to join. For comments, questions and answers, call Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Connie Lesser at 432-816-6772.

 Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-

and two younger children. All three chil-

dren were removed from the home at that

Parker said during the course of the in-

"As part of the investigation we were

vestigation, a grisly discovery was made.

trying to determine who the father of the

children were," Parker said. "The family

take that question to

him so he can share that

information with every-

"Also, during the pow-

wow we have inter-trib-

al dances, and that gives

the public a chance to

come down to the coli-

seum floor and take

part in the dancing. A

lot of the time the kids

and younger people are

willing to take part, but

the adults are a bit more

intimidated. But then

the kids will dance and

have fun and go back

and tell their parents

how much fun it was.

Our hope is that will

make the public a little

more receptive to being

a part of the powwow,

not just to spectate, but

to be a part of the event

and to be involved in the

CHARGED

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POWWOW

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- no matter how much

While the powwow

serves as a stage for

Native American danc-

ers to compete for priz-

es during the weekend

event, Connie Lesser,

the organization's secre-

tary and treasurer, said

it's also an excellent

"The MC we have is

very good at explain-

ing these things, and if

someone has a question,

he is more than willing

to elaborate on what's

going on and the story

behind it," Lesser said

of Tim Harjo, event MC.

"A lot of time, while the

powwow is going on,

we'll have people come

up to us and ask us a

question about how or

learning experience.

it is — are very much

appreciated, as well."

11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

 American Cancer Society will have its board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.

 Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

· The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial

had only moved to Big Spring about two

years ago, which was making that some-

what difficult. However, after speaking to

them for a while, it was discovered that

Edgar Whitt — who is Tamara Whitt's fa-

ther — was in fact the children's father.

That's when the decision was made to file

additional charges against Edgar Whitt."

Edgar Whitt was later charged with pro-

hibited sexual conduct - incest, according

to Big Spring Police Department arrest re-

Parker said it's unclear what the inten-

will be Hector Valencia

of Phoenix, Ariz., while

Fabian Galvan of Lub-

bock, Texas, will serve

as the arena director.

Head male dancer is

David Hoskins of Aus-

tin, Texas, and the Red

Path Warrior Society

will handle honor guard

For those who have

been to the powwow in

the past, Lesser said

the gathering follows

a similar pattern each

year, but assumptions

it's just the same thing

"Some parts of the

powwow stay pretty

much the same. Certain

competitions, especially

when you see them in the

same age group, aren't

going to change much,"

Lesser said. "Like the

male dancers, most of

are misplaced.

duties.

why something is done the head gourd dancer ers, so when the public and art to food," said

a certain way, and we'll for this year's powwow sees us, they are seeing Lesser. "There will also

challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of mous open discussion foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

 The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

 Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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fice."

"However, there are

so many other things

within the powwow that

do change each year.

For example, when you

bring in a new drum,

you have the chance to

bring with them new

dancers. Yes, some of

the dances are the same,

but if you've been to one

powwow, you certainly

haven't been to them

all. This year is our 8th

annual Big Spring Pow-

wow, and it's anything

but a carbon copy of

If music and dance

aren't quite enough to

interest you, Connie

Lesser said shopping

might just do the trick.

be selling all kinds

"The vendors will

Native American

years past."

Support Groups

MONDAY

· Alcoholics Anonymeeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• PEP — Parent Edu-

cation Program for CPS participating and nonparticipating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

 Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

· Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

tions were of the boy who had left the fam-

ily's home on his bicycle and whether he

"I can't comment on that right now, as

this is an ongoing investigation," Parker

said. "We're preparing this information to

be turned over to the district attorney's of-

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ily."

was attempting to run away.

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· Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for

socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@ yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

 Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9

 Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

 RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Nonsmoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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

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& CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

Gerry Marino, 60, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 4 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Erineo Gomez, 84, died Sunday, March 11, 2012. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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be a silent auction, so

it should be a lot of fun

for everyone in the fam-

For more informa-

tion about the powwow,

contact the Lessers at

432-935-0125 or visit the

Powwow Committee's

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News briefs

Calling on GOP to unite, Romney looks to Tuesday's Illinois vote

VERNON HILLS, Ill. (AP) — Mitt Romney's increasingly confident campaign is intensifying calls — publicly and privately — for his Republican opponents to concede defeat in the presidential nomination battle, even before Illinois voters have their say Tuesday in the campaign's next big con-

Romney extended his delegate lead Sunday in Puerto Rico, where he trounced rival Rick Santorum and scored all 20 of the Caribbean island's delegates. Romney has collected more delegates than his opponents combined and is poised to win the delegate battle in Illinois, even if he loses the popular vote, thanks to missteps by Santorum's shoestring operation.

Romney's wife, Ann, declared Sunday night in suburban Illinois that the time has come for her husband's rivals to quit the race.

"We need to send a message that it's time to coalesce," she said, Mitt at her side. "It's time to get behind one candidate and get the job done so we can move on to the next challenge, bringing us one step closer to defeating Barack Obama."

Brushing aside skepticism from the party's right flank, Romney aides have been emphasizing their overwhelming mathematical advantage in the race to 1,144 delegates — the number needed to clinch the GOP presidential nomination and face President Barack Obama in the fall.

Defense attorney preparing to meet Afghan killings suspect Monday

SEATTLE (AP) — A Seattle defense attorney prepared to meet Monday with Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, who is facing formal charges in an attack on two slumbering Afghan villages that left 16 people dead, including nine children.

John Henry Browne flew to Kansas Sunday ahead of his first face-to-face meeting with the 10-year Army veteran, who is being held in an isolated cell at Fort Leavenworth's military prison.

Fort Leavenworth spokeswoman Rebecca Steed said Bales would be able to meet Browne in what is described as a privileged visit. Along with medical visits, such meetings are generally more private than others conducted in the prison.

Bales, 38, hasn't been charged in the March 11 shootings, which have endangered relations between the U.S. and Afghanistan and threaten to upend U.S. policy over the decade-old war.

school, kills several people TOULOUSE, France (AP) — A gunman has

Man opens fire in front of Jewish

opened fire in front of a Jewish school in a southwest French city killing several people, the Toulouse prosecutor said Monday.

Michel Valet told The Associated Press that there were "several dead" in the morning incident at the school in Toulouse. He said it was unclear whether the victims were children. French media have reported up to three dead, including two children. but this could not immediately be independently

The shooter drove away on a scooter, a national police official in Paris said. The official did not wish to be named in line with departmental rules.

Police cordoned off the private Ozar Hathora school in the northeast of Toulouse. Some two hours after the shooting children were still in the

President Nicolas Sarkozy called the shootings an "abominable drama and a "frightening tragedy."

Syrian troops clash with gunmen in upscale Damascus neighborhood

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian security forces clashed Monday with gunmen in an upscale neighborhood of the capital Damascus that is home to embassies and senior officials in one of the worst confrontations in the tightly-controlled city center in the country's yearlong uprising.

The pro-government Ikhbariyah TV station said the clash in the western Mazzeh district left three "terrorists" and a member of the security forces dead. It said one of the attackers was captured and three security troops were wounded.

Ikhbariyah said the attackers were hiding out in an apartment building before the firefight.

A resident of the western Mazzeh district said automatic rifles and machineguns were used in the two-hour clash that ended at about 4 a.m. local time. "We also heard three strong explosions," said the man who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of government reprisal.

He added that the clash was close to the Swiss embassy and the home of Maj. Gen. Assef Shawkat, the deputy chief of staff for security affairs who is married to President Bashar Assad's sister, Bush-

UPS says TNT Express has agreed to a sweetened takeover offer

AMSTERDAM (AP) — United Parcel Service Inc. said Monday it has agreed to buy TNT Express NV for \$6.77 billion (€.16 billion) in a deal supported by TNT's boards.

UPS's cash offer of €.5 (\$12.51) per share for TNT Europe's second-largest express delivery company behind DHL — comes a month after TNT management turned down a ♥ per share offer. The companies remained in talks, assisted by a strengthening dollar.

UPS said Monday the deal is a 54 percent premium to TNT's closing price before the first offer Feb. 17. TNT shares closed at €.35 on Friday.

> The acquisition would be the biggest ever for Atlanta-based UPS, which is the world's largest delivery company.

UPS Chief Financial Officer Kurt Kuehn said on a conference call the companies are a "strong business and cultural

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Report: U.S. makes modest gains in high school graduate rates, although some states lag behind HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) — The last straw for

17-year-old Alton Burke was a note left on his door. The high school dropout picked up the phone and re-enrolled at South Hagerstown High.

Burke missed roughly 200 days of class, but Heather Dixon, the student intervention specialist who left the note, never gave up on him.

Aggressive efforts to prevent students such as Burke from dropping out contributed to a modest 3.5 percentage point increase nationally in the high school graduation rate from 2001 to 2009, according to research to be presented Monday at the Grad Nation summit in Washington. The event was organized by the children's advocacy group America's Promise Alliance founded by former Secretary of State Colin Powell.

The graduation rate was 75 percent in 2009, meaning 1 in 4 students fails to get a diploma in four years, researchers found. That's well below the organization's goal of 90 percent by 2020.

Meth use in pregnancy linked with behavior problems in study

CHICAGO (AP) — The first study to look at methamphetamine's potential lasting effects on children whose mothers used it in pregnancy finds these kids at higher risk for behavior problems than other children.

The behavior differences — anxiety, depression, moodiness — weren't huge, but lead researcher Linda LaGasse called them "very worrisome."

Methamphetamine is a stimulant like crack cocaine, and earlier research showed meth babies have similarities to so-called "crack babies" smaller in size and prone to drowsiness and stress. Results in long-term studies conflict on whether children of cocaine-using mothers have lasting behavior problems.

Whether problems persist in young children of meth users is unknown. But LaGasse, who does research at Brown University's Center of the Study of Children at Risk, said methamphetamine has stronger effects on the brain so it may be more likely to cause lasting effects in children.

Census records for 1940 to be released online for first time

NEW YORK (AP) — It was a decade when tens of millions of people in the U.S. experienced mass unemployment and social upheaval as the nation clawed its way out of the Great Depression and rumblings of global war were heard from abroad.

Now, intimate details of 132 million people who lived through the 1930s will be disclosed as the U.S. government releases the 1940 census on April 2 to the public for the first time after 72 years of privacy

protection lapses. Access to the records will be free and open to anyone on the Internet — but will not be name search-

able. For genealogists and family historians, the 1940

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The New Anti-Semitism

The Holocaust, in which over six million Jews were brutally murdered by the Nazis and their enthusiastic collaborators, happened over 60 years ago. So terrific were the events that – even today, about two generations later – nobody would wish to identify himself with them. Yet, a new anti-Semitism is now rearing its head. It is important to be aware of it.

"...the viciousness, volume and

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What are the facts?

Who are the new anti-Semites? The new anti-Semites do not publicly proclaim their desire to bring about a second Holocaust or to subject the Jews to mass murder or annihilation. The hatred is aimed against the state of Israel, which, according to the new anti-Semites, represents all that is evil in the world and which is the main violator of human rights and guilty of

virtually every other abuse that can be conceived. This poison is now so widespread that a poll taken in Europe not too long Israel is such that it cannot be considered ago found Israel to be the greatest menace to the peace of the world - far ahead of such

murderous regimes as those of Iran or of North Korea.

The leaders and instigators of this new anti-Semitism are concentrated on the political left, its most active and vocal spokesmen being found in our prestige universities. Such is the anti-Zionist (anti-Semitic) focus of the left that, almost incomprehensibly, it includes a fair number of Jewish professors and other "intellectuals," not just here in the United States, but even in Israel itself. Those on the extreme left call for the abolition of the

State of Israel outright, although they do not tell us what they propose to do with the over five million Israeli Jews. They would presumably be left to the tender mercies of the Arabs, who would, of course, have no greater joy than to emulate or perhaps even to "improve" on the Nazi model and to give "final solution(!) to the Jewish problem" once and for all. That isn't going to happen, of course, not because anybody in the world would lift a finger to prevent it, but because, fortunately, Israel is a very strong and most canable nation.

A death wish for Israel. In deference to "world opinion" and also to the wishes of the United States, Israel has allowed itself to be pressured into innumerable concessions to those who are sworn to destroy it. But it seems clear that, when the chips are really down, a most decisive response on the part of

Israel can be expected. With the possible exception of Carthage during the Punic Wars, almost 2500 years ago, no country in the world, no country in recorded history, has ever been threatened with extinction. Israel is the one exception. Fueled by the extreme left, the "legitimacy" of Israel is a constant topic of discussion. The abolition of the "Zionist entity" gets serious attention, even in the hallowed

> halls of the United Nations. Iran feverishly pursues the Holy Grail of atomic weapons. Its president and the ayatollah, who is their "supreme leader," have publicly declared - not once, but repeatedly - that Israel is a "tumor" that must be excised

and that it must be wiped off the map of the world. Mediumrange missiles (so far, fortunately without atomic warheads) are being paraded through the streets of Teheran, with signs attached to them, shamelessly giving their destination as Jerusalem. A few eyebrows are being raised around the world, but otherwise nothing, except ineffective sanctions, is being

Because the memory of the Nazi Holocaust still lingers after all these years, the new anti-Semitism is disguised as the socially more acceptable "anti-Zionism." It is pursued and propagated by the radical left. Every leftist demonstration - be it about perceived injustices at home, against globalization, for or against whatever else - does inevitably include appeals against "Israeli subjugation of the Palestinians," the "occupation of Palestinian lands by Israel," or simply asks for "death to Israel." Sadly, quite a few Jews, having been saturated with leftism from their early years, participate in such demonstrations.

While the propagation of the new anti-Semitism by prestige universities started in Europe (mostly in England), it has found fertile ground in the universities of the United States. The active and enthusiastic participation in the new anti-Semitism by some of American clergy is a sad and scandalous reality.

Surely, not everybody who criticizes Israel is an anti-Semite. The actions of Israel, just as the actions of any other countries, are subject to examination and criticism. But the viciousness, volume and consistency of this criticism against Israel is such that it cannot be considered as anything but anti-Semitism - the new anti-Semitism, disguised as anti-Israelism or anti-Zionism. The foolish professors and the hypocritical preachers are besotted by their leftism and by their hatred against Israel and America. Overt vilification of America has to remain muted - it's somewhat dangerous to be too outspoken about it - but Israel, perceived as the satrap and the handmaiden of the United States in the Middle East, is an easy target. Nobody should be fooled. Anti-Semitism is anti-Semitism in whichever way it may be disguised.

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Baylor women rout UCSB

By NOAH TRISTER

AP Sports Writer

BOWLING GREEN. Ohio — Brittney Griner banged a bit down low with her undersized opponents and blocked a few shots at the other end — then headed to the sideline early in the second half.

Once again, Baylor didn't need its star to dominate.

Griner scored 14 points

in only 22 minutes, and the top-seeded Lady Bears rolled to an 81-40 win over 16th-seeded UC Santa Barbara in the Des Moines Regional on Sunday. Brooklyn Pope scored 13 points and Destiny Williams added 12 for Baylor, which had 11 players log at least 12 minutes.

"I think the more rest you can get, the better, but make sure you get them enough minutes not to get out of rhythm," coach Kim Mulkey said. "I thought our kids worked up a sweat, and I thought they did some good stuff. We didn't have to show a lot of stuff — and get them off the floor. We've actually done that a lot of late."

Baylor (35-0) has not lost since falling in the quarterfinals of last year's NCAA tournament. The Lady Bears will take on ninth-seeded Florida in the second round on Tuesday night.

Emilie Johnson scored 10 points for UCSB (17-16), but the Gauchos were as overmatched as expected. Griner, the towering center who wowed the crowd by dunking during warmups, went 7 for 11 during the game.

leman was physical with Griner and drew an early offensive foul on the 6-foot-8 star. The Gauchos at times had two defenders fronting Griner to prevent Baylor from passing her the ball, but other players took advantage for the Lady Bears.

"We played against maybe the eventual national champion,"

UCSB's Kirsten Til- UCSB coach Carlene Mitchell said. "We were outmanned, it's pretty obvious, at every position, and you have to give Baylor all the credit."

Griner scored points in the Big 12 tournament against Kansas State, but in the two games since, she's scored only 25 points on

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Howard College's Reed Seeley fields a grounder during a game earlier this season. The Hawks host Odessa College at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Jack Barber Field.

Sports Calendar

MONDAY

Golf

Forsan boys and girls at Slaton, TBA.

TUESDAY

Baseball

Big Spring at Snyder 7 p.m. Coahoma at Lubbock Roosevelt,

Odessa College at Howard College 2 p.m.

Softball

Big Spring at Snyder 6:30 p.m. Coahoma at Lubbock Roosevelt,

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com

A&M's Blair to face former team

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas Gary Blair of Texas A&M is one of three coaches in Division I women's basketball history to take two schools to the Final

He will coach one of those teams against the other Monday when the third-seeded Aggies meet No. 6 seed Arkansas in the second round of the NCAA tournament. Blair took the Razorbacks to

the Final Four in 1998 and led the Aggies to the national title last

He isn't excited about facing his former team for the first time,

"I would have loved to have played Arkansas two to three years ago when they were rebuilding, because I thought by far we had the better talent," he said. "The talent level has closed."

He is happy for the success of Arkansas coach Tom Collen, a former assistant for Blair at Arkansas who has guided the Razorbacks to the tournament for the first time since 2003.

Blair coached Arkansas from 1993 until he was hired by A&M in 2003. Collen worked for him from 1993-97.

"Over the years people have said I sound a little bit like him," Collen said of Blair. "I learned a lot of things from him. A lot about building programs and a lot about integrity and marketing and coaching a basketball team and getting ready to play."

Keselowski dominates, takes victory in Bristol

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Brad Keselowski used Bristol Motor Speedway last fall to cement his spot in NASCAR's championship race. Back at the track Sunday,

Keselowski again made his way to Victory Lane. And he again began to think

about a Sprint Cup title.

Keselowski led a career-best and race-high 231 laps, then held off Daytona 500 winner Matt Kenseth on a late restart to cruise to his first victory of the season.

"What can I say? I love Bristol and Bristol loves me," said Keselowski, who immediately began taking pictures in Victory Lane to send to Twitter.

"The goal at Penske Racing is to win a Sprint Cup championship, and one win certainly doesn't achieve that, but it's a great

The Chase for the Sprint Cup championship has a wild-card provisional for the winningest driver not otherwise eligible.

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March Madness turns into big boy's game now

EDDIE PELLS

AP National Writer

This is a different kind of one and done.

Instead of three weeks filled with upsets, small schools and all those other feel-good stories that make March Madness so special, basketball fans only get one this year.

Heading into the second week, the NCAA tournament is now a big boy's game, dominated by a who's who of major college programs.

Allbuttwoofthe16teams in the regional semifinals will be from power conferences. The lone exceptions are Xavier, which is hardly a stranger to this time of year, and Ohio University, a big school with a small, but no longer unknown, basketball program.

According to STATS, this will be the first time since 2003 that 14 teams from the six major conferences have made the Sweet 16. Two of those conferences, the Big Ten and Big East, put four teams each into the round of 16.

"To play in the NCAA tournament is great," said Kansas coach Bill Self, whose Jayhawks are one of two Big 12 teams left in the field. "But to feel the full benefit from an expo-

sure standpoint for your

Sweet 16 schedule

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EAST REGIONAL Regional Semifinals At TD Garden Boston

Thursday, March 22 Syracuse (33-2) vs. Wisconsin (26-9), 7:15 p.m.

Ohio State (29-7) vs. Cincinnati (25-10), 9:45 p.m. Regional Championship

SOUTH REGIONAL Regional Semifinals At The Georgia Dome Atlanta

Saturday, March 24

Friday, March 23 Baylor (29-7) vs. Xavier (23-12), 7:15 p.m.

Kentucky (34-2) vs. Indiana (27-8), 9:45 p.m. Regional Championship Sunday, March 25

MIDWEST REGIONAL Regional Semifinals At Edward Jones Dome St. Louis

Friday, March 23 North Carolina (31-5) vs. Ohio (29-7), 7:47 p.m. N.C. State (24-12) vs. Kansas

(29-6), 10:17 p.m. Regional Championship Sunday, March 25 WEST REGIONAL

Regional Semifinals Thursday, March 22 At US Airways Center Phoenix Michigan State (29-7) vs. Louisville (28-9), 7:47 p.m. Marquette (27-7) vs. Florida (25-10), 10:17 p.m. Regional Championship

Saturday, March 24 FINAL FOUR At The Superdome

New Orleans

National Semifinals Saturday, March 31 East champion vs. Midwest

South champion vs. West National Championship Monday, April 2

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program, you need to get to the second weekend." The Sweet 16 matchups:

—No. 1 Kentucky vs. No. 4 Indiana and No. 3 Baylor vs. No. 10 Xavier in the South; No. 1 Syracuse vs. No. 4 Wisconsin and No. 2 Ohio State vs. No. 6 Cincinnati in the East; No. 1 North Carolina vs. No. 13 Ohio and No. 2 Kansas vs. No. 11 North Carolina State in the Midwest; and No. 1 Michigan State vs. No. 4 Louisville and No. 3 Marquette vs. No. 7 Florida out West.

Those 14 power-conference teams have a combined 93 Final Four appearances and 33 national titles.

While two No. 2 seeds, Duke and Missouri, fell to 15s Lehigh and Norfolk State in a shocking second round Friday, all four No. 1s got through the first week safely — the first time that's happened since 2009. A year before that, all four top-seeded teams made it to the Final

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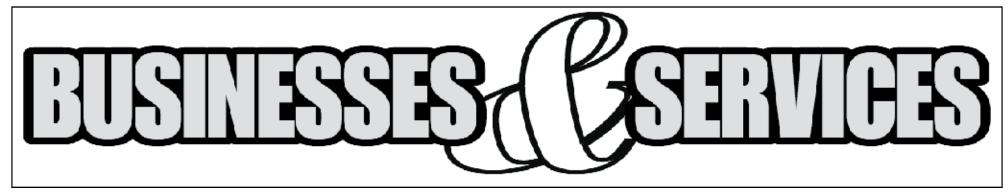
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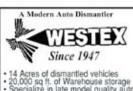
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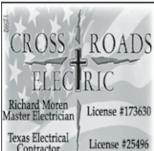
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be given new assignments and problems to solve. You can feel proud of the trust others put in you. There also is movement in personal life involving an intriguing love interest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Cookies or fruit? Walk or drive? Say "hi" or avoid contact? The little choices not seem SO important, and yet they add up to how you think, look and feel — not to mention whom you know.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll stand out, and be appreciated. You're popular for one reason now. You actually couldn't care less about what others think of you, and this somehow draws them to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). While outside noise is tiring to your mind and body, inside noise is tiring to your soul. Quiet the internal cacophony through meditation, physical exertion or being in nature.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Needing to know about everything how things work could be stunting your progress. Let the experts handle what

they are experts handling. See the big picture. Be the big picture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your desire for yourself doesn't seem to matching up with the universe's desire for you. But don't take a few instances of difficulty as evidence that you should give up. Step back instead to get a better perspective.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may find that you have come to resent something you used to enjoy doing. The energy has simply run its course. Pressing on may do more harm than good. Take a break to avoid total burnout.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll have a daring impulse to pitch an idea or extend an offer.

Reach and risk. If you don't get the answer you want, chalk it up to a brilliant experiment in spontaneous living.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are riding the wave that happens when creativity and inspired action come together. Surfing in the flow of life, you'll enjoy a particularly focused form concentration. You'll act intelligently without thinking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are determined not to make the same mistake you made in the past, and yet you feel yourself drawn inexplicably to a certain habit. Relax and get your head together so you can act from a more centered place.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Possessions are still bogging you down. If you had to fit your life into one closet, what would you keep? The answer to that question will help you liberate some dead weight.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 19). The thing that will happen over and over is that you'll keep meeting the right person at the right time. In April, you'll make money because you pay attention to details and keep your eyes peeled and your palms outstretched. Seize an opportunity and believe that you deserve it. In June, you'll join forces with someone who has similar goals. Cancer and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 25, 31, 27 and 15.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: Four years ago, my adult son was divorced and then lost his job. He tried selling his house, but couldn't find a buyer. At the same time, my sister's daughter, also recently divorced, needed a larger house and a better school system for her three teenage children.

My sister and I came up with what we thought was a win-win situation: My niece would take over my son's house payments. We hoped she could obtain a mortgage within two years and purchase the house for the balance. My son would make no profit. The only condition was that she maintain the place. After two years, my son was still unemployed, and my niece was unable to qualify for a mortgage. So we let the arrangement continue.

We recently learned that my niece moved out without any notification or explanation. We shocked when we saw that house had been completely destroyed. We had the property evaluated and were told it would take \$25,000 to get it back into saleable condition. With the help of relatives and contractors and more than 500 hours of free labor, the house is now in decent shape. My husband retired) and I (both invested \$15,000.

I have sent emails and letters to my sister and niece, with absolutely no response. If they won't help repay the money, at least they could offer an explanation and apology. I finally had a lawyer contact my niece about compensation. She has a decent income and was more than capable of taking care of the house.

Our next decision is whether to file a lawsuit. I have tried to restore the family relationship, but apparently, they are not interested. What do I do? Can't Afford Dilemma

Dear Dilemma: It's disappointing that your niece cannot face up to her responsibility, and that her mother is willing to lose the relationship and be sued in order to allow her daughter to hide. We doubt that forgiving a \$15,000 debt will restore your

family ties. You will simply be out the money.

Please make one last attempt to resolve this before going to court. Can you see your sister in person? Ask to meet at a neutral place to discuss before it completely out of hand. We hope she will agree so the two of you can express your feelings, including how sad you are, and find out whether anything can be done. An apology would go a long way.

please ask your readers to

list a charity or medical organization in lieu of flowers in death notices? Too many people send flowers when there is a decline in giving medical research.

At a recent visitation, there were two rooms full of flowers. Within a few hours, flowers die. Please help raise awareness that there are other significant ways to remember the deceased. - Friend of a Young Lung Cancer Victim

Dear Friend: We are all Dear Annie: Would you in favor of donations to charity and

research, and we hope family members who place death notices in the newspapers and online will keep this in mind as a way of honoring the deceased. It means a great deal to these organizations to have the financial support.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

"Classic" Ann Landers®: A lesson in etiquette in the use of first names

Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.

Dear Ann Landers: In your response to the woman who couldn't understand why her husband

never called her by her first name, you quoted Dr. Will Menninger, who said "The sweetest sound in any language is the sound of

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name.' Actually, it was Dale Carnegie who said that. You added that your former husband, an accomplished salesman, found that using the customer's first name was a good sales ploy.

practice is not acceptable worldwide.

In the Spanish culture, one never addresses a stranger by his or her first name. In fact, Spanish has two forms of salutation: the formal, which is used for elders, people of authority and strangers, and the familiar, which is used for friends, family and close associates.

Using the familiar form to address strangers is a sign of disrespect or poor upbringing. In fact, this is the case in most European

Even now, after 40 years in the United States, I find difficult to address casual acquaintances by their first names. And many salesmen never get past the first sentence when they use my first name. It's not because I am aloof; it's just a formality born of my native culture. -E.M., M.D.

Dear Dr. M.: Thank you for a letter sure to teach

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Please be aware, Ann, many people (including men and returned to the me) something useful today. If any of you readers are planning a trip to a Spanish-speaking country, or any foreign city for that matter, I suggest that you remember this column.

> Dear Ann Landers: I would like to contribute an item for your stupid-crook collection. This appeared in the San Diego Union-Tribune. — June in Calif.

> Dear June: incredible, all right. Thank you for sending it on. The story was reported by Joe Hughes. Here it is:

Two suspected shoplifters were arrested when they returned to the store where the theft occurred and asked for a shopping bag, police said. A clerk who saw two men taking merchandise without paying for it chased them out of the store at about 8 p.m. But

the clerk lost track of the

store to call 911.

"While he was on the phone, the two suspects returned to the store and demanded a bag for their loot," said a San Diego police spokesperson. Two officers were dispatched to the store and saw the suspects outside. suspects were taken into custody on suspicion of petty theft and burglary.

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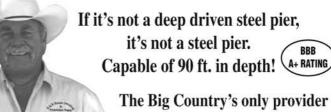
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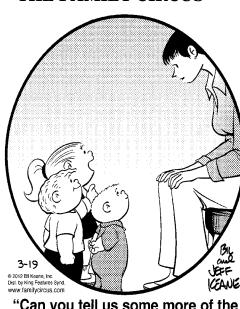
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FIX MY



"IF MY LANGUAGE IS UNACCEPTABLE... WHAT LANGUAGE CAN I USE ?



"Can you tell us some more of the things we did when we were small and cute?



This Date

In History

Today is Monday, March 19,

On March 19, 1962, Bob

Dylan's first album, epony-

mously titled "Bob Dylan," was

released by Columbia Records.

(Of the 13 songs recorded for

the album, two were Dylan

originals: "Talkin' New York"

Rene-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de

La Salle — the first European

to navigate the length of the

Mississippi River — was mur-

dered by mutineers in present-

In 1859, the opera "Faust" by

In 1911, the first International

Women's Day was observed

with rallies and parades in

Germany, Austria, Denmark

Charles Gounod premiered in

Highlight

the 79th day of 2012. There are

287 days left in the year.

Today's

History:

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of 49 in favor, 35 against, falling

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YOU LOOK



In 1942, during World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered men between the ages of 45 and 64, inclusive, to register for non-military duty. In 1945, 724 people were killed

when a Japanese dive bomber

attacked the carrier USS Franklin off Japan; the ship, however, was saved. Adolf Hitler issued his so-called "Nero Decree," ordering the destruction of German facilities that could fall into Allied hands.

World War II novel "The Caine Mutiny" was first published.

ing its day-to-day business. In 1987, televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as chairman

of his PTL ministry organiza-

tion amid a sex and money

In 1951, Herman Wouk's

In 1979, the U.S. House of Representatives began televisscandal involving Hahn, a former church secre-In 2003, President George W.

Bush ordered the start of war against Iraq. (Because of the time difference, it was early March 20 in Iraq.)

(SO HOW MUCH LONGER WILL SHE

BE ON HER CRUISE?

ONE MORE

WEEK

Today's Birthdays: Former White House national security adviser Brent Scowcroft is 87 Theologian Hans Kung is 84. Jazz musician Ornette Coleman is 82. Author Philip Roth is 79. Actress Renee Taylor is 79. Actress-singer Phyllis Newman is 79. Actress Ursula Andress is 76. Singer Clarence "Frogman' Henry is 75. Singer Ruth Pointer (The Pointer Sisters) is 66. Actress Glenn Close is 65.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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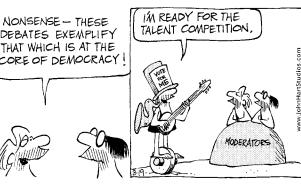
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matching phrase 13 Album track

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21 Fella

22 More adorable 25 Handled well

26 Attach with twine 27 Dole out

28 Giraffe's long feature 30 Surprise win

31 "I should say !'

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34 Least satisfactory

37 Unforeseen problem 39 Point-and-click gadget

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clothes 52 Whispered "Hey!"

53 Easy stride 54 Ireland nickname

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and "Song to Woody," a tribute to Woody Guthrie.) On this date: In 1687, French explorer

Astros, Pelfrey pound Mets

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) Mike Pelfrey's sinker wouldn't sink and his ERA keeps rising.

Carlos Lee drove in five runs with a double and a home run off Pelfrey, and the Houston Astros beat the Mets 9-5 Sunday to extend New York's spring training losing streak to eight.

"A lot of the pitches were up and they were over the middle," Pelfrey said, "and guys

at this level can hit that."

Making his third spring training start, Pelfrey allowed eight runs, eight hits and four walks in 2 2-3 innings with four strikeouts. He has given up 20 hits, six walks and four homers over 9 2-3 innings, and his ERA went up to 14.90 as New York dropped to a big league-worst 3-11.

"Obviously I walked way too many guys and the ball was up a little bit, but I got

through 80 pitches and that was fine," Pelfrey said. "Of course I would love to get everybody out, but I don't know if I've ever had a good spring training so it doesn't necessarily concern me that much. I feel good, and today was my best day velocity-wise. I don't know how many more starts I have left, two or three maybe. I know I definitely need to be better than that."

The 28-year-old right-hand-

er has started 31 or more games for the Mets in each of the last four seasons.

"I remember in '10 getting my brains beat in for five or six starts, and then the last start in Tampa. I went for six innings and gave up one run, and then I started off 9-0 (actually 9-1)," Pelfrey said. "So I'm not too worried about it now. I feel good and the results will come."

The 35-year-old Lee, having

a good spring training as a full-time first baseman, took Pelfrey down the right-field line for a two-run double in the first inning, then drove a fastball over the left-field wall for a 7-4 lead in the second inning. It was his first home run of the exhibition season.

"I'm happy where I am right now," Lee said. "In that situation it was a sinkerball pitcher trying to get me to hit a ground ball."

BAYLOR

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19 shots. That 86-65 victory over Kansas State was actually the closest game the Lady Bears played this month.

Baylor's defense was stifling throughout. The Lady Bears scored the game's first 12 points, and the Gauchos struggled on several occa- relaxing on the sideline. sions to get a shot off before the shot clock expired.

Griner had an easier time finding space inside late in the first half, scoring back-to-back baskets.

Then Odyssey Sims stole the ball from Johnson and went in for a layup to make it 41-14.

It was 46-16 at intermission, and Griner spent most of the second half

The Lady Bears seemed most excited after a last-minute 3-pointer by guard Lindsay Palmer, who had scored only 16 points all season.

Baylor's reserves had an extended chance to shine in this one.

"Lindsay's 3 was amazing," Griner said. "It's good to see them out there. ... They fight so hard in practice every day against us, and we just — we both get ing kids lessons." better and it shows."

Sims scored 10 points but didn't start in what Mulkey called a "coach's decision."

"It's a very minor thing, but I'm from the old school, and you do things right," Mulkey said. "She knows why she didn't start. It's really not a big deal. Most coaches would have looked the other wav. but it's all about teach-

Baylor set a school record for wins, breaking last season's mark of 34. The Lady Bears figure to be tested at some point, but the NCAA tournament's No. 1 overall seed had little to worry about Sunday.

Baylor's most anxious moment may have come in the first half when Sims fell hard after being fouled on a fast break, but she seemed fine.

The Gauchos finished sixth in the Big West during the regular season before winning the conference tournament. They played some lowscoring games earlier, such as a 46-37 loss to Washington back in November, but UCSB couldn't keep this one under control. The Gauchos shot 16 of 60 from the field and had two players foul out.

BRISTOL

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Keselowski's win at Bristol last August was his third of the season and gave him the provisional that allowed him

East dealer.

WEST

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The bidding:

South

Pass

Pass

West

This is a favorite story of George

B. Coffin, for many years a well-known author and publisher. The

bidding went as shown, but after East

bid seven diamonds, West quickly

passed, not waiting for South to bid.

Not only that, but East-West then

improperly exchanged hands, a com-

South, a stickler for the rules

named John Lawman, who by nature

was inclined to exact his pound of

mon practice in some games.

East

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to race for the title.

Now, just a month into the season, he's focused on collecting victories.

"One win is good; two wins is really good," Keselowski said. "We need to Cpmtomied frp,

keep winning races to lock ourselves in the Chase, but heck, I'd rather just go into the Chase in the top spot. If we run like we have the last few weeks, we've got as good a shot as anybody else."

Keselowski narrowly escaped an early sevencar accident, worked his way toward the front, then settled in for a tight battle with Kenseth

over the final third of the race. Kenseth beat Keselowski on one of their restarts — fans complained instantly on Twitter that Kenseth had jumped the start and Keselowski had to run him back down to reclaim the lead.

But a late caution when Tony Stewart hit the wall put Keselowski's win in jeopardy.

SWEET 16

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Four for the only time. It's possible again this year, though Carolina will have to overcome an injury to a key player to get there.

The Tar Heels defeated Creighton 87-73, but point guard Kendall Marshall broke his right (non-shooting) wrist.

"You can ask any question you want, but I just told you all we know," Tar Heels coach Roy Williams said when announcing the injury. "We do not know anything else."

Though there are few truly small teams left in this year's draw — such as the Butlers and VCUs and George Masons that have crashed the Final Four over the last decade — there will be three squads bringing double-digit seeds to the final 16.

The list starts with No. 11 North Carolina State, the program that pretty much set the standard for March Madness upsets and gave us one of the most memorable moments in college sports: Coach Jim Valvano running around the floor at The Pit, looking for someone to hug after Lorenzo Charles grabbed Dereck Whittenburg's air ball and put it in at the buzzer for an upset over powerhouse Houston.

That was in 1983.

TEXTRONICS

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In 2012, the Wolfpack snuck in as one of the make the field. On Sunday, they upset No. 3 Georgetown 66-63 to gain their Midwest Regional matchup against "We always talk about

we have such great history at NC State, but it's also time to build some new history," coach Mark Gottfried said.

No. 10 Xavier comes from the Atlantic-10, the closest thing to a power conference without actually being one. This is the fourth Sweet 16 appearance in the last five years for the Musketeers, who made their biggest news this season with an uglv brawl against crosstown rival Cincinnati that led to suspensions and knocked the team out of

whack. "The only guys that know what we went through were the guys who were in the locker coach Chris room." Mack said. "Some would say it's self-inflicted, but I know we have great kids. And I'm really proud of them today."

Then, of course, there's No. 13 Ohio — enrollment 17,000 but with a basketball program that has, well, basically nothing in common with the state's better-known behemoths who will join them in the Sweet 16 — Ohio State, Xavier and

"I do think our guys have a chip on their shoulder," Ohio coach John Groce said. "I think our guys look forward to playing on the big stage against quality

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Contract 3 By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

flesh when an irregularity occurred, now said: "Just a second, please. I haven't passed. In fact, I'll bid seven notrump!" West doubled, and, after two passes, South redoubled! West then led the king of spades.
"Just a second," said South again.

'Both of your hands are exposed because you've seen each other's cards, and I'm entitled to call your plays in any way I see fit." So Mr. Lawman directed West to lead the ten of spades instead. He

took the ten with the jack, continued with the nine, calling for West's eight, then cashed the seven of spades, calling for West's six. As the spades were being led, declarer forced East to discard the A-

K-Q of clubs! Mr. Lawman then cashed the J-9-7 of clubs, compelling West to play the 10-8-6 in that order, and East to discard the A-K-Q of The same process was then

repeated in hearts, declarer cashing the J-9-7 of that suit. On the hearts. East, who at this point was nearing a state of apoplexy, was forced to discard the A-K-Q of diamonds.

Mr. Lawman next cashed his heart and club fives, collecting East's J-10 of diamonds. Dummy's 9-8 of diamonds then scored the last two tricks to make the redoubled grand

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