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Statewide magazines feature Big Spring

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring is in the news big time these days. The March edition of Texas Monthly, which hit sales racks this week, has a feature on the Hotel Settles. Titled 'Up With the Old Hotel: How a Fabulously Wealthy Son of Big Spring Came Home to Save the Settles,' the article covers both Brint Ryan's financial expertise and his successful renovation of the West Texas landmark. The story is written by Bryan Mealer. Along the way, the article points out that the 49-year-old Big Spring native was hardly known in his hometown before the renovation project, but is a high profile individual in the Metroplex, home of his billion-dollar

tax consulting firm. He's also known for his \$10 million Preston Hollow estate and his close ties to politics. Another March publication, Texas Parks & Highways Magazine, features '3 Days in the Field,' written by Cynthia Walker Pickens, who toured Big Spring with her daughter last fall. Enhanced with some excellent photographs, Pickens takes readers through the Big Spring State Park, Comanche Trail Park, Heritage Museum, Hotel Settles, a sandhill crane "sanctuary" and other attractions (Bowl-A-Rama!). It's an interesting and favorable romp through Big Spring, with a bit of history thrown in.



House approves \$4B bill to close Medicaid deficit

CHRIS TOMLINSON Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas House approved a supplemental spending bill Thursday to close a \$4 billion budget deficit for Medicaid. The move was an important step toward balancing the current budget after lawmakers in 2011 failed to set aside enough money to pay for the program, which provides health care for the poor and disabled. The state will run out of money for Medicaid in March, and the measure now goes to the Senate for consideration. Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, introduced House

Bill 10 and urged fellow lawmakers to pass it without any significant changes. The bill provides enough money to solve the shortfall and inject \$630 million into the permanent school fund, which is also urgently needed. "By voting for this, we are asking that over 3 million people receive medical aid after the middle of March, that we are going to pay 225,000 providers to care for our constituents," said Pitts, the House Appropriations chairman. Democrats, who hold 55 out of 150 seats, had planned to offer amendments to add additional money for public schools, after the Republi-

can-controlled Legislature in 2011 cut \$5.4 billion in funding for education. But Republicans passed a rule last week making that impossible. The state collected higher-than-expected tax revenue over the last two years and restoring some school funding has become a Democratic priority. On Thursday, Democrats proposed amendments intended to embarrass Republicans on the question of school funding, but Rep. Troy Martinez Fischer, D-San Antonio, and Rep. Mark Strama, D-Austin, withdrew them after Pitts acknowledged talks were under way on another supplemental spending bill.

"There is a bipartisan group to work on school finance to see what we can do for our children ... for this school year, and the next biennium," Pitts explained in asking lawmakers to vote for the emergency Medicaid bill. A senior Democrat, Rep. Rene Oliveira of Brownsville, confirmed that the group had held a lengthy meeting to discuss a new supplemental bill. "We are working together in a bipartisan way trying to get that done and the dialogue continues to go on," he said. He added that the group would meet again Thursday afternoon.

Conservative Republicans adamantly oppose spending more money on education, but other Republicans who represent suburban areas don't want to appear indifferent to the issue. House Speaker Joe Straus said over the summer that the Legislature should consider restoring some funding for public schools and provide additional funds in the 2014-2015 budget for school growth. Lawmakers can spend up to \$965 million in the current budget without breaking a constitutional spending cap, and the state has the money available. House Bill 10 passed Thursday 148-0.

Ready... set ... cast!

Annual Rotary Club fishing contest planned March 2

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Area youth will get the chance to cast and reel for top honors March 2 as the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club presents its fifth annual Fishing Contest for Boys and Girls. The competition — set from 1 p.m.



McIntosh

until 4 p.m. at Comanche Trail Lake — is open to youth 17 years and younger, according to event coordinator Ken McIntosh. "Registration for the event will begin at noon with a number of door prizes to be awarded starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center," McIntosh said. Anglers taking part in the competition will be setting their sights on rainbow trout,

a variety which should prove plentiful thanks to prior planning. "The Comanche Trail Park Lake has been stocked with nearly 5,000 trout this season," McIntosh said. "In addition to door prizes, children and youth will have the chance to win featured prizes based on the categories of first fish caught, largest fish caught and most caught by the 4 p.m. deadline. "Popular ways to catch trout include fishing off the bottom of the lake with corn, salmon eggs or a variety of power baits. Small Rooster Tail and Super Duper lures work well, too, given the time of day, weather and water conditions." There is no admission fee

All-City Choir set for Tuesday concert

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

The best young singers in Big Spring will be in concert Tuesday when the All-City Choir performs at Big Spring High School. The choir, composed of select Big Spring Independent School District fourth and fifth graders from Goliad, Marcy, Moss and Washington elementary schools, will take the stage at the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. Judith Ayer, assistant choral director at Big Spring High School and organizer of Tuesday's event, said children were selected for the choir based on more than just their singing ability. "Of course, they had to have good singing voices," Ayer said. "But they also had to be good representatives of their school. We like to tell the kids they are the cream of the crop." The choir, which has had two months of rehearsal leading up to Tuesday's concert, will be under the direction of Ayer and Randall Capshaw, junior high choir director. The program includes a selection of folk songs, Ayer said, and the Big Spring High School show choir Rhapsody will perform before joining the children for a number. Members of the Howard College Percussion Ensemble will perform, as well. Admission is free to Tuesday's event.

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Obituaries

Melvin A Porter, M.D.

9/1/22 - 2/11/13

Melvin A Porter, M.D., passed gallantly from this world into the arms of his Savior, Jesus Christ on Feb. 11, 2013. He left the same way in which he lived: peacefully and full of dignity. In his final hours, he was surrounded by family who read to him his favorite Psalms and scriptures, sang hymns and covered him in prayer.

Born in Norton, Kan., on Sept. 1, 1922, Mel was the youngest of five siblings. He followed the example of his brothers and, after finishing high school, attended Kansas State University and joined the wrestling team. In 1943, he joined the United States Army and passed an exam that placed him in the medical program. The Army sent him to Johns Hopkins University and then to George Washington University School of Medicine.

He earned his medical degree in 1949 and, after some overseas tours with the Army, he was honorably discharged with the rank of captain. He completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas and then began a private practice as a board certified OB/GYN in Big Spring, Texas in 1959. After 38 years in practice and bringing thousands of babies into the world, he reluctantly retired.

Melvin had a brilliant mind and loved to read. His favorite subjects were alternative medicine and the Holy Bible and he enjoyed sharing his knowledge on both topics. He was a teacher at heart and cherished the opportunity to create a practical or moral lesson out of everyday occurrences.

In addition to reading, his passions were classic cars, photography, ice cream and sports. He would watch any sport on television and he was an avid golfer and snow skier. He loved a good joke and never missed a chance to use a pun.

He was famous for his supreme patience and ability to stay calm in any situation. Those attributes came in handy, whether he was at work or on vacation teaching friends and family members to ski or teaching yet another teenager how to drive a stick shift, which he considered to be an important skill.

Mel had a wonderful sense of adventure. He loved to travel and sometimes even arrived at his destination piloting a V-tail Bonanza airplane. He enjoyed roller coasters and once, in Las Vegas, while waiting in line for the "Big Shot" thrill ride on top of the Stratosphere Hotel, he was asked, "What if it didn't stop and just flew off the top of the building?" He replied, "Oh, but what a way to go!"

He had that joyful attitude and positive outlook about everything. He was kind to everyone he met and never spoke a bad word about anyone (except certain politicians).

Even in our sorrow over his absence, we are rejoicing for him, knowing he is in the presence of our Almighty God and has a new body, free of pain. We can just imagine him arriving in heaven, falling prostrate in worship before the Lord and then David, the Psalmist, taking his hand and showing him where they keep the ice cream. We know that if he could share one last bit of wisdom, he would tell us, "Trust in the Lord, and take vitamin C to tolerance."

Mel was preceded in death by his parents, Walt and Ella Porter; three brothers; and one sister. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Linda Porter; his sons, Scott Porter, M.D., Hugh Porter and Gary Porter; his daughters, Pati Cruce and Pam Cimino; and seven grandchildren.

The family held a private graveside service and laid his body to rest in a family plot near Weatherford, Texas. Memorial donations in Mel's honor should be sent to Zola Levitt Ministries, Hal Lindsey Ministries, Operation Blessing or the charity of your choice.

Paid obituary



Fernando Apolinar 'Poli' Rodriguez

Fernando Apolinar "Poli" Rodriguez, 21, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25, 2013, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring, Texas.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring, Texas.

Robert D. Bradshaw

Robert D. Bradshaw, 79, of Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2013 in a Midland nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

The Big Spring Amateur Radio Club will be administering amateur radio license exams at 9:30 a.m. March 2 at the clubhouse, 3793 S. 87. The fee is \$15 and a picture ID is required. Those intending to upgrade their license need to bring two copies of the current license. For information, contact Brad Hyde, club president at 254-702-7986 or by email at w5bk@live.com

The annual Big Spring Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper will be held Friday, March 8, at the Howard College cafeteria. Serving is from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 apiece and can be purchased at the door or from any Kiwanis Club member. For more information, contact Steve Reagan at 270-2218.

An account has been established at Citizens Credit Union to help pay medical expenses for Jodi Schlipf Baird, who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer. For more information, contact the credit credit union at 267-6373 or Donna Whetsel at 432-466-9744.

The Howard County A&M Club is accepting scholarship applications from county high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2013 semester. More information and the application may be found on the club's web site: www.westexags.com

Sheriff/EMS

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity (68 prisoners were reported in the county jail):

- RYAN ANTHONY GONZALES, 23, was jailed on a charge of criminal mischief over \$50 but less than \$500.
- JAMES CRAIG NORMAN, 45, was jailed on a charge of reckless driving.
- KRISTAL M. CERVANTES, 24, was jailed on warrants charging bail jumping, failure to appear, no seat belt and a warrant from another agency.
- THEODORE DIAZ JR., 40, was jailed on a federal probation violation warrant.
- RUBEN GONZALES, 47, was jailed on warrants for failure to yield, failure to stop at an intersection, expired motor vehicle registration and no seat belt.
- SALVADOR GUTIERREZ PEREZ, 41, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- SONNY TORRES, CARRILLO, 35, was jailed on a motion to revoke probation for resisting arrest or search.
- ISAAC J. TARIN, 20, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- ISAAC NATHAN RIOS, 22, was jailed on a charge of evading arrest or detention and traffic warrants, parole violation warrant and a Midland County warrant.

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity Thursday:

- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 5600 block of E. Interstate 20.

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating 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.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous sup-




port group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-

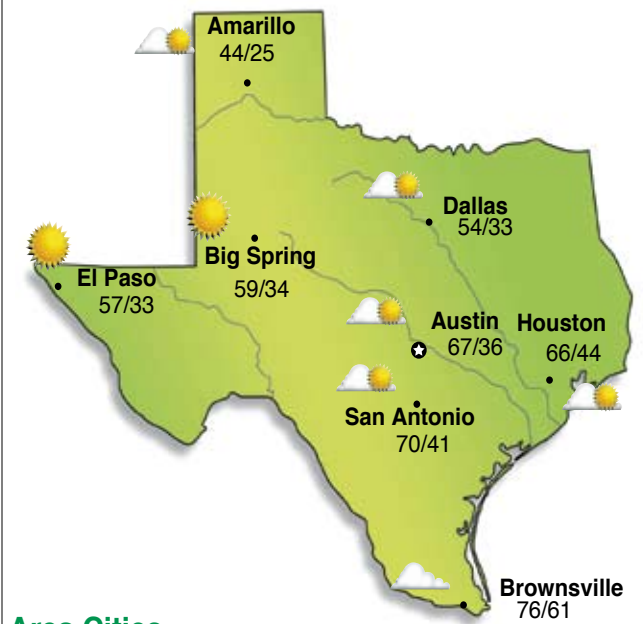
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sat 2/23	Sun 2/24	Mon 2/25
 59/34 Mainly sunny. High 59F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph.	 69/44 Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	 65/34 Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 6:38 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 6:39 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 6:40 PM



Texas At A Glance



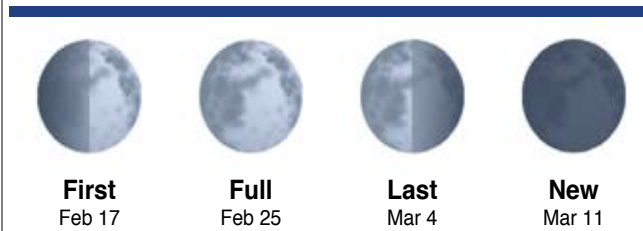
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	55	33	sunny	Kingsville	79	50	pt sunny
Amarillo	44	25	pt sunny	Livingston	64	37	pt sunny
Austin	67	36	pt sunny	Longview	57	33	pt sunny
Beaumont	66	44	rain	Lubbock	53	28	sunny
Brownsville	76	61	cloudy	Lufkin	65	39	pt sunny
Brownwood	59	34	sunny	Midland	62	39	sunny
Corpus Christi	74	51	pt sunny	Raymondville	79	57	cloudy
Corsicana	54	32	pt sunny	Rosenberg	68	43	pt sunny
Dallas	54	33	pt sunny	San Antonio	70	41	pt sunny
Del Rio	76	44	pt sunny	San Marcos	68	37	pt sunny
El Paso	57	33	sunny	Sulphur Springs	53	31	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	67	39	sunny	Sweetwater	55	33	sunny
Gainesville	48	28	pt sunny	Tyler	56	33	pt sunny
Greenville	51	29	pt sunny	Weatherford	52	30	pt sunny
Houston	66	44	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	48	29	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Allanta	47	43	rain	Minneapolis	29	17	snow
Boston	39	29	mst sunny	New York	39	36	cloudy
Chicago	34	22	sn shower	Phoenix	60	40	sunny
Dallas	54	33	pt sunny	San Francisco	61	47	mst sunny
Denver	37	20	pt sunny	Seattle	47	40	rain
Houston	66	44	pt sunny	St. Louis	39	20	pt sunny
Los Angeles	66	45	pt sunny	Washington, DC	40	31	mixed
Miami	82	70	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sat 2/23	Sun 2/24	Mon 2/25
6	6	6
High	High	High

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March 2
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March 2-3
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State senator: Students 'crying' for more choice

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The head of the Senate Education Committee made a dramatic appeal Thursday to expand charter schools in Texas, arguing that those who oppose them are condemning students and parents to waitlists long enough to make them cry.

Sen. Dan Patrick added fuel to an already white-hot political issue, telling his committee that the Legislature should do more to help the 101,000-plus kids who want to leave their traditional public schools for charters, but have ended up on waitlists due to inadequate space.

The Houston Republican has authored a high-profile bill that would abolish the current cap of 215 operating licenses the state is allowed to issue.

When some opponents signed up to address the committee, Patrick declared:

“You’re not testifying against a bill, you’re testifying against 100,000 families who are on the waitlists who are desperate for their children to have choice.”

“The big picture here is we have 100,000 people on the waitlist, families who cry, whose children cry,” when they don’t get admitted, Patrick said. “This is a waitlist that we can reduce like that,” he said, snapping his fingers.

David Dunn, executive director the Texas Charter School Association, said about 154,000 of the state’s more than 5 million public school students attend charter schools, but that the numbers on waitlists have almost doubled in 2 ½ years — from 56,000 in 2010 to about 101,000 currently.

Dallas Democratic Sen. Royce West challenged the waitlist figure, saying it likely includes students who have

applied for multiple schools.

Across the country, 18 of the 42 states with charter schools have no cap on how many can operate. Dunn suggested that imposing a maximum on licenses was a crude way of ensuring quality control among existing charter schools, and said that if the cap were lifted, he expected the number of charters to increase by two-thirds “overnight.”

Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, noted that operators can already use a single charter to open multiple campuses.

John Gray of the Texas State Teachers Association told the committee: “Regarding busting the cap, the good schools can already replicate.”

Davis suggested that the focus should instead be on closing down problematic charter schools before allowing “an unlimited number to open.”

David Anderson, general

counsel of the Texas Education Agency, said officials can already easily close poorly rated charters but that years of legal fights slow the process. He said officials are in the process of attempting to close less than a dozen charter schools, and numerous others have already been warned to improve performance.

Patrick has made expanding “school choice” his signature issue, though past efforts to overhaul charter schools have largely fizzled amid bipartisan opposition — especially in the House, where rural Republicans complain charters aren’t available in their districts.

Supporters of traditional public schools are wary of the plan, noting that it gives state funding to schools that can choose not to admit certain students, such as low-income kids or those who need extra instruction to learn the

English language. They also argue that the Legislature should focus on restoring \$5.4 billion in cuts to public education it approved in 2011.

Patrick’s bill also would provide charter schools \$150 per student for facilities costs, instead of paying only for the schools’ operating expenses as under current state law. Dunn said that’s a good start, but not enough since traditional districts get more than \$1,000 per pupil for facilities.

The proposed legislation had required traditional public schools to lease any unused buildings to charter schools for \$1. When that caused an uproar Thursday, Patrick said he’d change it to fair-market value paid for leasing. He said the \$1 provision had been a clerical error.

State briefs

About 1,700 Texas inmates received unemployment

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials acknowledge the state paid nearly \$3.4 million in unemployment benefits to Texans behind bars over the last four years.

The Texas Workforce Commission says it identified about 1,700 cases of prison and jail inmates collecting benefits. But agency spokeswoman Lisa Givens says most fraud cases were caught early so the payments didn’t continue for long.

Inmates aren’t eligible for unemployment payments because those filing for benefits must be available for full-time work.

KHOU-TV in Houston reports lists of eligible recipients are checked against names of state prison inmates. Givens says a program to check names of city, county and federal inmates has started.

Givens says the commission averted paying about \$9.3 million to state prison inmates the past four years because of early fraud detection.

Police: robbery concocted to hide visit to bar

LA FERIA, Texas (AP) — Police say a 21-year-old South Texas man has admitted to concocting a story about being robbed of \$1,000 because he didn’t want his wife to learn he spent the money at a topless bar.

KGBT-TV in Harlingen reports Jesus Mata of San Benito recently received a tax refund and decided to spend the money Wednesday at the bar in La Feria.

He later contacted police to say gunmen with assault weapons took the money.

Law enforcement in the area conducted a search for the suspects. Mata was questioned a second time and inconsistencies were found in his story.

He was taken into custody Thursday and transported to the Cameron County jail on a charge of filing a false report.

La Feria is about 130 miles south of Corpus Christi.

NYC gets first natural gas-powered food truck

NEW YORK (AP) — A pizza purveyor is now running the first food truck in New York City to be run completely on natural gas.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Texas oil and gas investor T. Boone Pickens were on hand at City Hall Park Thursday to mark the launch of the Neapolitan Express truck.

Some food trucks have run some of their equipment on natural gas, but they generally also use diesel, gasoline and/or propane.

Natural gas proponents say it’s more environmentally friendly, although there is controversy surrounding environmental questions about the natural gas drilling process known as fracking.

Neapolitan Express says its truck will emit 70 percent fewer greenhouse gases than a similar vehicle running off gasoline or diesel fuel.

The truck will be stationed at various spots around the city.

2nd person arrested in case of missing woman

GRAHAM, Texas (AP) — Authorities say a second person is now charged in the murder of a 20-year-old woman who went missing more than a year ago in West Texas.

They say 22-year-old Lajuana Shunta Long was arrested Wednesday and is being held at the Young County jail on a \$750,000 bond. The Graham resident was charged with a single count of murder.

Candice Shields was three months pregnant when she disappeared in December 2011. She was living with her grandparents in Graham, about 120 miles northwest of Dallas.

Jeremy Thornburg of Sweetwater was arrested earlier this month and charged with murder. The 24-year-old remains in custody at the Young County jail.

Long’s relationship to Thornburg was not clear Thursday. It’s believed Thornburg had dated the

missing woman.

Authorities continue to search for Shields’ body.

National Instruments expanding

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — National Instruments Corp. plans to spend \$80 million to expand its Texas research and development complex and create about 1,000 technical and engineering jobs.

Austin-based National Instruments will receive \$4.4 million through the Texas Enterprise Fund.

Gov. Rick Perry on Thursday announced the funding in support of the company’s plan that includes building a 300,000-square-foot facility adjacent to its current site.

National Instruments designs and manufactures electronic measurement hardware and software. It operates in more than 40 countries.

19 arrested in cocaine ring

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Officers have arrested 19 suspects in a Central Texas-based cocaine and cash smuggling ring with ties to Mexico.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Thursday announced the arrests in a multi-agency investigation dubbed Operation Treasure.

Authorities have seized \$1 million and more than 120 pounds of cocaine in a criminal network operating from the Austin area. Investigators say cocaine was also transported to Houston and Dallas, along with Kentucky, Georgia, North Carolina, Florida and Alabama.

A federal indictment the suspects with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine. Six individuals also face charges of bulk cash smuggling.

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for the contest, which offers local families a great way to enjoy the outdoors and time together, according to McIntosh.

“Life can get so busy

with work and everything else going on that we forget to stop and look around us and be thankful for the special things we have in our lives,” McIntosh said. “This fishing contest gives area children a chance to get outdoors and enjoy some time

with their family while they fish.”

Contestants must have their own fishing equipment and bait to partici-

pate in the event. For more information on the event, contact McIntosh at 432-517-4821.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Give us rain, dear Lord, in order that we may see your gardens grow.

Amen

Dorner's last day: A triple murder

My friends from out of town want to know what I thought of President Obama's State of the Union address. The answer is simple. I live in Los Angeles. I didn't see or hear the State of the Union address. I was watching the Christopher Dorner manhunt.

In the days since Dorner became the most feared name in Los Angeles, my adopted city has gone through an emotional roller coaster: horror at the senseless murder of Monica Quan, a young basketball coach, and her fiancé, Keith Lawrence, a public safety officer at USC (where I teach and where it hit home hard) allegedly because Dorner was unsatisfied with her father's defense of him at his disciplinary hearing; horror at the senseless and brutal killing of young Riverside police officer and former Marine Michael Crain; and sadness that some of what Dorner said in his manifesto about our police department took us way back, to the terrible days of the 1990s, to the Rodney King beating and the LA riots, to the acquittal of OJ Simpson, who got away with murder by putting the LAPD on trial.

Was it even possible that anything this crazy, cruel, deranged murderer said could have any credence? Had we made so little progress?

Those last questions were

being batted about, below the line, off the television cameras, during the weekend before Tuesday's chase. The Los Angeles Times highlighted two stories on its front page: one about the murders in Irvine of the beautiful young couple; the other raising questions as to whether Dorner was, in fact, properly discharged, reviewing the testimony and concluding that it came down to a credibility contest.

The racial divide opened up again. Everyone condemns Dorner's actions. There's no dispute about that. But the fact that the LAPD shot at three totally innocent people, including a 71-year-old Hispanic woman and her daughter who were delivering newspapers in a blue Toyota, had many people muttering that maybe he was right about the department.

The fact that Dorner's manifesto had nothing but praise for the military even as it damned the LAPD left a lot of folks shaking their heads. Not many people say such things aloud, or with their names attached. No one wants to be quoted showing sympathy for a cop-killer, nor do I have any.

But the story is more complicated than a "simple" triple murder.

On Tuesday, a couple who owned a cabin in the Big Bear mountain resort area — just down the road from where police were staging the manhunt — entered the cabin to clean only to be confronted by Dorner. He bound and gagged them, but repeatedly assured them that he had nothing against them, that

he would not harm them, that he was just trying to clear his name. Then he left the cabin and stole their car. Their 911 call led to the last stage of the manhunt, the murder of a sheriff's deputy, the final shootout, the burning of a cabin, and the sigh of relief as the roads reopened.

It's too bad, one African-American friend said to me, that he couldn't find a way to draw attention to his complaints without committing murder. Yes. Beyond too bad. Tragic, for his victims.

Dorner did not clear his name. If that was his goal, he could not have chosen a worse way to accomplish it.

The errors in the manhunt — the fact that he was, as it is now being reported, "hiding in plain view" just down the road from the command post — will certainly raise issues about the way the search was conducted. But an examination of the legacy of the 1990s and to what extent the LAPD has changed will have to wait for another day.

At this point, no one wants to suggest that there is anything positive to be said about Christopher Dorner. I don't know about the State of the Union, but my city has been through the wringer.

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Not all Cubans are Rubio clubbers

Please get this straight: For those of us Cuban-Americans who value our brotherhood with our fellow Latin Americans, especially those who didn't have our privilege to come to this country legally, Marco Rubio is an embarrassment.

As the Florida Republican senator becomes the voice for limiting immigration reform, as he puts Machiavellian conditions on a path to legalization, as he clearly puts the interests of his party before those of his own Hispanic community, mind you, not all Cuban-Americans feel proud of him.

And certainly not all of us want him to become our next president!

I'm often amazed by the attitude of some people who, knowing that I was born in Cuba, erroneously assume that I must belong to the Marco Rubio fan club. Just because Rubio's parents also were born in Cuba, they think that this should be enough for me to ignore what he stands for and the interests he represents.

"How about that Marco Rubio?" they ask me. "You must feel very proud. I bet I know who you want for president."

When I hear that, first I have to watch my blood pressure.

And then, as calmly as possible, I try to explain that not all Cubans are molded the same way, that no amount of nationalistic pride is going to make me support a politician with whom I vehemently disagree on practically everything.

Mind you, I would be crying with pride and joy if I saw a young Cuban-American politician go all the way to the White House, but not if I have to overlook what he would do once he gets there.

If I dreaded the thought of Mitt Romney in the White House, why would a Romney supporter appeal to me now? Especially when on most issues, tone deaf to the election results, Rubio still sounds like Romney? Nevertheless, some people

think that because we share Cuban roots, I must be Marco's compadre.

"So, let me get this straight," I tell them, "just because Rubio's parents were born in Cuba, you think I should support his tea party ideals and their anti-immigrant agenda? Do I look like a masochist to you?"

When the White House leaked a draft of an immigration bill last week, revealing that the president's plan would allow undocumented immigrants to get a green card within eight years and become citizens five years later, Rubio immediately issued a statement declaring that the president's bill would be "dead on arrival" in Congress.

As a Latino leader, you would think he would be happy that many of his fellow Latinos would get the right to vote in 13 years, right?

No way, Jose! That's what Republicans fear most!

And theirs are the interests Rubio represents.

He is not a Latino who happens to be Republican; he is a GOP ideologue who happens to be Latino.

And there is a huge difference. Latino leaders fight to empower Latino voters, Republican leaders fight to keep minorities from voting.

Instead of President's Obama leaked bill, Rubio wants everyone to agree with the "framework of principles" recently outlined by him and five other senators — which is nothing but a farce!

The plan favored by Rubio, and even some ill-advised Democrats, doesn't even put a date on when our 11 million undocumented immigrants could begin the process of legalization. In fact, since it makes that process contingent on if and when border states certify that the border with Mexico has been secured, it's possible that the legalization part of such a comprehensive reform package is never realized, while all additional security components indeed are enforced.

And so when Rubio stamps "DOA" on the president's bill, because, he claims, "It fails to follow through on previously broken promises to secure our borders," you know he is spewing Republican code language

for, "This is how we derail a legalization plan for many more years."

When Rubio says that Obama's plan "creates a special pathway that puts those who broke our immigration laws at an advantage over those who chose to do things the right way and come here legally," you know he assuring right wing extremists that he will fight to deny undocumented immigrants the right to vote for much longer than 13 years.

To Republicans, keeping undocumented immigrants from voting in at least three more presidential elections, which is what Obama is proposing, is simply not enough, not when they know that those immigrants are likely to always remember the way they have been treated by GOP demagogues for so many years.

Republicans know that by making legalization contingent on border security certification, whatever measure they pass in Washington would surely be derailed when it gets to border states where Republicans rule. Yes, some Republicans probably are willing to go along with Rubio's kind of immigration reform, but only because they believe the legalization provision would be nullified by the border states.

Of course, this puts Rubio in a terrible predicament. He is trying to convince the conservative Republican base that, on his way to the White House, he can help their party win Latino voters. And yet he can't win Latino voters, including many Cuban Americans, with phony immigration reform that is clearly meant to pander to those who fear Latino political empowerment.

If this is how Republicans expect to win back the Latino voters they have been losing in recent elections, if they think they can do it with a Latino puppet who keeps following their anti-immigrant playbook, they still have a lot to learn.

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Church News

First United Methodist Church

Both the 8:30 and 10:50 service of worship will be led by Senior Pastor Bill Ivins on Sunday. Sunday school classes for all ages are in between at 9:45. The memory verse for the month is from Galatians 2:20. "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Children are reminded to bring something from home for Pastor Bill and Beau's "Sermon in a Sack." Following this part of the morning service, children can go to youth hall for Little Church for ages 4 through fourth grade. Their new course of study has begun with this week's worship lesson titled "I can praise Jesus as my king."

Our 10:50 service is broadcast over FM 105.5 each Sunday morning. Available dates for sponsoring a broadcast are available at the church office; each week is \$90.

Remember to watch the History Channel's five-week mini-series "The Bible" on Sunday nights beginning March 3.

Discussion groups regarding the previous Sunday's production will be held at Noon Bible Study and Real Life Wednesday.

The new slate of officers for United Methodist Women. Installation was held at Sunday's 10:50 service. Muffett Bomar is the newly installed president; JoBeth Corwin the vice president; Joan Beil, secretary; Ernestine Day, treasurer; Fran Emerson, social action; Lillian Staggs, membership; Margie Hill, spiritual growth; and DeAnn Bell, education. We salute these women who do so much locally as well as globally.

Our website has changed to www.fumcbs.com.

We offer hearing assistance devices for those who need them. Please see an usher for one.

The single candle on the upper altar table burns during each service to remind us of those serving in the armed forces, away from loved ones to protect our freedoms.

First United Methodist Church is located in downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry streets.

College Baptist Church

The Sunday School lesson this past week was, "Practice Godliness." Pastor Ken McMeans' sermon on Sunday evening brought out the fact that we should no longer live a worldly existence but be in training to be more Godly.

Starting out the New Year each Jan. 1, many people get busy on an exercise program and diets to get more physically fit but how many get into training to be more spiritually fit?

To be spiritually fit, we must train for it just as we train to get physically fit except we need different tools. Some of

the tools we need are prayer, Bible study, church attendance, and practicing kindness and gentleness to others. In order to get fit physically or spiritually, it takes discipline and maximum, sustained effort.

We invite you to join us at College Baptist where we have spiritually fit "personal trainers" to help you get into

join us for all of our services, classes and groups:

Sunday service at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Sunday morning youth and children's classes at 9 a.m.

Sunday morning children's church at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Sunday evening youth activities at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday night prayer at 6:30

If you missed last week's service, contact the church office or see the multimedia department at CCC and they will get you a free copy. This is good for any past services as well.

Discipleship 101 Bible Study will be Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

Overcomers: Recovery &

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. in the church library and the Chancel Choir practices at 6 p.m. Wednesday. The Children's Choir practices on Wednesday at 4:45 p.m.

The youth group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Boy Scouts meet in the entrance room of the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. Monday.

The Feb. 27 Ecumenical Lenten Lunch, which we share with First Christian Church, St. Mary's Episcopal, the Church of the Nazarene and Catholic Trinity Parish, will be at First Nazarene Church with Ken McIntosh as speaker; March 6 at First Presbyterian, Msgr. Bernard Gully as speaker; March 13 at First Christian, Cal Calendar as speaker; and March 20 at Catholic Trinity Parish, Barbara Kirk-Norris as speaker.

The Service Committee is sponsoring a personal hygiene drive; they are asking your help in collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, bath soap, shampoo and wipes for people in need. Please bring these items to the foyer of the sanctuary on Feb. 24 or drop them off at the church office.

Deborah Jones is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Danny Kennemur is liturgist for February. Ushers for this Sunday are the youth.

The lectionary for the Second Sunday in Lent is Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35.

The Chancel Choir will present "Rejoice in the Lord Always" by Henry Purcell for the anthem and "Sing the Song of Praise" by Eugene Butler for the offertory. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Noisy Offering will be collected during the service.

If you cannot attend worship, 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 website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Holstedt.

Forsan Baptist Church

Currently on Sunday mornings we are examining the ministry of Jesus as He taught, healed and fed thousands on His way to that fateful week in Jerusalem. Sunday evenings, we are conducting a verse-by-verse survey of the Book of Romans, and Wednesdays we are drawing into the middle of a study called, "The Seven Stages of Peter's Life."

Our sanctuary remodel is nearing completion! At the time this is printed, we should have carpet and a new sound system in our sanctuary. Pews will be reinstalled soon and reupholstered.

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Isn't life supposed to be fair?

Isn't life supposed to be fair? Isn't the best team always supposed to win? Shouldn't hard work produce riches? Shouldn't good health be bestowed on those who deserve it?

There is something wrong with our world. The bride who marries Prince Charming often discovers a missing letter in this character. Prince Charming sometimes changes to Prince Harming as soon as the wedding vows have been said. It just isn't fair.

After years of preparation, the most promising student sometimes doesn't get the dream job at the end of the educational track. Life just isn't fair.

Sometimes the parents who invest the most time, effort, love, and devotion in raising their children are often disappointed. Even when the road to success has been paved for them, Johnny and Susie often insist on discovering their own paths in life. It just isn't fair.

In a world that doesn't seem to know right from wrong, we all have an ingrained sense of "oughtness." Things ought to go the way we planned them. This ought to happen, and that ought not to happen.

Yet, in reality, houses burn, businesses fail, relationships fall apart, accidents happen, and people get sick. Even death often comes before life is finished. Sometimes, we just shake our heads in amazement that life doesn't seem fair.

On the contrary, perhaps the real issue



BONNIE WHEAT

is expectation, not fairness. We expect life to be easy. We expect health, wealth, and happiness to land in our laps. We think that somehow we deserve all the things we ever desired.

However, American poet, Robert Frost had a unique perspective on the problem of expectation. He said, "A person will sometimes devote all of his life to the development of one part of his body - the wishbone."

If we allow our wishbones to override reality, life will never seem fair. Discontentment, hurt, and anger will follow. Joy will be drained from life. Bitterness will flourish.

Although the Bible doesn't promise us that life will be fair, it does assure us of God's love. The apostle Paul wrote, "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:35, 38-39 NASB).

When it comes to God's love, life is fair. His unconditional love is available to anyone who will receive it.

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shape. They will help you to reach a worthy goal.

Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. each week with church service to follow at 11. The Sunday evening service is at 6 with choir practice to follow at 7.

Wednesday evenings at 7, we have Bible study and prayer meeting in the fellowship hall. Back Stage for youth takes place in the upstairs area of the gym. The Wee Singers meet in the nursery and we have King's Kids meeting either in the sanctuary or the choir room. Bring your family and get started on a program to get "Spiritually Fit."

—Submitted by Dean Priest.

First Church of the Nazarene

Get your hop ready! First Church of the Nazarene is hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt March 30 at the Old Settler's Pavilion at Comanche Trail Park. The event will start at 11 a.m. We will also have hot dogs, drinks, inflatables, etc. This event is free to anyone wanting to attend. Tell your friends and family members to plan to make it a part of their Easter tradition.

You are also welcome to

p.m. in the sanctuary.

Wednesday evening adult/children/youth classes at 6:30.

Unable to come to church on Sunday morning? Well, tune into KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. and you can listen to a live broadcast of our service. You can also view streaming footage inside the sanctuary by going to our webpage at www.nazfamily.org.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 432-267-7015. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for praise and worship, directly followed by the word. Our 2013 vision focus is "Restoring Hope to the Hopeless." Last week, Pastor Willard continued in the series entitled The Church: Give No Place to the Devil! with title of "Hope for Ethnic Unity" taken from Ephesians 2:11-22. This week, the title will be "Hope for Unity in Ministry" and will be taken from Ephesians 4:1-7.

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► Religious briefs

Irish leader apologizes to women abandoned in Catholic laundries

DUBLIN (AP) — Ireland ignored the mistreatment of thousands of women who were incarcerated within Roman Catholic nun-operated laundries and must pay the survivors compensation, Prime Minister Enda Kenny said Tuesday in an emotional state apology for the decades of abuses in the so-called Magdalene Laundries.

"By any standards it was a cruel, pitiless Ireland, distinctly lacking in a quality of mercy," Kenny said, as dozens of former Magdalenes watched tearfully from parliament's public gallery overhead.

Kenny told lawmakers his government has appointed a senior judge to recommend an aid program for the approximately 1,000 women still living from the residential workhouses, the last of which closed in 1996. He also pledged government funding for the erection of a national memorial "to remind us all of this dark part of our history."

A government-commissioned report published two weeks ago found that more than 10,000 women were consigned to the laundries after being branded "fallen" women, a euphemism for prostitutes, even though virtually none of them were — and instead were products of poverty, homelessness and dysfunctional families. More than a quarter were directly referred by public officials, such as judges or truancy officers, and all spent months or years in menial labor without access to education. Most did laundry for local hotels, hospitals and prisons, while others scrubbed floors or made rosary beads for the church's profit.

Court says Wiccan Calif. inmates may be entitled to full-time chaplain

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California prisons hire full-time chaplains and spiritual leaders to serve Catholic, Muslim, Jewish, Protestant and

Native American inmates.

On Tuesday, a federal appeals court gave new life to a decades-long battle by Wiccan inmates for access to their own full-time chaplain.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a trial judge's dismissal of a Wiccan prisoner lawsuit seeking the same rights as the five other religious practices. The appeals court said the Wiccan prisoners make a compelling argument that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation may be unconstitutionally showing preference to the five religions in violation of the First Amendment.

The appeals court ruled that the trial court judge was wrong to dismiss the case almost immediately after it was filed without delving deeper into the evidence.

The appeals court also warned that the CDCR may still be able to show that the Wiccans don't have enough worshippers or critical needs for a full-time chaplain.

Putin suggests Jewish archive disputed with U.S. could go to Moscow museum

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin is suggesting that a vast collection of Jewish books and documents that is the focus of a dispute between Moscow and Washington be given a permanent home in the Russian capital's new Jewish Museum.

A U.S. judge in January ordered that Russia be fined \$50,000 a day until it turns over the so-called Schneerson Collection to Chabad Lubavitch, a Hasidic movement within Orthodox Judaism headquartered in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Russia claims the collection is state property. Putin on Tuesday criticized the ruling, saying "discussion of this problem has taken on elements of confrontation," Russian news agencies reported. The collection is now held at the state library and military archives.

Learning from Lincoln

Dealing with depression

The sesquicentennial anniversary of the American Civil War is apparently reviving interest in our sixteenth President. Thirteen new books about Lincoln were published in 2012. In spite of the achievements that made him the most intriguing President



BILL TINSLEY

in U.S. history, all of his biographers agree that Lincoln suffered from periodic bouts with depression. His law partner, William Herndon observed, "His melancholy dripped from him as he walked."

Depression is widespread. It can be debilitating and, in its most severe form, can even lead to suicide. For most of us it is temporary and seldom. For some, it is a lifelong and constant companion. For a few, like Lincoln, it is so devastating that life seems no longer worth living.

According to Mayo Clinic, "Depression is a medical illness that causes a persistent feeling of sadness and loss of interest." We all know it when we feel it: the heavy weight that seems to bear down upon us, sapping our energy, dragging us down, emotional shackles that reduce our steps to a

shuffle, the thief that robs us of creativity and destroys our dreams.

Here are a few proven steps to combat depression, some from Lincoln himself.

Make conscious decisions that refuse to surrender to depression's emotions. Lincoln learned this discipline and encouraged others to follow it. In 1842, he wrote, "Remember in the depth and even the agony of despondency, that very shortly you are to feel well again." Later, in his famous letter to Fanny McCollough, he said, "You can not now realize that you will ever feel better. Is not this so? And yet it is a mistake. You are sure to be happy again. To know this, which is certainly true, will make you some less miserable now. I have had experience enough to know what I say." Get up, and get out. Exercise, walk, run, play. Exercise of the body somehow releases a wind within that can blow away the dark clouds that close in on us.

Get with people. Loneliness is depression's partner. When I was a teenager I read a little known book by a Christian psychiatrist named Henry C. Link entitled Return to Religion. Basically the book said that church is good for the human psyche. After reading the book, I started singing in the youth choir at church and started attending the Sunday evening youth group. It was one small step that led me toward a lifetime

in Christian ministry. Going to church is good for us.

Do something good. Guilt and depression are common companions. The acts that make us feel guilty often become the seeds of depression. Acts of altruism will punch holes in the darkness and let in the liberating light. Look for someone you can help. Accept God's forgiveness for your sins, and then go out of your way to do something for others. Do it privately without seeking any credit. Jesus said, "Your Father who sees in secret, will reward you."

If the depression persists, seek professional medical assistance. We are complex creatures with a complex chemical balance that affects our moods. Proper medication, administered under the careful supervision of a doctor can help. Speaking of his own depression, Lincoln said, "Melancholy is a misfortune. It is not a fault."

Trust in God who cares for you. When his father was dying, Lincoln sent him this message, "Tell him to remember to call upon and confide in our great and good and merciful Maker, who will not turn away from him in any extremity. He notes the fall of a sparrow and numbers the hairs of our heads ..."

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

CHURCH NEWS

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Check out our Facebook page for pictures of the progress.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday youth activities will continue throughout the school year. We will provide a meal and refreshments for these activities. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Spring Creek Fellowship

"Word Weavers" is a new local Christian writers group forming for anyone who loves words and wants to learn how to be a better writer. Visit our website at word-weavers.com for more information.

"Sewing Seeds of Hope" Connection group invites you to join us Saturday mornings from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. A different skill will be taught each week of the month with new skills added as requested. Lessons will go from basic sewing and fiber arts to more complex skills as we progress in levels of experience. We will be focusing on spinning and weaving Feb. 23, but you may work on any craft you prefer. Bring a project you are working on or come learn something new! Quilting classes starting soon! Anyone with an interest is invited to come and learn or teach if you are so led. Bring a friend.

Check out our Sunday school/Connection Groups with topic/subject-based studies ranging from six to nine weeks in length and relevant to today's Christian adventure. Classes are available for all ages and meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. New classes start March 3.

Big Spring Classical Academy is now in session with classes for Pre-K and Kindergarten. Visit our website at <http://big-springclassical.org> for more information.

The Big Spring Homeschool Educational Co-operative is offering classes for high school and junior high homeschool students. New classes have started for this semester.

The "Between the Lines" Women's Ministry Cookbooks are available. The cost is \$15. Call the church office to get a

copy.

Weekly Happenings:
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Sunday- 9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups; 10:15-10:45 a.m., "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship; 10:45noon, worship service. You can listen to recent sermons on our web page at www.springcreekfellowship.org; 5 p.m., Girls Bible Study.

Monday- 6:30-8:30 p.m., "Celebrate Recovery," Women.

Tuesday- 1:45, Praying Effectively for the Lost; "Wings" Dance Academy meets for girls ages 4-12.

Wednesday- 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Meal; 6 p.m., Bible Study and youth and children's activities; 6 p.m., Boy Scouts.

Thursday- 6:30-8:30 p.m., "Celebrate Recovery," Men; 7 p.m., "Crazy Love" college age Bible study by Francis Chan.

Saturday- 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast and Fellowship.

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV.

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It is the Second Sunday in Lent. Our pastor is the Rev. Lannon Martin.

Our motto is "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives."

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. The church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is <http://www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/>. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with Bible Study at 10:15 a.m.

Phillip Reid will present the readings this week. This week's sermon references "Saved in the Storm."

Our Lenten services will be held Wednesday with the meal and fellowship following the Lenten Daniel Fast beginning at 5:30, Bible study classes at 6:15 and the Lenten service at 7 p.m.

Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

A new website offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available. The site, www.jcplayzone.com, promises fun and Christian educational based games and videos. Fun for all ages and offered in several languages, this safe internet site is something to check out.

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News in brief

Prosecution to wrap up arguments as Oscar Pistorius bail hearing nears decision

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — The fourth and likely final day of Oscar Pistorius' bail hearing opened on Friday, with the magistrate then to rule if the double-amputee athlete can be freed before trial or if he has to remain in custody over the shooting death of his girlfriend.

The prosecution is expected to complete its arguments opposing bail. The defense rested on Thursday, and Chief Magistrate Desmond Nair can issue a ruling on bail at any time after arguments finish.

Pistorius is charged with one count of premeditated murder over the Feb. 14 killing of Reeva Steenkamp. He says the shooting was accidental because he thought she was a dangerous intruder inside his home.

Steenkamp's Valentine's Day killing has seized the world's attention and there was intense focus Friday on if Pistorius would be released, and if so, with what conditions.

Pistorius' hands trembled as he said "good morning, your worship" as the court session began in Pretoria Magistrate's Court, in South Africa's capital.

Egypt's Islamist president calls parliamentary elections in April amid turmoil, impasse

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's Islamist president has called parliamentary elections for April in an effort to assuage mounting frustration over continued turmoil on the streets and a political impasse that has gripped the nation.

A decree by President Mohammed Morsi issued late Thursday set the start of a staggered, four-stage voting process for April 27, with the last round to be held in June. The newly elected parliament would then convene for its first session on July 6, the decree said.

Since the 2011 ouster of longtime authoritarian President Hosni Mubarak in a popular uprising that was part of the Arab Spring revolts, Egyptians have gone through a series of referendums, presidential and parliamentary elections. The first elected parliament was disbanded by a court order last June and Morsi, the nation's first freely elected president, assumed his post in July.

Morsi and his highly organized Muslim Brotherhood, which was a banned opposition group under Mubarak, emerged from the uprising and the various elections as the country's dominant political group with the largest grass root support.

But the divisions in Egypt have only grown, pitting the Brotherhood and their fundamentalist Islamist allies on one side and the mostly secular, liberal political parties and youth groups on the other.

Cocky ex-cop Drew Peterson screams his innocence, gets 38 years in prison for wife's murder

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — Drew Peterson showed nearly no emotion during his trial, yet the once famously jovial ex-Illinois police officer screamed out his innocence before he was sentenced to 38 years in prison for his third wife's death in an outburst that suggested reality may be settling in.

"I did not kill Kathleen!" Peterson shouted as he leaned into a courtroom microphone Thursday, emphasizing each of the five words.

Without missing a beat, his dead wife's sister, Susan Doman, shouted back, "Yes, you did! You liar!" before the judge ordered sheriff's deputies to remove her from the courtroom.

For years, Peterson casually dismissed and even joked about suggestions he killed his third wife, Kathleen Savio, in 2004, or that he was behind the 2007 disappearance of his fourth wife, Stacy Peterson.

His sudden explosion of fury Thursday as he stepped up to address the judge who would sentence him for Savio's death left spectators gasping. Lead state prosecutor James Glasgow said it exposed the real Drew Peterson — the one more than capable of murder.

Snowstorm promising messy Upper Midwest commute after shuttering Mo. airports, blanketing Kan.

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A major snow storm that shuttered airports in Missouri, stranded truckers in Illinois and buried parts of Kansas in knee-deep powder was promising a messy and possibly dangerous commute Friday morning as it crawled northeast.

Wind gusts of 30 mph were expected to churn-up snow that fell overnight in southern Wisconsin, where forecasters were warning Milwaukee-area residents of slick roads and reduced visibility. The same was expected in northeast Iowa, where residents could wake up to as much as 7 inches of new snow, while nearly 200 snowplows were deployed overnight in Chicago.

At a Travel Centers of America truck stop in the central Illinois city of Effingham, all of the 137 parking spaces were filled by truckers unwilling to drive through the storm overnight.

"When it gets really bad, they like to camp out," cashier Tia Schneider said Thursday night, noting that some drivers called ahead. "They can make reservations from 500 miles away to make sure a space is available."

The storm system swirled to the north and east late Thursday, its snow, sleet and freezing rain prompting winter storm across the region — and leaving some impressive snow accumulations.

Police hunting for Range Rover involved in Las Vegas shooting, fiery crash that killed 3

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Police searched Friday for a Range Rover with dark tinted windows and custom rims that set off a fiery crash on the Las Vegas Strip when someone in the luxury SUV opened fire on a Maserati in a scene that onlookers described as worthy of an action flick.

Three people were killed and at least six more were injured in what marked the latest in a series of violent episodes in Las Vegas in recent months.

Clark County Sheriff Doug Gillespie told reporters the shooting was sparked by an argument in the valet area of the nearby Aria hotel-casino, and spilled over to one of the busiest intersections on the Las Vegas Strip. As bullets flew from the Range Rover, the Maserati ran a red light and smashed into a taxi that exploded into flames, killing the driver and a passenger. The driver of the Maserati was also killed, and his passenger was wounded.

Police have not released the identities of the victims.

Three more cars and a utility truck also collided as the Range Rover sped off in the darkness at about 4:30 a.m.

'I'm a monster, God won't forgive me' — Troop shame over killing may rival PTSD cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — A veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, former Marine Capt. Timothy Kudo thinks of himself as a killer — and he carries the guilt every day.

"I can't forgive myself," he says. "And the people who can forgive me are dead."

With American troops at war for more than a decade, there's been an unprecedented number of

studies into war zone psychology and an evolving understanding of post-traumatic stress disorder. Clinicians suspect some troops are suffering from what they call "moral injuries" — wounds from having done something, or failed to stop something, that violates their moral code.

Though there may be some overlap in symptoms, moral injuries aren't what most people think of as PTSD, the nightmares and flashbacks of terrifying, life-threatening combat events. A moral injury tortures the conscience; symptoms include deep shame, guilt and rage. It's not a medical problem, and it's unclear how to treat it, says retired Col. Elspeth Ritchie, former psychiatry consultant to the Army surgeon general.

"The concept ... is more an existentialist one," she says.

Government payrolls, non-benefit programs shrinking amid GOP demands for even more cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans and other fiscal conservatives keep insisting on more federal austerity and a smaller government. Without much fanfare or acknowledgement, they've already gotten much of both.

Spending by federal, state and local governments on payrolls, equipment, buildings, teachers, emergency workers, defense programs and other core governmental functions has been shrinking steadily since the deep 2007-2009 recession and as the anemic recovery continues.

This recent shrinkage has largely been obscured by an increase in spending on benefit payments to individuals under "entitlement" programs, including Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and veterans benefits. Retiring baby boomers are driving much of this increase.

Another round of huge cuts — known in Washington parlance as the "sequester" — will hit beginning March 1, potentially meaning layoffs for hundreds of thousands of federal workers unless Congress and President Barack Obama can strike a deficit-reduction deal to avert them.

With the deadline only a week off, Obama and Republicans who control the House are far apart over how to resolve the deadlock.

While last-minute budget deals are frequent in Washington, neither side is optimistic of reaching one this time.

Indian police search for evidence in dual bomb attack that killed 15 people in southern city

HYDERABAD, India (AP) — Indian police investigating a dual bomb attack that killed 15 people outside a movie theater and a bus station in the southern city of Hyderabad were searching for links to a shadowy Islamic militant group with reported ties to Pakistan, an official said Friday.

Officials were examining whether the Indian Mujahideen, which is thought to have a link with militants in neighboring Pakistan, might have carried out the attack, an investigator told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to reveal details of the probe. India's recent execution of an Islamic militant is being examined as a possible motive for the bombings, he said.

Police have not yet detained anyone in connection with Thursday evening's attacks, the first major terror bombings in India since 2011.

According to a New Delhi police report, two suspected militants belonging to the Indian Mujahideen group who were arrested last year, said during questioning that they had done a reconnaissance of Dilsukh Nagar district in Hyderabad where the blasts occurred. They had also visited various spots in New Delhi, Mumbai and Pune.

Home Minister Sushilkumar Shinde said there was a general alert about the possibility of an attack somewhere in India for the past three days. "But there was no specific intelligence about a particular place," he said as he toured the site Friday morning.

To battle a slithery enemy, U.S. to air-drop mice laced with drugs toxic to Guam tree snakes

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam (AP) — Dead mice laced with painkillers are about to rain down on Guam's jungle canopy. They are scientists' prescription for a headache that has caused the tiny U.S. territory misery for more than 60 years: the brown tree snake.

Most of Guam's native bird species are extinct because of the snake, which reached the island's thick jungles by hitching rides from the South Pacific on U.S. military ships shortly after World War II. There may be 2 million of the reptiles on Guam now, decimating wildlife, biting residents and even knocking out electricity by slithering onto power lines.

More than 3,000 miles away, environmental officials in Hawaii have long feared a similar invasion — which in their case likely would be a "snakes on a plane" scenario. That would cost the state many vulnerable species and billions of dollars, but the risk will fall if Guam's air-drop strategy succeeds.

"We are taking this to a new phase," said Daniel Vice, assistant state director of U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services in Hawaii, Guam, and the Pacific Islands. "There really is no other place in the world with a snake problem like Guam."

Brown tree snakes are generally a few feet (1 meter) long but can grow to be more than 10 feet (3 meters) in length.



By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

Partner bids One Club. What would you respond with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ QJ87 ♥ KJ52 ♦ J65 ♣ 84
2. ♠ AQ8 ♥ AQ4 ♦ J1075 ♣ K63
3. ♠ 63 ♥ Q873 ♦ 97 ♣ AKJ64
4. ♠ AK86 ♥ AQ32 ♦ AJ754 ♣ —

1. **One heart.** It would be wrong to bid one notrump to show a balanced hand of six to 10 points. Your first obligation is to seek a major-suit fit, and you should practically always respond to one of a minor suit with a four-card major suit if you have one.

Also, it is better to bid one heart than one spade. This will quickly uncover a 4-4 heart fit if it exists and at the same time leave partner room to bid one spade if he has four cards in that suit. If you were to respond one spade, you might never find a possible 4-4 heart fit.

2. **Three notrump.** This has the great advantage of telling partner, in one bid, both the high-card content and distribution of your hand. It is therefore best to go directly to three notrump, which announces 16 or 17 points, 4-3-3-3 or 4-4-3-2 distribution and stoppers in the three unbid suits.

A two-notrump response has the

same requirements except that the point-count range is 13 to 15.

3. **One heart.** A two-club response would indicate at least four-card support and six to 10 points, while three clubs would indicate four or more trumps and 13 to 15 points. Furthermore, any immediate club raise would tend to deny possession of a four-card or longer major suit. For all of these reasons, you should bid one heart, which not only shows your four-card major but has the advantage of being ambiguous, promising only six or more points and four or more hearts and forcing your partner to bid again. You have no idea what partner will do next, but you hope to be able to show your club support later without committing your side to game.

4. **One diamond.** Despite your 18 high-card points, you should respond only one diamond, not two. You plan to bid two hearts over the expected two-club rebid by partner and then bid three spades over partner's possible three-club rebid. In this way, you will have shown your 4-4-5-0 distribution and a very good hand. Of course, if the bidding goes differently and partner indicates good support for any of your suits, you'll settle for no less than slam.

Tomorrow: Slow and steady wins the race.

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HC hoops squads beat WTC on road

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

SNYDER — The Hawks claimed their fifth straight victory Thursday, defeating Western Texas College 64-52. It was a low-scoring affair, but that's OK with Howard College Men's Basketball Coach Mark Adams, who cited a strong defense as the key to the game.

"We had a very solid defensive 40 minutes," Adams said. "Offensively, they were some inconsistencies and we had 18 turnovers, but on defense, they held (WTC) to 50 points. It was one of the best defensive efforts of the year."

With an 11-3 record, HC is poised to clinch the top Western Junior College Athletic Conference seed at the Region V tournament, but has to wrap up the season with strong outings against New Mexico Military Institute and Frank Phillips College — both of which will be played at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum — on Wednesday and Friday, respectively.

"I'm pleased we have put ourselves in a position to finish first in conference," Adams said. "That would ensure us the first seed in the regional tournament."

Cameron Forte helped the Hawks put away

WTC by scoring a game-high 22 points.

The Hawks were a bit short-handed. Jacob Thomas, David Joseph and Karim York have been suspended until further notice for undisclosed disciplinary reasons. According to Adams, it is unknown at this juncture whether or not they will return this season.

"As of now, they are suspended indefinitely," Adams added.

The Hawks will host NMMI on Monday. Game time is set for 6:30 p.m.

SNYDER — Mathematically eliminated from regional tourney contention, the Hawk women (6-7) are still playing hard on the court.

Thursday, HC earned its sixth WJCAC win after defeating Western Texas College, 55-41.

"We shot the ball well," said HC Head Women's Coach Earl Diddle. "I thought we shot the ball as well as we have all year and they played great team defense, especially our interior defense was really good. I think that was the crux of the game. It was a game I was concerned about because Western Texas is difficult to beat at home. I felt we were pretty even going in."

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Howard College sophomore DaShaun Wiggins scores on a layup during Thursday's game against Western Texas College in Snyder. The Hawks improved to 11-3 in WJCAC play with a 64-52 win.

BSHS tennis team preparing for regionals

Special to the HERALD

Big Spring tennis, as well as teams from Andrews, Hobbs N.M., Lubbock Monterey, Midland Christian, Midland Lee, Odessa High, Permian, Snyder and Wolforth French competed in the Permian Invitational recently, with several Steers seeing success on the court.

The Steers will return to Odessa for the Texas Tennis Coaches Association's Regional Team Tournament on March 1 after a successful effort Friday and Saturday in the meet.

Steer tennis players qualified in seven of 10 possible

draws — or 13 of 16 possible players — for the flighted tournament.

Big Spring's qualifiers for the second day of the tournament were competitive, highlighted by close matches in both the A and B Divisions.

After playing four matches Friday, Kie Jones played his A Division semi-finals match against Stephen Mangum of Midland Lee and lost 6-2, 6-4. He then played for 3rd place against Andrews' Rodolfo Mendieta and won 6-3, 7-6.

On the doubles side, Alex Byrd and Tyler Avant competed in the A Division. The

duo put up a fight against a tough Midland Christian team comprised of Austin Hedrick and Kolton Cook. Byrd and Avant lost 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-2. They played for a third place finish and drew a tough Andrews team comprised of Dakota Brown and Trent Ward and outlasted them 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (1).

Big Spring boys double team, Jacob Rangel and Josh Baker played the B Division and came away with a semi-final match win against Corbin Shrauner and Cobi Gutierrez of Andrews, winning 6-4, 7-6 (5). They advanced finals, but were

forced to settle for second place after facing a tough Midland Lee team (Hinojos and Rubio) losing 6-3, 6-2.

Depth in doubles and experience against Class 4A and 5A programs could prove helpful for BSHS in the TTCA regional tournament. The top two finishers from the next Odessa event will qualify for the TTCA state tournament.

The Steers competed in the Tall City Invitational as a team Thursday, with BSHS students competing individually through Friday. Results will be in Sunday's edition of the HERALD.

Spurs down Clippers 116-90 for 5th straight win

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The aging San Antonio Spurs came out of the All-Star break rested and raring to go.

They notched their second win since the break ended and fifth in a row, beating the Los Angeles Clippers 116-90 on Thursday night behind 31 points from Tony Parker.

"Tony's been a huge part of us playing that well. He's been the one who is most consistent," said Tim Duncan, who had nine points. "Everything kind of clicked together. We made a lot of shots. They just couldn't get their footing."

The Spurs led all the way in beating the Clippers for the first time this season and improving to an NBA-best 22-10 on the road, where they've also won five in a row.

"It was a complete butt-kicking from the start in every way you can count," Clippers coach and former Spurs player Vinny Del Negro said.

Parker had seven assists and no

turnovers in 28 minutes and Danny Green added 15 points. The West-leading Spurs tied their season-best with 59-percent shooting, hit eight 3-pointers and made 22 of 28 free throws. They had lost both previous meetings with the Clippers in November.

"We're not that good and they're not that bad," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "I think it's because we already played one. Too long of a layoff (for the Clippers)."

Matt Barnes scored 18 points, Blake Griffin had 17 and Jamal Crawford 15 as the Clippers' four-game winning streak ended in their first game after the break. Chris Paul, MVP in Houston last weekend with 20 points and 15 assists, was held to four points on 1-of-6 shooting and three assists.

"It's very humbling, but it happens," Griffin said. "There's going to be games where you feel like nothing's going your way, so we need to get back to what made us successful against

San Antonio. We've got to have a good practice tomorrow, go over our mistakes and bounce back against Utah on Saturday."

The Clippers have lost their first game coming out of the break in nine of the last 10 years, including five in a row. They came in trailing the Spurs by 4 1/2 games for the best record in the NBA, but they never got a run going and their defense didn't do much. The biggest excitement during the game was generated by a fan who made a half-court shot during a timeout to win a new car.

"They just beat us, beat us bad," Paul said. "Luckily it wasn't a Game 7 or our last game of the season. They came out and executed. Tony was in a rocking chair all night. We just let him go wherever he wanted to, and we never really could get going offensively. It's a very humbling loss."

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball

- Big Spring at Lubbock Cooper Tournament (through Saturday).

Tennis

- Big Spring at Tall City Invitational, Midland.

Girl's Basketball Playoffs (regional)

- Grady vs. Whitharral, 1 p.m., South Plains College Texan Dome, Levelland, 1 p.m.
- Garden City vs. Clyde Eula, Abilene Christian University, 5 p.m.

Boy's Basketball Playoffs (area)

- Forsan vs. El Paso Harmony, Jerry Larned Sports Complex, Monahans, 8 p.m.
- Grady vs. Balmorhea, Kermit H.S., 6:30 p.m.
- Garden City vs. May, Jim Ned H.S., Tuscola, 8 p.m.
- Sands vs. Fort Davis, Jerry Larned Sports Complex, Monahans, 6:30 p.m.

Softball

- Howard College at Temple Classic (through Saturday), TBA.

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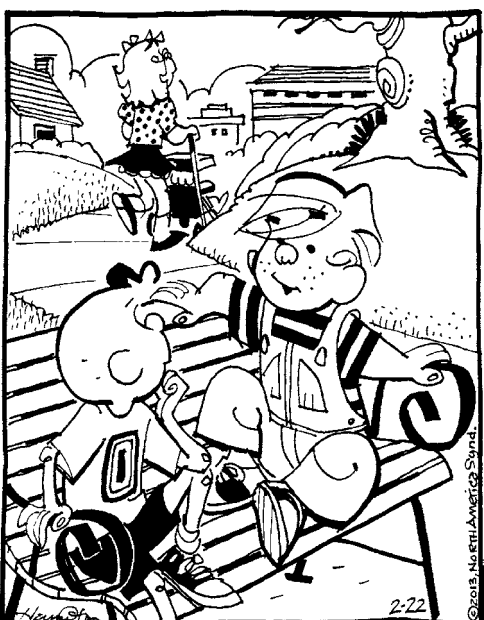
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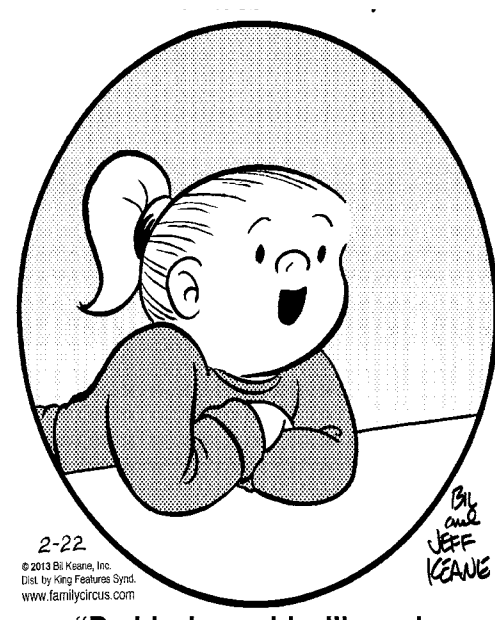
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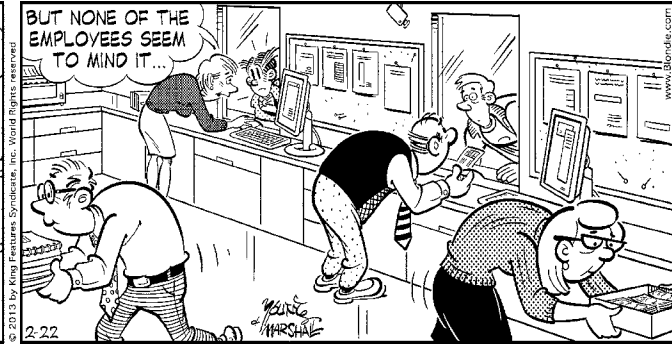
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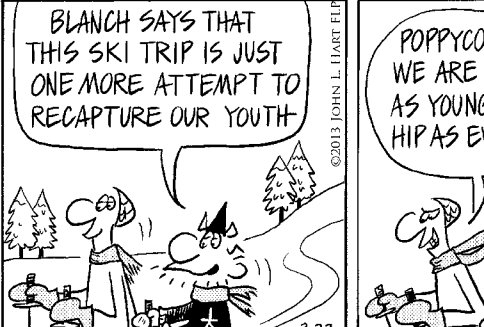
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at sea. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge delivered the first radio broadcast from the White House as he addressed the country over 42 stations. In 1935, it became illegal for airplanes to fly over the White House. In 1943, Pan Am Flight 9035, a Boeing 314 flying boat, crashed while attempting to land in Lisbon, Portugal. Twenty-five people were killed; 14 survived, including actress-singer Jane Froman. In 1959, the inaugural Daytona 500 race was held; although Johnny Beauchamp was initially declared the winner, the victory was later awarded to Lee Petty. In 1967, more than 25,000 U.S. and South Vietnamese troops launched Operation Junction City, aimed at smashing a Vietcong stronghold near the Cambodian border. (Although the communists were driven out, they later returned.) In 1973, the United States and China agreed to establish liaison offices. In 1980, the "Miracle on Ice" took place in Lake Placid, N.Y., as the United States Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets,

4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.) In 1993, the U.N. Security Council unanimously approved creation of an international war crimes tribunal to punish those responsible for atrocities in the former Yugoslavia. Today's Birthdays: Announcer Don Pardo is 95. Actor Paul Dooley is 85. Hollywood "ghost singer" Marni Nixon is 83. Movie director Jonathan Demme (DEH-mee) is 69. Actor John Ashton is 65. Actress Miou-Miou is 63. Actress Julie Walters is 63. Basketball Hall of Famer Julius Erving is 63. Actress Ellen Greene is 62. Former Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., is 61. White

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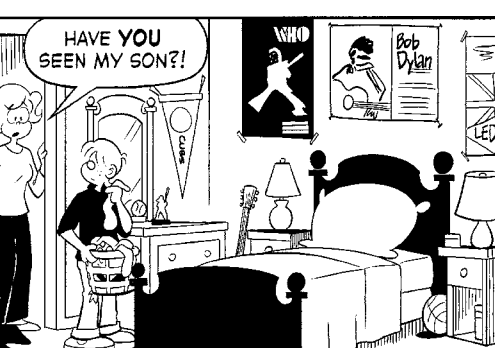
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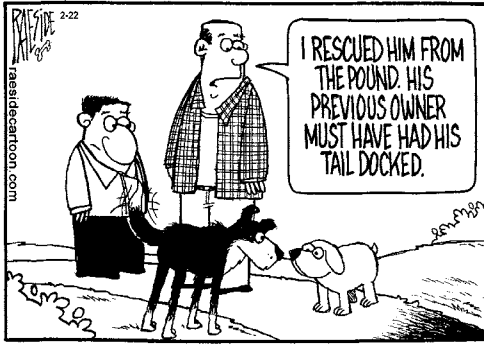
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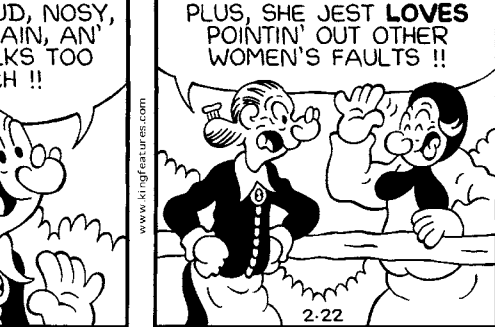
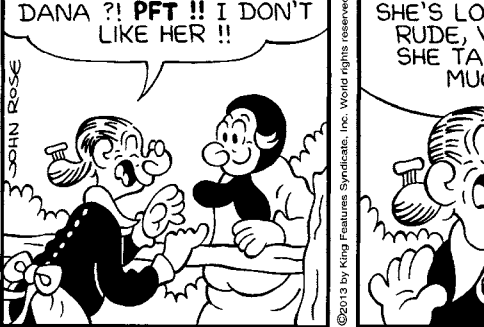
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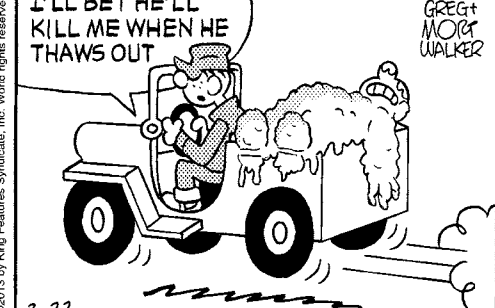
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- DOWN: 1 Lawn treatment; 2 Athlete's snack equivalent; 4 Typical dorm furniture; 5 Not as innovative; 6 Thwart; 7 Like the earliest recordings; 8 Eerie sign; 9 "Southern" school; 10 Former TV band; 11 Pointy pinnacle; 12 Advisory group; 13 Casts off; 16 Source of Siamese supplies; 20 Didn't move; 24 "Regrettably..."; 25 Latte variety; 26 Benefits; 28 Liner levels; 29 Long-legged wader; 31 Laptop experts; 33 Snowmobile part; 35 Juice with punch; 36 Exalting; 37 Kind person; 39 Heat measures; 40 Musical deficiency; 45 Babel Tower author; 47 Online exchange; 49 Great time; 50 Beach; 51 Grown; 53 Lint collector; 56 Appearance; 57 Times long past; 58 Small flier; 59 Unaffectedness; 61 Common Korean surname; 62 Elicitor's question

