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Vintage Valentines

Museum exhibit to open on sweetheart's day

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Roses are red. Violets are blue. Heritage Museum has something special for you. Valentine's Day has changed a lot since its inception and this year the local museum is taking a step back and showcasing a Vintage Valentine exhibit, which will open with an all-day reception Feb. 14. "Many of these pieces are more than 100 years old," Museum Curator Tammy Schrecengost said.

The vintage valentines on display belonged to MGM movie star Jean Porter. Porter lived in Big Spring for several years before becoming a MGM movie star. According to Schrecengost, she considers Big Spring as her hometown and wanted to donate them to the museum.

"This is a great opportunity to see how valentines have changed," Schrecengost said. "Now they are marketed more accordingly to the trend at the time and back then they were more personalized

and ... well, different." Other items in the exhibit include local resident Bebe McCasland's lace collection. Some of the items are from the 1880s. The collection includes several pieces, including a buffet runner.

"It is really neat to see all these little pieces of vintage lace," Schrecengost said.

Also, a handmade wedding gown made by the Barnett Family between 1898 and 1901 is in the exhibit.

For those who haven't had a chance to see local artist Cindy Hoard's sugar art displays at the museum, this exhibit offers another opportunity.

"It truly is an art all its own," Schrecengost said. "She can create some beautiful pieces."

The Vintage Valentine exhibit will be on display until March 3.

Admission to the museum is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Operating hours are Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information, call the museum at 267-8255..

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Courtesy photo
Norma Garcia and Nancy Davenport visit during the Health Fair & Women's Expo at the 2011 Healthy Woman anniversary. This year's event is scheduled for Jan. 26 at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Healthy Woman 3-year anniversary set Jan. 26

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Hard to believe that three years of Healthy Woman have gone by.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center Healthy Woman program is "Celebrating Three Thrilling Years" at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 26 in the Dora Roberts Community Center ballroom.

"It is a relaxed, browse and mingle time so folks can come as they are ready. We like to think of it as a transition period," SMMC Marketing Director Kim Howell said,

"where folks lay aside the problems and stress of the day and get in the mood to have a terrific evening." Special guest speaker will again be Lisa Smartt, author and comedienne.

"The Healthy Woman Advisory Council pulls out all the stops to make this a wonderful evening for our guests," Howell said.

The evening will include a seated three-course meal

prepared by Chef Michael Stromberg of Moss Creek Ranch. The ballroom will be decorated with elaborate decorations, according to Howell.

The evening will also include a free health fair and women's expo.

"Everything about the evening is designed to make the women in attendance say 'Wow!'" Howell said.

Tickets are on sale for \$25 a seat. The Dora Roberts Community Center ballroom can only seat 200 people, which

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Meth fills hospitals with burn patients

JIM SALTER
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A crude new method of making methamphetamine poses a risk even to Americans who never get anywhere near the drug: It is filling hospitals with thousands of uninsured burn patients requiring millions of dollars in advanced treatment — a burden so costly that it's contributing to the closure of some burn units.

So-called shake-and-bake meth is produced by combining raw, unstable ingredients in a 2-liter soda bottle. But if the person mixing the noxious brew makes the slightest error, such as removing the cap too soon or accidentally perforating the plastic, the concoction can explode, searing flesh and causing permanent disfigurement, blindness or even death.

Burn experts agree the annual cost to taxpayers is well into the tens if not hundreds of millions of dollars, although it is impossible to determine a more accurate number because so many meth users lie about the cause of their burns.

An Associated Press survey of key hospitals in the nation's most active meth states showed that up to a third of patients in some burn units were hurt while making meth, and most were uninsured. The average treatment costs \$6,000 per day. And the average meth patient's hospital stay costs \$130,000 — 60 percent more than other burn patients, according to a study by doctors at a burn center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

The influx of patients is overwhelming hospitals and becoming a major factor in

the closure of some burn wards. At least seven burn units across the nation have shut down over the past six years, partly due to consolidation but also because of the cost of treating uninsured patients, many of whom are connected to methamphetamine.

Burn experts agree the annual cost to taxpayers is well into the tens if not hundreds of millions of dollars, although it is impossible to determine a more accurate number because so many meth users lie about the cause of their burns.

Larger meth labs have been bursting into flame for years, usually in basements, backyard sheds or other private spaces. But those were fires that people could usually escape. Using the shake-and-bake method, drugmakers typically hold the flammable concoction up close, causing burns from the waist to the face.

"You're holding a flame-thrower in your hands," said Jason Grellner of the Franklin County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

Also known as the "one-pot" approach, the method is popular because it uses less pseudoephedrine — a common component in some cold and allergy pills. It also yields meth in minutes rather than hours, and it's cheaper and easier to conceal. Meth cooks

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Obituaries

June Leota Bingham McCracken



June Leota Bingham McCracken, 86, died peacefully at home Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, surrounded by family and friends. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

She was born to E.I. and Lily Tate on June 25, 1925, in Loop, Texas. June was a long time resident of Big Spring and was a homemaker, raising six children. She was a Baptist and a member of Trinity Baptist Church. June enjoyed sewing, crocheting, quilting and arts and crafts, but truly enjoyed riding in the car around town sightseeing and watching people.

June is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Loyd and Judy Bingham, Steve and Debi Bingham and Cecil and Carolyn Bingham, all of Big Spring. She also leaves behind 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Rose Hand of New Mexico and Lucy Grimes of Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Jo Ann Bingham and Frances A. Bingham; one son, Billy R. Bingham; and her husbands, Joe William Bingham and Byron McCracken.

The family would like to thank family, friends, Scenic Mountain Medical Center staff and the staff at Home Hospice for all the love, support and prayers.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Daniel Paul Breyman



Daniel Paul Breyman, 34, of Odessa died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, in an auto accident in Martin County. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, at The Church of Christ of Latter-day Saints in Odessa with President Jerry Zant officiating. Interment will follow at Andrews North Cemetery in Andrews.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012, at the funeral home.

Survivors include his wife, Paula Breyman of Odessa; two sons, Julian Paul Breyman and Samuel Edgar Breyman of Odessa; parents, Chuck and Cynthia Breyman of Big Spring; one sister, Amanda Palmer and husband Spencer of Big Spring; two brothers, Charles Benjamin Breyman and wife Rachael of Oklahoma City, Okla., and John Tyler Breyman of Big Spring; and his paternal grandfather, John Breyman of Breckenridge.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Donna and Louis Barnes of Andrews; and his paternal grandmother, Dorene Breyman of Big Spring.

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John D. Pool Jr.

John D. Pool Jr., 78, of Orlando, Fla., formerly of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 20, 2012, in Orlando. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Wilma Grice

Wilma Grice, 84, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, in a Greenville, Texas, nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- FELICIA CANALES, 22, of 616 State St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JARRON DAWAN VANDERBILT, 28, of 1502 Lincoln, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CYNTHIA M. MIER, 32, of 1614 Cardinal, was arrested Sunday on warrants for dog or cat running at large, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to appear (three counts), expired registration no driver's license - when unlicensed and warrant from another agency (three counts).
- ELIAS GARRIDO TOVAR, 35, of 909 W. Fifth St., was arrested Sunday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, speeding and no driver's license - when unlicensed.
- TYREE MAURICE WILLIAMS, 27, of 505 Union St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- KIMBERLY RUEDA WILLIAMS, 24, of 408 Westover Rd., was arrested Sunday on warrants for driving without being secured by safety belt and theft.
- MICHAEL EUGENE MENEFIELD JR., 20, of 1509 Bluebird, was arrested Sunday on warrants for failure to appear and expired registration.
- ASSAULT was reported:
In the 7000 block of N. Service Road.
In the 100 block of Weaver Road.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln Avenue.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 900 block of S. Aylesford.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 600 block of Abrams Street.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.

- CLINT RANKIN ELLIOTT, 49, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense (two counts).
- KRYSTAL DEHOYOS, 23, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for failure to use child safety seat system.
- LISA MARIE CISNEROS, 27, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, violation of a promise to appear and expired motor vehicle inspection (two counts).
- LAFAWN JOHNSON CANTU, 38, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- DANIEL ESQUIVEL GOVEA, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- RENE RODRIGUEZ, 24, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping - failure to appear.
- MICHAEL WADE WELCH, 31, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of open container - passenger, violation of a promise to appear and bail jumping - failure to appear.
- ANDY HYDEN, 32, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- KEVIN LEE DUNLAP, 34, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a municipal capias warrant for open container - passenger.
- CYNTHIA ANN ROSA, 45, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a bad check and theft of property - more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.
- HENRY RAMIREZ, 55, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- BILLY RAY JOHNSON, 50, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JEFFERY S. WALLING, 41, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 1/24	Wed 1/25	Thu 1/26
62/40 A few isolated thunderstorms developing during the afternoon. High 62F. Winds ESE at 10 to 15 mph.	45/38 Showers. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 30s.	62/35 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:13 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:14 PM

• REBECCA KING BREWER, 54, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• MICHAEL RAY MOORE, 50, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

• JARRON DAWAN VANDERBILT, 28, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• FELICIA CANALES, 22, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• ELIAS TOVAR, 35, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on municipal capias warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, speeding and no driver's license.

• CYNTHIA MARIE MIER, 32, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft by check, charges of parent contributing to non-attendance of a minor (two counts) and municipal warrants for animal at large, expired motor vehicle inspection, violation of a promise to appear, displaying an expired registration, no driver's license and failure to appear (two counts).

• TYREE MAURICE WILLIAMS, 27, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• KIM ANN RUEDA, 24, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on municipal capias warrants for no seat belt - driver and theft.

• MICHAEL EUGENE MENEFIELD, 20, was booked into the county jail Monday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for displaying expired registration (two counts).

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of N. Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of Wallace. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STOVE FIRE was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. Fire was extinguished.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of N.W. Seventh Street and Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Carey. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

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State briefs

Jury to be picked for fatal bleach injections case

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — Jury selection is expected to begin Monday for the upcoming trial of a former Lufkin dialysis nurse accused of killing five patients by injecting them with bleach.

Kimberly Saenz faces the death penalty if convicted of capital murder. Picking a jury is expected to take several weeks.

Authorities arrested the 38-year-old Saenz in April 2009. They say two witnesses saw her pour bleach into syringes and traces of it were found in dialysis machine tubing. Authorities say five other patients were also injected with bleach but survived.

Saenz's attorney says she's being blamed for the clinic's mistakes.

Lawmakers hold hearing on new standardized test

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas lawmakers are checking on the implementation of the new STAAR standardized test for public school children.

The Public Education Committee will hear testimony Monday from school officials and teachers about how the new test is being implemented and its impact on schools. STAAR stands for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness.

The STAAR test for students replaced the TAKS test starting this year. In addition to tracking student performance in English, math, science for students the 3rd through 8th grades, the tests will serve as end of semester exams for high school students. The test will represent 15 percent of their grade for those courses.

Lawmakers also want to hear about any recommended changes and make sure schools do not overly rely on the test.

3 die in San Antonio-area fire

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A mobile home fire in the San Antonio area has left three people dead and destroyed the residence.

Authorities say two people escaped the fire early Sunday in south Bexar (bayr) County.

Fire Marshal Craig Roberts says the victims were two men and a woman. An investigator with the medical examiner's office said Monday that names of the victims have not yet been released.

Investigators are trying to determine what sparked the blaze. Roberts says authorities do not believe arson was involved.

2 teens die in Panhandle car crash

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Two teenagers have died in a traffic accident in the Texas Panhandle.

Amarillo police say the 19-year-old driver, Kaylin Pearson, was heading west on Amarillo Boulevard early Sunday. When she turned left onto North Florida Street her car was struck on the passenger side by an eastbound

SUV.

Police say Pearson and her passenger, 19-year-old Kerniece Jonf, died at the scene.

The *Amarillo Globe-News* reports that autopsies will be conducted.

3 bodies found likely missing Fannin County family

SHERMAN, Texas (AP) — Authorities say three bodies discovered behind a barn in North Texas may be family members who disappeared from their rural Fannin County home last week.

Fannin County sheriff's deputies found the bodies outside Sherman Saturday while searching for 73-year-old Harold Harpst, 79-year-old Sue Harpst, and Sue's daughter, 48-year-old Regina Taunton.

Officials sent the bodies to the Dallas County Medical Examiner's office and said identities can't be confirmed until the autopsy is complete.

Sheriff Donnie D. Foster says evidence inside the Harpst's home near Leonard on Wednesday, turned their welfare call into a homicide investigation and led them to issue an arrest warrant for 52-year-old Thomas Lloyd Taunton.

He was arrested Thursday in Stonewall, La., after his truck broke down.

Helicopter rough landing on golf course

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Investigators say four people on a helicopter have escaped injury when the chopper made a rough emergency landing on a golf course.

A preliminary report from the Federal Aviation Administration says the engine apparently quit and the chopper landed Sunday afternoon at Las Colinas Country Club in Irving.

Authorities say the helicopter, registered to Lana Air LLC of Mead, Okla., suffered tail damage when it landed on a fairway.

Investigators are trying to determine if strong winds played a role in the accident. The National Weather Service says gusts in the Dallas area reached nearly 40 mph on Sunday afternoon.

Take Note

- 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.

- Crossroads Friends of NRA Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Tickets are \$25. Funds raised at this and other FNRA events in West Texas support local youth shooting groups (Boy Scouts, 4-H, JROTC, etc.) law enforcement, education, safety and many other areas. Giveaways, games, and live and silent auctions will be held. For information, call Melanie Gambrell at 432-270-7384.

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limits the number of tickets that can be sold.

"Tickets have been sold out in advance the past three years so we advise people to purchase them early," Howell said.

Smartt spoke at last year's event and was invited back due to the feedback received.

"There was just something about Lisa that made the decision to invite her back for a command performance an easy one," Howell said. "She is one of us."

This year, Smartt will deliver a speech entitled "I thought I was a 'people person' ... until I started working with people."

"I'm just an ordinary person who gets to do this job and enjoys it," Smartt said. "I'm a flawed speaker. I don't have any qualifications to be doing this and I don't have a Ph.D. I'm just a person who lives an ordinary life and lives in a small town. It's those every day insights I bring to the table that I believe allow me to do this."

Howell said Smartt's speech is expected to have attendees laughing out loud while, at the same time, learning some practical life skills that can turn their relationships with people in a more positive direction.

"The main thing I want people to take away from this is how to speak kindness to others and yourself. Sometimes people can do one and not the other, but the two go together," Smartt said.

Each anniversary event of Healthy Woman is designed to be a "special treat" for those attending, according to Howell.

"With all of the people women take care of these days, sometimes they forget to take care of themselves," Howell said. "We understand everyone is busy, having many choices vying for their time. We want each guest to be glad they chose to spend the time with us."

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased by calling Howell at 268-4842 or Anita Cline at 268-4721.

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BURNS

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can carry all the ingredients in a backpack and mix them in a bathroom stall or the seat of a car.

The improvised system first emerged several years ago, partly in response to attempts by many states to limit or forbid over-the-counter access to pseudoephedrine. Since then, the shake-and-bake recipe has spread to become the method of choice.

By 2010, about 80 percent of labs busted by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration were using shake-and-bake recipes, said Pat Johnakin, a DEA agent specializing in meth.

So instead of a large lab that supplies many users, there are now more people making meth for their personal use. The consequences are showing up in emergency rooms and burn wards.

"From what we see on the medical side, that's the primary reason the numbers seem to be going up: greater numbers of producers making smaller batches," said Dr. Michael Smock, director of the burn unit at Mercy Hospital St.

Louis.

It's impossible to know precisely how many people are burned while making shake-and-bake meth. Some avoid medical treatment, and no one keeps exact track of those who go to the hospital. But many burn centers in the nation's most active meth-producing states report sharp spikes in the number of patients linked to meth. And experts say the trend goes well beyond those facilities.

The director of the burn center at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee, the state that led the nation in meth lab seizures in 2010, said meth injuries are doubly damaging because patients often suffer thermal burn from the explosion, as well as chemical burns. And the medical challenge is compounded by patients' addictions.

"You're not judgmental in this kind of work, but you see it day after day," said Vanderbilt's Dr. Jeffrey Guy. "We've had patients say, 'I'm going out for a smoke,' and they come back all jacked up. It's clear they went out and did meth again."

Few people burned by meth will admit it.

"We get a lot of people

who have strange stories," said Dr. David Greenhalgh, past president of the American Burn Association and director of the burn center at the University of California, Davis. "They'll say they were working on the carburetor at 2 or 3 in the morning and things blew up. So we don't know for sure, but 25 to 35 percent of our patients are meth-positive when we check them."

Guy cited a similar percentage at Vanderbilt, which operates the largest burn unit in Tennessee. He said the lies can come with a big price because the chemicals used in meth-making are often as dangerous as the burns themselves.

He recalled the case of a woman who arrived with facial burns that she said were caused by a toaster. As a result, she didn't tell doctors that meth-making chemicals got into her eyes, delaying treatment.

"Now she's probably going to be blind because she wasn't honest about it," Guy said.

In Indiana, about three-quarters of meth busts now involve shake-and-bake. And injuries are rising sharply, mostly because of burns, said Niki Crawford of the In-

diana State Police Meth Suppression Team.

Indiana had 89 meth-related injuries during the 10-year period ending in 2009. The state has had 70 in the last 23 months, mostly from shake-and-bake labs, Crawford said.

What's more, meth-related burns often sear some of the body's most sensitive areas — the face and hands.

"I don't think a lot of these patients will be able to re-enter society," said Dr. Lucy Wibbenmeyer of the burn center at the University of Iowa. "They'll need rehab therapy, occupational therapy, which is very expensive."

Researchers at the University of Iowa found that people burned while making meth typically have longer hospital stays and more expensive bills than other burn patients — bills that are frequently absorbed by the hospital since a vast majority of the meth-makers lack insurance.

Medicaid provides reimbursement for many patients lacking private insurance, but experts say it amounts to pennies on the dollar.

Doctors at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich., performed a five-year study

of meth patients in the early 2000s, then a follow-up study in 2009-2010. Their investigation concurred with the Iowa findings. The Kalamazoo study also found that meth burn victims were more likely to suffer damage to the lungs and windpipe, spent more time on ventilators and needed surgery more often.

That report also found that only about 10 percent of meth patients had private insurance coverage, compared with 59 percent of other patients. And in many

cases, their injuries leave them unable to work.

sudoku

ANSWERS

9	5	8	2	6	1	7	4	3
1	7	4	5	8	3	2	6	9
2	6	3	7	4	9	5	8	1
3	8	6	4	1	2	9	5	7
7	1	9	6	3	5	4	2	8
4	2	5	8	9	7	3	1	6
8	3	7	1	2	4	6	9	5
5	4	1	9	7	6	8	3	2
6	9	2	3	5	8	1	7	4

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State higher education spending sees big decline

CHRISTINE ARMARIO

AP Education Writer

MIAMI — State funding for higher education has declined because of a slow recovery from the recession and the end of federal stimulus money, according to a study released Monday.

Overall, spending declined by some \$6 billion, or nearly 8 percent, over the past year, according to the annual Grapevine study by the Center for the Study of Education Policy at Illinois State

University. The reduction was slightly lower, at 4 percent, when money lost from the end of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act was not taken into account.

The funding reductions, seen across nearly every state, have resulted in larger class sizes and fewer course offerings at many universities and come as enrollment continues to rise.

A report released by the National Science Board last week found

In a statement, the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association said states with the largest declines will likely see higher tuition rates and more pressure to recruit out-of-state students.

similar reductions in state higher education spending, with nearly three-quarters of the nation's 101 top public research universities experiencing cuts in state funding between 2002 and 2010.

"It's quite severe," said Jose-Marie Griffiths, chairwoman of the National Science Board committee that produced the report and vice president for academic affairs at Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island. "The question is, are they ever going to recover to the level they were before? I think all of us are somewhat concerned because the future is a little bit uncertain."

Only nine states reported increases in total state higher education spending, including the federal stimulus money. In the 41 states where there were funding reductions, declines varied drastically, from about 1 percent in North Carolina to 41 percent in New Hampshire. The hardest-hit states include Arizona, Wisconsin and Louisiana, where spending reductions were nearly 20 percent or higher as federal stimulus money dried

up.

James Palmer, editor of the Grapevine survey, said state capacity to finance higher education had also been reduced by diminished tax revenues.

In a statement, the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association said states with the largest declines will likely see higher tuition rates and more pressure to recruit out-of-state students. That raises concerns about access to higher education, particularly for those students who need financial aid, another area where state support has declined.

Educating more students from out of state and less access will have "implications for the availability of an adequately trained workforce in those states," the organization said.

The group specifically highlighted California, where a \$1.5 billion spending reduction, including stimulus funds, over the past two years represents 26 percent of the national decline.

Florida is another state that has seen sustained spending cuts. Over the past five years, state support for higher education has declined 17.5 percent, according to the study. As the state proportion of funding has declined, universities have relied more on tuition, now nearly 50 percent of their operating budget.

Overall state funding appropriations in Florida are about the same as they were 10 years ago, after having risen leading up to 2007-2008. Meanwhile, enrollment has increased by more than 24 percent.

To compensate for the

loss, Florida universities have merged departments, instituted hiring freezes and used more adjunct professors, among other actions.

"Each university has been diligent in developing cost-saving strategies to help offset — but not fully replace — the budget shortfalls," according to a brief from the Board of Governors, which oversees Florida's State University System.

The National Science Board noted the funding decline could have implications for how well the United States is able to educate its workforce and be competitive in a globalized, knowledge-based economy.

Already, the United States has been trailing Asia in science and engineering degrees. Fifty-six percent of all engineering degrees were awarded in Asia in 2008, compared with 4 percent in the U.S. The United States produced 248,000 graduates in the fields of natural science and engineering, while China produced 1 million, a dramatic increase from 2000, when they awarded 280,000. South Korea, Taiwan and Japan produced 330,000 natural science and engineering graduates in 2008 — again, a larger number than the U.S., even though their population is smaller.

"Right now our aspirations for higher education I think far exceed the vitality of our economy," Palmer said, referring to the push to increase access to college and degree completion. "In other words, we can't depend on that state funding as the way we're going to meet those goals."

State by State

The Associated Press

State funding for higher education has been on the decline, in part because of a slow recovery from the recession. Below is a state-by-state breakdown of the percentage change in state higher education funding from fiscal year 2011 to 2012, not including federal stimulus money.

Alabama	3.2%
Alaska	3.8%
Arizona	-25.1%
Arkansas	0.1%
California	-11.8%
Colorado	-4.3%
Connecticut	-12.2%
Delaware	0.3%
Florida	-3.8%
Georgia	-9.7%
Hawaii	4.7%
Idaho	-2.8%
Illinois	12.1%
Indiana	-1.0%
Iowa	-2.6%
Kansas	-2.0%
Kentucky	1.1%
Louisiana	-0.2%
Maine	1.1%
Maryland	0.1%
Massachusetts	1.0%
Michigan	-12.2%
Minnesota	-7.1%
Mississippi	2.3%
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Montana	17.2%
Nebraska	-0.9%
Nevada	-14.0%
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Wyoming	-2.4%

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 8 4
♥ A K Q 7 4
♦ K J 8
♣ 7

EAST
♠ 9 5
♥ 8 6
♦ Q 9 3 2
♣ A 9 5 4 2

WEST
♠ 7 2
♥ J 10 9 3
♦ A 10 5
♣ K 10 6 3

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 6 3
♥ 5 2
♦ 7 6 4
♣ Q J 8

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♥ Pass 1♠
Pass 4♣ Pass 4♠

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

It is certainly not easy to see how declarer went down one in four spades on this deal, which was played in a high-class team-of-four contest staged in Beijing in 1986. Among those participating were three U.S. teams, plus others from Italy, Hong Kong and Canada, as well as many mainland Chinese teams.

There is a time-honored rule that says a player should never underlead an ace on opening lead against a suit contract. But one of the distinguishing marks of the top bridge players is

that, given the right setting, this rule or any other rule may be broken if it seems the wise thing to do.

One of the more imaginative advocates of this bold approach is Judi Radin, who held the West cards in this deal from the Beijing tournament. Having listened attentively to the bidding — North's four-club bid announced a very strong raise in spades and a singleton club — Radin decided that the best chance to defeat the contract was to try to quickly score as many diamond tricks as possible. And so, she selected the ten of diamonds as her opening lead!

Declarer naturally thought West was leading from a holding including the 10-9 and therefore played the jack from dummy. This lost to the queen, whereupon East (Kathie Wei) made the super return of a low club to West's king.

Continuing the diabolical onslaught, Radin next led the five of diamonds! It's difficult to blame South, who was convinced West had the nine and surely couldn't have the ace, for playing the eight from dummy.

Wei won the diamond with the nine and returned the suit to her partner's ace. As a result, declarer lost the first four tricks to go down one. Perhaps the "never underlead an ace" proviso should be amended to read "well, hardly ever."

Tomorrow: Extrasensory perception.
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4		5	8		7		1	6
		7			4	6		5
	4		9				3	2
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Howard College's Porsche Young attempts a three-point shot in action earlier this season. Howard's men's and women's team will be in action tonight at Midland College. Game times are 5:45 p.m. for the women and 7:45 p.m. for the men.

Pats, Giants headed to Super Bowl

New England 23, Baltimore 20

By **BARRY WILNER**

AP Pro Football Writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady got all the help he needed to get the New England Patriots into the Super Bowl.

Thank you, Billy Cundiff.

The Baltimore Ravens kicker shanked a 32-yard field goal with 11 seconds left and the Patriots escaped with a 23-20 victory in the AFC championship game on Sunday.

Usually, vintage Brady doesn't need much assistance

in championship settings, but the Patriots much-maligned defense came through, and Brady's 1-yard touchdown gave the Patriots the lead with 11:29 left to prove to be the winning points.

"Well, I sucked pretty bad today, but our defense saved us," Brady said after throwing for 239 yards, with two interceptions and, for the first time in 36 games, no TD passes. "I'm going to try to go out and do a better job in a

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New York 20, San Francisco 17, OT

By **JANIE McCAULEY**

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Eli Manning is headed to another Super Bowl with a shot to show the world he belongs in the same breath as Tom Brady.

Manning directed one short, final drive and Lawrence Tynes kicked a game-winning 31-yard field goal in sudden death overtime, sending the New York Giants to the Super Bowl with a 20-17 victory over the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC championship game Sunday night.

In another tight one in this decades-old postseason rivalry, both defenses made key stops before New York capi-

talized on another costly mistake by San Francisco.

Manning and the Giants (12-7) will face the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl on Feb. 5 in Indianapolis. The last time the teams met for the NFL title, 2008, the Giants ended the Patriots' bid for a perfect season.

Tynes got the Giants there for a second time. He kicked the game-winning field goal in overtime at Green Bay in the 2008 NFC title game that put New York in the Super Bowl on the way to the franchise's third title.

Devin Thomas put the Giants in position. He recovered a fumble in the end zone.

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PSU mourns Paterno's passing

By **MARK SCOLFORO**

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Joe Paterno's death from lung cancer Sunday just two months after his firing left many Penn State students, alumni and community members numb with grief and a sense that the legendary coach deserved better from the university after such a distinguished career.

"His legacy is without question as far as I'm concerned," said 65-year-old Ed Hill of Altoona, a football season ticket-holder for 35 years.

"The Board of Trustees threw him to the wolves. I think Joe was a scapegoat nationally. ... I'm heartbroken."

On Sunday night, thousands of people, nearly all of them students, gathered outside Penn State's administration building in a solemn candlelight vigil. Former players were among those who spoke, including Oakland Raiders offensive lineman Stefen Wisniewski.

When I think back on Joe Paterno's legacy, the events of the last two months won't even cross my mind," Wisniewski said.

The 45-minute vigil concluded with students singing the alma mater, and many were walking from the center of campus to pay additional tribute to Paterno at his statue outside of Beaver Stadium, which served as the site of another vigil the night before as news spread of his failing health.

In death, Paterno received the praise that under normal

circumstances might have been reserved for the retirement dinner he never received.

Gov. Tom Corbett said he had secured his place in Pennsylvania history and noted that "as both man and coach," Paterno had "confronted adversities, both past and present, with grace and forbearance."

Similar tributes were issued by politicians, university officials, former players and alumni. Some expressed hope that Paterno would be remembered more for his ac-

complishments than for his downfall. And some wondered whether his heartbreaking firing somehow hastened his death.

Paterno, who died at 85, was fired Nov. 9 by the Penn State trustees after he was criticized for not going to the police in 2002 when he was told that former assistant Jerry Sandusky had been seen molesting a boy in the showers at the football complex.

Paterno reported the allegations to university higher-

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Wilson wins Humana Challenge

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Mark Wilson's last day at the Humana Challenge started before sunrise and ended after sunset. In between, he finished his third round, got his kids ready for daycare at his in-laws' house, and then held off several hard-charging contenders amid the dark round's growing and desert chill.

Wilson made a 10-foot birdie putt on the final hole to win the Humana Challenge on Sunday, beating Robert Garrigus, John Mallinger and Johnson Wagner by two

strokes in a dramatic dusk finish to the wind-delayed tournament.

Moments after Garrigus barely missed a 35-foot eagle putt that would have given him the lead, Wilson coolly made his birdie try in the disappearing light before celebrating his fifth career PGA Tour victory with his wife, two sons and a surprisingly fragile trophy from the erstwhile Bob Hope Classic. Even on a day chock-full of uncommon obstacles, Wilson handled everything with style.

"Robert and I, going back and forth, we really enjoyed that," Wilson

said. "It just came down to 18, and I didn't want to give him a chance to make that putt to tie me. ... That's what we play for. You want somebody to win it, not necessarily to lose it."

Wilson led by three strokes Sunday morning after finishing the final three holes of his third round at La Quinta Country Club, which got the most damage from Saturday's ferocious wind. After a quick trip back to his in-laws' place nearby, he quickly lost the lead on the low-scoring Palmer Private course, but played bogey-free over the final 15 holes.

Every other competitor dropped back — including Garrigus, who fell out of the lead when he missed a 5 1/2-foot par putt on the 17th.

"We really couldn't see much," said Garrigus, who finished a third-round 61 earlier Sunday. "I could barely pick up the flag on 18. We had a great day, and it got pretty dark. I wish I could have read that putt a little better."

Wilson closed with a 3-under 69 to finish at 24 under, taking the \$1,008,000 winner's share of the \$5.6 million purse despite the

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Sports Calendar

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Men's basketball
Howard College at Midland, 7:45 p.m.

TUESDAY

Girls' basketball
Monahans at Big Spring, 6 p.m.
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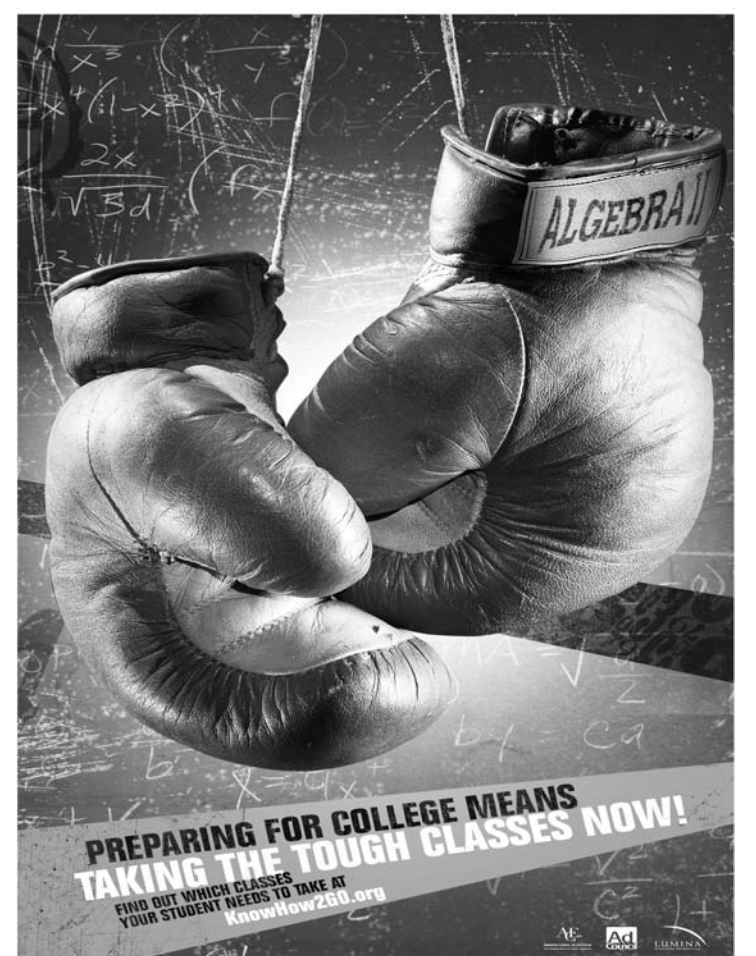
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You believe in what your parents and peers believe in to some extent. You also have private beliefs that you don't share often, so it's nice when a like-minded person comes along and voices a similar opinion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll persuade a skeptical audience. It's not so much what you say, but how you say it. You talk as though you know that your words are true and that they matter. Others can feel your integrity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Getting yourself to focus may be a challenge. You know that there is fun to be had, and your original plan for the day and additional responsibilities don't seem quite as exciting as the big, wide world outside.

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"Classic" Ann Landers®: Finding sleeves that fit

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: I got a kick out of the reader who thought the "W" in women's sizes meant "Wide Butt." My letter is for every designer of women's clothing in the Western Hemisphere. I pray they will see it and pay attention.

I am 30 years old, wear size 18-20, and I have a question. Why don't designers realize that fat women have fat arms, too? When I find something I like, the sleeves are too short and too tight. The majority of the selections in my size are loud prints, as if people won't see me coming, anyway.

Thanks for letting me air my gripe in your

column, Ann. Maybe someone will see it and make some changes. — *Unfit in Kansas*

Dear Kansas: You have raised some valid questions, and I, too, hope the designers and dress manufacturers will pay attention.

Dear Ann Landers: Please tell me if I'm wrong. My wife's parents called last week and asked if they could stay in our extra bedroom for the night. They live in the suburbs. We get along well, so naturally, I said yes. My wife and I had been planning an evening out, and my in-laws offered to watch our daughter so we wouldn't have to hire a sitter. It seemed like a very convenient arrangement.

Here's the problem. My in-laws smoke. They know we do not tolerate smoking in our home, especially now that we have a young child.

When my wife and I returned from our evening out, it was obvious that my in-laws had been puffing up a storm. Also, there were

ashes on the sofa where they had been sitting. I was furious. When we asked them about it, they became angry and started yelling that our rules were ridiculous, and that they should be allowed to smoke in our home if they want to. Then, they left in a snit and have threatened to cut all ties with us.

My wife and I are not anti-smoking crusaders, Ann. We don't mind if friends or family members smoke, but we don't want them doing it in our house.

I don't believe we are unreasonable, but apparently, they do. My wife loves her parents, and other than this issue, we get along just fine.

I certainly don't want our daughter to grow up without her grandparents, but I am concerned about my child's health and do not want her around all that secondhand smoke.

How can we repair this rupture and have a good relationship again without caving in on the smoking issue? — *The Son-in-Law*

watching that position and taking notes.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 23). This year brings a wonderful epiphany about your vital purpose and place in the world. Deals in February favor you. March brings a romantic proposal. Through June and July you'll seize the chance to mix things up, with unplanned travel, spontaneous dates and unexpected deviations from your usual style. Sagittarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 14, 33, 1 and 20.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Law and Order" star Mariska Hargitay was born to the famous couple Jayne Mansfield and Mickey Hargitay when the sun was in Aquarius and the moon was in stable, strong-minded Taurus — an aspect that may have helped Hargitay deal emotionally with the tragic loss of her mother. Venus in soulful Pisces shows a strong connection to the other realms of being.

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Dear S.I.L.: You have every right to tell your in-laws they cannot smoke in your home, and they should respect your wishes. To maintain cordial relations, I suggest you offer to take them out for dinner at an upscale restaurant, and try to find one that allows smoking. (Many don't.) That should do it.

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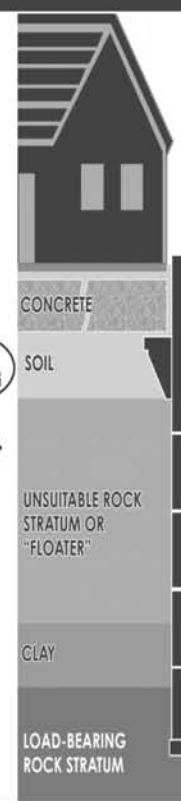
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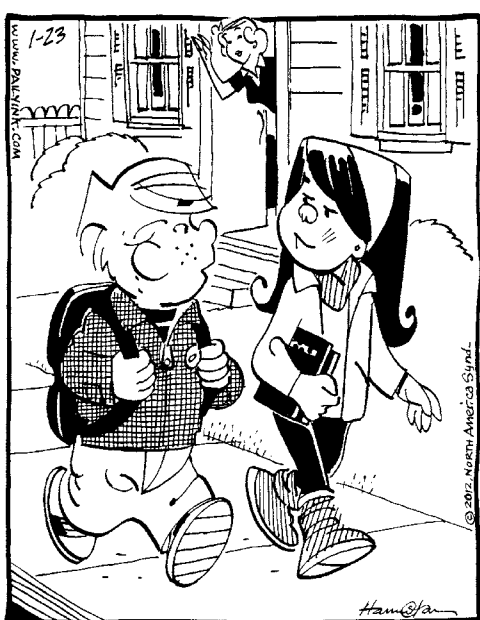


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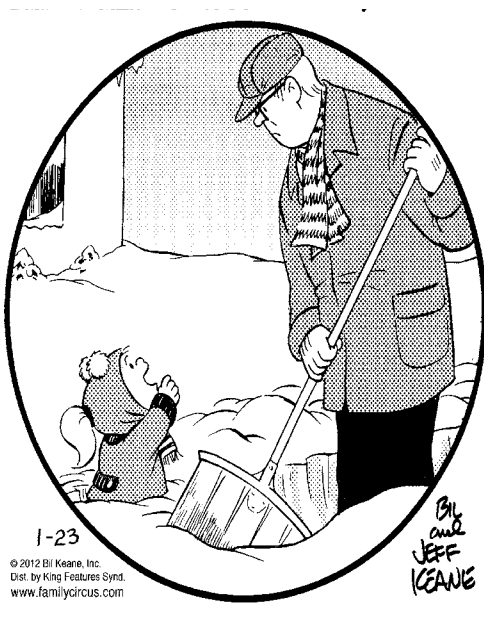
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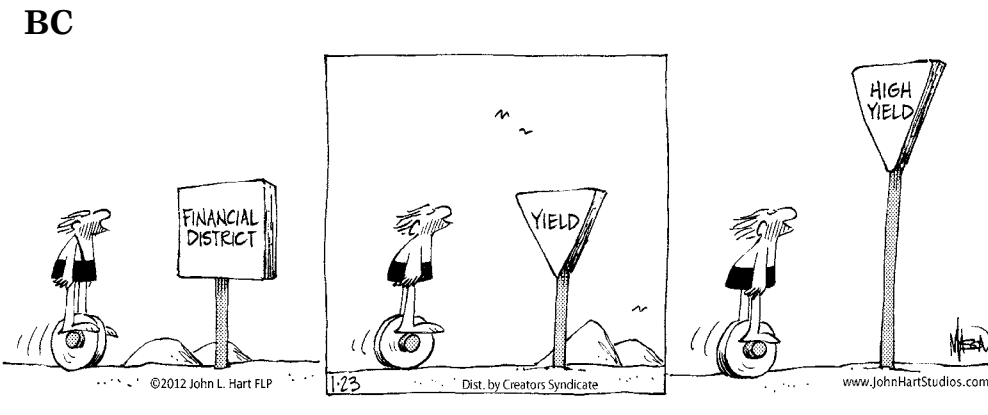


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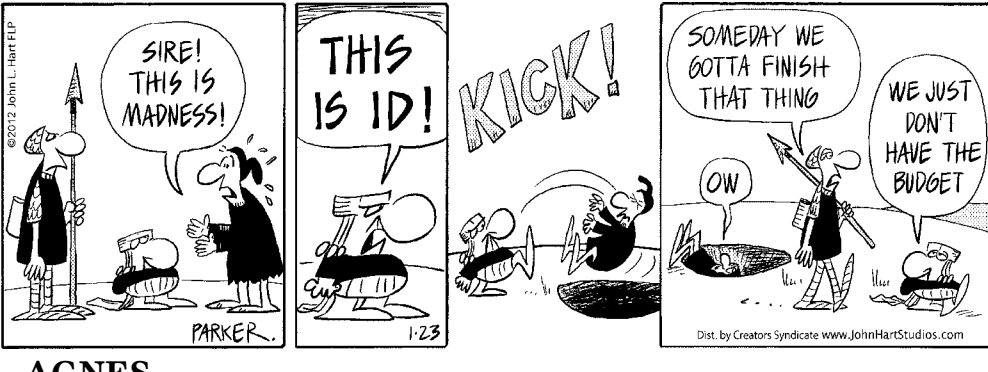
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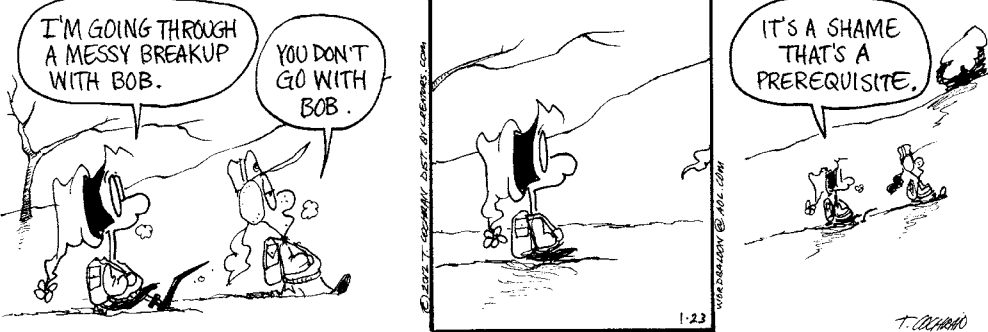
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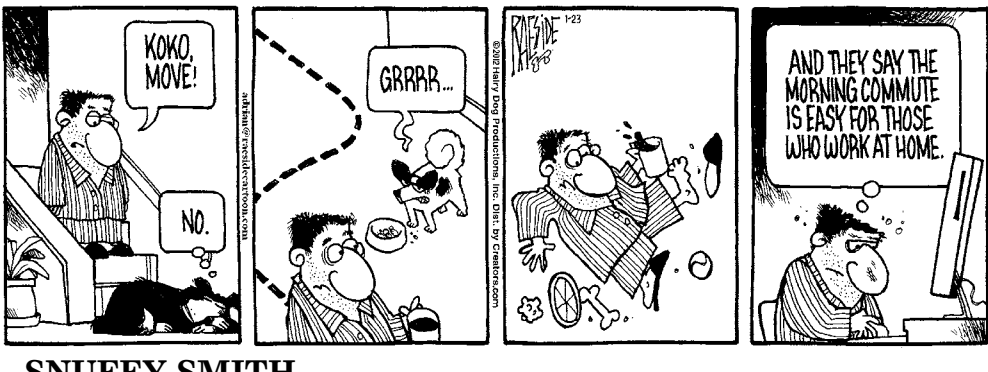
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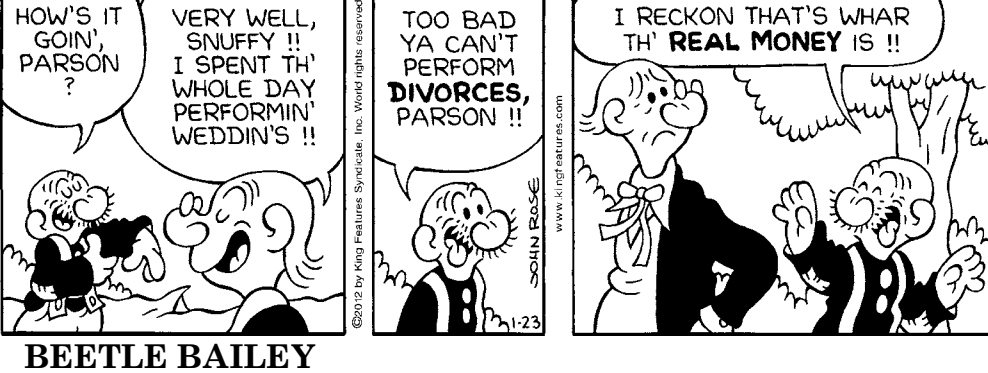
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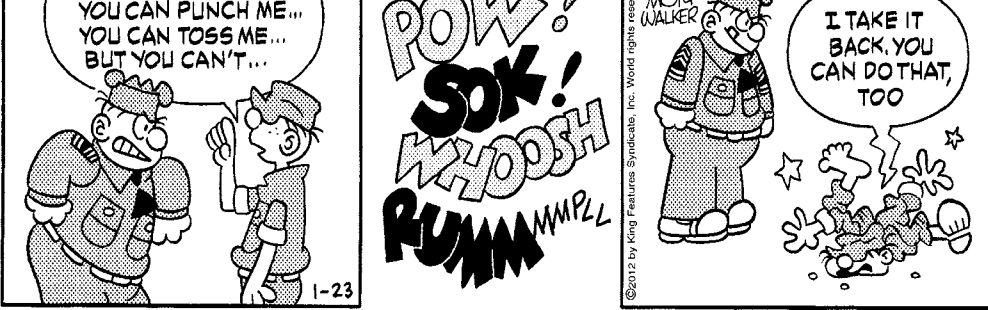
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2012. There are 343 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

- On Jan. 23, 1962, Jackie Robinson was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility. Tony Bennett recorded "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," by George Cory and Douglass Cross, in New York for Columbia Records.
- On this date: In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.
- In 1812, the second New Madrid (MAD'rihd) Earthquake struck, with an estimated magnitude of 7.5, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.
- In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
- In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt

announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1937, 17 people went on trial in Moscow during Josef Stalin's "Great Purge." (All were convicted; all but four were executed.)

In 1943, critic Alexander Woolcott suffered a fatal heart attack during a live broadcast of the CBS radio program "People's Platform."

In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution affirming Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

In 1960, the U.S. Navy-operated bathyscaphe (BATH'ih-skahf) Trieste carried two men to the deepest known point in the Pacific Ocean, reaching a depth of more than 35,000 feet.

In 1964, the 24th amendment to the Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified.

In 1968, North Korea seized the Navy intelligence ship USS Pueblo, charging its crew with being on a spying mission. (The crew was released 11 months later.)

In 1973, President Richard Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the

Vietnam War.

Today's Birthdays: Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg, D-N.J., is 88. Actress Jeanne Moreau is 84. Actress Chita Rivera is 79. Actor-director Lou Antonio is 78. Actor Gil Gerard is 69. Actor Rutger Hauer is 68. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jerry Lawson (The Persuasions) is 68. Sen. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del., is 65. Singer Anita Pointer is 64. Actor Richard Dean Anderson is 62. Rock musician Bill Cunningham is 62. Rock singer Robin Zander (Cheap Trick) is 59. Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (vee-yah-ry-GOH'sah) is 59. Princess Caroline of Monaco is 55. Singer Anita Baker is 54.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword ON THE KEYBOARD by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
- 1 Break sharply
- 5 Unwanted breeze
- 10 Itsy-bitsy
- 13 Honolulu's island
- 14 British nobles
- 15 Is going to
- 16 Each, informally
- 17 Move furtively
- 18 Numbered roads: Abbr.
- 19 Settle a restaurant bill
- 21 Childish giggle
- 22 Milan coins
- 23 Toddler's taboo
- 24 Shakespearean verse
- 27 Seek advice from
- 30 Step __ (hurry)
- 31 Kid around with
- 33 __ chi (martial art)
- 34 Use a shovel
- 35 Made airtight, as a window frame
- 37 London's loc.
- 38 __ and aah
- 39 Washing-machine cycle
- 40 A single time
- 41 Give unwanted advice
- 43 E-mail mailer
- 45 __ dish (mashed potatoes, e.g.)
- 46 Occupied, as a table
- 48 Nevada/California lake
- 50 Recreational vehicle
- 54 Fail to mention
- 55 Police-car wailer
- 56 School test
- 57 Football officials, for short
- 58 Loosen, as a knot
- 59 Mannerly man
- 60 Explosive initials
- 61 "Refried"
- 62 Mexican food
- 63 Change for a \$5 bill
- 8 Bodybuilder's bane
- 9 "For shame!"
- 10 Perpetually
- 11 Confederate general
- 12 Otherwise
- 15 Small songbirds
- 20 Shade of color
- 21 Added muscle, with "up"
- 23 Rudolph's red feature
- 24 "Me, too!"
- 25 Hamburger topping
- 26 Moonlighter's work period
- 27 Birthday dessert
- 28 Knight's weapon
- 29 Lion's cousin
- 31 Song
- 32 Letters after keys
- 35 Impolite
- 36 Office helper
- 40 Very busy
- 42 Very funny folks
- 43 Pebbles and boulders
- 44 Corn portion
- 46 Somewhat, informally
- 47 Didn't go out for dinner
- 48 Legal wrong
- 49 Prayer conclusion
- 50 Source of coal
- 51 Plow-pulling beasts
- 52 Horse's hair
- 53 CPR experts
- 55 Undersea vessel

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GOLF

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growing dark and cold. While most everybody else pulled on sweaters for the final holes, the Wisconsin native stayed in his polo shirt out of superstition and familiarity.

"It's a feel thing," Wilson said. "I've been playing with short sleeves all day. I didn't just want to put it on and get a new feeling, because everything was going well."

After wind gusts topping 35 mph caused damage on all three courses and forced an early end to play Saturday, the final round stretched well past sunset in the Coachella Valley. The first three rounds were dominated by low scores, but Jeff Maggert made the biggest move in the final round, moving up to fifth with a bogey-free 64.

Eight players were within two strokes of the lead when the final group neared the turn, but Wilson weathered every challenge with solid shot-making that added to his reputation as a fast starter. Wilson won twice in the first few weeks of last

season, and each of his five career victories have come before mid-March.

"The only thing I can think of is the break in November and December," Wilson said. "I clear my mind of golf. I tend to remember the good things I did in the season before, and when I've come out the last two years, I've really had a clear mind focused on what I'm doing."

Wagner, who won the Sony Open last week in Hawaii, birdied two of his final three holes, hitting a 7-foot birdie putt on the 18th to finish at 22 under. Mallinger then pushed a 15-foot birdie putt inches wide on the 18th, barely missing the chance to move into a first-place tie.

Mallinger, a Southern California native who matched his best PGA Tour finish, didn't blame the miss on the darkness.

"I've played golf for 20 years. I know how to read a putt," he said. "But it was fun."

The exciting finish in the gathering darkness capped a revitalizing week for the former Hope. The tournament signed its first title sponsor in four years and

partnered with the foundation of former President Bill Clinton, who serves as its new host.

The revamped pro-am dropped its traditional fifth day of competition and boosted its purse, attracting the best professional field in several years. Attendance also increased sharply, with crowds gathering to watch Phil Mickelson and the celebrity competitors over the first three days — including Clinton, whose round was interrupted by wind Saturday.

Wilson holed a bunker shot on the par-3 12th to reclaim sole possession of the lead at 22 under, pulling one stroke ahead of Mallinger and Garrigus. Mallinger caught up on the 14th with a short birdie putt, and Garrigus joined them moments later in the next group.

Wilson and Garrigus then both holed tough birdie putts on the 16th, but Garrigus' tee shot on the 17th landed on the fringe. He missed his par putt, while Wilson grinded out a par.

Garrigus easily reached the 18th green in two, but his long eagle putt barely missed the hole.

PATERNO

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ups, but it would be nearly a decade before Sandusky was arrested, and Paterno said he regretted having not done more.

Pennsylvania's state police commissioner said the football coach may have met his legal duty but not his moral one.

On Sunday, Sandusky expressed sympathy to Paterno's family in a statement released by his lawyer as he awaits trial on charges of sexually abusing 10 boys over a 15-year period.

Sandusky said that no one did more for the university's academic reputation than Paterno, and that his former boss "had the courage to practice what he preached" about toughness, hard work and clean competition.

At an Iowa-Penn State wrestling match Sunday afternoon, a crowd of some 6,500 people gave a 30-second standing ovation as an image of Paterno appeared on two video boards. The screen flashed the words "Joseph Vincent Paterno 1926-2012" and a picture of a smiling Paterno in a blue tie and blue sweater vest.

At the university's Berkey Creamery, Ginger Colon, of Fairfax, Va., was picking up two half-gallons of Peachy Paterno ice cream when she heard the news.

Colon, whose daughter attends Penn State, said it was sad that the scandal would be part of Paterno's legacy.

"But from a personal note, it makes you re-think when things are report-

ed to you by employees: Have I taken enough steps?" Colon said.

Andrea Mastro, an immunology professor who lives in the same neighborhood where Paterno lived and raised a family — with his address and number, famously, listed in the phone book — said the rapid spread of the cancer and the shadow of the Sandusky investigation made "the whole situation very sad."

"I can't help but thinking that his death is somehow related" to the stress of the scandal, she said after Mass on Sunday at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, where Paterno sometimes attended services. "I think everybody is going to be extremely sad, and they're going to be sad in particular because he didn't get his say."

Mickey Shuler, who played for Penn State under Paterno in the mid-'70s, said the coach had been a father figure and expressed his disappointment about how he was fired.

"It's just sad, because I think he died from other things than lung cancer," Shuler said. "I don't think that the Penn State that he helped us to become and all the principles and values and things that he taught were carried out in the handling of his situation."

The trustees and school President Rodney Erickson issued a statement saying the university plans to honor Paterno but is still working on what form that will take, and when it will happen.

In recent weeks, the board has come under withering criticism for how it handled Paterno's dismissal, and there is a movement by alumni to change the board's composition.

PATRIOTS

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couple of weeks, but I'm proud of this team, my teammates."

Brady waited out the final tense minutes on the sideline, and then celebrated with the rest of his team when Cundiff's attempt went wide left. The Ravens looked on in stunned horror.

Cundiff had no excuse.

"It's a kick I've kicked probably a thousand times in my career," Cundiff said. "I went

out there and didn't convert. That's the way things go."

Next up as the Patriots chase their fourth Super Bowl trophy in Brady and coach Bill Belichick's tenure in New England is the New York Giants, who beat the San Francisco 49ers 20-17 in overtime Sunday night.

The Patriots were installed as 3-point favorites for the Super Bowl on Feb. 5 in Indianapolis.

In their last trip to the big game, the Patriots had an 18-0 record when they were stunned by

the Giants four years ago. They won the NFL championship for the 2001, 2003 and 2004 seasons. This time, they head to the Super Bowl with a 10-game winning streak.

Before Cundiff missed, the Ravens had a chance to go ahead two plays earlier, but wide receiver Lee Evans was stripped of the ball in the end zone by backup cornerback Sterling Moore, who earlier was victimized for a touchdown that gave Baltimore (13-5) the lead 17-16.

On his touchdown, Brady took a huge hit from Ravens star linebacker Ray Lewis, then emphatically spiked the ball as he walked away. Earlier, Brady showed his fire by barking at Lewis following a hard tackle on a 4-yard run.

"It's a pretty mentally tough team," said Brady, whose fifth trip to the Super Bowl will equal John Elway's achievement with Denver. "There's really some resiliency. We've shown that all season. Even in the games we've lost, the three games we lost, we fought until the end. We're always going to fight to the end. It's great to be a part of a team like this."

Baltimore had the touted defense in this

matchup, but New England's unit, ranked 31st overall, was just as powerful.

"We stepped up," Pro Bowl nose tackle Vince Wilfork said. "We all stepped up big time. Being in this situation is a great moment. You have to cherish this moment."

The Patriots shut down Ray Rice, the league's total yardage leader, who was limited to 78 yards. Brandon Spikes made a fourth-quarter interception of Joe Flacco, who played well before that and threw for two touchdowns. And when the Ravens were threatening to score a late touchdown to win their first conference title in 11 years, New England clamped down.

"It's two great football teams, two gladiators, I guess, just kind of going at each other at the end, and I'm proud of our guys," Harbaugh said. "You know, we've got 53 guys, mighty men, as we like to call them — and they fought, and we came up a little bit short, as 53. You know, 53 win and 53 lose."

With Rice a nonfactor, Baltimore had to rely on Flacco, and he delivered one of his best performances. Flacco has led the Ravens into the playoffs in all four of his pro

seasons, but not to the Super Bowl. He was 22 for 36 for 306 yards and touchdowns of 6 yards to Dennis Pitta and 29 to rookie Torrey Smith.

The loss hardly could be blamed on Flacco.

"I don't know if I ever will prove anything," he said. "I just play the same way. We lost; someone has to. But we laid it all out on the field."

Operating against a porous secondary missing its top cornerback, Kyle Arrington, who left in the second quarter with an eye injury, Flacco gave Baltimore its first lead. His short pass on third down to explosive receiver Smith turned into a 29-yard scamper down the right sideline after Moore completely whiffed on the tackle. Danny Woodhead's fumble on the ensuing kickoff set up Baltimore at the Patriots 28, but a third-down sack forced Cundiff to kick a 39-yard field goal, making it 20-16.

New England didn't flinch.

Brady took the Patriots 63 yards in 11 plays, and seemed to score on a 1-yard run. The call was overruled by replay, though, and on fourth-down, he dived just high enough over the line for the winning points.

"Every inch counts in this game and every foot counts in this game," said 12-year veteran guard Brian Waters, who joined the Patriots this year and is headed to his first Super Bowl.

Defense was particularly dominant early on. The Patriots held Baltimore to minus-4 yards on its first three first-down runs and forced the Ravens to go three-and-out each time. Meanwhile, the Patriots put together a methodical 13-play, 50-yard drive helped greatly by an illegal contact penalty on Lardarius Webb that negated a tipped interception by Bernard Pollard.

But Brady was sacked for the first time by Paul Kruger and Stephen Gostkowski kicked a 29-yard field goal.

Late in the first quarter, the Ravens changed tactics after Webb picked off a pass intended for Julian Edelman at the Baltimore 30. Flacco rolled right on first down and threw deep down the sideline to a wide-open Smith. Had the pass not been short, Smith likely would have sprinted into the end zone. Instead, it was a 42-yard gain, not bad at all given Baltimore's previous ineptitude with the ball.

GIANTS

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ered his second fumble of the game after Jacquan Williams

stripped the ball from fill-in return man Kyle Williams, who also fumbled earlier to set up a New York touchdown.

"It's my second NFC championship game, my second game-winner,"

Tynes said. "It's amazing. I had dreams about this last night. It was from 42, not 31, but I was so nervous today before the game just anticipating this kind of game. I'm usually pretty cool,

but there was something about tonight where I knew I was going to have to make a kick. Hats off to Eli, offense, defense. Great win."

Manning went 32 of 58 for 316 yards and two touchdowns in his record fifth road playoff win, New York's fifth in a row overall and fifth out of six.

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