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Former Big Spring and Howard County law officer Mike Eggleston held a book signing for "The True Story of the Sharpest Ever" at the Howard County Library on Wednesday. Angie and Chad Williams attended the event, along with their family.

Hoopsters returning to coliseum

Hoops, Dreams and Goals tournament set March 30

Special to the Herald

The thump, thump of basketballs can be heard across gyms around the country as tournaments ranging from the Big East to the Big XII get underway. But the thump, thump, thump of basketballs can also be heard in small recreation centers and outside courtyards across rural West Texas as participants in the upcoming Hoops, Dreams and Goals practice their jump shots for the annual hoop-fest.

The Eighth Hoops, Dreams and Goals 2012 competition is scheduled March 30 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"It's an event our staff and our consumers look forward to every year," said Rodney Jones, West Texas Centers chief developmental health officer.



Jones

Ten teams participate in a high-energy bracket-driven basketball tournament, punctuated by bursts of inspirational music and plenty of water and snack breaks.

"It is the most fun I have all year long," West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith said. "I smile the entire day. Everyone in attendance has a great time, from the athletes to the cheer squads to my employees. It is a great experience."

The daylong basketball competition begins at 9 a.m. with the Big Spring High School Drum Line followed by a welcome from Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan and District Judge Tim Yeats.

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Lion's Club, Dr. Marshall keeping an eye on youth

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

The view through a child's eye is important and the Lions Club is doing its part to ensure that vision isn't hindered.

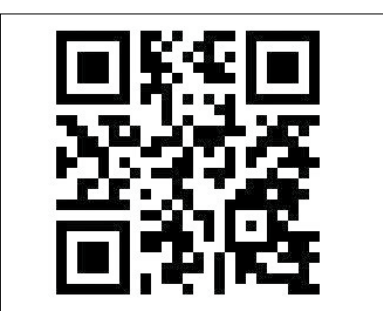
"The goal of the Lion's Club



has always been to help people, especially children, who have vision problems," Tommy Mills, Lions Club member, said.

use of the Spot model VS100, club members are making their way to area schools and performing eye tests on kindergartners. The Spot is powered by sophisticated technology that quickly

Mills Through the See **EYES**, Page 3A



Police and emergency medical personnel responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident at the intersection of 17th and Gregg streets Wednesday afternoon. No major injuries were reported in the accident.

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Steve Reagan



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Public invited to 'Wild Thangs' workshop

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

A different form of art, but art nonetheless is what M. Douglas Walton will be focusing on 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Walton will be the featured speaker at the Big Spring Art

Association meeting at the Howard County Library. He will be teaching on a Tipping of the Brush theme "Wild Thangs."

"He will be demonstrating his techniques, which is a good opportunity for those who enjoy learning about and

trying different techniques," Jean Money, BSAA member, said.

Walton, a native of Oklahoma, has been teaching workshops in the Big Spring community for at least eight years. His classes have been taught in 22 states and he

has conducted more than 350 workshops. His career has taken him to Rome, Italy, as a faculty member of a six-week Tech Rome Program. He has conducted classes in South Africa, Johannesburg, Durban

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Obituaries

Wilma Oneta Riffe Kyle



Wilma Oneta Riffe Kyle, 71, of Shepherd, Texas, passed away Friday, March 2, 2012. She was born in Shepherd, Texas, on Feb. 24, 1941, to Willie L. and Gladys Jewel Riffe.

Survivors include her son, Bendle G. Kyle Jr.; daughters, Chequita Kyle, Gladys Feaster and Vanessa Lee; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; sisters, Fannie Overton, Sue Kautz and Linda Nolan; brothers, John, Charles, Archie and Robert Riffe; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Lizzie Deanna; and brother, Billy Riffe.

Graveside services were held Monday, March 5, 2012, at Farley Chapel Cemetery in Shepherd, Texas.

Funeral services under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home in Cleveland, Texas.

Peggy Atchison



Peggy Atchison, 82, of Wichita, Kan., formerly of Big Spring died Monday, March 12, 2012, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 16, 2012, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Dec. 11, 1929, in Big Spring to Dorothy and George Winslow. She grew up in Big Spring and lived most of her life in Stanton and Midland, moving to Wichita, Kan., several years ago. She was a cosmetologist and had owned several beauty salons in Midland.

She is survived by one son, George Atchison of Wichita, Kan.; a granddaughter; and one great-grandson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Clelan Atchison; one son, Robert Dale "Bobby" Atchison; one granddaughter; and all of her brothers, Robert, Ed, Euell and Don Winslow.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Police blotter

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

- LEE TORRES ESCOBAR, 33, of 811 E. 16th St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- BRODIE LEE DUNN, 32, of 1706 Young St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- JASON ORTEGA, 30, of 1208 Lloyd, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault - family violence.

- RACHEL NIKOLE GONZALES, 22, of 2330 N. Highway 208 Apt. 14 in Colorado City, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.

- BERNARDO FRAUSTO PEREZ JR., 47, of 2910 Cherokee, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 47, of 1405 Wood, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.

- LONNIE BORDEN LOVERN, 30, of Graford, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- JIM TRAVIS COKER, 61, of 208 Moore Rd., was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

- ASSAULT was reported: Near the intersection of Sixth Street and Holbert. In the 500 block of Birdwell Lane.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 3600 block of E. 11th Place.

- THEFT was reported: In the 3300 block of E. FM 700.

- THEFT was reported: In the 3200 block of Parkway.

Sheriff

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

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

- JIM TRAVIS COKER, 61, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 47, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.

- RACHEL NIKOLE GONZALES, 22, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a Mitchell County warrant for theft of property.

- BERNARDO FRAUSTO PEREZ JR., 47, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- VIVIANNA DANIELLA SARMIENTO, 29, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and interference with police duty.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Jefferson. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1600 block of Gregg Street. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Brent. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of S. Adams in Coahoma. Service refused.

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Highway 350 and FM 1229. Two people were transported to SMMC.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 3/16	Sat 3/17	Sun 3/18	Mon 3/19	Tue 3/20
84/62	82/59	84/61	78/47	67/43
Partly to mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms.	Windy, slight chance of a thunderstorm.	Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.	Windy, isolated thunderstorms.	Windy, isolated thunderstorms.
Sunrise: 7:54 AM Sunset: 7:55 PM	Sunrise: 7:53 AM Sunset: 7:56 PM	Sunrise: 7:52 AM Sunset: 7:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:50 AM Sunset: 7:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 7:58 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	81	64	pt sunny	Kingsville	85	69	cloudy
Amarillo	83	53	t-storm	Livingston	81	64	cloudy
Austin	77	64	cloudy	Longview	81	64	cloudy
Beaumont	79	67	pt sunny	Lubbock	83	55	t-storm
Brownsville	86	70	pt sunny	Lufkin	83	66	cloudy
Brownwood	81	65	pt sunny	Midland	83	62	t-storm
Corpus Christi	80	70	windy	Raymondville	87	68	pt sunny
Corsicana	77	64	cloudy	Rosenberg	79	67	cloudy
Dallas	78	65	cloudy	San Antonio	82	66	cloudy
Del Rio	84	66	windy	San Marcos	78	65	cloudy
El Paso	82	53	sunny	Sulphur Springs	78	64	cloudy
Fort Stockton	84	59	t-storm	Sweetwater	81	63	pt sunny
Gainesville	76	62	cloudy	Tyler	80	64	cloudy
Greenville	75	62	cloudy	Weatherford	78	62	cloudy
Houston	79	68	cloudy	Wichita Falls	80	61	pt sunny

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2 Tablespoons H-E-B Brown Sugar
6 Atlantic salmon fillets (approximately 2 1/2 lbs. total)
• salt and pepper

1. Heat gas or charcoal grill to 450°F. Line sheet pan with foil and top with grilling mesh sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.
2. Combine jalapeños, pineapple spread, bell pepper, and brown sugar in a small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high power 1 minute. Divide glaze, reserving 1/2 for serving with salmon. Set aside.
3. Place fillets skin side down on prepared grilling mesh, season with salt and pepper to taste, and brush with 1/2 of prepared jalapeño glaze. Grill salmon with lid closed 10 minutes. Brush fillets with more sauce, grill with lid closed 5 more minutes and discard remaining glaze.
4. Serve fillets with reserved jalapeño pineapple glaze and enjoy!

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World briefs

Obama patterning end of Afghanistan war on the gradual fadeout in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Afghanistan is not Iraq, U.S. officials have been fond of saying from the first days of Barack Obama's presidency.

The difference, they said, was that one war Obama inherited, in Afghanistan, was worth fighting while the other, in Iraq, was best ended as quickly as possible.

Now, Afghanistan has turned into Iraq: an inconclusive slog in which the United States cannot always tell enemy from friend. And like Iraq, Obama has concluded that Afghanistan is best put to rest.

Just as he patterned his troop "surge" in Afghanistan on a successful military strategy in Iraq, now Obama is patterning his withdrawal from Afghanistan on the Iraq template as well.

Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron said Wednesday that NATO forces would hand over the lead combat role to Afghanistan forces next year as the U.S. and its allies aim to get out by the end of 2014.

CDC to launch largest and most graphic anti-smoking ad campaign to urge smokers to quit

ATLANTA (AP) — Tobacco taxes and smoking bans haven't budged the U.S. smoking rate in years. Now the government is trying to shock smokers into quitting with a graphic nationwide advertising campaign.

The billboards and print, radio and TV ads show people whose smoking resulted in heart surgery, a tracheotomy, lost limbs or paralysis. The \$54 million campaign is the largest and starkest anti-smoking push by the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention and its first national advertising effort.

The agency is hoping the spots, which begin Monday, will persuade as many as 50,000 Americans to stop smoking.

"This is incredibly important. It's not every day we release something that will save thousands of lives," CDC Director Dr. Thomas Frieden said in a telephone interview.

That bold prediction is based on earlier research that found aggressive anti-smoking campaigns using hard-hitting images sometimes led to decreases in smoking. After decades of decline, the U.S. smoking rate has stalled at about 20 percent in recent years.

If it looks fishy, feds say they'll be fighting it

BOSTON (AP) — Those plump and tempting scallops behind the fish counter glass might be a lot smaller than they look — a sodium-based compound can bloat scallops well past their actual size. And that pollock fillet isn't such a good deal if the price includes the layers of ice glazed onto it to keep it fresh.

This "overglazing" rips off consumers, as does so-called "soaking" of scallops, which can also alter the taste of the shellfish. At the International Seafood Show in Boston this week, a top federal seafood quality officer announced his agency was increasing efforts to stop these and other types of seafood fraud.

"We've decided we're going to take on the economic fraud concern," said Steven Wilson, chief quality officer at the National Marine Fisheries Service's seafood inspection program.

Perhaps the best known kind of seafood fraud is species substitution, when sellers secretly replace a prized species with a similar tasting, cheaper fish

— say, whiting substituted for grouper, or mako shark for swordfish.

But fraud involving inaccurate food weights, caused by practices such as overglazing and soaking, is far more common, Wilson said. Inspectors at his agency find some kind of economic fraud in at least 40 percent of all products submitted to them voluntarily. And in at least eight out of 10 of those cases, inaccurate weights are the problem, he said.

Local briefs

• American Legion Post 506, located at 3202 W. Highway 80, will host a fish fry Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$10 each and delivery will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084.

• Effective immediately, the Blankenship Field track will be closed to the general public. The band practice field (located to the west of the track) is available for walking. There will be a timer that will turn on the lights for early morning walkers and the lights will come back on late in the evening for those who want to walk at night.

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

• Benefit for the oldest Harley shop in Texas, Walker family, to be held Saturday at the Xiled Clubhouse. There will be food, fun and games with special auction. Gates open at noon and charge is \$10 at the door. Contact 432-270-1212 for more information.

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

HOOPS

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Throughout the day, each team's cheer squads perform and compete for top yell squad. The cheer squads

and basketball teams also compete for the highly coveted Spirit Stick, which is awarded to the team that shows the most enthusiasm.

Teams participating in bracket play are the Big Spring Heat, Sweetwater Red Rattlers,

Ballinger Longhorns, Snyder Wildkatz, Seminole Pink Panthers, Monahans/Pecos Warriors, Midland Panthers, Odessa Tigers, Abilene Chili Peppers and the San Angelo Bobcats.

The event is free and open to the public. More

than 1,100 people are expected to attend. The event is sponsored by West Texas Centers, Howard College, The Arc of Howard County, Alon USA, Prescription Services Inc., KBST, Gallagher Benefit Services Inc and KBYG.

West Texas Centers serves 23 counties in rural West Texas: Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terrell, Terry, Up-

ton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum.

For more information, call Amy Vidal at 432-264-3256.

EYES

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detects the indication of near- and far-sightedness, unequal refractive power, blurred vision, eye structure problem, pupil size deviations and eye misalignment, according to information provided by the Lion's Club.

The results of the vi-

sion test are given to a local optometrist, Dr. John Marshall, and reviewed. The first screenings were performed at Kentwood Elementary School on Feb. 28. During that visit, 27 students were screened.

"Once we screen the students, which takes about a minute, we send the results to a doctor and the doctor looks over them and sends

the results back to the school nurse," Mills said. "After the parents receive the information they are the ones who make the decision of what to do with it."

In order to protect the children, parental permission is obtained for each of the students before the screening is performed. Another precaution the Lion's Club takes is only iden-

tifying the children by a number.

"Our interest is the safety of the children and we want the parents to feel secure and understand what is going on before we go and perform the screenings," Mills said. "At no time do we receive any information about the child or the parents, for that matter. All we see is a number."

The next screening is scheduled Tuesday at Bauer Elementary.

To find out more about the Spot and the results it provides, contact Mills at 267-5151.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

ARTIST

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and Cape Town. He has also studied with Edgar Whitney, Robert E. Wood and Milford Zones, all noted watercolorists.

"During this eight years teaching workshops here, he has had several people come

from Midland, Odessa and other surrounding areas to attend," Money said.

"During my years of observing students I have been impressed by the innate potential of each student to develop his painting skills to a high level," Walton said.

"I truly believe every individual has the capacity to develop his

creative expression through the painting process. If we are willing to risk enough and work long enough a bud will form that will ultimately burst forth in full bloom."

The meeting is open to the public, as are all meetings of the Big Spring Art Association.

"This is truly a fabulous opportunity to see someone who is so

gifted and knowledgeable in the arts," said Estelle Howard, BSAA member. "We are very fortunate to have him in Big Spring."

For any questions regarding Walton's workshops or demonstrations, contact Howard at 263-1134.

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Amy Jennifer Phillips, 31, died Sunday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial Mass will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.
Peggy Atchison, 82, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

We can change clocks but we cannot change time! Here are some timely reminders:

WE DON'T KNOW THE DAY OF CHRIST'S RETURN. "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour," (Matthew 25:13).

WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT TOMORROW. "Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." (James 4:14).

WE MUST WISELY USE TODAY. "As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work." (John 9:4)

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

A reason to take part in local Relay For Life

Nike says Just Do It and people seem to follow suit.

This year, the local Relay For Life has based their theme on that idea and are asking people to "Just Relay."

Relay For Life serves as the biggest fundraiser of the year for the American Cancer Society. Not only does it draw attention to the cause of finding a cure for cancer, but it also shows cancer patients and cancer survivors that they are not alone.

The overnight event, which is scheduled for April 20 and 21 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. at Blankenship Field is one of the many ways the Big Spring community joins together for a greater purpose.

For 12 hours, families, co-workers, friends and strangers come together and work as a team. They come together making thousands of voices heard while all striving for the same purpose ... to eliminate cancer.

This year the goal is to have 30 teams signed up and at this point there are a little more than 20 teams ready to go.

Around 90 survivors have come forward and placed their names on the survivor's list.

There are several ways to show support for the annual event, even if forming a team and staying up all night isn't something you think you can or want to do. From now until the time of Relay, there will be several fundraisers taking place in hopes of raising funds to be used for research, education and services provided to cancer patients.

Volunteers are always needed in order to make the overnight event go smoothly. Donations are accepted in any form and monetary value.

Each penny raised can be beneficial and serve a bigger purpose.

To find out more information or to sign up a team for Relay For Life, visit www.relayforlife.org/bigspringtx.

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The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions.

In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May our earthly values, Lord, be in line with Your heavenly values.

Amen

No survival for nation with \$5 gas

Oh my God. Gasoline is headed for five bucks a gallon. I read it in the newspaper, so I know it's true. The national average is already creeping up on \$4 and it's bound to climb higher as the summer surge in travel approaches.

Five dollars a gallon!

Oh the pain. The suffering. How will we survive as a nation?

You know, they talk about the courage, fortitude and resolve of the Greatest Generation, the cohort that came of age in the 1930s and '40s and overcame great obstacles to make the United States into Fat City. And in truth they had a lot to deal with — World War II, the Great Depression, polio epidemics, manual transmissions — but they never had to put up with \$5 gas. If they had, history might have told a very different story.

Could the Greatest Generation have pulled out of the Depression in time to conquer the Nazis, subdue the Japanese and rebuild Europe if they'd been saddled with \$5 gas? Could it have funded the GI bill or established a nationwide system of hospitals to deal specifically with military veterans and their problems? Could it have invented the computer or instant

replay?

No.

They'd have spent all of their time and money lining up at gas stations to buy gas at \$5 a gallon.

They wouldn't have been so great if they'd had our problems.

Fortunately, we have a slate of Republican presidential candidates angling to save us from this crisis. Why, Newt Gingrich alone has promised \$2.50-per-gallon gas by next summer if he's elected. Sure, that's a big if, and he hasn't let us in on how he'll do it yet. But the common thread in Republican rescue plans is this: "Vote for me instead of Barack Obama."

Yes, surprisingly enough, Republicans have looked out on the sea of troubles that confront us and decided it's all Obama's fault. They say he's rejected every single plan to increase our oil and gas production.

Drilling in the Arctic wilderness? Building a pipeline from Canada down through the United States? Lifting job-killing regulations aimed at preventing oil spills in the Gulf of Mexico? Obama has been against (or kind of against) them all.

He, of course, claims the rising gas prices aren't his fault.

He says as the recession improves, demand for oil and gas increases, driving up the price.

Why, Obama even advocates conservation. Can you believe that? The man will stop at nothing. He and the wimpy environmentalists around him want us

to use less oil and gas. They go so far as to suggest we travel on buses and trains.

Well, you listen up, Mr. Obama, and you listen up good. We are Americans and we do not believe in buses and trains, which if I'm not mistaken are Communist ideas that originated in Europe.

Did the Greatest Generation have to conserve things? Not on your life. (Unless you count that gas rationing — along with meat, butter and eggs — during World War II.)

We patriotic Americans think the way to happiness is drill, frack, strip mine and clear-cut our way back to \$2.50-a-gallon gas. Oh, and we need to do what it takes to go back to buying Cokes for a nickel too.

And don't tell me about global warming, that hoax perpetrated by 10 or 20,000 climate scientists who are trying to convince us the earth is getting warmer. Don't you know it snowed in North Dakota just the other day?

We global warming deniers have hundreds, or maybe that's dozens, of scientists on our side saying:

The earth isn't getting warmer. If it is, it's not our fault.

And anyway, it's good for you.

So there. Everything is good. Or it will be as soon as we get rid of Barack Obama and his \$5-a-gallon gas.

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NCAA: Fun here, death abroad

It is a warm and pleasant Sunday, and my Twitter stream is full of March Madness, the selection of 68 college basketball teams for the NCAA tournament.

Other media are awash and aflame with it also, and soon Barack Obama's official website will publish its own brackets, inviting citizens to match their expertise against the president's.

On Tuesday, the president and British Prime Minister David Cameron, in America on a state visit, will travel to Dayton, Ohio, to attend a first-round game between Mississippi Valley State and Western Kentucky. Both world leaders will be interviewed at halftime.

My Twitter feed scrolls. Spirits rise and fall as the brackets are announced. And then I see a small, virtually buried item and click on the link that it contains.

In Afghanistan, another type of March madness has occurred.

A U.S. Army sergeant, a family man with two children of his own, has methodically gone from house to house in a rural south Afghan village and allegedly massacred 16 unarmed civilians, including nine children, four of them younger than 6. He then set fire to their bodies.

The sergeant, The New York Times would inform us on Monday with unintended irony, had been assigned to "what is called a village stabilization operation."

I think we can consider that at least 16 people in that village are now permanently "stabilized."

After the shootings, President Obama is immediately briefed and issues a statement of apology. He then talks to the president

of Afghanistan from the back seat of the White House limousine. Obama is on the way to a basketball game in which his daughter, Sasha, is playing. The White House releases a picture of Obama on the phone in the limo's backseat, looking serious and concerned.

After the call concludes, the official White House pool report makes clear, Obama continues to the game.

One wonders what they make of all this in Afghanistan. The United States has been in that country for 10 years. After quite correctly going there to destroy the al-Qaida terrorist operation that carried out the 9/11 attacks from that country, the United States has lingered.

According to an ABC report from back in December 2009: "As he justified sending 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan at a cost of \$30 billion a year, President Barack Obama's description Tuesday of the al-Qaida 'cancer' in that country left out one key fact: U.S. intelligence officials have concluded there are only about 100 al-Qaida fighters in the entire country."

But we remain. Obama has announced we will finally leave at the end of 2014, though the pace and scope of our withdrawal may be affected by facts on the ground.

Meanwhile, 2012 has already proved a horrendous year.

Last month, American soldiers burned copies of the Quran — "inadvertently," we say — which led to attacks by Afghan soldiers that killed six U.S. soldiers. (Afghan soldiers and U.S. soldiers are supposed to be allies, just in case you were wondering.)

Now a U.S. staff sergeant based at Lewis-McChord, Wash., with 11 years in the military and three tours of duty in Iraq, has allegedly killed 16 unarmed men, women and children.

The White House press briefing on Monday began with a presentation about fighting high gasoline prices, and then Jay Carney, the White House press secretary, opened things up for general questions.

Did he have any statement to make about the shootings in Afghanistan? he was asked.

"No," Carney replied.

A reporter then asked if "killing children in their sleep" would affect American thinking about staying in Afghanistan.

No, Carney replied. "The president's policy is to disrupt, dismantle and defeat al-Qaida and stabilize Afghanistan so Afghan security forces can stabilize their country," he said.

ABC's Jake Tapper asked if the United States had reached its "sell by" date in Afghanistan.

"We've been there a long time," Carney said and then seemed to deflate slightly. "Incidents like this do not make it any easier, no question. This is a challenging time, there is no question. Our goal is not to stay any longer than we have to."

Carney was then asked whether President Obama would continue with his plan to attend the NCAA tournament on Tuesday considering the terrible events in Afghanistan.

"His schedule has not changed," Carney said. "March Madness is just getting started. Many of us around this country enjoy this. March Madness is a wonderful tradition in American sport and culture."

Message: Life is good. For those who get to live it.

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Mom to be reunited with son who vanished in '04

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A Texas mother whose infant son vanished eight years ago will soon be reunited with him, after authorities found the boy living with his former baby sitter and her family in another part of the state.

Krystle Rochelle Tanner, 26, was arrested Monday on a kidnapping charge in the late 2004 abduction of Miguel Morin, and she was being held in jail in San Augustine, a community about 140 miles northeast of Houston. Auboni Champion-Morin said she may be reunited with her son later this week.

"I want to hold him in my arms and let him know who I am," said Champion-Morin, who lives in Houston. "I hope he can feel the same thing I feel for him."

Tanner, who was a friend of Champion-Morin's and Miguel's godmother, was a suspect after the 8-month-old boy went missing in late 2004. But Tanner's relatives in Houston told police that she and the infant had vanished. The case went cold and was closed in 2006, said Chief Deputy Gary

Cunningham of the San Augustine Sheriff's Department.

Late last summer, child welfare investigators in San Augustine County — about 150 miles northeast of Houston — received a complaint that Tanner and her boyfriend were neglecting their two children, Cunningham said.

Officials tried to find the older boy. Tanner told authorities different stories about the child: he went by different names and she had been keeping him briefly for a woman that she had met in a park, Cunningham said.

Although sheriff's deputies had no records for the boy and little information to work with, they began investigating it as a missing child's case in January. Neither Child Protective Services nor law enforcement knew about the 2004 Houston kidnapping case at the time because the boy had been removed from the national missing children's database. Even so, they didn't know his name.

"It was very difficult because we were essentially searching for a ghost," Cunningham told The Associated Press.

Casual cooking with Kris

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

This week's recipe is inspired by my looking for inspiration. Speaking of inspiration, I will be only printing one recipe a month for a few months while I work on new recipes.

I have access to a couple of cooking sites where I receive daily or weekly updates. I was browsing and this week's recipe caught my eye.

Now you know me, I can't seem to leave a recipe exactly the way it is. I usually pull out this, or add that and, well, I got real close to leaving this one alone.

Upon my browsing, the title caught my eye and when I read the ingredients I wasn't so sure it would be a winner in my house. You all know by now my husband is somewhat of a picky eater and some of the ingredients he won't eat and I wasn't telling. Don't get me wrong; I wasn't hiding what's in it and he can ask at anytime. The only changes I made in this recipe was that it originally called for cooked rotisserie chicken and everything cooked in a skillet, which you can do, but I only had some leg quarters and decided to use my tried and true crock pot.

I also substituted regular raisins for

golden raisins, based on cost. After showing everything into the crock pot, my house began to fill with delicious smells and still my husband didn't know what was in it. When it was ready and he had eaten some I asked if this was a repeat or not and he gave me the thumbs up. I then asked if he wanted to know what went into it and he said he likes it and did want to know, but it didn't matter since it was good.

I served this with some homemade herb and butter noodles by boiling egg noodles, draining them and melting some butter and adding an herb seasoning of choice like Mrs. Dash or such and then tossed the noodles in the butter mixture. Add a salad and chunk of bread. Enjoy!



KRIS SOLIZ

Mediterranean Chicken

4-6 pieces of chicken
2 tps of curry powder
1 16 oz jar of chunky salsa
1/2 cup of sliced green olives
1/4 cup of raisins
1/4 cup of honey
salt and pepper

Salt and pepper your chicken for taste and place in a crock pot. Pour 1/4 cup of water in bottom and add in all other ingredients, put the lid on and walk away. Cook on high 4-6 hours or on low for 8 hours, depending on your needs.



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Running down the NCAA tournament

By JOHN MARSHALL
AP Basketball Writer

Butler and Virginia Commonwealth defied the odds with Hoosiers-like runs to the Final Four last season, leaving a trail of ripped up NCAA tournament brackets across the country.

The Rams will get another shot after winning the Colonial Athletic Association tournament, but the Bulldogs — and lovable mascot Blue2 — are headed to the CBI after consecutive trips to the NCAA title game.

Last season seemed like a

confluence of chaos, but this year's bracket has the potential to match it after the top four teams in the AP Top 25 went down last week.

Kentucky, Syracuse, Michigan State and North Carolina got the No. 1 nods from the tournament selection committee. All four have their faults, though, particularly the Orangemen, who will be playing without center Fab Melo.

To get you ready for the action, we've got a rundown of what to look for leading up to the title game in New Orleans

on April 2.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Thomas Robinson, Kansas. Big, powerful, agile, dominating, player of the year candidate.

Jared Sullinger, Ohio State. See "Thomas Robinson, Kansas."

Anthony Davis, Kentucky. Scores, blocks shots, dominates. You get the idea.

Doug McDermott, Creighton. Third in the nation with 23.2 points per game, shot 61 percent from the field and that's-not-a-typo 49 percent

from 3. This year's Jimmer? Peyton Siva, Louisville. That teardrop of his could bring rain.

Drayton Green, Michigan State. Does it all, seems to know it all on the court.

Austin Rivers, Duke. Hit that big 3-pointer to beat North Carolina, can take over games down the stretch.

Isaiah Canaan, Murray State. He's the main reason the Racers are in the dance.

UPSET POTENTIAL

Every year there are high seeds that win games they're

not supposed to win and shatter brackets. Remember 13th-seeded Morehead State's first-round takedown? Yeah, 4 Louisville last year? No, we're still bitter about that, too.

Here's a few potential opening-round upsets to consider.

Colorado State over Murray State, West Regional. The Racers, the sixth seed in the West, like to shoot the 3 and have Isaiah Canaan. The 11th-seeded Rams have seen teams and players like this before.

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Hill, Gonzales lead BSHS to win

By BRIAN MCCORMACK
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — The Big Spring High School softball team avenged an earlier loss to Lubbock Estacado Wednesday, routing the Lady Matadors 14-4 on the road to improve their overall record to 9-10 on the season.

Shortstop Ambra Hill went 4-for-5 for the Lady Steers, belting a home run, and picked up three RBI on the day, while Ayanna Gomez scored two runs with her trio of singles.

Also scoring for Big Spring were Angelina Castillo, Gabi Torres, Terra Keeney, Valerie Goodblanket, Mercedes Ruiz and Tiffany Gonzales.

Starting pitcher Gonzales struck out four Estacado batters to pick up the complete-game vic-

tory.

The game was called in the sixth inning due to the 10-run mercy rule.

District play will open Friday against the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs in Sweetwater at 6:30 p.m., and according to BSHS Coach John Sparks, the Lady Steers have what it takes to compete with the best in district 5-3A.

"It's an interesting district, most of us are playing the same type of ball," he said. "Brownwood is supposed to be the dominant team, but I believe we are capable of being right there with them."

"We're a better team than we were last year," Sparks added.

"We just have to show up every night and play our style of ball, and we should be able to compete with anyone in the district."



File photo
Big Spring's Max Pappajohn fields a ground ball at third base during a recent game. The Steers face Seminole in a double-header beginning at 4:30 p.m. today at Steer Park.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball
Seminole at Big Spring (DH), 4:30 p.m., Steer Park.
Forsan at Denver City, noon.

FRIDAY

Baseball
Slaton at Coahoma, TBA.

Softball
Big Spring at Sweetwater, 6:30 p.m.
Howard College at Casa Grande, Ariz. tournament, TBA.

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

Mavericks get chance to regroup, prove themselves

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Now that the Dallas Mavericks have gotten past that dreaded stretch of nine games in 12 days, and it wasn't pretty, they are getting some relief.

The defending NBA champions, the league's oldest team with all its starters and two top reserves being at least 10-year veterans, have a chance to regroup. They are now in a nearly two-week span without having to play on consecutive nights, a rarity in this brutal condensed season.

"Nine games in 12 nights, this team was not designed for that," owner Mark Cuban said. "Especially, when you have injuries."

The Mavericks won only twice in that span before returning home and getting back post players Brendan Haywood (sprained left ankle) and Brandan Wright (concussion) in time for a desperately needed victory over Washington on Tuesday night. They are still without guard Delonte West, out nearly a month with a broken right ring finger.

After beating the lowly Wizards, Dallas practiced for the second time in three days. The Mavs play at home again Thurs-

"We've got to do it whistle to whistle, play to play. It's not like all right, we're just going to get it back. ... You've got to do it."

Rick Carlisle
Dallas coach

day night against Charlotte, the only team in the league with fewer wins than Washington's nine, and host Southwest Division-leading San Antonio on Saturday night.

The Mavericks (24-20) won't have to play back-to-back games again until March 23-24, and then won't even have to leave Texas then since those games are in San Antonio and Houston. The toughest remaining stretch could be four games on the West Coast in five nights in mid-April.

"Now's our chance to prove ourselves," Cuban said. "It's just been a different year, and we've got the fewest games left. Now hopefully that will play in our favor. Hopefully we'll run into some tired teams like they've run into us."

the Los Angeles Lakers in their last game before the All-Star break, the Mavericks went 2-7 over a dozen days. That ended with five games in six nights, including their only span this season of three games in three nights — all losses on the road against teams with losing records.

"Losing is no fun. Everybody's on edge, frustration comes out," 11-time All-Star Dirk Nowitzki said. "But we're a veteran team. All we can do is stick together."

Dallas, which slipped to seventh place in the Western Conference standings, was the first conference team to play its 44th game — exactly two-thirds of the unbalanced 66-game regular-season schedule.

That leaves 22 games over the six weeks. There are even four days off before the regular-season finale April 26 at Atlanta that could be rendered meaningless if the Mavs take care of their business before then.

But they have to win games and get some momentum going.

"It's not like we have a cushion," Cuban said.

"We've got to do it whistle to whistle, play to play," coach Rick Carlisle said. "It's not like all

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Bold upset prediction bothers S. Dakota State

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Sports Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — South Dakota State coach Scott Nagy isn't thrilled with the one TV analyst bold enough to pick his Jackrabbits to upset Baylor in their inaugural NCAA tournament appearance.

Sure, there's plenty of room on the Jackrabbits' bandwagon, but Nagy cringed when Seth Davis proclaimed on the CBS Selection show that the 14th-seeded Jackrabbits were his choice to pull off a big upset when they meet the third-seeded Bears Thursday at the Pit.

"Well, Seth didn't help us there," Nagy said. "It was nice of him to say, but that doesn't help us, and Baylor doesn't need any extra incentive to stick it to us."

Sure, Davis was stirring up the pot a little, but he had sound reasons: the Jackrabbits (27-7) have of the nation's most unheralded point guards in Nate Wolters, who led them to a rout of Washington in December, and an envious three-point shooting percentage (39.3) while the aggressive, athletic Bears (27-7) have shown a soft underbelly at times.

"All that stuff is prediction anyway. We just know that," Nagy said. "But we have 27 wins for a reason. We haven't played the schedule Baylor has, I know that. And if we did, we wouldn't have 27 wins. But we still have a good basketball team, and we're here just like everybody else is to win, and that's the way we're going to approach it."

"All the predictions and things

like that really don't mean anything anyways. It's just fun banter for people to talk about."

The Bears dismissed Davis' prediction.

"I really couldn't care less about what he had to say. I just see it as another person stating an opinion, but he just happened to be on TV," junior guard Pierre Jackson said. "I just know me and my teammates are ready to play."

"Anything can happen in this tournament," Baylor senior forward Quincy Acy suggested. "I mean, they wouldn't be in this tournament if they weren't capable of beating us. We wouldn't look at it as an upset."

That's why they're preparing like they're facing another Big 12 team, not a first-timer in the NCAA field.

"We're focused on trying to get this win. We're not taking any team for granted," Acy said. "We don't look at seeds or anything like that. Every team is capable of winning on every given night, and we're going to go out and play Baylor basketball for 40 minutes."

Wolters, on the other hand, is embracing the Cinderella talk.

"It's a good opportunity for us," he said. "We're the 14 seed, so not many people expect us to win. So we have to play loose with nothing to lose."

Senior guard Griffan Callahan said everyone knew the Jackrabbits would face a tough draw after reaching their first NCAA tournament by rallying from 12 down in the second half against Western

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Spurs outlast Orlando

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Dwight Howard doesn't know if this was his last game with Orlando. One thing's for certain in his mind: It's up to the Magic now whether to trade him.

After what Howard told them Wednesday, that agonizing prospect may have gotten easier. Losing possibly his last game in a Magic uniform, Howard again urged the front office following a 122-111 loss to the San Antonio Spurs on the eve of the trade

deadline to take a chance and keep him the rest of the season, rather than pulling the trigger on their last chance to get something in return for the NBA's best big man.

Howard isn't giving any guarantee he'll stick around. He told the front office before the game that he will not terminate the early termination option in his contract, and his refusal to give the Magic the ultimate assurance he'll be back may weaken Orlando's hesitation to trade their

superstar.

"They know how I feel. I've expressed that to my teammates. I expressed that to the ownership. It's on them now," Howard said.

"I've done my job. I haven't changed and despite whatever is being said, I'm still that same person. So, if you want to scrutinize me for taking care of Dwight, that's fine."

Howard, who had 22 points and 12 rebounds, said he didn't know if he played his last game

with the Magic.

"They took a chance on me at 18, when everybody else said, 'No, don't do it,'" said Howard, whom the Magic drafted with the top pick out of high school in 2004. "They look stupid at first, but look now. It's the same situation. That's it. I understand their situation. I understand mine, too."

Neither general manager Otis Smith nor team president Alex Martins made the trip to Texas.

The trade deadline is 3 p.m. Thursday.

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right, we're just going to get it back. ... You've got to do it."

Cuban said the recent slide didn't change his thoughts going into Thursday's trading deadline. He has repeatedly said there are no plans for Dallas to make any significant deals.

"We don't have enough practice time to integrate the guys we have," Cuban said. "So unless somebody just throws a gimme at me, why would we?"

Because of the grind of playing so many games in short period of time, Carlisle has done his best to limit minutes and provide breaks for veteran players.

Jason Kidd, the point guard who turns 39 later this month, was held out of Saturday night's loss at Golden State to get some rest. He missed 10 earlier games because of a lower back injury and then a strained right calf.

In the fourth quarter Tuesday, Carlisle stuck with Rodrigue Beaubois the entire fourth quarter for Kidd, who that night became only the 12th NBA player to appear in 1,300 regular-season games.

Nowitzki is playing 32.1 minutes per game, nearly 4 minutes below his career average and his lowest total since becoming a full-time starter in 1999-2000. He was held out of four games in late January because of a sore right knee.

"It's not like we were playing a full team full minutes," Cuban said, referring to the recent stretch. "Because you had to conserve minutes on guys and not even play J-Kidd a game. So it's only marginally reflective of anything. But hopefully now moving forward, we'll be able to play our starting lineup, a more playoff-like rotation."

UPSET

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Illinois in the Summit League title game.

So, when they saw Baylor's name, they embraced the challenge.

"We're looking forward to it," Callahan said. "Fourteen seed, whatever we got, we were going to be happy with. We're just going

to go out there and play and do our best."

The great equalizer could very well be the three-point line.

The Bears pride themselves on Canadian Brady Heslip's long-range prowess, even using the moniker "Brady range" for his 3-pointers that he fires up from all over the court and usually well beyond the arc. He's made 84 of 193 attempts for a 43.5 percent clip,

third-best in the nation.

The Jackrabbits might just be able to keep up with the Bears from long range because they have a roster full of sharpshooters like Heslip.

"Yeah, they've all got Brady range," Heslip said. "No, they can definitely really shoot the ball. They've got four guys over 40 percent, and their point guard's capable of making 3s, too. So we're just going to have

to guard the three point-line better than we've guarded it all year."

Callahan led the Jackrabbits with 75 3-pointers, followed by Jordan Dykstra (51), Brayden Carlson (46), Chad White (45) and Wolters (32).

"They definitely have range," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "Doesn't matter if it's the college line or NBA line, they can shoot from anywhere."

NCAA

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Virginia Common-

wealth over Wichita State. The Rams were panned for getting into the NCAA Tournament last year, then went to the Final Four. Why not

again?

Colorado over UNLV. The 11th seed in the South, the Buffaloes were a surprise winner at the Pac-12 tournament. The sixth-seeded Rebels have had some shaky moments and lost in the Mountain West semifinals to New Mexico after blowing a big lead.

UNC-Asheville, Davidson.

9 — NCAA tournament bids by the Big East, most of any conference.

his former team back in the Midwest builds a little anticipation.

DISTANCES

Although North Carolina got a break in the bracket by playing in nearby Greensboro, fellow Tar Heel State school Davidson could be a little travel-weary.

The Tar Heels have the shortest distance for their opening game, a short bus ride of about 47 miles, with Duke needing only a couple more miles to face Lehigh in the same arena.

Davidson has the second-longest longest trip of about 2,800 miles to play Louisville in Portland, Ore., a few miles shorter than VCU's trip to the Northwest to face Wichita State.

That's a long plane ride or roughly 46 hours on a bus. We're guessing they'll fly.

Kentucky also has a quick trip of about 77 miles to play Western Kentucky in Louisville, while Harvard's players will have plenty of time to catch up on their reading with a 2,200-mile trip to Albuquerque, N.M.

There's so much more we didn't get to, but this will get you started. Hopefully, you've got some sick days and can park it on the couch to watch it all unfold. We know we feel a cough coming on.

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Western Kentucky over Kentucky. Sorry, just checking to see if you're still paying attention.

NUMBERS

5-2 — Odds for Kentucky to win the title, lowest by oddsmaker Mike Colbert of Cantor Gaming.

6-1 — Odds for Ohio State to win the title, second-best despite being a No. 2 seed.

1-100 million trillion — Odds of picking every game right by flipping a coin.

5 — Teams from North Carolina in the NCAA tournament: North Carolina, Duke, N.C. State,

11 — At-large mid-majors in the bracket, most since 12 made it in 2004.

12 — Presidents since Harvard's last trip to the NCAA tournament, starting with Truman in 1946.

26 — NCAA tournament appearances without reaching the Final Four by BYU, longest ever.

53 — NCAA tournament appearances by Kentucky, most all-time.

INTRIGUING GAMES

Wichita State vs. VCU. Two good mid-major teams, equally-matched, potential to make a deep run.

Louisville vs. Davidson. The Cardinals have lost in the first round each of the past two years, and Davidson has done the David vs. Goliath thing before.

Creighton vs. Alabama. Doug McDermott dominates. The Crimson Tide are peaking at just the right time.

North Carolina vs. Kansas, potential Midwest Region final. OK, a lot has to happen before we get to this, but two perennial powers and Roy Williams against

MID-MAJORS TO WATCH

After Butler made it to consecutive championship games and VCU joined the Bulldogs last year, it's hard to rule anyone out. Here's a few of the mid-majors to keep an eye on this year.

Detroit — The Titans are as talented as anyone and have scoring machine Ray McCallum.

Memphis — The Tigers are long, athletic and can stay with anyone when they're on top of their game.

VCU — Coach Shaka Smart. He did it once before, can do it again.

Wichita State — The Shockers must get by VCU in their opener but have the look of a team that could make a run.

Montana — The Grizzlies aren't exactly grizzled when it comes to the NCAA tournament, but they enter with a 14-game winning streak and like to play defense.

Long Beach State — The Gauchos had three victories in as many nights to win the Big West Conference tournament but aren't sure if Larry Anderson will be able to play against New Mexico on Thurs-

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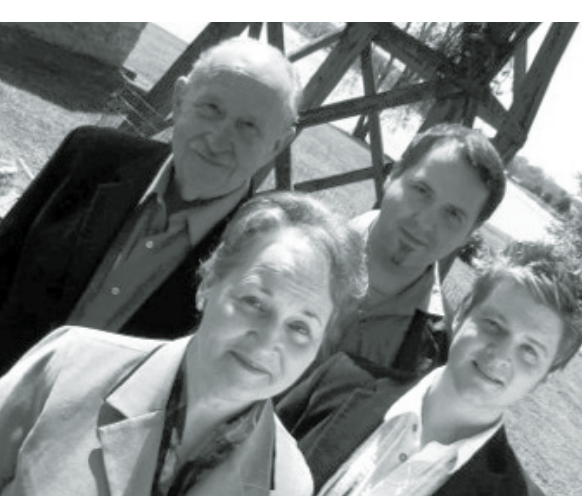
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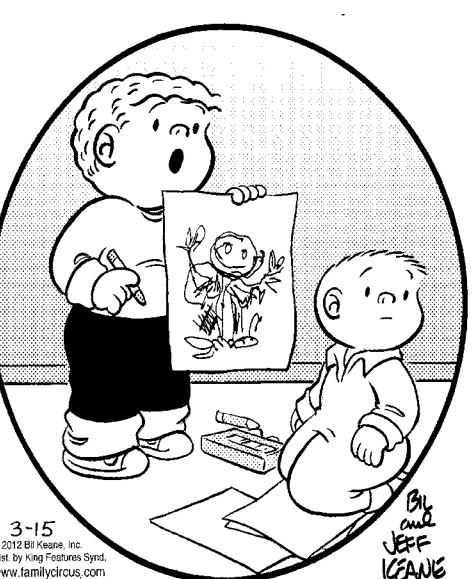
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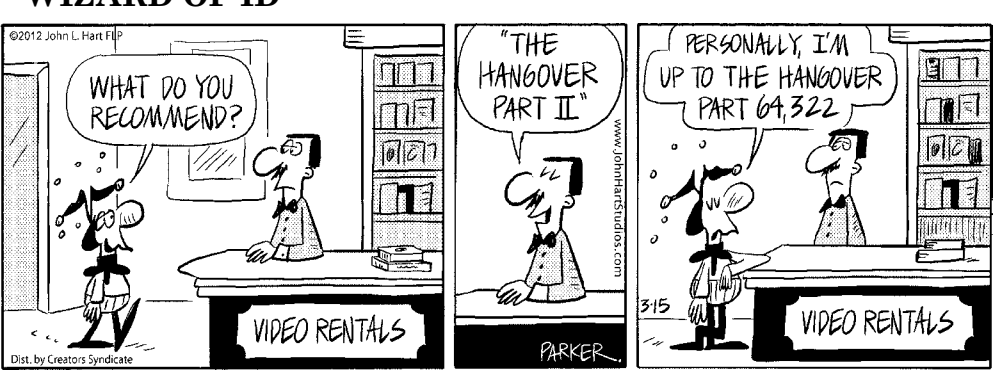
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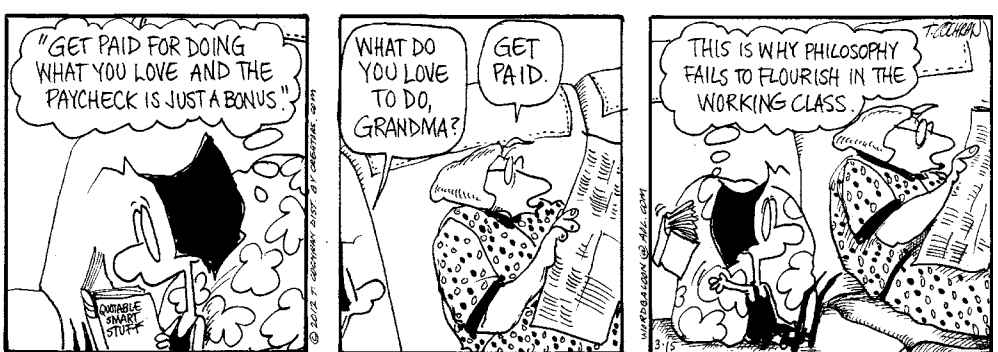
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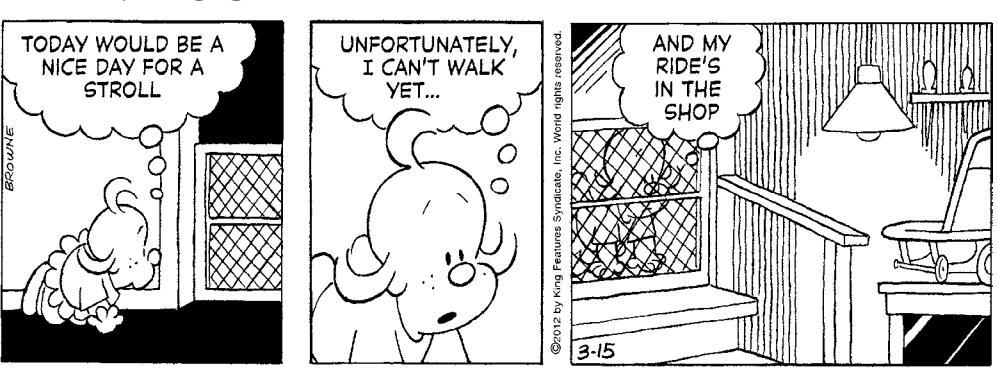
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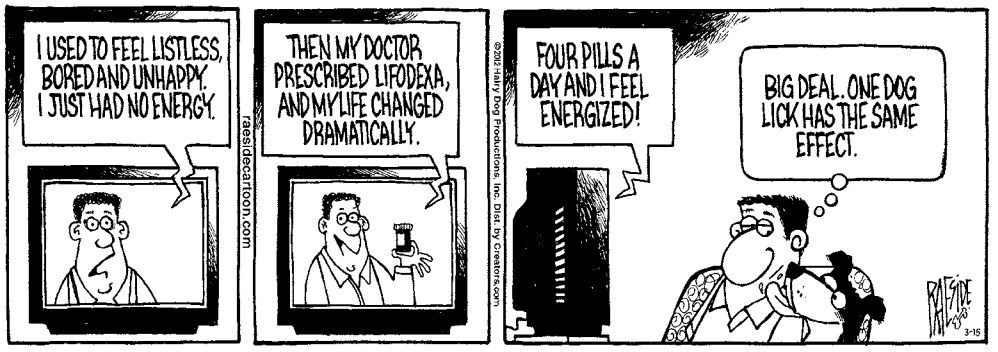
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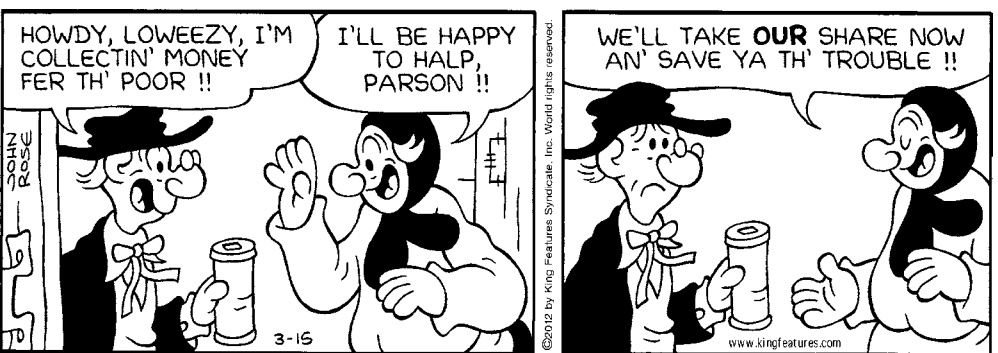
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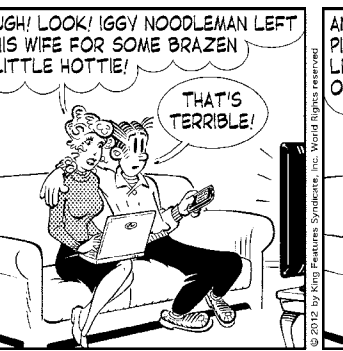
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Paris for a three-day meeting to found the American Legion.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied bombers again raided German-held Monte Cassino. In 1956, the Lerner and Loewe musical play 'My Fair Lady,' based on Bernard Shaw's 'Pygmalion,' opened on Broadway.

In 1962, a chartered Flying Tiger Line airplane carrying 107 people, most of them U.S. Army personnel, disappeared while en route from Guam to the Philippines. In a speech to Congress, President John F. Kennedy called for legislation protecting consumers' rights.

In 1970, Expo '70, promoting 'Progress and Harmony for Mankind,' opened in Osaka, Japan. In 1975, Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis died near Paris at age 69.

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