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UIL shuffles the deck

Abilene Cooper, Hereford new district foes for Big Spring

Realignments effective 2008-2009

- Class 4A**
 District 4 — Abilene Cooper, **Big Spring**, Hereford, Plainview, San Angelo Lake View, Wolfforth Frenship.
- Class 2A**
 District 7 — Ballinger, **Coahoma**, Colorado City, San Angelo Grape Creek, Tuscola Jim Ned, Wall.
- Class 1A**
 District 7 — **Forsan**, Plains, Seagraves, Stanton, Sundown, Tahoka.

By **STEVE REAGAN** and **JONATHAN HULL**
 Staff Writers

Area schools will face a mixture of the familiar and the new next school year, thanks to district realignment news handed down by the University Interscholastic League today. The UIL realigns districts every two years with the last shakeup occurring in 2006. All area schools except Stanton — which dropped from Class 2A to

Class 1A — retain their current classification, but all will experience change in their league schedules next year. Big Spring High School says goodbye to Lubbock Estacado, which is dropping to Class 3A but says hello to two new league foes — Hereford and Abilene Cooper, which drops down from Class 5A. Cooper's addition makes the new District 4-4A more competitive, but was a blessing in disguise according to Big Spring Superintendent

Michael Downes. "The addition of Cooper to the 4A structure saves us a lot of travel time," Downes said. "Had Cooper not dropped into 4A we would've been placed in a district with Amarillo. It brings a lot of competition, but it's good that we won't have to have kids traveling nearly as far. We're glad to have them in the same district." Big Spring hasn't played Cooper See **UIL**, Page 3A



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Big Spring firefighters responded to the scene of a house fire in the 500 block of Donley at about noon Thursday. No injuries and minor damage was reported in the blaze, which was apparently caused by a faulty space heater.

BSISD plans for May school bond election

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring school trustees outlined their plans for addressing facility needs during a public hearing Thursday evening in the high school board room. Trustees are moving toward calling a \$34 million bond issue for the May 10 election and they used Thursday's hearing to make their case to the public and answer any questions. While no questions were asked during the meeting, school officials



Downes

outlined the highlights of their facility improvement plan. Projects covered under the district's plan includes:
 • Closure of Bauer and Washington elementaries, both of which have been rated as obsolete by outside studies.
 • Construction of a new elementary campus to handle all students in grades 2 through 4. It will be eventually joined by an identical sister campus and both sites will house all BSISD elementary students, officials said.
 • Construction of new science labs at Big Spring High School and repair of that building's roof.
 • Conversion of Moss, Kentwood and Marcy elementaries into neighborhood campuses housing students in kindergarten and first grade.
 • Conversion of existing portable classrooms into storage units.
 Superintendent Michael Downes said plans were See **BSISD**, Page 3A

Get ready for cookie onslaught, Girl Scout style

Herald Staff Report

It's not the Cookie Monster, but rather a monstrous cookie drive. And it's headed to the Crossroads area beginning this weekend. Girl Scouts of the Permian Basin have begun their annual

cookie sales, filling order after order in door-to-door, business-to-business and relative-to-relative pleas. The payoff begins Saturday when the cookies arrive. The Scouts will be delivering cookies throughout February to customers who have ordered in January.

But if you weren't contacted last month, don't fret. You'll have numerous opportunities to get some Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Shortbread, Thanks Alot and Lemonades. Oh, and there's a new cookie

this year, Cinna-Spins — a cinnamon cookie that comes in 100-calorie packs. Saturday, cookies will be sold from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Medicine Center Pharmacy, 1001 Greg, and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tonya's Good Hair Day, 304 E. 11th Pl.

Other dates, times and places: Sunday, Feb. 10, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Big Spring Walmart SuperCenter. Friday, Feb. 15, 4:30 p.m. until closing, Christine's Cafe in Coahoma. See **COOKIES**, Page 3A

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Brooks enjoys serving as Neugebauer's local rep

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

After four years serving as the district representative for Congressman Randy Neugebauer, Terry Blackshear is stepping down and handing the title to local resident Lisa Brooks. Brooks, who has already assumed the duties of the congressman's Big Spring office,

said the job is a dream come true for her. "Terry Blackshear had this position for four years, and she

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 HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Lisa Brooks, recently appointed district representative for District 19 Congressman Randy Neugebauer, gets right to work in her new position.



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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

District play for most girls basketball squads ends Feb. 5.

TODAY

Big Spring girls basketball at Lubbock Estacado, 6 p.m.

Big Spring boys basketball at Lubbock Estacado, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan girls basketball vs. Rotan, 6:30 p.m.

Forsan boys basketball vs. Rotan, 8 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball at Haskell, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball at Haskell, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Big Spring girls basketball vs. San Angelo Lake View, 6 p.m.

Big Spring boys basketball vs. San Angelo Lake View, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan girls basketball at Hamlin, 6:30 p.m.

Forsan boys basketball at Hamlin, 8 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball at Anson, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball at Anson, 8 p.m.

FEB. 8

Big Spring boys basketball vs. Plainview, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.

FEB. 12

Coahoma boys basketball vs. Stamford, 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring QB Club electing officers Feb. 11 at ATC

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club is holding a meeting to elect new officers for the 2008 football season at 6 p.m. Monday Feb. 11 at the Athletic Training Center.

Any parent of a child planning to play football in the seventh through 12th grades are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685.

BSHS Baseball Booster Club meeting Feb. 11

The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club is meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday Feb. 11 at the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of high school baseball players are encouraged to attend.

Contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685 with any questions.

HC baseball season starts today

By ERIC RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

If the Howard College baseball team was to steal a line from a movie as the theme for the beginning of the season, it would be Dorothy's from the Wizard of Oz, "there's no place like home." The only difference is that the home is in West Texas, where six junior colleges from Dorothy's home state of Kansas will venture to Big Spring to play the Hawks. In fact, Howard will play

in the friendly confines of Jack Barber Field the entire month of February, playing a total of 18 games in 29 days.

Wind was a major factor in the Wizard of Oz on the plains of Kansas and wind will be a factor in many of the Hawk's games. Thankfully for Howard, a bolstered pitching staff should stand up to the winds of West Texas much better than the Scarecrow would.

Howard Head Coach Britt

Smith thinks pitching will be just one of the strengths for the Hawks this spring.

"This season we have felt very comfortable with our pitching staff and I would have to say it is by far the strength of our team," Smith said. "I like the potential that we possess offensively but we are far from being as good as we hopefully will become by the time conference play begins."

The Hawks' final game in February will open Western

Junior College Athletic Conference play versus national runner-up and conference champion New Mexico Junior College. With the departure of New Mexico JC coach Ray Birmingham to the University of New Mexico, the Hawks are the likely candidate to take the crown from the Thunderbirds this spring thanks in part to having some talented players return-

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Hawks topple eighth-ranked Chaps

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

In their two previous contests with nationally ranked opponents, the Howard Hawks had come up just short of pulling off a memorable upset.

It had been a week since Howard lost a grueling, five-overtime classic with No. 6 South Plains College, 108-106. However, the Hawks apparently used those seven days to recover well as they upset the eighth-ranked Midland College Chaparrals, 82-76, Tuesday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"Playing at home made a big difference. We were more aggressive and we made our free throws," Howard Head Coach Mark Adams said. "We played together much better and finished out the game."

The game was in question for Howard midway through the second half, trailing 60-58. The Hawks sharp-shooting sophomore guard Corey Allmond played the role of hero, nailing a 3-pointer and then stealing the ensuing inbounds pass that he converted for two. The 5-point turnaround gave Howard a 63-60 advantage and sparked a 12-4 Hawks' run.

Howard's leading scorer Sean Watson iced the game with key free throws down the stretch, delivering the Hawks a 6-point upset victory.

"Our sophomores really stepped up their game for us," Adams said. "Corey and Sean (Watson) deserve a lot of credit. They showed great leadership tonight."

Howard was led by Allmond's game-high 25 points. The sophomore guard's shooting touch was especially good behind the arc, where he made five of 10 3-point attempts. Allmond also shared time with Watson at point guard in place of the injured Denzel Barnes, racking up six assists.

Watson made seven of 13 from the field for 21 points and added four assists. Corteze Isaac posted 16 points and Markeys Deans added 13.

Midland was led by Brad Kelleher and Darris Santee, who each finished with 16 points. Tyrone Appleton added 11 points along with four assists.

Howard doesn't get a break from playing nationally-ranked teams with a visit to No. 13 Odessa College coming up Tuesday. Odessa currently leads the conference with a 7-1 record, however, the Wranglers only loss came courtesy of a 103-76 shacking from the Hawks Dec. 3, 2007.

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing him at sports@bigspringherald.com.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Howard College's Corteze Isaac slam dunks two points in the Hawks' 82-76 win over No. 8 Midland College Thursday night in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Howard women upset No. 10 Midland College

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

It's been a long time since winning was a part of the culture for Howard College's women's basketball team. However, this season has seen the winds of change blow into Big Spring.

In his third year as the head coach of the Hawk women, Earl Diddle has already witnessed the 2007-2008 Howard ladies win more games than they have in the previous two seasons. In fact, the Hawks are on the verge of equaling the 22 total wins they had from 2005-2007 in this season alone.

Howard picked up its 19th victory Thursday night and judging from the reaction of Diddle and the close to 2,500 fans in attendance, this might have been the Hawks' biggest win in more than three years.

Midland College came into Dorothy Garrett Coliseum ranked 10th nationally. However, the Lady Chaparrals left Big Spring with their second conference loss of the season as Howard used a 30-19 second-half advantage to pull out a 62-55 win.

"Huge win. It's been a long climb," Diddle said. "Three years ago, when I came here after both coaches had quit, I had five players and recruited a softball manager so we'd have six. We've come a long way to finally beat a nationally-renowned program like Midland College."

"It's certainly gratifying. I feel good for the administration in having confidence to hire me," he continued. "I'm happiest for the players that have experienced this. I don't want to understate the respect I have for the Midland College program. It's a big win. We've come a long way,

but we still have a long way to go."

In the first half, Howard was struggling to guard the taller Midland College post players, but managed to pull within four points at intermission, 36-32.

However, it was obvious which team made the better adjustments in the locker room as the Hawks went on a 20-6 run in the first 10 minutes of the second half. The pivotal run was capped off by a Candace Lambert 3-pointer just as the 30-second shot clock expired with 10:12 left in the game, giving Howard a 10-point advantage, 52-42.

Unfortunately, the Hawks weren't able to build on that lead as they went cold from the field, allowing Midland to mount a 13-4 run with all of Howard's points coming from the free throw line.

Leading 56-55, Monica Jones scored the first Howard field goal in more than 10 minutes, grabbing an offensive rebound and laying it in for two at 1:10 mark. Midland didn't connect for another point in the game and Jones drained four free throws, giving Howard the 7-point victory.

"We changed defenses in the second half," Diddle said. "The girls did a good job. Outside of (Lyrell) Barfield hitting a couple of big threes, we shut Midland down. The girls did a much better job of blocking out. Their size wasn't as big of a factor in the second half."

It was Howard's No. 1 nationally-ranked defense ultimately making the biggest difference down the stretch, according to Diddle.

"Defensively, we kept forcing the ball out of their hands and

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Howard College's Danielle Cota (22) skies for a layup in the Hawks' 62-55 victory over tenth-ranked Midland College Thursday night in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Obituaries

Ida "Toni" Dortha Fangmeyer Watkins



Ida "Toni" Dortha Fangmeyer Watkins passed away Wednesday evening, Jan. 30, 2008. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church with the Rev. Wayne Frost, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

She was born in Thayer County, Neb., just outside the town of Hebron on May 21, 1916. Ida married Jack Watkins on Dec. 15, 1945, and he preceded her in death May 5, 2002.

Ida and Jack lived in Dallas, Lubbock and Midland while Jack was employed by General Electric. They came to Big Spring in 1955 and opened the Good Housekeeping Shop. Ida was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing and cooking. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her children, John Lee Watkins Jr. of Big Spring, Rick P. Watkins and wife, Susan, of Big Spring and Kelli Jo Watkins De La Garza and husband, Joel, of Lubbock. Ida is the grandmother of six, Angie Watkins, Zackary Watkins, Alexandria Watkins, Jackson Watkins, Paxton De La Garza and Landis De La Garza; and great-grandmother of three, Jace Purser, Ashley White and Taylor White.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, in care of Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

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

Jackie Free King



Jackie Free King, 60, of Coahoma died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, in a Big Spring hospital. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008, at the Coahoma Church of Christ with Eddy Pitchford, minister, officiating. Interment will follow at the Coahoma Cemetery.

She was born July 4, 1947, in Colorado City and married Gerald King on Aug. 15, 1964, in Coahoma.

Jackie grew up in Colorado City, she was the daughter of Otis and Lillian Free. She was a homemaker and had lived in Coahoma since marrying. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald King of Coahoma; three daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Tim Flohr of Big Spring, Lori and Manuel Martinez of Coahoma and Kristi and Matt Holbrook of Westbrook; one son and daughter-in-law, Gerald Jr. and Shea King of Colorado City; six sisters, Ann Boland of Modesta, Calif., Marie Garrett of Forsan, Wanda Escobar of Stockton, Calif., Opal Tackel of Colorado City, Donna Solari of Stockton, Calif., and Rhonda Arellano of Midland; one brother, James Free of Colorado City; 11 grandchildren, Jerod Flohr, Jaci Herrera, Eric Herrera, Sydne Flohr, Kassie Holbrook, Jason Martinez, Kaylea Holbrook, Katie King, Carli Martinez, Sam King and Lexi King; and one great-grandson, Jaden Herrera.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers, Jerry Joe Free, Rex Free, Robert Free and Charles Free.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Coahoma Church of Christ, Coahoma 79511.

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

Paid obituary

Richard G. Vera

Richard G. Vera, 51, of Stanton died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with the Rev. Martin Ortega Sr., pastor of Iglesia Bautista Emanuel of Midland, officiating.

He was born May 9, 1956, in Stanton.

He moved back to Stanton from Big Spring in 1999. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include two brothers, Marcelo Vera Jr. of Big Spring and Joe Vera of Welch; two sisters, Sally Ochoa of Greenwood and Linda Vera of Stanton; eight nephews; and one niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Linda Kay Hines



Linda Kay Hines, 53, of Lubbock passed away peacefully at her residence Jan. 31, 2008. Funeral services will take place Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008, at 10 a.m. in the Abbey Chapel at Resthaven of Lubbock. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation will be held Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Resthaven Funeral Home.

Linda was born Aug. 10, 1954, in Sweetwater to parents Ouida B. "Sue" (Gibbs) and Glen L. Hines. She graduated from Levelland High School and attended South Plains College. She had worked as an office manager for Ave. H Glass Co. and was a member of Agape United Methodist Church. She enjoyed life, family and cooking for friends and family. She also enjoyed music and was an avid reader.

Survivors include her mother, Ouida "Sue" Hines of Lubbock; three sisters, Glenda Gallagher and husband, Dennis, of Lubbock, Nancy Welch and husband, Phillip, of Big Spring and Paula Crowder and husband, Robby, of Lubbock; a niece, Stephanie Arehart and husband, David, of Rowlett; three nephews, David Welch of Big Spring, Matthew Gallagher of Lubbock and Eric Welch of Big Spring; a grand-nephew, Taylor Carter of Rowlett; an uncle, Connie Hines and wife, Marie, of Clyde; an aunt, Verlene White of Snyder; numerous cousins; and her faithful puppy, Willie.

She was preceded in death by her father, Glen L. Hines Sr. in 2003; a brother, Glen L. Hines Jr. in 1952; and grandparents, H.H. and Clara (Malone) Hines and Everett and Ova Lee (Jones) Gibbs.

Paid obituary

Rosalinda Rodriguez



Rosalinda Rodriguez, 68, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born Jan. 21, 1940, in Big Spring to Lily and Juan Gutierrez. She married Alfonso Rodriguez in 1955 in Big Spring. She was a homemaker, a Catholic and a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

She is survived by her husband, Alfonso Rodriguez of Big Spring; six sons, David Rodriguez of Grand Prairie, Ernest Rodriguez, Danny Rodriguez and Ralph Rodriguez, all of Big Spring, Johnny Rodriguez of Arlington and Roy Rodriguez of Midland; six daughters, Mary Garcia of Arlington and Sally Solis, Irene Mier, Christine Gonzales, Lisa Rios and Sue Ellen Rodriguez, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Bertha Mendoza of San Antonio and Helen Vargas of Fort Stockton; 44 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Alfonso Rodriguez Jr. and Danny Rodriguez.

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

Gypsy Ted McCollum Gulley

Gypsy Ted McCollum Gulley, 82, passed away Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, in Big Spring. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Jim Wright officiating. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at No. 4 Coachman.

He was born Dec. 21, 1925, in Burkburnett to Fay and Claude McCollum. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1954. Gypsy Ted was raised in Loraine. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1954 and taught school in the Coahoma and Big Spring school districts for approximately 30 years. Gypsy Ted married Jack Gulley on June 25, 1950, and shared 38 years with him as her lifelong best friend. He preceded her in death March 24, 1988.

Gypsy Ted was a loving mother to two children, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She is survived by her son, Barney Frank Gulley and his wife, Janie, of The Woodlands; her daughter, Mary Jane Gregg and her husband, Jackie, of Big Spring; and grandchildren, Josh Rountree of Austin, Lori Aguilar of Midland, Jack Maines of Midland, Virginia Smith of McKinney and Sandra Moore of Roby.

Gypsy Ted was a long-time member of First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be given in her name to the First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 2222, Big Spring 79721.

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

Paid obituary

Bill Milliken

Bill Milliken, 76, of Coahoma died Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, in a local hospital. His 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 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

- **JAMES LABREW**, 74, of 1105 N. Gregg Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid - DWI related.
- **ANNA MAY WHITE**, 20, of 410 Davis Road, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **MORGAN LOPEZ**, 26, of 2501 Barksdale, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft.
- **TINA HILARIO**, 31, of 1703 W. Third Street, was arrested Thursday on two Howard County warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 48 inmates at the time of this report.

- **SAMANTHA MARIE PAYNE**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- **AMBER LONG**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of delivery of marijuana.
- **ANNA MAE MYEARS DAVES WHITE**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **JAMES LABREW**, 74, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid - DWI related.
- **RANDALL ERIC HERNANDEZ**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **RAUL MENDEZ**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- **ALFONSO BARRERAS**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of delivery of marijuana (four counts), delivery of a controlled substance (five counts), theft and theft of service.
- **EDGAR ORTALEJO**, 19, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of speeding and no driver's license.
- **MANUEL ROBERT BAEZA JR.**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of service.
- **VICTORIA HANNABASS**, 19, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for no driver's license, bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and bail jumping - failure to appear.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the area of S. Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Earnhardts unhappy over billboards

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH — Reason No. 1 for Texas Motor Speedway to replace billboards: unhappy Earnhardts.

Four identical billboards referring to the strained relationship between Dale Earnhardt Jr. and his stepmother, Teresa, will be replaced within the next two weeks. The flap is over ads featuring a picture of the driver and the wording "Reason '88: Step-Mom."

TMS president Eddie Gossage said Thursday night that the billboards, part of a series of similar ads to promote the NASCAR Nextel Cup weekend at the track in April, will be changed after a request from Kelley Earnhardt Elledge, the driver's sister and business manager.

"The first thing I told her when I answered the phone was if you guys are uncomfortable with it, all you have to do is say the word," Gossage said. "We had a very pleasant talk."

No. 88 is a reference to Earnhardt's new car number with Hendrick Motorsports, the team he went to after last season when he decided to leave Dale Earnhardt Inc., his late father's company that is run by Teresa Earnhardt.

He left DEI after months of contentious negotiations with his stepmother.

Earnhardt will still be displayed on the billboards, but the wording will change to "Reason '88: New Car Smell."

Gossage said Elledge thought the new slogan "was cool, and Dale Jr. loved it."

There are billboards with catchy slogans fea-

turing the car numbers of three other drivers.

One features a wide-eyed, grinning Tony Stewart with "Reason '20: Road Rage!" Then there is one for Jeff Gordon with "Reason '24: 81 Cup Wins. Zip At Texas!", and one for two-time defending Nextel Cup champion Jimmie Johnson, "Reason '48: Twice As Good As 24!"

After getting the call from Elledge, Gossage decided to make sure Stewart was all right with the No. 20 ad.

"I e-mailed Tony, 'What do you think?' He thought they were hilarious," Gossage said.

Gossage said he didn't follow up with Gordon and Johnson, Earnhardt's new teammates with Hendrick, because the TMS president considers those slogans "benign" despite one small glitch. Johnson's slogan "Twice

As Good As 24!" was supposed to end with a question mark, not an exclamation point.

Elledge told Gossage that she and her brother still have friends and family at DEI and want to see the company succeed, but that they were "excited about Hendrick Motorsports" and saw no reason to point to past issues.

"We were trying to be edgy," Gossage said. "If this went over the line, in their opinion, we don't want to."

There are 15 billboards, three featuring Johnson and four for each of the other drivers, displayed on Interstates and busy highways throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Gossage said there will be similar-themed broadcast and print ads in the coming weeks.

NFL next on Congress' list

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the Super Bowl fast approaching, a powerful Republican senator says he wants the NFL to explain why it let evidence of the New England Patriots cheating scandal be destroyed.

"I am very concerned about the underlying facts on the taping, the reasons for the judgment on the limited penalties and, most of all, on the inexplicable destruction of the tapes," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., in a Thursday letter to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

Specter is the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee. NFL security confiscat-

ed a video camera and tape from a Patriots employee during New England's 38-14 victory over the New York Jets. The employee was accused of aiming his camera at the Jets' defensive coaches as they signaled to players on the field.

Goodell fined Belichick \$500,000, the maximum amount and docked the team \$250,000 and a first-round draft pick.

It was the biggest fine ever for a coach and the first time in NFL history a first-round draft pick has been confiscated as a penalty.

After its investigation, the NFL said it destroyed all materials it received from the Patriots.

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ing to the lineup.

In all, the Hawks return five starting position players and one pitcher. Three of the four infield positions will be manned by familiar faces with first baseman Matt Curry, second baseman Josh Riley and shortstop Tyler Ladendorf.

Center fielder Cameron Monger and right fielder Nathan Bryan return as well. Bryan, from Andrews, is one of two players from West Texas while sophomore transfer catcher Eric Martinez is from Snyder. Martinez transferred from Midland College.

Assisting Smith will be J-Bob Thomas and Jack Giese.

Both coaches are tremendous assets to Howard and bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Hawks, according to Smith.

"I have been extremely pleased with the addition of Coach Giese to our staff. He has done a tremendous job with our pitchers and we are certainly fortunate to have him. He brings such a wealth of experience from many different levels of

coaching, as well as the fact that he is a quality person which I really appreciate," Smith stated.

"Coach Thomas has developed as anticipated as our recruiting coordinator. Assembling this much quality talent is tough to do with so many more schools playing at the junior college level than even 10 years ago. Quality depth is hard to come by in today's game, but I will say this is the deepest team that we have had since I have been at Howard and Coach Thomas needs all of the credit for that."

From top to bottom, the 2008 version of the Hawks will be a force not only in the WJCAC, but the region, and potentially the nation, according to Smith.

"I think the team is at a point where their expectations are extremely high, which is a good thing. They expect to win and compete at a high level every day," he stated. "I know the returning players are excited about the potential that our pitching staff has and we have been an offensive driven team for the last four years and we know that if we want to compete for championships we will have to pitch and play defense at a high level.

We feel that we have assembled a team that has the ability to do just that."

Fans will have an excellent opportunity to watch the Hawks as they play a total of 36 games at home, including the first 18 at home which Smith feels is an advantage and one that was earned as Howard baseball has progressed to becoming a top notch junior college program.

"I hope that it is an advantage. I am excited to

finally get this program back to the point where we can get teams to come and play us at home. For the last three years we have played one of the toughest schedules in the country. We have played a majority of those teams on the road or in tournaments, but the more we went out and beat those teams and programs that we recruit against, it put us in a position to demand return trips on the series before we would play them again,"

Smith said.

Howard began its home stand today at noon vs. Barton County Community College in a doubleheader. Saturday the Hawks will face Barton County for a second doubleheader also beginning at noon. All Howard College home

baseball games are played at Jack Barber Field located on the campus of Howard College.

Eric Rodewald serves as Howard College's Sports Information Director and is also the assistant women's basketball coach.

HAWKS

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didn't allow them to retake the lead," he noted. "We went five minutes without scoring in the second half. That was a pivotal moment in the game. If Midland could've made a move there, then they could've won. Once we got through that spell, we finished pretty good."

Jones ended up leading the Hawks with a game-high 20 points, including 14 in the second half, and five steals. Lambert added 16 points.

Midland was led by Barfield's 17 points and Jessica Wallis added 11. The Hawks held the Lady Chaps' two big post players — 6-3 Tori Slusher and 6-5 Sylwia Zabelewicz — to a combined 11 points and 16 rebounds.

Howard outrebounded the Lady Chaps 22-20 in the second half, improving greatly upon the 20-11 advantage Midland held on the boards in the first half.

The most impressive aspect of the Howard women's game might have come at the free throw line, where the

Hawks shot a perfect 17 of 17 at the charity stripe.

Howard visits Odessa College's Lady Wranglers, who are still searching for their first conference victory, Tuesday.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are East, defending against Four Spades.

<p>North ♠ Q J 9 5 ♥ J 4 ♦ 6 3 ♣ A Q J 7 2</p>	<p>East ♠ 6 2 ♥ Q 10 3 ♦ A K J 9 4 ♣ K 8 3</p>
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The bidding has gone:
 East 1♦ South 1♠ West 2♦ North 3♠
 Pass 4♠

West leads the diamond five to your king, and, when you continue with the ace, South ruffs. Declarer cashes the queen and ace of trumps, West following suit, then leads the club ten, losing the finesse to your king. What would you return?

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the spade nine. How would you play the hand?

<p>West ♠ J 10 4 ♥ K 7 3 ♦ J 8 5 2 ♣ K J 9</p>	<p>East ♠ A K 7 ♥ A J 4 ♦ A Q 10 9 ♣ Q 10 3</p>
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1. The proper return is a club. If you were to shift to a low heart instead, it would hand South the contract if he had, say: ♠ AK1083 ♥ K972 ♦ 10 ♣ 1095 and played low on your return. The same would be true if you returned the queen, which

would establish dummy's jack after South covered with the king. If you returned a club, however, declarer would eventually lose two heart tricks and go down one. You should reason that if declarer has the ace of hearts, he has 10 unassailable tricks in the form of five spades, four clubs and a heart, while if he doesn't have the ace of hearts, he has only nine tricks — unless you are kind enough to lead a heart and hand him his 10th.

2. With correct play, you are certain to make the contract regardless of how the defenders' cards are divided. Win the opening spade lead with the ace, cross to the king of hearts and finesse the jack of diamonds. If North has the king, you make four notrump tricks, so let's assume the jack loses to the king.

South can't injure you by returning a spade or a heart, either of which would hand you a trick, nor can he hurt you by leading a club or a diamond. The two club tricks you have coming assure you of a favorable outcome.

If you started by attempting a spade finesse at trick one, the contract would fail if it turned out that South had five (or six) spades headed by the queen, plus the king of diamonds and ace of clubs. Similarly, you could go down if you took the ace of spades at trick one and played a club at trick two. If North had the ace and led another spade at trick three, you could soon find yourself in serious trouble.

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UIL

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in football since 1985, when it was a Class 5A school and shared the same district.

Hereford, on the other hand, is a very familiar opponent for the Steers' football team. Big Spring has played the Whitefaces six times over the past four seasons.

"We've seen Hereford a lot in football, but now we get to play them in basketball, volleyball and all other sports," Downes said. "It should make for a great district matchup." Wolforth Frenship, Plainview and San Angelo Lake View also remain in District 4-4A with Big Spring.

The Class 4A minimum attendance requirement was 980, up 30 from the 950 mark set two years ago. The cutoff to Class 5A was 2,084, up 1,000 from the standard set in 2006.

Coahoma High School remains in Class 2A, but finds some new, yet familiar, faces in its district. CHS will compete in District 7-2A, along with Ballinger, Colorado City,

Grape Creek, Jim Ned and Wall.

"We've been in the same district at one time or another with all these teams except for Grape Creek, so there's no surprises for us," CHS Athletic Director Kim Nichols said. "It's hard to be surprised when the UIL does anything."

"It will be a very competitive district, that's for sure," he added.

One benefit Nichols sees to the new alignment will be reduced travel — every school will be within two hours travel time of each other — but regrets losing long-time rival Stanton, which dropped to Class 1A.

"I don't think we'll continue to play them in football, although we will schedule them for basketball," Nichols said. "They were a natural rival... but that's just the way things worked out."

Forsan High School will remain in Class 1A, news that was very welcome by FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson.

"Our initial reaction is that we're excited that we get to stay in Class 1A," Johnson said. "We're going to be in two tough districts, but we feel like

we'll still be competitive, so we're happy with that."

Forsan came within a whisker of climbing to class 2A, Johnson said.

"The Class 1A cutoff was 199 students and that was the number we submitted."

In football, Forsan will compete in District 7-1A with Stanton, which dropped from Class 2A, Plains, Seagraves, Sundown and Tahoka.

In basketball, Forsan will take a swing to the south, competing against district foes Stanton, Iraan and McCamey.

"We'd rather be in a larger district in basketball," Johnson said. "A small district like that makes it tougher, scheduling-wise... but we can live with that."

The area's smaller schools — Garden City, Sands and Grady — will continue to compete in six-man football, although their respective districts were jumbled by realignment.

Garden City and Grady will compete in Division I six-man, while Sands drops to the smaller Division II.

In football, Garden City will compete in District 8

with Fort Davis, Rankin, Sterling City and Water Valley, while in basketball, the Bearcats will have Blackwell, Robert Lee, Sterling City Water Valley and Westbrook as league foes.

Sands will compete in District 6 in football, alongside Borden County, Grandfalls-Royalty, Buena Vista and Westbrook.

In basketball, the Mustangs will be part of District 9, along with Borden County, Klondike, Grady, Loop and Dawson.

Grady's football district (7) includes Aspermont, Ira, Loraine, O'Donnell and Spur.

"We're very pleased to be going down to Division II," Sands Superintendent Wayne Blount said. "We'll be in a very competitive district and there will be a lot of travel time... but at least we won't have to go to Fort Davis."

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Weather

Friday night... Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night... Increasing clouds. Lows in the upper 30s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Sunday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

Sunday night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Monday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

Monday night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Tuesday... Partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the mid 50s.

Tuesday night... Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s.

Wednesday... Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

Wednesday night... Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s.

Thursday... Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 10-12-15-33-37
Number matching five of five: none.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 6-9-28-30. Bonus Ball: 25.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-1-4-1. Sum It Up: 10.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-2-2. Sum It Up: 5.

BSISD

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adopted from recommendations made by a citizen's facility committee in 2007.

"We knew there was not enough money to do everything we needed to do," Downes said. "So we

asked the committee to prioritize... and they identified the greatest need at the elementary level."

The biggest stumbling block, officials said, is money. Downes said trustees decided not to raise the tax rate more than 33 cents per \$100 valuation — which would

still leave the tax rate below 2005 levels but would limit the amount of money the district can raise.

Under a 33-cent tax hike, owners of a medium-priced home in Big Spring would pay around \$125 more in property taxes each year, Chief Financial Officer Sandra

Waggoner estimated.

Downes said current estimates were conservative and that it was likely the tax rate would not have to be raised that much to raise the necessary money.

"The primary driver behind our estimates was limiting the total tax increase to 33 cents,"

Downes said. "But we are very confident that the rate will not have to be raised that much... these are only top-end estimates."

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COOKIES

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Saturday, Feb. 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Big Spring Wal-Mart SuperCenter.

Boxes are \$3.50 each.

All proceeds from the annual cookie sale stay in the Permian Basin and benefit local girls, according to Girl Scouts officials. A portion of the revenue also goes to the Scout troops, so that the girls can make decisions about how to spend it. The volunteer board of directors for the

Permian Basin Council budgets the rest for expenses related to providing services to nearly 4,000 girls and 700 adults volunteers in 20 West Texas counties.

According to the Girl Scout organization, the cookie sales help girls age 5 to 17 learn to set goals, develop action plans to

reach those goals, work together as a team and cultivate a sense of business ethics. In addition, they help build self-confidence through learning communication skills as well as provide experience in money management, marketing and customer service.

BROOKS

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decided to buy Kay Bancroft's interior design business," said Brooks. "Her following her dream led me to my dream, because I love this job."

"In my prior position in marketing for the Reflections Unit at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, I spent about 500 to 800 miles each week in my car traveling. I was on the road a lot. This is an opportunity to come back and be an active part of Big Spring and get reacquainted with the people."

In a recent press release, Neugebauer expressed confidence in Brooks' ability to serve this part of the 19th District.

"Lisa, as a district representative, will handle all constituent inquiries and casework for Howard, Borden, Lynn, Garza and Kent counties," said Neugebauer. "Constituent service is one of my highest priorities, therefore it is critical to have helpful and devoted staff that can assist those who need it most. The federal government and its bureaucracies are tremendously confusing and I am fully confident that Lisa will be an excellent asset to my office and to the people of those counties."

"Lisa is well known in the Big Spring community. Her professional and personal experience, as well as her extensive volunteer work, show her deep commitment to Big Spring and its surrounding communities. I want to extend a warm welcome to Lisa and I am thrilled to have her aboard. I look forward to

working with her in serving the people of the 19th District."

Brooks said her goals for the Big Spring office are simple.

"I just want to provide the services the congressional office would provide in any region. And the fact that I'm in District 19, the case work assigned here is mainly concerned with the Department of Veterans Affairs," Brooks explained. "That doesn't just mean the VA Hospital here in Big Spring. It means any division of the Department of Veterans Affairs that the people would have a concern with."

"Tracking those concerns and trying to advocate on those people's behalf is sometimes just a matter of navigating the bureaucracy. And it's really satisfying when we

have a resolution with a positive outcome, and everyone seems to be happy. It can be overwhelming for some people, and it may be their first opportunity to be part of that system. So it's nice to get to help them with that."

And while Brooks may be the only employee operating the Big Spring office — much like Blackshear for the past four years — she said she feels like she's part of something much larger.

"While I'm a one-person office here, the office in Lubbock is e-mail available immediately," said Brooks. "Also in Abilene and Washington, D.C., as well. I feel like I'm part of a really great team."

For more information on the congressman's Big Spring office, call 264-0722.

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Caitano Tano Chavarria, 59, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at 9:45 AM Monday at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Rosalinda Rodriguez, 68, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 3:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery. Vigil Services will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Gypsy Ted McCollum Gulley, 82, died Thursday. Memorial Service will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends from 4:00 until 8:00 PM Friday at #4 Coachman.

Martha M. Havlena, 85, died Saturday. Memorial Services will be at 3:00 PM Friday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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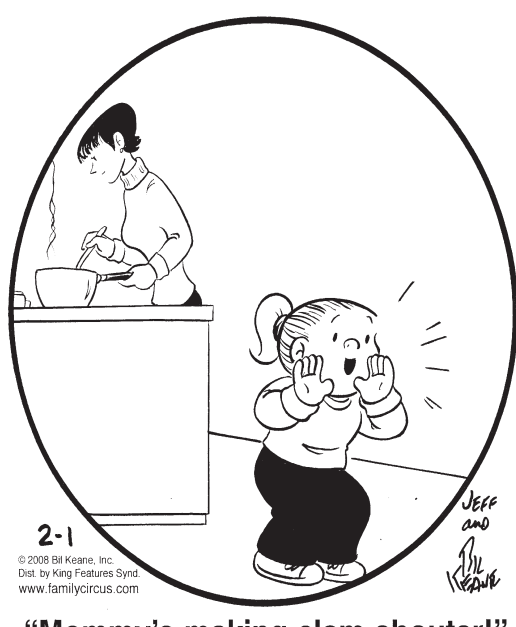
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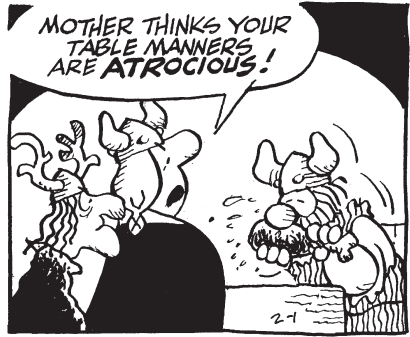
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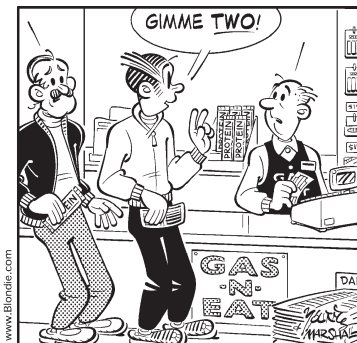
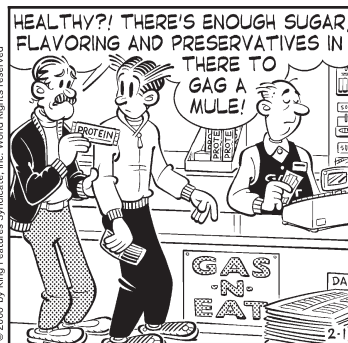
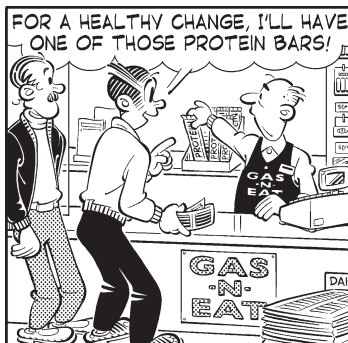


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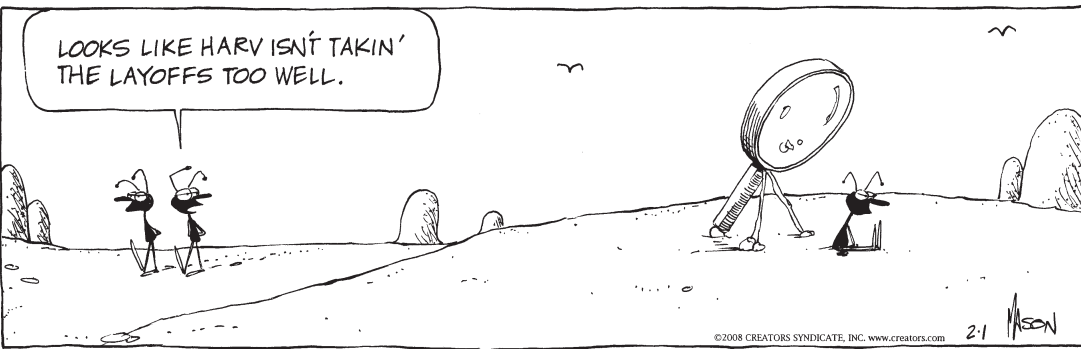
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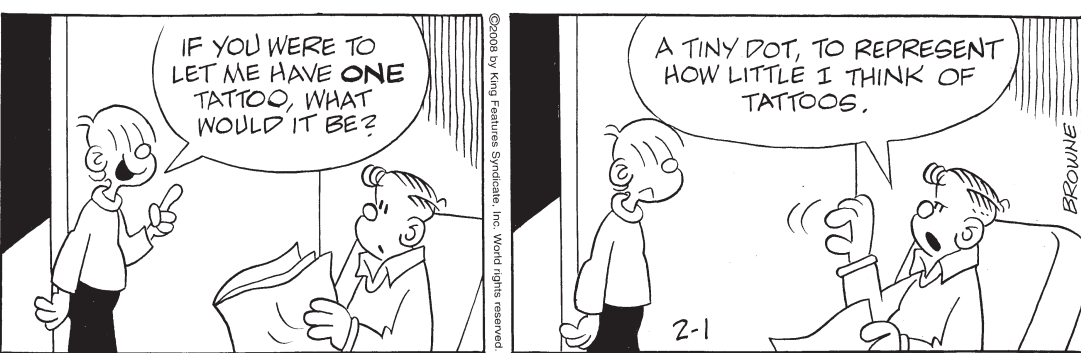
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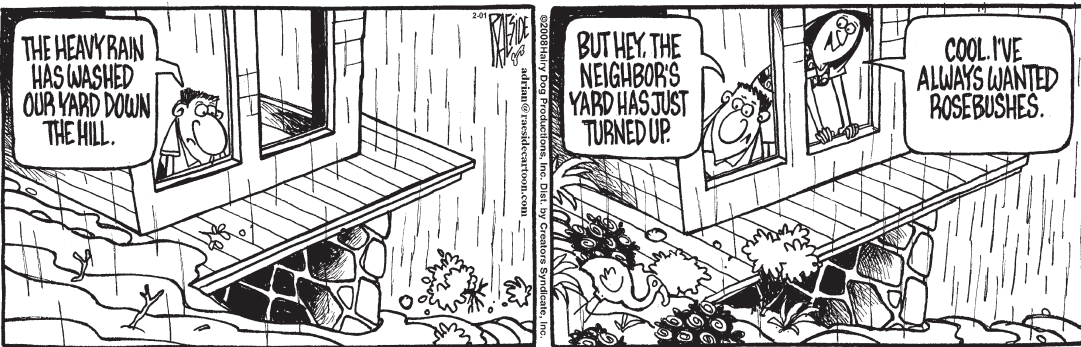
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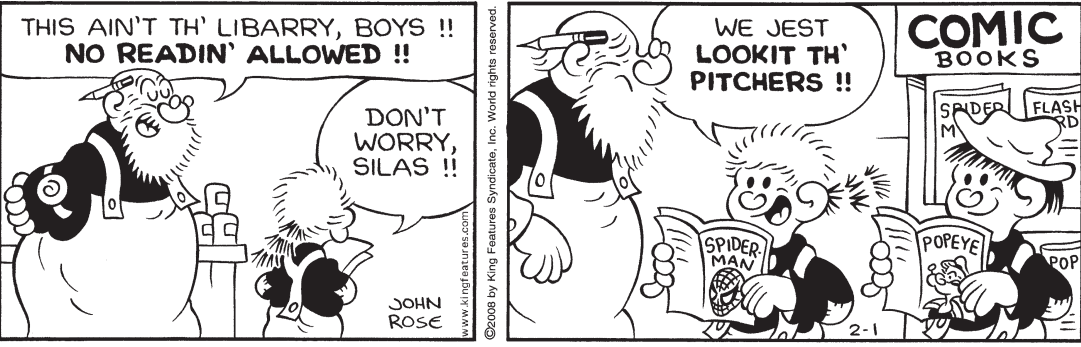
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2008. There are 334 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

Five years ago, on Feb. 1, 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry, killing all seven of its crew members: Commander Rick Husband; pilot William McCool; Michael Anderson; Kalpana Chawla; David Brown; Laurel Clark; and Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli in space.

On this date: In 1861, Texas voted to secede from the Union.

In 1908, movie producer and animator George Pal was born in Austria-Hungary.

In 1920, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came into existence.

In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie was chosen to be the first secretary-gen-

eral of the United Nations.

In 1958, the United Arab Republic, a union of Egypt and Syria, was established. (The union ended in 1961.)

In 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., where they had been refused service.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, South Vietnam's police chief executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head in a scene captured by Associated Press photographer Eddie Adams and NBC News.

In 1968, Richard M. Nixon announced his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

In 1979, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile.

In 1991, 34 people were killed when a USAir jetliner crashed atop a commuter plane on a runway at Los Angeles International Airport.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Stuart Whitman is 80.

Singer Don Everly is 71.

Actor Garrett Morris is 71.

Singer Ray Sawyer (Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show) is 71.

Actor Sherman Hemsley is 70.

Bluegrass singer Del McCoury is 69.

Jazz musician Joe Sample is 69.

Comedian Terry Jones is 66.

Actor-writer-producer Bill Mummy is 54.

Rock musician Mike Campbell (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 54.

Rock singer Exene Cervenka is 52.

Princess Stephanie of Monaco is 43.

Country musician Dwayne Dupuy (Ricochet) is 43.

Actress Sherilyn Fenn is 43.

Lisa Marie Presley is 40.

Comedian and actor Pauly Shore is 40.

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 King dog
- 5 Delicacy
- 9 Plopping sound
- 14 On
- 15 Song for one
- 16 Dinar earner
- 17 Louise or Victoria
- 18 Times
- 19 Sleeping in
- 20 Do accounting work?
- 23 Leaves for breakfast
- 24 Before anything else
- 25 Japanese prime minister, 2006-07
- 27 Stood
- 31 Riser's place
- 37 Spoke for
- 39 Never
- 40 Ruination
- 41 First stage
- 43 Diminishes
- 44 Designate officially
- 46 Vine, for one
- 48 "New Kid in Town" group
- 50 Talking toon dog
- 51 Where Mt. Hood is
- 52 Catering staple
- 54 Change states
- 57 Sea patrol?
- 64 Type of daisy
- 66 Paperless pet
- 67 Lazing
- 68 Prime-time time
- 69 Top 55 Down

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- 11 Dilatory
- 12 Pastel color
- 13 Bill add-ons
- 21 Place for a cap
- 22 Virtuous ones
- 26 Mac
- 27 Hitting
- 28 Laurel and Hardy boss
- 29 Slightest amount
- 30 Eight-track player?
- 32 Sample
- 33 Sampled
- 34 Lost Horizon locale
- 35 Fiery remnant
- 36 Green stuff
- 38 Excuses
- 42 Without value

6x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-73 indicating starting positions for clues.

Pierce, Allen lead Celtics past Mavs, 96-90

By JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics only had two of their Big Three and one little point guard who made up for the absence of Kevin Garnett. Six-foot-1 Rajon Rondo had a season-high 12 rebounds on Thursday night, grabbing the ball away from 6-11 Dirk Nowitzki before putting up the game-winning basket to lead the Celtics to a 96-90 victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

"I had the rebound in my hand," Nowitzki said, "and then Rondo came out of nowhere and snuck it up to the basket before I could react."

In Thursday's other NBA games, it was: San Antonio 84, Phoenix 81; Detroit 90, the Los Angeles Lakers 89; Seattle 101, Cleveland 95.

The Celtics improved to 2-1 since Garnett went out with an abdominal strain, with a previous victory over last-place Miami and a loss to Southeast Division-leading Orlando. Boston is 13-0 against the Western Conference, but Dallas is the best team from the West the Celtics have beaten.

"Any game we win without Kevin is important for us, part of our growth process," coach Doc Rivers said. "Dallas is a team that we are still trying to catch, in our minds. They've been there. So when we play those types of teams, they're important."

Paul Pierce and Ray Allen scored 26 points apiece to help the Celtics overcome 31 points and 11 rebounds from Nowitzki.

Nowitzki, who along with Pierce was picked as an All-Star reserve about an hour before the game, made a pair of free throws with 58 seconds left to tie it at 90. The Celtics got the ball to Pierce, but his shot went around the rim and out.

Along came Rondo to grab the ball away from Nowitzki and put in the game-winner.

"He didn't block me out, so I went up under and got the ball," Rondo said. "I just wanted to get it up quickly before the defense recognized that I had the ball."

A miss and an offensive rebound gave the Mavericks the ball out of bounds with 17 seconds left, but Jason Terry's runner was altered to avoid a blocked shot and James Posey came down with the rebound. Posey hit two foul shots, then tipped the ball away from Terry at halfcourt in the closing seconds to ice it.

"Late in the season, we're going to need these guys," Pierce said. "And in playoff situations these guys are going to be seasoned and getting the job done."

The nationally televised game between two of the NBA's top teams drew the usual collection of celebrities at court-side, including Red Sox players Jonathan Papelbon and

Coco Crisp. Celtics Hall of Famer Bill Russell got a big cheer when he took his seat near the Mavericks bench.

No players from the New England Patriots this time, though: They're down in Arizona preparing for Sunday's Super Bowl against the New York Giants.

The Celtics had lost two of their last four and five of their last 11 since opening the season 29-3 to earn Rivers the honor of coaching the Eastern Conference at the Feb. 17 All-Star game in New Orleans. Dallas' loss deprived Mavericks coach Avery Johnson of the chance to coach the West, which instead went to the Hornets' Byron Scott.

Spurs 84,
Suns 81

In Phoenix, Tim Duncan banked in a shot with 30.9 seconds remaining. Manu Ginobili hit four late free throws and undermanned. San Antonio ended a three-game losing streak.

Ginobili finished with 19 points, shooting 12-of-12 from the line. Duncan had 16 points and 17 rebounds, and Jacque Vaughn scored a season-high 17 for San Antonio.

Shawn Marion led the Suns with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Steve Nash had 17 points and eight assists, and Stoudemire finished with 16 points and nine rebounds.

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Boston Celtics guard Rajon Rondo, left, gets past Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki on a drive to the basket during the first half the Celtics' 96-90 victory in Boston, Thursday.

AP photo/Charles Krupa

Five months later, Bills' TE Everett standing tall

By NANCY ARMOUR
AP National Writer

CHICAGO — Kevin Everett slowly unbuttons his suit jacket and sits down.

It hardly seems like a big deal, those three little buttons. For Everett, though, it is nothing short of amazing. Less than five months after the catastrophic collision that doctors said might leave him paralyzed — or worse — he is walking and slowly regaining full use of his hands.

"I'm happy people can know me like this," Everett said Thursday in an interview with The Associated Press. "They can look at me and see what I've overcome and I'm still trying to overcome, and just see that life isn't that bad after all. "It could be a whole lot worse."

The Buffalo Bills tight end was playing special teams when he tackled Domenik Hixon on the second-half kickoff Sept. 9. His helmet struck Hixon's helmet and shoulder pad, and he immediately fell face-down on the turf. He lay motionless for what seemed like hours as medical personnel worked on him and the crowd at Ralph Wilson Stadium watched in silent horror.

His spinal-cord injury was so severe, orthopedic surgeon Andrew Cappuccino said the next

day that Everett's chances of a full neurologic recovery were "bleak, dismal." It was unlikely he would ever walk again.

"He was just going off of past research on the injury. I couldn't expect him to say anything else but what he said because he didn't know the outcome. Nobody did," Everett said. "I was just hoping for the best. We were giving everybody the worst-case scenario."

Everett is telling the story of his accident and recovery, as well as its impact on everyone around him, in "Standing Tall: The Kevin Everett Story," which was written with Sam Carchidi and comes out Friday. Although his main goal in telling his story was to inspire others with spinal-cord injuries, he believes anyone can learn from it.

He and fiancée Wiande Moore are spending two days doing interviews before flying to the Super Bowl, courtesy of an invitation from NFL commissioner Roger Goodell. Moore said the couple will root for the New York Giants because they're the underdogs.

As Everett has proven, never count out an underdog. "I just saw it as a temporary little injury," he said. "It's not anything that's going to hold me back."

He is, though, trying to

figure out where his life will take him next. Though he accepts he can no longer play and already is talking about coaching, there are times it's hard to realize his playing career is, indeed, over.

"I was so used to working out and being around my teammates, that's kind of hard," said Everett, who plans on making an appearance at the Bills' training camp this summer. "But I'll be OK. ... I don't see it as God picking on me or anything. I just see it as one door closes, another one's going to open."

He is working with The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, and hopes to do more motivational speaking. Before the accident, he and a friend in Houston already had started a business selling special plastic sheets that prevent soap scum in showers, and he hopes to one day open a restaurant. And, of course, there is the wedding he and Moore are planning for the fall of 2009.

"It makes you complain less and be grateful for things you have on a daily basis," Moore said of lessons the couple has learned. "We take those who we love for granted. Sometimes, we forget to say, 'I love you,' every day. But it's the little things that matter. Because your life can go in an instant."

NBA

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Pistons 90,
Lakers 89

In Auburn Hills, Mich., Tayshaun Prince's 3-pointer with 4.4 seconds left lifted Detroit over Los Angeles, overcoming Kobe Bryant's big night.

Bryant had 39 points and 10 rebounds, but didn't get a shot on the final possession, which ended with Lamar Odom's airball. Bryant had an unusual triple-double, adding a career-high 11 turnovers to his scoring

and rebounding numbers. The Pistons have won nine straight at home over the Lakers, including three games to win the 2004 NBA finals.

Prince led the Pistons with 22 points.

SuperSonics 101,
Cavaliers 95

In Seattle, Chris Wilcox scored Seattle's first 10 points. Kevin Durant had 12 of his 24 in the first quarter, and the SuperSonics held off a late surge to surge to beat Cleveland, which played without LeBron James.

Two nights after snap-

ping their franchise-record, 14-game losing streak by beating the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs — without Tony Parker — the Sonics took out the Eastern Conference champ Cavs.

Of course this win isn't as impressive since James, the NBA's leading scorer at 30.1 points per game, sat on the bench in a brown blazer and jeans after he sprained his right ankle late in the second quarter of Wednesday night's win over Portland.

Larry Hughes scored 28 points and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 17.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

• Dean Thomas, Hangar 25 Air Museum's Veteran of the Month for January. Congratulations, Mr. Thomas!

• Hannah Weber, Big Spring High School student, on placing third in the state Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

• The Department of Veterans Affairs, which made it clear that the Big Spring VA Medical Center will be a key fixture for veterans throughout West Texas by announcing the plan to construct a 40-bed domiciliary, and add other services and facility upgrades over the next few years. In all, officials say, more than \$20 million could be put into enhancing this very important hospital. To be saluted, too, are the many individuals and groups in Big Spring who helped government officials understand how vital the facility is to our veterans and to our community.

• Big Spring Independent School District trustees and administrators, for giving parents and taxpayers the opportunity to speak Thursday on facility improvements and possible new construction within the district. Open communication is always the best choice.

• State Sen. Kel Seliger, who was recently lauded by the Texas Association of Business as a "Fighter for Free Enterprise" and by the Texas Association of Mid-Size Schools with a "Golden Apple" award for his work in the 80th Legislative Session.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, can zero in on a situation when we cannot. Thank You for Your help.

Amen

American workers face bleak future

Now nearing 61, his hands shake a little when he works, but he's still faster than any two younger men. He's been at the same station in the same factory for around 30 years rarely taking a sick day, never complaining and always getting the job done.

He never said much and barely lost his smile when I told him last week that his job had been eliminated. Perhaps he didn't blame me and knew that I'd fought hard for him. But in the end he was out of work, facing uncertain prospects and a frightening future no matter what had been done on his behalf.

Everyone understands that bad things happen to good people all the time. By their very nature, bad things would not in fact be so bad if they only happened to evil folks, meaning they pretty much have to happen to good, or at least tolerable, people.

For example, were an anvil to fall on Osama bin Laden's head few people would consider that a bad thing. Similarly, you would be upset if your friend had to declare bankruptcy, but might not shed quite as many tears were financial

misfortune to fall on Simon Cowell or Barry Bonds.

Generally, however, I'm not the person carrying out those bad things and afflicting them on the aforementioned good people. That changed this week when I was forced to tell a half dozen men, most of them good workers, that they no longer had jobs.

Like most American factory workers, they probably saw their layoffs as inevitable. Most of them likely never thought much about whether their jobs would go to a handful of Chinese workers or to Americans "lucky" enough to live someplace where minimum wage was the going rate.

When something bad happens to you, the "why" tends to not matter nearly as much as the "what next." It seems that knowing the reason for your misfortune does not make you any less unfortunate, so it's not really worth wasting your time searching for answers.

As the person who had to be the bearer of bad news, however, I'm a little more concerned with the "why" and what I could have done to stop this from happening. Unfortunately, the scene that happened in my office this week has been repeated in countless others around the country.

It's simply impossible to make many products in the United States because for too many people

quality no longer matters. Why buy a well-made product produced by American workers when an inferior imported knockoff costs so much less at the local giant box store?

Everyone likes saving money and few people think about the impact of their purchasing decisions on the overall economy. Unfortunately, our short term savings at the cash register has long-term ramifications that have devastated the U.S. economy.

First, we started shopping at box stores and devastated our downtowns, pushing local merchants out of business. Next, we pushed the competing giant stores to continually lower prices driving down the quality of merchandise forcing production to be sent overseas and ultimately dooming the American factory worker.

Last, I suppose, those of us lucky enough to still have jobs get to sit in a room and tell dedicated employees that the only job they have ever known no longer exists. Most likely they will end up working for a box store, making less money, forcing them to buy the cheapest goods they can find, which will probably put a few more Americans out of work.

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DANIEL KLINE



What became of RomneyCare?

As he campaigns across the country this week in anticipation of the Super Tuesday primaries, Mitt Romney probably won't say much about the storied health care plan he signed into law as governor of Massachusetts.

For one thing, it is hard to portray yourself as the ideological heir to Ronald Reagan when your health care plan is virtually indistinguishable from the one proposed by Hillary Clinton. But another reason Romney may not want to talk about his plan is that it has been a dismal failure.

The Massachusetts plan was supposed to achieve universal health coverage while controlling costs. As Romney wrote in the Wall Street Journal, "Every uninsured citizen in Massachusetts will soon have affordable health insurance and the costs of health care will be reduced."

Or not. Before RomneyCare was enacted, the number of uninsured Massachusetts residents was estimated at 618,000. Under the new program, about 300,000 previously uninsured residents have signed up for insurance. But of these, 169,000 are receiving subsidized coverage, proving once again that people are all too happy to accept something someone else is paying for.

Another 70,000 people have also been enrolled in Medicaid, meaning a total of 239,000 people are receiving taxpayer-funded health insurance. Of those who have

signed up for insurance since the plan was implemented, slightly more than half have received totally "free" coverage. Only 60,000 unsubsidized residents have bought insurance in order to comply with the mandate.

And though the subsidies have increased the number of Massachusetts citizens with insurance, as many as 300,000 Massachusetts residents have failed to buy the required insurance. Thus, half of those who were uninsured before the plan was implemented remain so.

The Massachusetts plan might not have achieved universal coverage, but it has cost taxpayers a great deal of money. It was originally projected to cost \$1.8 billion in 2008, but it is now expected to exceed those estimates by \$150 to 400 million. Over the next decade, projections suggest that RomneyCare will cost \$2-\$4 billion more than was budgeted. Given that Massachusetts is already facing a projected budget deficit this year, the pressure to raise taxes, cut reimbursements to health care providers, or cap insurance premiums will likely be intense.

The cost of the Massachusetts plan is also likely to continue rising, because it has failed to hold down the cost of health care. When Governor Romney signed the bill, he claimed "a key objective is to lower the cost of health insurance for all our citizens and allow our citizens to buy the insurance plan that fits their needs." In actuality, insurance premiums in the state are expected to rise 10-12 percent this year — twice the national average.

A major cause is that the new bureaucracy the legislation created — the "Connector" — is not

allowing Massachusetts citizens to buy insurance that "fits their needs." For example, the Connector's governing board decrees that by January 2009, no one will be allowed to have insurance with a deductible higher than \$2,000 or total out-of-pocket costs of more than \$5,000.

In addition, every policy will be required to provide prescription drug coverage, a move that could add 5-15 percent to the cost of insurance plans. A proposal to require dental coverage failed narrowly, but the dentists — and several other provider groups — have not given up the effort to force its inclusion. This comes on top of the 40 mandated benefits the state had previously required, ranging from in vitro fertilization to chiropractic services.

Romney now says that he cannot be held responsible for the actions of the Connector board, because it's "an independent body separate from the governor's office." But many critics of the Massachusetts plan warned him precisely against the dangers of giving regulatory authority to a bureaucracy that would last long beyond his administration.

Executives often blame others for the failures of their own policies, but that's not a tendency one looks for in a candidate. Romney claims he is a "true conservative" with the business expertise to "get things done." Judging by his experience with health care reform, far from it.

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▶ Church News

First United Methodist Church

We especially ask you to visit with us at First United Methodist Church where we have "Open Doors, Open Hearts and Open Minds."

Our services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. each Sunday with Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

The Children's Choir will practice its spring presentation, "Simon Says," at 4 p.m. in Youth Hall on Sunday. For more information, contact Miz Stacy at 517-0708.

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6. You are invited to join us for the noon luncheon in Garrett Hall and then stay for the very meaningful Ash Wednesday service.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Feb. 9. That's the date for our gift from the youth of our church — a Valentine banquet complete with fun, food and entertainment. Get your free tickets in the church office. For more information, contact Youth Director Brent Williams.

If you're looking for a church home, the welcome mat is out for you at First Methodist. Our church buildings are located at the corner of Fourth and Scurry streets.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The members invite you to visit with them at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. A nursery is provided. Children's church is during Sunday morning services for ages 4-9. For a ride to church, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

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

Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church invites you to join us as we welcome Mr. David Garrett as our guest speaker Sunday. He will be speaking at our 11 a.m. worship service. A fellowship meal will follow at noon. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and evening service is at 6 p.m. Nursery service is provided for all Sunday services. The Wednesday prayer meeting is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

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

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Worship services with Holy Communion are at 9 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m.

Plans are being made for a second worship time. This will be a different type and style of worship for those who want different music and a less formal liturgy. Contact Pastor Frost if this interests you.

January care packages for Operation On going Support are: Foil pack chicken and tuna (easy open), blank CD's (RW) and/or jewel cases, and small cans of any flavor Pringles. Donate to the

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St. Paul Lutheran is located at 810 Scurry. Call 267-7163 for more information.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The First Presbyterian Youth Group is departing for the Tres Rios Youth Connection 2008 retreat at Prude Ranch near Fort Davis today and returning Sunday. The keynote speaker for that event will be Caressa Murray.

These young people planned and led our worship service Jan. 20.

We wish to express appreciation to Caroline Morgan, Courtney Schaedel, Cassie Boehringer, Meredith Morgan, Jodi Jones, Lauren Sage, Caitlin Jones, Samantha Boehringer, Lloyd Morgan, Roger Kauss and Tyler Chesworth for the meaningful worship experience.

Last Sunday, Baylor Walker and Weldon Jones were ordained and installed, and Joe Horton and Mark Morgan (previously ordained) were installed as elders by the Rev. Allan Guthrie. Helen Glass, who was unable to attend, will be installed at a later date.

Bible study was at 5:17 p.m. and choir practice at 6 p.m.

Today, the 81st meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery will convene at Trinity Presbyterian Church at 2800 Louisiana in Midland. Ethel Guthrie was chosen by the Session as commissioner to this meeting for FPC Big Spring.

Today and Saturday, "Renovare," a regional conference on spiritual renewal, will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Midland, located at 800 W. Texas St. Registration is from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and sessions will begin at 7 p.m. today and continue through 4 p.m. Saturday. For additional information, call our church office at 263-4211 or FPC Midland at 684-7821.

We are happy to welcome back to our pulpit Dr. Sam Junkin, former

How well grounded are we?

The holiday season is over. Or is it? Having given thanks for all the turkey and stuffing we could eat, most of us turned our attention to wrapping and unwrapping presents. Then we welcomed a new year by making and breaking resolutions. Now we find ourselves caught in the ho-hum clutches of winter with no relief in sight.



BONNIE WHEAT

But wait! It is almost February, and Punxsutawney Phil or one of his weather-predicting cousins should soon be coming out to tell us how much more winter weather we will have to endure. Tradition has it that if the ground hog sees his shadow Feb. 2, there will be six more weeks of winter weather. If he does not see his shadow, spring is just around the corner.

I must confess that some years on Feb. 2, I'm tempted to pray for a cloudy day in Pennsylvania where

Phil lives so he will not be able to see his shadow. Those of us who are tired of scraping ice off the windshield and turning our backs to the bone-chilling wind are ready for spring. Others are just tired of the achy joints and stiff knees that we attribute to the weather, and some of us are weary from coughing, sneezing, blowing and wheezing. Even though the National Climatic Data Center gives ground hogs only a 39 percent accuracy rating, we are tempted to look to these furry rodents for some relief.

The Scripture however, has a better solution for our winter blahs and any more serious problems that we might face: *My soul, wait in silence for God only, For my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be shaken.* (Psalm 62:5-6) When our hope is grounded in the Lord, it doesn't matter whether Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow or not. We have a much more reliable source of hope.

Bonnie Wheat is a freelance writer and pastor's wife from Berea Baptist Church.

president of Schreiner University, to lead the 11 a.m. worship service and communion Sunday. The choir will sing "With Songs of Rejoicing" by J.S. Bach and "Come to the Banquet" by Joseph Martin.

Lectionary is Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9.

Next Wednesday, Tom Koger, pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma, will lead the Ash Wednesday worship service and be assisted by Mike Robinson in the imposition of the ashes. The choir will present

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" by Carl Mueller and "Come, I Pray Thee" by Franklin Ashdown. This 7 p.m. worship service will follow the regular Bible study and choir practice.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

Members of the church will be attending the 81st meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Midland today. Paulette Lindsey is Coahoma's commissioner to the meeting, with Merlene Brown as alternate.

Transfiguration Sunday, the lectionary is Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; and Matthew 17:1-9. The Sunday worship service begins at 11 a.m.

Merlene Brown and Linda Berry will be ordained and installed as elders for the Class of 2010 and the congregation will observe the Lord's Supper during the worship service. Following worship, everyone is invited to share the regular First Sunday meal in the Fellowship Hall.

Our congregation wishes to express appreciation to Carol Self for providing

music for our services for the past few months.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

We urge everyone to join us for our Sunday evening service as David Garrett will be leading the music. He was the director of music during the crusade in Big Spring last fall.

The teachers and workers who attended the Sunday school conference in Midland last Saturday were Patsy Anderson, Johnny Bedell, Lillian Bohannon, Rafor and Jeneva Dunagan, Joy Hester, Bobbie Nix, Doug Stanislaus and Spence and Janet Wolf. Ken Hemphill led in scriptural strategies for church growth through Sunday school.

The youth and their leaders will be traveling to Circle 6 Feb. 8-9, helping with the cleanup and repair work at the camp.

From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, the youth department will have a Valentine banquet in the fellowship hall.

Dress up and come to have an enjoyable time.

We invite you to East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:45 p.m., followed by worship at 11 a.m., mission classes at 5 p.m. and evening worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 7 p.m., adult prayer meeting and Bible study, youth and children (6-12 years) Bible study and choir.

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CHICAGO (MCT) — Tim Morgan of Christianity Today was visiting a church in Kigali, Rwanda, several years ago when he noticed something familiar on the desk in the pastor's office.

Sticking out from under a pile of papers was a recent copy of the evangelical magazine where Morgan works in west suburban Carol Stream, Ill.

The moment stuck with Morgan, deputy managing editor of the 140,000-circulation glossy. Founded by the evangelist Billy Graham, the 51-year-old magazine long has reflected the global

interests of a movement committed to spreading conservative Christianity worldwide. But the discovery of a copy in a land struggling to recover from genocide gave him food for thought.

"It got me thinking, 'What does this pastor need?'" said Morgan, who has visited Rwanda four times. "Why would he read our magazine?"

It's a good time to ask, as the magazine is expanding its international efforts. An evangelical publisher in Brazil was licensed to launch a Portuguese edition last fall, and in May a publishing house affiliated with a South Korean

megachurch plans to license the name and print Christianity Today there.

The interest in the world abroad goes beyond these new ventures. In the last five years, the monthly magazine has published 20 cover stories dealing with international issues, ranging from human trafficking to child soldiers in Uganda. It has dispatched staff writers and contributing editors, and drawn on freelancers abroad.

Its budget for international travel, while slim by the standards of a major news weekly, has

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Club News

Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association met Jan. 21 at Howard College. The guest speaker was Tim Lee, director of the Texas Retired Teachers Association.

Retired education employees received a 13th check Jan. 8, in part due to efforts of the RTA to educate legislators on the need for a pay increase for retirees. Lee discussed different kinds of pay increases that could be given in the future. A cost of living increase would be welcomed, since retirees have not had one in many years. He explained the outlook for TRS Care, the insurance available for retired educators, and for RTA. It is very important for retirees to stay in contact with our legislators and to keep our needs before them.

Lee pointed out that TRTA has the highest number of members in the country. We are 64,000 and growing. After his remarks, he conducted a question and answer session, primarily

ly about pay increases and WEP and GPO legislation related to Social Security benefits for retired educators.

The group also elected new officers for 2008-2009. They are: President Bo Fryar, First Vice-President Bettie Cox, Second Vice-President Loma Jean Wynn, Recording Secretary Jean Slate, Corresponding Secretary Jean Warren and Co-Treasurers Ida Flowers and Nancy Fulgham.

The RTA's Book Project is approaching its goal of giving a book to every first grader in Howard County and Garden City. Persons wanting to honor active or retired educators are invited to contribute in their name. We will be presenting the books in May.

The Retired Teachers Association is proactive in matters related to the community and to education. Any interested person is welcome to attend our meetings on the third Monday of each month at Howard College's Cactus Room. Our next meeting will be Feb. 18 at 11:30 a.m. Carol Horton, president of the Odessa RTA, will speak on "Disposition of Untitled Property."

CHURCH NEWS

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Circle Six Ranch Men's Rally

A men's rally has been scheduled for Monday at the Circle Six Ranch Baptist Camp located six miles north of Stanton.

A barbecue meal, priced at \$7 per person, will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. The program begins at 7 p.m.

Singing Men of West Texas (various music ministers from West Texas churches) will perform and the speaker will be the Rev. David Lowrie, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Canyon.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church News

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. This Sunday is Youth Sunday and all our wonderful young people will be doing the lessons, prayers, ushering and more.

St. Mary's will have a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will do the cooking and there will be a good time for all. Plan on joining us.

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 6. Lent begins with the Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at noon and 6 p.m. in the church.

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

Big Spring Baptist Association

Every church is invited to attend the associational evangelism rally set for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

Evangelist-entertainer David Crain will be the featured speaker. A nursery will be provided at East Fourth Street Baptist Church. Plan on attending and bringing a lost friend.

First Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene invites you to worship with them this Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. as the church family gathers for an exciting experience.

Randy Koonce, the church's worship leader, will lead the congregation in worship music that lifts and blesses your heart to magnify our great God. The Rev. Byron W. Brown, senior pastor, also brings a Bible message of truth and

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So what is Caravans? Caravans is a character-building ministry for children, based on Luke 2:52: "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." It is a kid's-club type of ministry where children earn badges and awards, participate in ministry projects and learn practical skills in the areas of daily living, spiritual growth and Christian discipleship.

Divided by grades, Benson Buddies are for 4 and 5 year old; Caravan Searchers are grades 1 and 2; Explorers are grades 3 and 4; and Adventurers are grades 5 and 6. Each level has their own color, logo shirt and uniform (optional).

Registration begins Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. A \$5 supply fee each quarter helps with activities and badges. Classes meet each Wednesday beginning Feb. 6, from 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Parents will need to

arrive at 7:30 p.m. to pick up their children.

The Church is located at 1400 Lancaster Street in Big Spring. For more information, call 267-7015.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church

Angel Food orders for February will be taken Friday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Orders will also be taken Friday, Feb. 15, and Saturday, Feb. 16. The hours will be the same for the ordering days. February delivery date will be March 1.

A Senior Defensive Driving class will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 23, at the church. Lunch will be provided by the women of the church. Paul Smith, AARP instructor, will be teaching the class. The class is limited to 25. For more information, call 267-2203. If no answer, please leave a message.

Sack lunches are being packed and distributed to homeless veterans. For more information, please call Don Taylor.

Hats off to Shiloh Creswell for her win at the Science Fair. Shiloh will move on the competition at UTPB.

Worship services are held each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. with fellowship and Sunday school immediately following morning worship. Bible Study is held each first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the church. The United Methodist Women meet each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at

503 E. 16th.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell and invite one and all to come and share in the Christian love and fellowship that Jesus taught.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

CUMC invites you to share in our communion service this Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a.m. with worship services following.

The United Methodist Women will hold a regular meeting Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. For more information on location and activities, call the church office at 394-4432.

Ash Wednesday services will be held in the church sanctuary Wednesday at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited and

encouraged to join us for this special service. There will not be any youth services on that date.

Thursday, Feb. 7, the Ministry Team will meet at 7 p.m. in the church fellowship hall for a regular meeting.

Chapel of Faith

The Chapel of Faith, an inter-denominational church, is located at the corner of 14th and Goliad. Sunday worship begins at 10:30 a.m. with a time of fellowship before the service starts. If you are interested in being part of a developing church, come visit with us.

Pastor Joel Miller offers a special message each week based on the Bible. The Chapel is a small membership church with lots of love for God and for one another. Come share in this love.

The members are con-

tinuing work to clean up around the church and parsonage as well as make improvements inside the sanctuary. We are presently looking for pews, items for the nursery, as well as a piano. If you know where we might purchase any of these items, please call the Rev. Miller at 267-4082.

Senior Adult Valentine Banquet

The Senior Adult Valentine Banquet, a city wide event, will be held at 6:30 p.m. today at College Baptist Church. All seniors are invited to a great evening of fun. Featured guest will be David Garrett, who led the music during the city wide crusade. Meat will be provided for the banquet. Bring a vegetable, salad or dessert ... and a friend!

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