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Abilene Cooper, Hereford new district foes for Big Spring

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District 4 — Abilene Cooper, **Big Spring**, Hereford, Plainview, San Angelo Lake View, Wolfforth Frenship.

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 University Interscholastic League today. The UIL realigns districts every two years with the last shakeup occuring in 2006.

All area schools except Stanton which dropped from Class 2A to ing to Big Spring Superintendent See UIL, Page 3A

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 accord-

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



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

highlights of

their facility

improvement

Projects cov-

ered under the

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



district's plan includes:

 Closure of d Washington elementaries, both of which have been rated as obsolete by outside stud-

plan.

 Construction of a new elementary campus to handle all students in grades 2 through 4. It will be eventually joined by an identical sister cam-

outlined the pus and both sites will house all BSISD elementary students, officials

· 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

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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 weekend.

cookie sales, filling order after order in door-to-door, businessto-business and relative-to-relative pleas. The payoff begins Saturday when the cookies Crossroads area beginning this arrive. The Scouts will be delivering cookies throughout Girl Scouts of the Permian February to customers who Basin have begun their annual 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 Peanut Patties, Butter Shortbread, Sandwiches, 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 Wal-Mart SuperCenter.

Friday, Feb. 15, 4:30 p.m. until closing, Christine's Cafe in Coahoma.

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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 Neugebauer, Terry Blackshear is stepping down and handing the title to local resident Lisa

Brooks, who has already assumed the duties of the congressman's Big Spring office, said the job is a dream come true

"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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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

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 Baseball School 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.

Denise Contact Carillo at 816-1685 with any questions.

IN BRIEF 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

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

in the friendly confines of Jack 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

Conference play versus national runner-up and conference champion New Mexico Junior College. With the departure of New coach Mexico $_{
m JC}$ 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



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.

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, fiveovertime 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 delivering the Hawks a 6-point or by e-mailing him upset victory.

sophomores 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 shalacking from the Hawks Dec. 3,

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan free throws down the stretch, Hull by calling 263-7331, ext. 237, sports@bigspringherald.com.

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

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 3pointer just as the 30-second shot clock expired with 10:12 left in the game, giving Howard a 10point 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 victo-

"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

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

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

Obituaries

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Ida "Toni" Dorthea Fangmeyer Watkins

Ida "Toni" Dorthea 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

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

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 greatgrandson, 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. condolences Online can be made 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.

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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.

LOCAL

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

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

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.

She 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.

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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.

- 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
- 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
- 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 NFL next on

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH Reason No. 1 for Texas Motor Speedway 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.

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 Teresa run by Earnhardt.

He left DEI after months of contentious negotiations with his stepmoth-

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-

"The first thing I told turing the car numbers of As Good As 24!" was supthree other drivers.

> One features a widegrinning eyed, 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 teammates with Hendrick, because the TMS president considers those slogans "benign" despite one small glitch. Johnson's slogan "Twice

posed 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 Hendrick about 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.

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 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 firstround 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.

coaches Both 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

"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 pro-

"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.



By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are East, defending against Four Spades. North

↑QJ95 **∀**J4 East

♦62 ♥Q103 The bidding has gone:

Fast South West

North 3 🏚 Pass 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,

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

West following suit, then leads the

play the hand? West **♦** J 10 4 **♥** K 7 3

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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 cer-

tain 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 easily, 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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didn't allow them to retake the lead," 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 gamehigh 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 Sylwia 6-5 and Zabielewicz — 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

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

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

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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."

Wolfforth 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.

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"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

"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, altough 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 Bearkats 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 Westbrook.

basketball, the In 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 winds10 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

Tuesday night... Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Wednesday... Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Wednesday night... Mostly clear. Lows in the lower

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 drawing Step Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-9-28-30. Bonus

Ball: 25. Number matching four

of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.

Downes said. "But we are

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.

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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 National Houston Cemetery.

Rosalinda Rodriquez, 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 Memorial Thursday. 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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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 mount 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 very confident that the 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,'

rate will not have to be raised that much ... these are only top-end estimates." Contact Staff Writer

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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 Permian Basin Council budgets reach those goals, work together 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 goals, develop action plans to

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

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

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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 for marketing 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 Neugebauer release. expressed confidence in Brooks' ability to serve this part of the 19th District.

"Lisa, as a district representative, will handle all constituent inquiries casework and 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

working with her in serv- have a resolution with a ing the people of the 19th positive outcome, and

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," Brook explained. "That doesn't just mean the VA Hospital here in Big Spring. It means any division of 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

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.

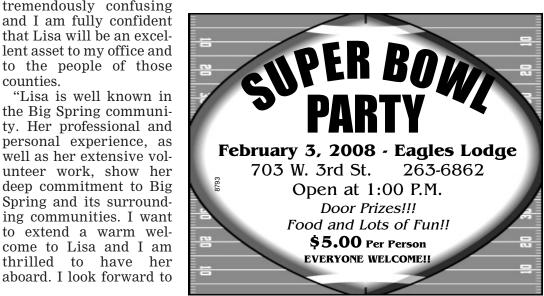


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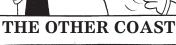
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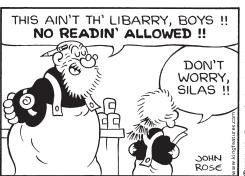








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This Date In History

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 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 born in Austria-Hungary.

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

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

In 1968, during the Jietnam War, South Vietnam 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.

1979, Ayatollah In 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 Actor-writer-producer Bill Mumy 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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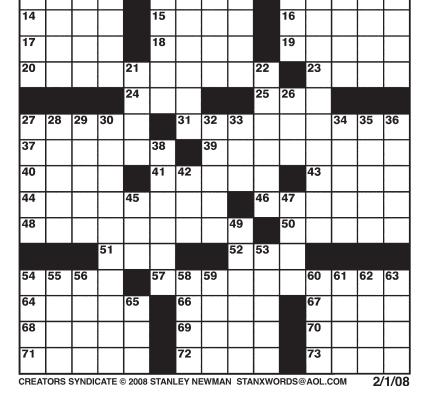
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Pierce, Allen lead Celtics past Mavs, 96-90

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 guys are going to be seaus, part of our growth soned and getting the job process," coach Doc done. Rivers said. "Dallas is a team that we are still try- game between two of the minds. They've been usual collection of celebrithere. So when we play ties at courtside, includthose types of teams, ing Red Sox players they're important."

overcome 31 points and 11 his rebounds from Nowitzki.

Nowitzki, who along an All-Star reserve about an hour before the game, with 58 seconds left to tie it at 90. The Celtics got the ball to Pierce, but his shot went around the rim

Along came Rondo to grab the ball away from Nowitzki and put in the

"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 A miss and an offensive

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

The nationally televised ing to catch, in our NBA's top teams drew the Jonathan Papelbon and See NBA, Page 5B

Allen scored 26 points Famer Bill Russell got a apiece to help the Celtics big cheer when he took Mavericks bench.

No players from the with Pierce was picked as New England Patriots this time, though: They're down in Arizona preparmade a pair of free throws ing 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 coach-Conference at the Feb. 17 All-Star game in New Dallas' loss deprived Mavericks coach Avery Johnson of the chance to coach the West, which instead went to the Hornets' Byron Scott.

Spurs 84,

Phoenix, Tim Duncan banked in a shot with 30.9 seconds remaining. Manu Ginobili hit four late free throws and undermanned Antonio ended a threegame 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 seasonhigh 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



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.

Five months later, Bills' TE Everett standing tall

AP National Writer

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CHICAGO Kevin Everett 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 slowlv regaining full use of his

"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 The Buffalo Bills tight end was playing special teams when he tackled second-half kickoff Sept. Hixon's helmet and shoulder pad, and he immediately fell face-down on the what seemed like hours as medical personnel worked on him and the

His spinal-cord injury Cappuccino said the next

Stadium watched in silent

of a full neurologic recov- will take him next. erv were "bleak, dismal." Though he accepts he can left lifted Detroit over Los It was unlikely he would no longer play and ever walk again.

"He was just going off of coaching, there are times past research on the it's hard to realize his and 10 rebounds, but didinjury. I couldn't expect playing career is, indeed, him to say anything else over. but what he said because Everett said. "I was just kind of hard," said hoping for the best. We Everett, who plans on turnovers to his scoring Two nights after snap- Ilgauskas added 17. were giving everybody making an appearance at the worst-case scenario."

Everett is telling the this summer. "But I'll be story of his accident and OK. ... I don't see it as recovery, as well as its God picking on me or 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 ing. Before the accident, inspire others with he and a friend in spinal-cord injuries, he Houston already had believes anyone can learn started a business selling

He and fiancee Wiande prevent soap scum in Moore are spending two showers, and he hopes to days doing interviews one day open a restau-Domenik Hixon on the before flying to the Super rant. And, of course, there Bowl, courtesy of an invi-9. His helmet struck tation from NFL commissioner Roger Goodell. Moore said the couple will root for the New York turf. He lay motionless for Giants because they're the underdogs. As Everett has proven, of lessons the couple has

crowd at Ralph Wilson dog. "I just saw it as a tem-

porary little injury," he say, 'I love you,' every said. "It's not anything was so severe, orthopedic that's going to hold me Andrew back.'

He is, though, trying to in an instant.'

"I was so used to work-

ing out and being around

the Bills' training camp

one door closes, another

He is working with The

Paralysis, and hopes to do

special plastic sheets that

Moore are planning for

"It makes you complain

less and be grateful for

daily basis," Moore said

learned. "We take those

who we love for granted.

Sometimes, we forget to

day. But it's the little

Because your life can go

the fall of 2009.

Pistons 90,

In Auburn Hills, Mich. Tavshaun Prince's 3pointer with 4.4 seconds already is talking about Kobe Bryant's big night.

Bryant had 39 points n't get a shot on the final 12 of his 24 in the first possession, which ended quarter, and with Lamar Odom's air- SuperSonics held off a quarter of Wednesday ball. Bryant had an late surge to surge to beat night's win over Portland. my teammates, that's unusual triple-double, Cleveland, which played adding a career-high 11 without LeBron James.

nine straight at home over the Lakers, including three games to win the 2004 NBA finals.

Prince led the Pistons

Cavaliers 95

and rebounding numbers. ping their franchise-The Pistons have won 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 In Seattle, Chris Wilcox scorer at 30.1 points per scored Seattle's first 10 game, sat on the bench in points, Kevin Durant had a brown blazer and jeans after he sprained his right

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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 tax payers 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

ow 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

OPINION

DANIEL

KLINE

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

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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 longterm 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.

Daniel B. Kline's work appears in more than 100 papers weekly. He can be reached at dan@notastep.com.



What became of RomneyCar

s 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."

MICHAEL

TANNER

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 premi-

ums will likely be intense. The cost of the Massachusetts plan is also likely to continue rising, because is 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.

Michael Tanner is director of health and welfare studies at the Cato Institute and the author of "Leviathan on the Right."

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Church News

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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 "Simon presentation, Says," at 4 p.m. in Youth Hall on Sunday. For more information, contact Miz Stacy at 517-0708.

The season of Lent with begins 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

AT&T phone card fund. St. Paul Lutheran is located at 810 Scurry. Call 267-7163 for more informa-

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 Courtney Morgan, Cas-sie Schaedel, Meredith Boehringer, 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 ordained were 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 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?

BONNIE

WHEAT

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. 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 cor-

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

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

Lectionary is Exodus

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

The choir will present

imposition of the ashes.

Psalm99;

Matthew

Martin.

17:1-9.

24:12-18;

Peter1:16-21;

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.

"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; Peter1:16-21; 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, Raford 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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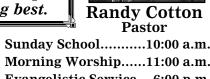


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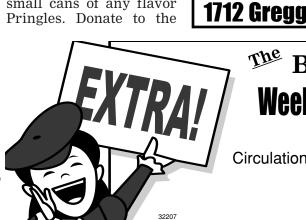


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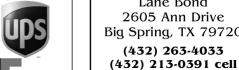
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appreciation, delightful to be loved! ARIES (March 21-April

19). It's like you're seeing your world from the point of view of a stranger who just wandered in.

Realizations about where you're at and where you want to be this time next year cause you to shift into high gear.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Something you've given up on could come through simply because feeling more you're hopeful now. Libra and Scorpio have terrific ideas. Solidify a powerful partnership.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A burst of creativity makes you very attractive. When you're satisfied with yourself, everyone is satisfied with you. Tonight, your heart is fulfilled when you take personal time to listen to

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Communicating clearly is your aim. This is best done through actions now as words become slippery tricksters with too many meanings to keep track of. By tonight, you'll find proof in your pudding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Superficially, a task seems easy, but there is much more to it than meets the eye. Add the missing layers of work. You'll arrive at your destination, and your reward, soon enough.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Not usually prone to indecisiveness, the juicy choices you're offered now cause you to pause. A list of pros and cons won't help you. You're better off making a snap decision ruled by your

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're giving your all to relationships. You're a supportive partner, even more able encourage those around you now because you've found fulfillment in some key way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're not about to wait for a reason to be happy. Happiness is an attitude that you can slip in and out of, no reason necessary. By the end of the day, a few good reasons have found you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Two areas of your life that you've been trying, either consciously or unconsciously, to keep separate are now coming together in an unexpected way. Worry not. There is no danger. Let it happen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Overthinking your usually situation is counterproductive, but today it's your secret to success -- as long as you're plotting on paper, that is. A few more drafts and you've got a tight plan on your hands.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You don't need to own someone to have his heart. Keep your heart light and your grip loose. TAURUS: Your emotional attunement takes vour relationship to new levels understanding. GEMINI: You place your trust more fully in a loved one because you know you're both coming from the same place. CANCER: Someone has all the faith in the world Let her in you. transform confidence you. LEO: You give someone your clarity precisely when it is needed and are gratified for the giving. VIRGO: A humdrum obligation turns out to be a delightful diversion. LIBRA: Return to a place or person you love and it's as though you never left. SCORPIO: One honest discussion can open the heart that was closed. SAGITTARIUS: Look for the good behind intention someone's words actions, and reframe confusion

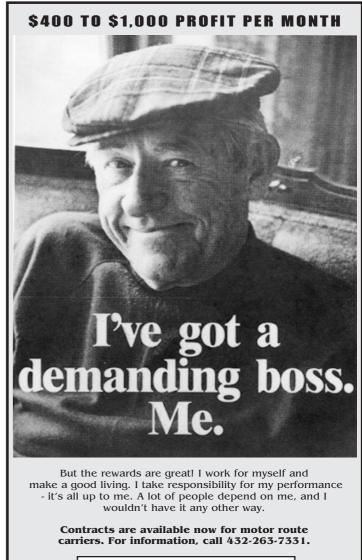
CAPRICORN: Love cares little about what you have but a lot about what you offer to the world. **AQUARIUS:** relationship feels like deja vu all over again, but this time it's different because you're different. Even if you can't explain it to anyone, trust what you intuitively know. PISCES: A dear friend shares a valuable nugget of heart wisdom, proving his or her worth in gold.

understanding.

COUPLE \mathbf{OF} THE WEEKEND: Sexy beasts Aries and Taurus live up to their reputation now with animal magnetism drawing them together. And yet, this is not a bad time to practice the humane arts communication and compromise. In a standoff, battering ram might wisely remember the immovable force of Sitting Bull, saving the energy for love and collective life goals.

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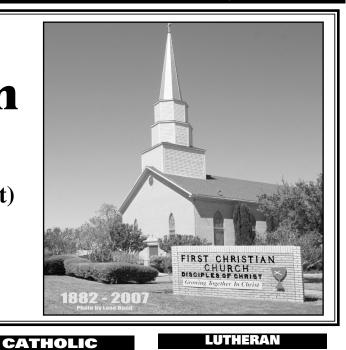
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Magazine sees its calling in worldwide coverage

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CHICAGO (MCT) — Morgan 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 recent copy of the evangelical magazine where Morgan works in west suburban Carol Stream,

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

interests of a movement megachurch plans to 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 a pile of papers was a 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

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, primari-

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 Randy experience. 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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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 **AARP** Smith, 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.

Shiloh Hats off to 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

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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 follow-

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-

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. 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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Microsoft makes unexpected \$44.6B offer for icon Yahoo

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By MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -Microsoft Corp. has pounced on slumping Internet icon Yahoo Inc. with an unsolicited takeover offer of \$44.6 billion in its boldest bid yet to challenge Google Inc.'s dominance of the lucrative online search and advertising markets.

The surprise offer of \$31 per share, made late Thursday and announced Friday, comes with Sunnyvale-based Yahoo in a vulnerable position.

In a statement Friday, Yahoo said it will "carefully and promptly" study Microsoft's

With its profits steadily sliding, Yahoo's stock slipped to a four-year low earlier this week and a new management team has been trying to steer a turnaround but sees more turbulence through 2008.

The announcement sent Yahoo's share price up 60 percent in premarket trading, while Google fell 8 percent, weighted down by a fourthquarter earnings report that missed Wall Street expectations.

In a letter to Yahoo's board of directors, Microsoft Chief Executive Steve Ballmer indicated the world's largest soft-

ware maker is determined to bring the two companies togeth-

Microsoft is offering a 62 percent premium to Yahoo's closing stock price Thursday.

Since reaching a 52-week high of \$34.08 in October, Yahoo shares have fallen 46 percent. Yahoo climbed \$10.40 a share, or 54 percent, to \$29.58 in premarket trading. Microsoft shares fell \$1.40, or 4.3 percent, to \$31.20.

Ballmer revealed in the letter that Yahoo had rebuffed a previous overture a year ago, saying it had a turnaround in the works. He pointedly noted Yahoo has instead deteriorated significantly.

"A year has gone by, and the competitive situation has not improved," Ballmer added. Microsoft's previous offer was

rebuffed by Terry Semel, who stepped aside last year as chief executive under shareholder pressure.

Microsoft sent its latest takeover offer to Yahoo late Thursday, shortly after Semel resigned as the company's chairman. The letter addressed to Semel's successors, new Chairman Roy Bostock and the current CEO, co-founder Jerry Yang, who is one of Yahoo's largest share-

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doubled in recent years to \$50,000, allowing writers to visit places like Russia, China and Turkey.

The magazine stretches its budget by a means that major secular publications would eschew: accepting travel offered by Christian organizations interested in showing off the mission field where they work. But the groups must sign a statement confirming Christianity retains editorial control over stories and may do independent reporting on the trips.

The resulting work has drawn praise from New York Times columnist Nicholas D. who mentioned Kristof, Christianity Today in a piece castigating the American media for slavering over celebrities while ignoring genocide in Darfur.

"Time magazine gets credit for putting Darfur on its cover - but the newsweeklies should be embarrassed that better magazine coverage of Darfur has often been in Christianity Today," Kristof wrote.

All this comes on top of an online venture begun in 2001 by the magazine's parent company, Christianity Today International, to work with foreign evangelical organizations to offer Internet content in 14 languages, ranging from Arabic to Swedish, said Keith Stonehocker, chief strategy

Christianity Today is one of 13 publications printed by its non-profit, non-denominational parent company. Most of the readership is in the United States, with 19 percent in the Midwest.

But its coverage reflects the global aspirations of evangelicalism dating to its roots as a missionary movement, said David Neff, editor-in-chief of Christianity Today Media Group. American evangelicals have been supporting pastors and teachers abroad and reading their letters in churches since shortly after the Revolutionary War, when the first missionaries were sent from New England to Burma.

"Missionary communications has always been part of our lives," Neff said. "So we're aware, I think, of global issues much more than the average citizen, because we've had that history."

Brazilian The edition, Christianismo Hoje, launched last fall with a print run of 20,000, editor Marcos Simas said in an e-mail. Simas said an independent publication was needed in Brazil because most Christian magazines are affiliated with church denominations or politicians.

The edition will publish up to 30 percent of Christianity Today's stories, with the rest of the content supplied by local writers. The country has an evangelical population of 35 million, or 19 percent of Brazil's people, Simas said.

"To publish a Christian magazine to help the Christian church develop its faith is a very difficult mission, even more if you just see the mistakes of the church," he said. "Christianity Today has been doing this for a long time with

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responsibility and credibility." A church-affiliated publishing house in Seoul called Disciple-making Ministries International will launch Christianity Today Korea, Rev. Kim Myung-Ho wrote in an e-mail. About 50 percent of the content will be reprints from the American edition, with other stories focusing on issues specific to Korea, such as reunification with the north.

Christianity began to spread in the northeast Asian peninsula at the end of the 19th century, and now 20 percent of the population is Protestant - a figure comparable to that of Buddhists, a historic religion in Korea, Kim said. Most of them are evangelicals. However, in cultural terms, Christianity remains a minority, he said.

"In such circumstances, we felt the need for a new magazine that would actively engage the rest of population and provide a forum of constructive criticism and discussion," Kim said.

Christianity Today's foreign editions make sense at a time when the faith's center of gravity has moved to the global south and east, said David Heim, executive editor of Christian Century, a theologically moderate to liberal magazine based in Chicago.

"It's a very shrewd forwardlooking thing that they're doing," Heim said. "Most Christian magazines would like to do more foreign coverage and are aware that that's where the church is thriving. There's much to learn from what they're doing."



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