

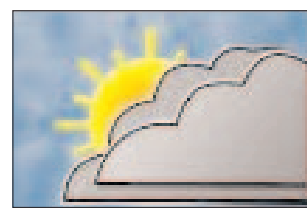
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Recalling those who passed on

Ceremony honors veterans who died during past year

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Area veterans and their families packed the activities room on the second floor of the Big Spring VA Medical Center Monday morning, as the facility held its annual Four Chaplains Memorial Service to remember Howard County's fallen heroes.

The memorial service — which is named after four U.S. Army chaplains who sacrificed their lives to save others when the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was sunk by a German U-boat in 1943 — is a chance to honor and remember the sacrificial spirit of the veterans who have passed away during the past year, according to VA Chaplain Dan Shadix.

"It gives us a chance to honor those who have a sacrificial spirit among our staff," said Shadix. "And I think the spirit of the four chaplains reflects the spirit of these veterans and their families, who have given so much for their country."

As VA Memorial Ladies Margie Myers and Clara Lewis-Moran read the list of area veterans who have died since last year's ceremony, Shadix said it's hard not to reflect on the impact the men and women had on their country.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Dan Shadix, a chaplain at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, recounts the heroic efforts of four Army chaplains more than 60 years ago during a special ceremony at the local veterans hospital Monday morning.

"As I heard some of the names, I knew some of them, and I remembered their faces," said Shadix. "I remembered their families, and even doing some of their funerals. So there are a lot of good memories there, and that's one reason I like working at the VA. It puts you in touch with people that have given so much."

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Clara Lewis-Moran, one of the VA Memorial Ladies, places flags in this centerpiece as fellow Memorial Lady Margie Myers reads the names of veterans that have passed away during the past year at Monday morning's ceremony at the Big Spring VAMC.

Candidates hedging bets on Super Tuesday

By **CALVIN WOODWARD**

Associated Press Writer
 WASHINGTON (AP) — Rivals Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama agreed on one thing Tuesday — that the coast to coast balloting would not settle their pitched struggle for the Democratic presidential nomination. Republican contenders John McCain and Mitt Romney traded a last-minute flurry of elbow jabs.

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That seemed more likely on the Republican side, where McCain hoped to bury his chief opponent's presidential aspirations. But Romney put up a spirited fight in California, the day's biggest prize, and said a strong performance by him there would prove "the conservatives in our party are not at all comfortable with Senator McCain leading us."

McCain rallied in Manhattan on Tuesday morning and took shots at Romney on the talk shows, accusing him of having a "terrible record as governor" and pouring millions of dollars into ads attacking him.

Romney said McCain is "so making up facts that it's really quite extraordinary."

Romney told supporters at West Virginia's Republican

nominating convention Tuesday that McCain's support for global warming curbs "would effectively kill coal," a lifeblood of the state.

"This is not a long shot," he said of his candidacy. "I am the candidate who can stop John McCain."

Weather was iffy in some places. A wintry mess including snow and ice was forecast

for New England, and snow was forecast for a large corridor from southwest Kansas to northern Michigan.

In Topsfield, Mass., where a steady stream of voters filed to a polling place in a cold rain, teacher Marcia Spector, 58, made the "very, very tough" decision to support Obama, reasoning he would be more able than Clinton to win the presidency in the fall. "I just feel that he is dynamic and he is for change," she said. "He doesn't bring the baggage. I think he's more electable, actually."

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SHDC names architect for Settles project

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer
 Texas architect Norman Alston will head the team charged with the restoration of the historic Settles Hotel, according to Settles Hotel Development Company officials, as the effort to revitalize the giant get under way.

"Norman adds considerable strength and experience to the very talented team of experts we have assembled,

and we are excited to announce his engagement," said G. Brint Ryan, SHDC Manager. "His experience with National Register projects and the challenges of historical restoration and preservation projects in general will be invaluable to the successful restoration of the Settles Hotel."

Alston — a grad of the University of Texas at Austin — is no stranger to these

types of restoration projects, having worked on the historic restoration of the South Side of Lamar, Dallas; the Erath County Courthouse in Stephenville; and the Sams Historical Lofts, located in Waco.

The Waco project was recognized by Preservation Texas with the Rehabilitation Honor Award. Since beginning his private practice in 1987, Alston currently con-

centrates his professional services around historic preservation.

"We're excited at the chance to be involved in bringing back the historic Settles Hotel," states Mr. Alston. "Projects that we feel have an opportunity to help a community in addition to the building are the most gratifying. It's easy to see what the

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

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

TODAY

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

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

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

Forsan boys basketball at Hamlin, 8 p.m.

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

Coahoma boys basketball at Anson, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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 Country Club schedules 4-person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club has scheduled a 4-person scramble for Feb. 23-24.

Entry fee is \$75 per player, plus golf cart fees, and includes a barbecue lunch on the course both days. Private carts are welcome.

Practice rounds are available Friday. The Field will be flighted by first-round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of entries.

Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.

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.

BSSHS Baseball Booster Club meeting Feb. 11

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

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

Contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685 with any questions.

HC women pull away late from Odessa

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

ODESSA — On paper, Howard College's women's basketball team should've easily rolled Odessa College's Lady Wranglers Monday night in Odessa.

However, games aren't played on paper.

Despite having won only one conference contest and five games overall, the Lady Wranglers gave the Hawks all they could handle for 31 minutes. Unfortunately for Odessa, a junior college basketball game lasts 40 minutes and the Hawks used a 16-2 run over the last nine minutes of regulation, keying a 65-55 victory.

"Odessa has played with enthusiasm and toughness all year. I knew it'd be a tough game over here," Diddle said. "They came out and really established themselves offensively and defensively. We eventually met the challenge. We hit some shots and got some stops defensively. We knew it'd be a tough game and we responded."

Odessa had just won its first WJCAC game Thursday, beating New Mexico Junior College. The Lady Wranglers appeared headed for their second consecutive win midway through the second half.

Trailing 34-29 at the intermission, Odessa opened the second half with a 7-2 run, tying the game at 36 with 16:55 remaining to play. The Lady Wranglers played point for point with Howard until they embarked on a 6-0 run, taking their biggest lead

of the game, 53-48, with 9:08 left in regulation.

However, Odessa didn't connect on another field goal for the rest of the game. Howard made a change defensively, leading to a 16-0 run. Ironically, it wasn't Diddle who made the call for a change in defensive scheme.

"Monica Jones suggested that we switch to a man-to-man defense and I said OK," commented Diddle. "We went on a 16-0 run after that."

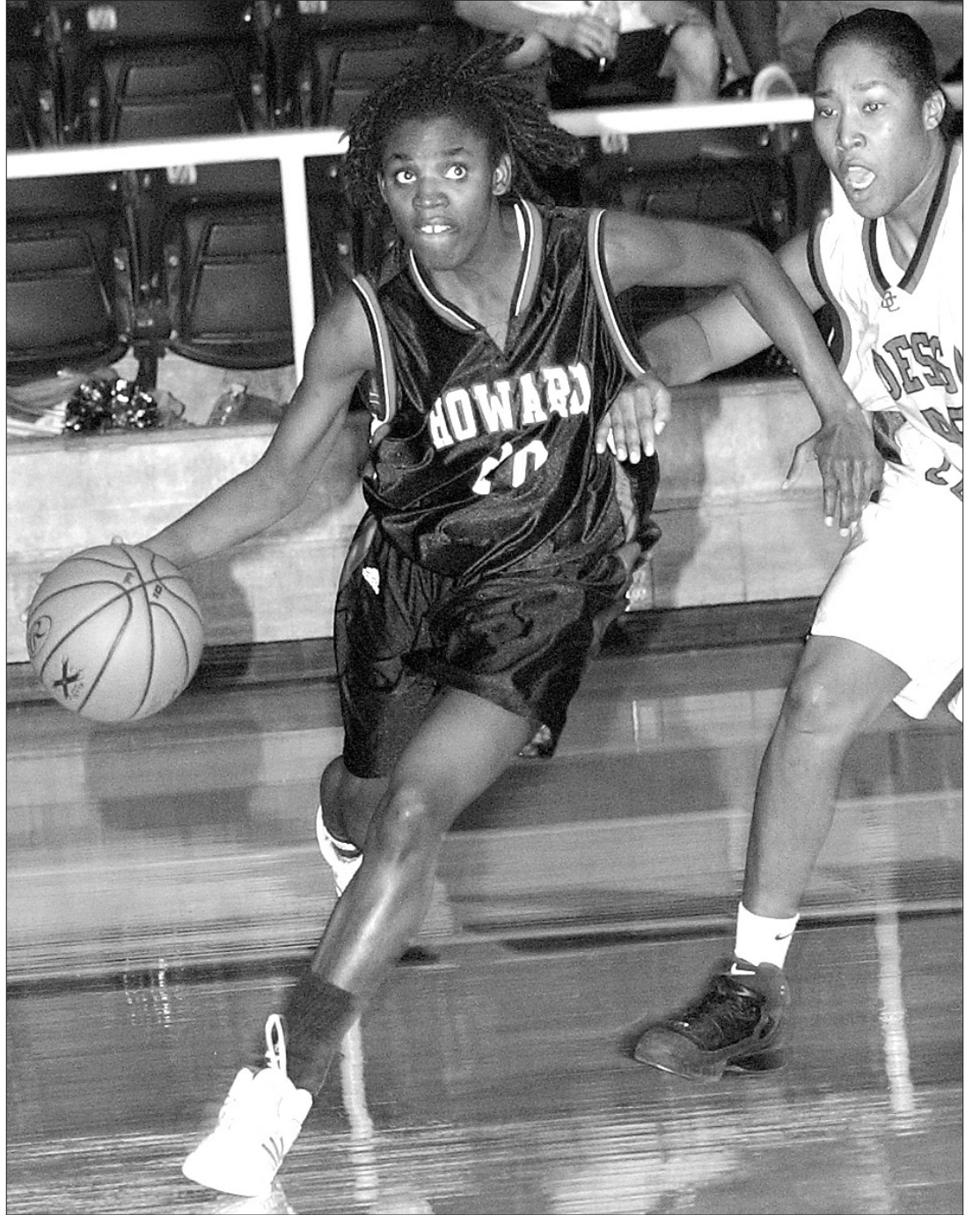
"I think Monica might have a future as a coach," he continued. "She also made a call for a long inbound pass out of a timeout that led to a layup and probably put the game away. She had a great night."

Odessa hit two free throws with just seconds remaining on the clock to cut Howard's margin of victory to 10 points.

The Lady Wranglers were led by Whitney Goard, who finished with 14 points, and Ashley Farrell's 10 points and game-high nine rebounds. Odessa committed 36 total turnovers, compared to 18 for Howard.

Jones led the Hawks with a game-high 26 points. Candace Lambert complimented Jones with 17 points.

Howard (20-5, 6-3) moves into third place in the WJCAC with a half game lead over Western Texas College (12-11, 5-3). The Hawks remain a game and a half behind Midland College's Lady Chaparrals, who handed first-place South Plains College its first conference loss of the season Monday night.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Howard College Hawks forward Monica Jones drives into the lane in the Hawks' 65-55 victory over Odessa College Monday night in Odessa. Jones led all scorers with 26 points.

Howard plays an important game at Frank Phillips College Thursday in Borger. Frank Phillips (19-5, 2-3) needs a win to remain in the hunt for a berth into the Region V tournament after the regular season.

Howard 34 31-65
Odessa 29 26-55

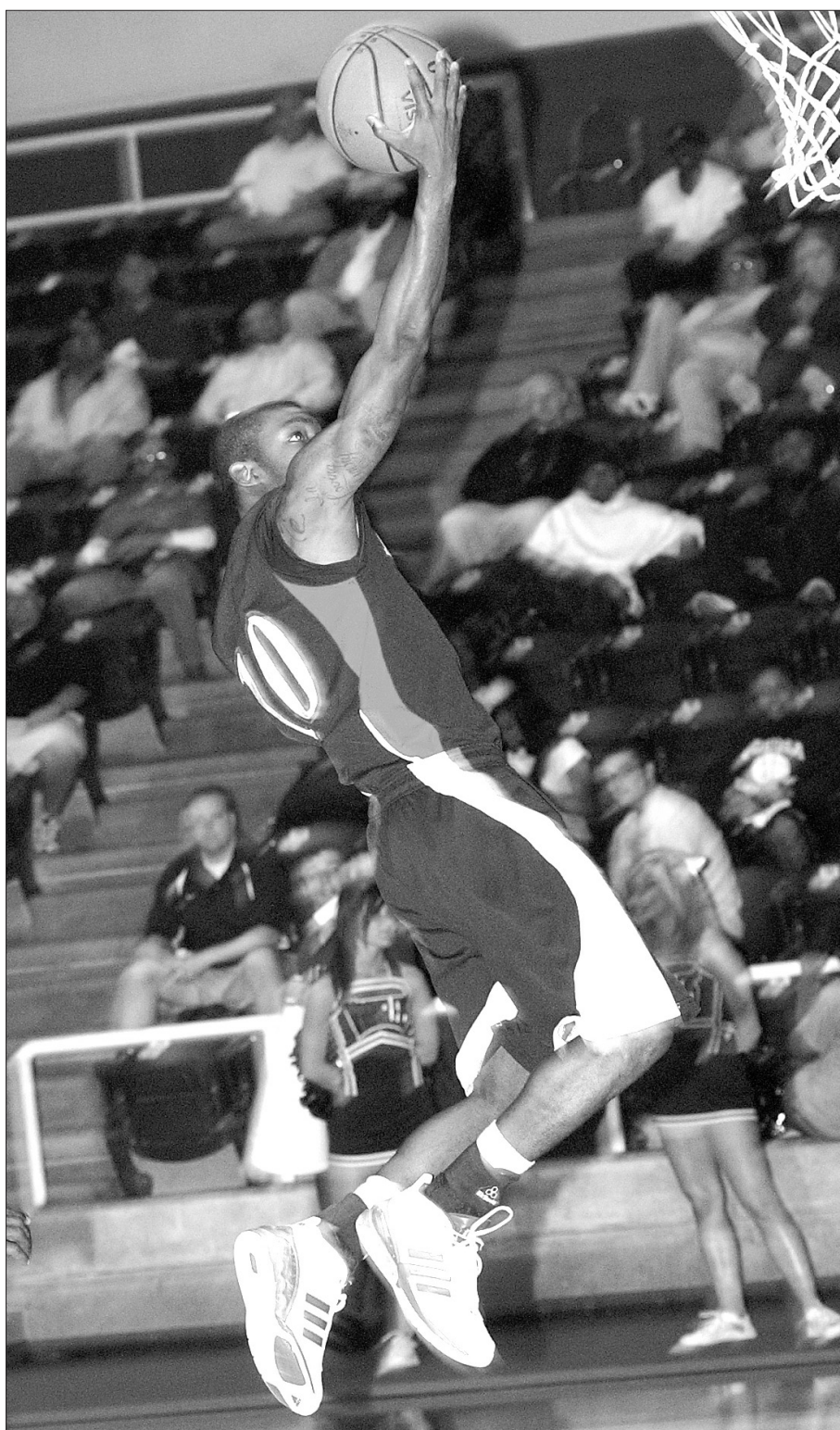
Howard (20-5, 6-3): Candace Lambert 17, Monica Jones 26, Danielle Cota 4, Aqueelah Watkins 6, Jotisha McDonald 2, Amanda Ramirez 2, Shamika Jones 2, Veronica Wilson 4, DeAndra Thomas 2.

Odessa (5-15, 1-7): Jennifer Colli 3, Whitney Goard 14, Ashley Farrell 10, Diandra Marquez 6, Priscilla

Mbiandja 8, Amanda Burnett 3, Whitney Davis 2, Kasia Suknarowska 5, Trivonne Senegal 4.

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Hawks hit wall against Odessa



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Howard College Hawks guard Corey Allmond flies to the rim for two points Monday night against Odessa College in Odessa. Allmond scored 13 points in the Hawks' 86-72 loss.

Howard falls into fourth place in WJCAC with loss

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

ODESSA — Playing a stretch of three consecutive basketball games against teams ranked in the NJCAA's national top 20 poll should take its toll on the best of squads. Add to it the fact that two of those three contests were played on the road and most teams would consider it fortunate to come out with two wins.

Howard College's Hawks played their third game against nationally ranked squad Monday night, paying a visit to No. 13 Odessa College. Howard had already decimated the Wranglers, 103-76, in the second conference game of the season Dec. 3, 2007.

However, this wasn't the same Odessa team Howard trounced last semester. The Wranglers haven't lost a game since and continue to be tied atop the WJCAC standings after avenging their only league loss Monday, drilling the Hawks, 86-72.

"Odessa was a lot more physical than we were and just whipped us," Howard Head Coach Mark Adams said. "We didn't match their level of intensity and it beat us. They're a much better team now. It's always hard to play here. Hopefully, we can learn something from this."

For the first four minutes of the game, it appeared the Hawks might run away with another easy win over the Wranglers. Howard opened with a 16-5 run, leaving Odessa in a large hole.

However, the Wranglers dug out of that deficit and momentar-

ily grabbed a 1-point lead, 36-35, courtesy of a 9-3 run that ended with 2:30 left before halftime. Howard was able to escape with a 2-point advantage at intermission as Vladimir Gavranic hit a cutting Devon Baker, who banked in a floater along the baseline just as the buzzer sounded to end the first half.

Unfortunately for Howard, the second half belonged to Odessa. The Wranglers took the lead for good with a little over 13 minutes remaining to play. A 7-2 run that ended with two minutes left in the game gave the Wranglers a 76-65 advantage and put the game out of Hawks' grasps.

Odessa converted 17 of 20 shots from the free throw line in the second half, including 14 of 15 from the charity stripe in the final three minutes.

The Wranglers had four players hit double figures with hometown hero Jamel Guyton leading with 22 points. Tommie Sykes gave the Hawks' defense fits inside and finished the game with 21 points.

Devon McClendon was three of six behind the arc, adding 17 points to the Wranglers' cause. Delrico Lane had 12 points and a game-high nine assists. Carlos Rodriguez led all players with 10 rebounds.

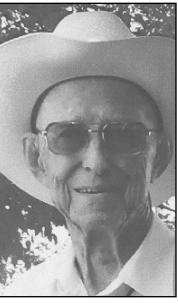
The Hawks were led by Sean Watson's 20 points. DeMarcus Richard finished with 15 points and Corey Allmond added 13. Markeys Deans totaled 11 points.

The loss is Howard's third in conference play, dropping them to 7-3 in the WJCAC. The Hawks

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Obituaries

Carl Ford



Carl Ford, 92, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Eddy Pitchford, Coahoma Church of Christ and Ralph Anderson, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Carl was born and raised in the community of Divide in southern Nolan County. Carl lived most of his life in Big Spring. He helped with the family farm and then worked as a part of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). He loved to casually ask people if they had ever been upon Scenic Mountain and then tell them how he helped with the building of the roads and buildings that remain there today.

He proudly enlisted and served in the Army from 1941 to 1945 and was overseas 32 months fighting in World War II in Italy, Sicily, Anzio Beach and Africa and was wounded in action. He received many medals, including the Purple Heart, Silver and Bronze Stars. He never felt that his Army service was special and was embarrassed to be called a "hero." He always said the heroes were the ones that remained there and paid the ultimate price for our freedom. He was the Veteran of the Month for September 2007 and was honored by many of his friends and family that attended his ceremony.

During his life, he also drove a truck hauling cattle, was a short-order cook, worked at the Big Spring Veteran's Hospital, drove an ambulance, and then retired as a crew chief in 1975 from the fire department at Webb Air Force Base.

Following his retirement he also worked in the used car business, managed apartment complexes and storage facilities. He volunteered at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center and also served on the board for them.

Carl was honored as a grand marshal for the 2007 Coahoma July 4 Parade. Carl was a 32nd degree Mason at the Staked Plains Lodge, No. 598, A.F. & A.M. and was awarded his 40-year service pin Sept. 27, 2007. He was a member of the Coahoma Church of Christ.

Carl married Tomilee Coates on his birthday, Feb. 9, 1978. She preceded him in death on April 12, 2005. He loved her dearly and missed her terribly and his family knows they are holding hands once again.

He is survived by two daughters, Paula Henry and her husband Neal, and Lana Henderson and her husband Eddie, all of Big Spring; one brother, Leon Ford and his wife Evelyn of Arlington; four grandchildren, Tessa Reid and her husband Jody of Coahoma, Jason Henry and Morgan of Big Spring, Sgt. Heath Henderson and his wife Amanda, serving in the U. S. Marine Corps in Jacksonville, N.C., and Blaine Henderson and Melanie of Big Spring; three great-grandsons, Reagan, Ryan and Riley Reid, all of Coahoma. He was proudly awaiting the arrival of two new great-grandchildren later this year. He also is survived by his "babies," Penny, Peanut and Pest.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by four sisters and two brothers.

Carl was a very active, very independent 92-year-old who lived in Coahoma and most who knew him didn't believe him when he proudly told them his age. He enjoyed people and always was sharing a joke, story or just visiting.

The family will be at 209 Ramsey in Coahoma. The family suggests memorials to the Shriner's Childrens Hospital, 2222 Welborn, Dallas 75219 or Medina Childrens Home, 21300 St. Hwy. 16, North, Medina 78055

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

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JoAnn Bauer



SOUTH WEYMOUTH, Mass — JoAnn Bauer died at her home Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, at the age of 76. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at the Old South Union Church, 25 Columbian St. at South Weymouth. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at C.C. Shepherd Funeral Home, 134 Pleasant St. Interment will be in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne at 2:15 p.m. Thursday.

She was born and grew up in Big Spring before moving to South Weymouth in 1959. She was an active member of the Old South Union Church, the PTA, Cub Scouts and League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Bauer was the wife of Edward "Teddy" Bauer for 54 years. She is the mother of three children, Charles Bauer and wife Linda of Hudson, Edward G. Bauer and wife Kathy of Mildord and Wanda M. Reed and husband Alan of Sandwich. She is the sister of Marie Hughes of Big Spring, J. Gale Kilgore of Sand Springs, Benny Kilgore of Nevada, Texas, the late Velma Walker of Carlsbad, N.M.; Sonny Kilgore of Big Spring and James Kilgore of Dublin, Ga. She also leaves six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made in JoAnn's memory to the Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Dr. Braintree, MA 02185-9060. If you would like to leave a message for the family, please go to www.ccshepherd.com

Omega Smith



Omega Smith, 94, of San Angelo, formerly of Lamesa and Borden County, went to be with the Lord on Friday, Feb. 1, 2008. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at Myers & Smith Chapel in Big Spring with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating.

Omega was born July 13, 1913, in Mable Dean, Texas, to Mack and Florence Thompson. She married M.C. (Jack) Smith in 1931 in Stamford. They raised their children in Jones and Borden counties. After retirement in 1981, they moved to Big Spring. Although she left Big Spring in 1998, she always said it was her favorite place to live. She spent many days up on the mountain. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend that will be truly missed by all. She was a nurse and even after her retirement always found a way to take care of others. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She survived by sons, Mike Smith and wife Judy of Tucson, Ariz., and Paul Smith of Austin; daughter, Arba Pennington and husband Michael of Maringouin, La.; grandchildren, Courtney and Jason Smith of San Angelo, Brenda Henson of Lubbock, Heather Meek of Lubbock, Jeff, Kevin, Patrick and Michelle Pennington of Maringouin, La.; great-grandchildren: Chad and Aaron Dillard of Lubbock, Blake Henson of Houston, Cheyenne Jordan of Lubbock, Emma Horner of San Angelo, Chase Pennington of Maringouin, La., Margaret Meek of Lubbock, Austin Smith of Lubbock, Brooke and Storm Dillard of Lubbock; and one great-granddaughter, Elise Dillard of Lubbock; several nieces and nephews; and very special friend and caretaker, Brenda Gill.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband M.C. (Jack) Smith, daughter Patsy Applegate, grandchildren Dusty Smith and Linda Jordan, twin sister Alpha, sisters Lois, Eunice (Pete), and Oma, brothers Burton, Clyde and Claude (Coon).

The family wishes to thank the staff at Regency House for the wonderful, loving care they provided Omega. She loved you all.

Memorials may be made in Omega's name to The Children's Home of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock 79408 or to your favorite charity. Friends are invited to join the family to visit and reminisce after the service at Canterbury Apartments. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

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Kathryn Grantham



Kathryn Grantham, 91, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Larry Marshall, minister of Knott Church of Christ, officiating and Chaplain Walter McCall, with Compass Hospice, assisting. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

She was born March 1, 1916, in Knott and married Odie Grantham on Aug. 15, 1934, in Knott. He preceded her in death Nov. 11, 1971.

Mrs. Grantham was a lifetime resident of the Knott Community. She was the daughter of John and Myrtle Nichols, pioneer farming family in the Knott area. She loved to farm along with her husband and her boys. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She was a member of the Knott Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Grady and Ann Grantham of Knott, and Bud and Angel Grantham of Elbow; one daughter and son-in-law, Vicky and Gary Ware of Knott; two sisters, Inez Sample and Johnny Ray, both of Big Spring; two brothers, Tink Nichols of Knott, and Chuck Nichols of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

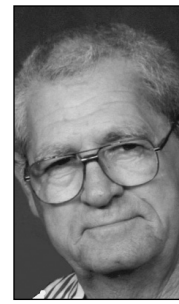
She was also preceded in death by her parents, John and Myrtle Nichols; one grandson, Heith Ware; two brothers, Barney Nichols and Claude Nichols; and one sister, Edith Condon.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Home Hospice and also to the girls that sat with Mrs. Grantham and helped her so much.

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

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Raymond Earl Bedford



Raymond Earl Bedford died peacefully in his home after a battle with cancer. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at Latter Rain Worship Center, 305 E. 19th, Odessa with Chaplain Larry Hood officiating. Burial will be held, with full military honors, Friday, Feb. 8, 2008, at 11 a.m. at the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Okla.

Raymond was born April 20, 1932, to Ray and Bertha Bedford of Big Spring. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sherry Bedford and son, Raymond Glenn Bedford.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Helen; his three sons and their spouses, Donald and Maria Bedford of Lawton, Okla., James and Penny Bedford of Lochbuie, Colo., and William and Latona Bedford of Midland. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Raymond Bedford spent 20 years in the Army, where he served as a military policeman and he was in the field artillery, where he served as a drill sergeant. He was awarded two Bronze Star medals, one was with valor and an Army commendation, while serving in Vietnam. He was awarded a second Army commendation medal and many other awards during his service. After he was discharged from the military, he served on the Big Spring police and sheriff's departments.

Raymond Bedford will be sorely missed by family and friends and all who knew him.

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

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Shirley Franklin

Shirley Franklin, 79, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Esquiel Valles

Esquiel Valles, 75, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Colder. Lows in the mid 20s. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph decreasing to around 10 mph after midnight.

Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Southwest winds around 15 mph.

Thursday...Sunny. Highs around 60. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

Friday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Saturday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

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

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

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

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

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Say good-Knight: Tech coach resigns at 67

By **BETSY BLANEY**

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — Bob Knight promised that when he finally decided to call it quits at Texas Tech it would be hard to find him.

The Hall of Fame coach stayed true to his word Monday.

After telling his sons, his bosses and his team of his resignation, Knight spoke only to one local newspaper about his shocking departure in the middle of his seventh season in West Texas.

"He's ready," successor and son Pat Knight said during his weekly radio program. "He's tired."

Knight left during his 42nd year as a head coach with more wins than any Division I men's coach. Pat Knight inherited a team that is struggling at 12-8 and has 10 games remaining.

"This is my team, that's what he told me. He's done," Pat Knight said on his radio show. "He's got a lot of life left to enjoy."

Almost a decade after he was fired by Indiana, the school he led to three national championships — one an undefeated season not since matched — Knight walked away from college basketball.

"There's a transition that's going to take place here from me to Pat and I've dwelt on this all year long ... how it would be best for him and for the team and for what we can do in the long run to make this the best thing for Texas Tech," Knight told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, which first reported the resignation.

Pat Knight, whose personality is more subdued

than his father's fiery temperament, has been a head coach twice, a partial season with the USBL Columbus Cagerz and a full season leading the Wisconsin Blast, which went 19-15 under him.

He played for Knight at Indiana and has been with his father as an assistant coach since his arrival at Tech in 2001. He was chosen as his father's successor in 2005.

Tech athletic director Gerald Myers said Knight told the team before practice Monday.

Though Knight won't be part of the program, his input will probably be available.

"If Pat wants to talk to him and to run something by him, I'm sure he will accommodate him," Myers told The AP. "Pat's ready to be head coach."

The 67-year-old Knight told Myers of his decision in a noon meeting Monday, Tech chancellor Kent Hance told The Associated Press. Knight then called Hance and told him.

The Red Raiders beat Oklahoma State 67-60 Saturday, giving Knight his 902nd victory. He earned No. 900 last month against Texas A&M.

Texas Tech next plays Wednesday night at Baylor.

"I guess you can never be surprised at some of the things Bob does," former UCLA coach John Wooden told the AP. "I don't think there's ever been a better teacher of the game of basketball than Bob."

Knight became the youngest coach at a Division I school in 1965 when he broke in at Army, but made his mark

in 29 years at Indiana, including the perfect season in 1976.

He's a complex package. He hit a policeman in Puerto Rico, threw a chair across the court, was accused of wrapping his hands around a player's neck and allegedly kicked his own son (Knight claimed he actually kicked the chair his son sat on).

But he never got in trouble for breaking NCAA rules. He always had a high graduation rate and gave his salary back a few years after he arrived in Lubbock because he didn't think he'd earned it.

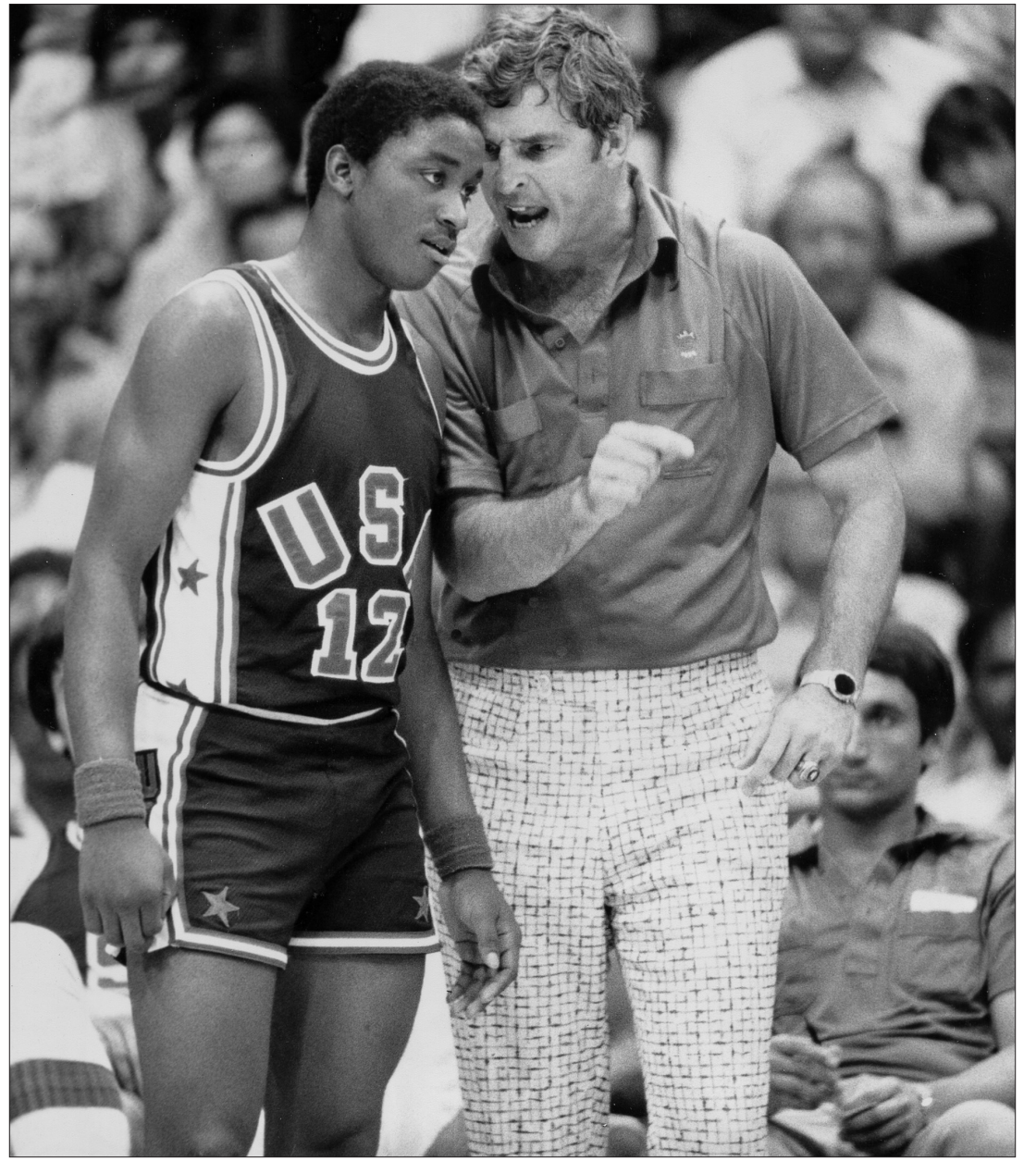
"I didn't know, I've never really known when I was going to step down from this job. As I thought about it, my first thought was at the end of this season," Knight told the Lubbock paper. "My thinking was ... the best thing for the long run for this team would be for Pat and his staff to coach these remaining 10 games."

Knight arrived at Texas Tech in March 2001, six months after being fired by Indiana for what school officials there called a "pattern of unacceptable behavior."

Knight passed former North Carolina coach Dean Smith as the winningest Division I coach Jan. 1, 2007, getting career win No. 880. To celebrate the milestone Knight chose the song "My Way" by Frank Sinatra, a mantra for how he navigated his personal and professional worlds.

Back then, Knight explained why "My Way" was so fitting.

"I've simply tried to do what I think is best,"



AP file photo
Former U.S. Pan American Games coach Bobby Knight yells at guard Isiah Thomas (12) during Pan Am games action in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in this July 6, 1979 file photo. A spokesman for Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers announced Monday that men's basketball coach Bob Knight has resigned, effective immediately.

Knight said. "Regrets? Sure. Just like the song. I have regrets. I wish I could have done things better at times. I wish I would have had a better answer, a better way, at times. But just like he said, I did it my way and when I look back on it, I don't think my way was all that bad."

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are still in good standing to make the Region V tournament at the end of the regular season with the top four teams in the conference eligible to participate.

However, winning the conference became a little less likely as the Hawks fall two games behind

Odessa, who sits alone atop the league at 9-1.

Howard is in fourth with Midland College's Chaparrals (22-3, 8-3) just ahead of the Hawks by a half game in third after the Chaps defeated South Plains College, 75-63, Monday night in Midland. South Plains is now 8-2 in conference play and falls a game behind Odessa in second place.

Howard returns to action Thursday with a visit to Frank Phillips College (3-6, 14-9) in Borger.

Howard 41 31-72
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Howard (18-6, 7-3): Corey Allmond 13, Sean Watson 20, Cortez Isaac 8, Markeys Deans 11, Cheick Kone 1, Devon Baker 2, DeMarcus Richard 15, Vladimir Gavranic 2.

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ELECTIONS

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It was tough, too, for Mary Jordan, 43, a teacher's aide — so tough she didn't make up her mind until she was in the polling booth. Voting Republican, she went for Romney, the state's former governor, because of his business experience, while offering no one a glowing endorsement. "I think he's the least unlikely," she said. "I really didn't like any of them."

The tightness of the Democratic race and the sheer scale of the voting in nearly two dozen states left the candidates wary of making predictions as they offered last minute pitches in a round of early morning network TV interviews.

"We're all kind of guessing about what it's all going to mean because it's never happened before," Clinton said. "There's a lot we're going to find out about how all this works." She said she found it all "intriguing and somewhat mystifying."

The days of retail politicking in rustic diners was a distant memory, although just weeks old. Sens. Clinton and Obama each poured more than \$1 million a day into TV ads in the last week alone; Clinton buying an hour on the Hallmark Channel for a town hall meeting on Monday night, Obama seeing some \$250,000 disappear in 30 seconds in his Super Bowl ad a day earlier.

Not only was the electoral territory vast, but so were the stakes. Romney boomeranged across the country and back in a 37-hour dash, branding himself the true Ronald Reagan conservative at every stop.

Romney campaigned from Tennessee to California on the eve of the voting, then turned back to attend the West Virginia convention. McCain, Obama and Clinton clustered in the hotly competitive Northeast.

Former Arkansas Gov.

Mike Huckabee focused on the South, his continued candidacy an open question — as was Romney's viability if he couldn't pull off surprises Tuesday.

Clinton voted near her home in Chappaqua, N.Y., accompanied by husband Bill and daughter Chelsea. "You're a Democrat, right?" election worker Evan Norris joked. Clinton smiled. "I am just very excited about today," she said. "The stakes are huge."

In Illinois, Obama supporters expressed pride for the home-state senator as they voted. "We have something great to vote for today," said Catherine Braendel, 44, a marketing consultant who lives down the street from Obama in Chicago.

In Grayslake, Ill., registered Democrat Steve Greenberg, 39, decided his vote would be more valuable on the Republican side as he thought ahead to the general election. "I went with McCain because if the Democrats lost, I'd be more comfortable with him."

McCain struggled to close the sale with his party's base after coming strikingly far without its solid support. "I will preserve my proud conservative Republican credentials" while extending a practiced hand to Democrats, he promised.

Romney sought until the end to exploit the right's mistrust of McCain, an Arizona senator who opposed President Bush's tax cuts when they were introduced, departed from orthodoxy on immigration, favors mandates to slow global warming and led campaign finance reforms that activists say trampled on their speech rights.

McCain responded with a TV ad reminding people Romney had changed some stripes. It showed Romney in a 1994 debate calling himself "an independent during the time of Reagan-Bush. I'm not trying to return to Reagan-Bush."

After months when it

was all about expectations and momentum, not to mention confusion, real numbers finally became important.

The two dozen contests Tuesday were delivering 1,023 Republican and 1,681 Democratic delegates. The number needed to win the nomination: 1,191 Republican and 2,025 Democratic.

John Edwards' departure after South Carolina's primary simplified the math but little else on the Democratic side.

Since winning that state, Obama has collected a succession of marquee endorsements — several of them named Kennedy — and pulled into a statistical tie with Clinton in a national poll and in California, Tuesday's biggest prize with 370 Democratic delegates.

The two were campaigning for history as well — Clinton seeking to become the first female president, Obama the first black one.

Little separates them on most issues, including universal health coverage, ending U.S. military involvement in Iraq and raising taxes on the rich. And neither has accounted fully for all their proposed spending.

Instead, the campaign has turned on her experience and his vision of change, debated intensely but with more civility in the latest round than when former President Clinton, purposefully or not, brought racial sensitivities to the surface in stumping for his wife.

Party rules were stacked against a Tuesday knockout for Democrats. All their primaries and caucuses were awarding delegates proportionately, so coming in second counted. In the Republican field, nine contests offered all delegates to the winner.

Associated Press writers Jim Fitzgerald, Beth Fouhy, Glen Johnson, Jim Kuhnhenn, Nedra Pickler, Libby Quaid and Liz Sidoti contributed to this report.

Police

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

- **JOHNNY ANCHONDO**, 23, of El Paso, was arrested Sunday on a local capias warrant.
- **PORFIRIO AGUIRRE**, 49, of 1018 S. Nolan, was arrested Monday on six local warrants.
- **CODY DEJUAN HAWKINS**, 25, of 1501 Lincoln, was arrested Monday on three capias warrants and six local warrants.
- **PABLO DEHOYOS**, 24, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1700 block of Wasson.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 1200 block of 15th Street.
 - in the 1500 block of Lincoln.

• **JOHN LOYA CAMPOS**, 57, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.

• **ADRIAN HILARIO**, 21, was arrested Monday by DPS on a Midland County warrant.

• **ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK**, 67, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

Fire, EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of S. Fourth Street in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Sgt. Paredes. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Elm Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Ramsey in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.

Sheriff's log

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 47 inmates at the time of this report.
- **LESTER CLAUDE DUFFER**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of debit card abuse and escape from custody.

Take Note

• The Senior Adult Valentine Banquet, a city wide event, will be held at 6:30 p.m. today at College Baptist Church. All seniors are invited to a great evening of fun. Featured guest will be David Garrett, who led the music during the city wide crusade. Meat will be provided for the ban-

quet. Bring a vegetable, salad or dessert ... and a friend!

• Cross stitchers are needed to complete one or more blocks of this year's Howard County Fair quilt. All supplies are provided. Blocks may be picked up from Posey Cotton Office, 601 Scurry,

Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 263-1267 or 263-4980. This year's quilt theme is "Wildflowers of Texas." All proceeds from the sale of tickets for the quilt are used to defray the expenses of the Fair. The quilt will be awarded the last night of the fair.

SETTLES

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Settles project means to Big Spring."

SHDC announced plans for a \$12 million renovation project in December 2006. According to SHDC officials, the project includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors.

Renovation of the downtown landmark is expected to begin this month, according to SHDC officials.

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VA

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Shadix recounted the story of the four chaplains for VA Chief Chaplain Dean Thomas, who was unable to attend the ceremony due to illness.

"During World War II, four Army chaplains — George Fox, Alexander Goode, Clark Poling and John Washington — went down with the *Dorchester*," said Shadix. "These four men, all of different faiths, gave up their life preservers and stayed behind on the

sinking ship to help comfort the men and women onboard. Although all four of them were from different faiths, that didn't matter at that moment. They worked together to help people, and that's such an important thing to remember."

The four chaplains were posthumously honored with the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart, and VA hospitals across the country use the anniversary of their sacrifice to recall recently passed veterans.

Shadix also presented the Legion of Honor Award to three VA employees and volun-

teers. Receiving the award were Jan Lentz, a social worker on the facility's extended care and transitional unit; Leonard Posey, a volunteer at the VA who passed away this year; and Paul Townsend, a clinical applications coordinator with the VA's education department. The award for Posey, who volunteered at the VA's information desk for many years, was accepted by his family.

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Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 22-6-23-30-9. Number matching five of five: 0.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 26-24-21-30. Bonus Ball: 25. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-0-2-8. Sum It Up: 13.

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Carl Ford, 92, died Sunday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 9:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Omega Smith, 94, died Friday. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends at Canterbury following the service.

Esquiel Valles, 75, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Shirley Franklin, 79, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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OTHER VIEWS

Dropping the ball over FutureGen

For years, FutureGen has been offered up as the answer to tough questions facing the Bush administration about power and pollution.

The concept for a cutting-edge, cleaner coal plant was mentioned frequently when the White House's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions was in doubt.

Just wait until FutureGen, energy officials would say.

And so we waited. Years passed while a private industry alliance was assembled, applications were submitted and possible sites were vetted. Finally, patience was rewarded in December with the announcement that the futuristic plant was headed to Mattoon, Ill.

But now, only six weeks later, the Department of Energy has unexpectedly and unceremoniously killed FutureGen.

Illinois leaders rightly called this a cruel deception. More important, it's a crippling blow for those who understand the urgent need to develop cleaner energy technologies.

FutureGen provided the Bush administration with political cover as pressure to address environmental issues increased. Now, with this term winding down, the Department of Energy has pulled the plug.

Up until the end, administration officials had touted the project as a "centerpiece" of its efforts to develop more advanced coal technologies. And during last week's State of the Union address, President Bush pressed for cleaner coal.

Within 48 hours, Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman was blaming cost overruns for FutureGen's demise and announcing a pared-down plan to pay for equipment that captures and stores carbon dioxide emissions at several commercial coal plants.

If there is good news to be found here, it is that Texas should be a strong contender to host one of these carbon dioxide sites. The Texas towns of Jewett and Odessa were among the four finalists for FutureGen.

But that is a distant prospect.

Last week's announcement effectively kicked this years-long effort a few more years down the road.

Whether the 44th president will revive FutureGen in any form is unknown. But last week's decision made one thing clear: This White House can lay no claim to advancing efforts for cleaner energy.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

What we do achieves better results with You, Lord.

He said, she said ... Hmmm

The "he said/she said" debate was a historic first face-off between the first viable African-American and the first viable female candidate for president. But forget the history for a moment. Ask yourself: When was the last time you tuned into a political event and had no idea what would happen? Would Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama snub or snog, brawl or be genteel, rumble or punt?



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Then the CNN Democratic debate started, and I realized I had to be insane to think that either senator might mix it up. This is politics, after all. Of course, the candidates decided to leave the serious sniping to staff and surrogates.

On the issues, little separates the Democratic duo, and where the line exists, Clinton tends to be in the center. Both want universal health care and differ over whether to mandate it. Clinton is right to argue that there are people in America who can afford health care but won't buy it.

"I don't see those folks," Obama

argued. Sorry, he's just wrong. Obama is likely to turn off many voters by dismissing complaints about illegal immigration as "scapegoating."

Then again, Clinton's argument that giving illegal immigrants driver's licenses would be "putting them, frankly, at risk" was hardly downright silly.

But when it comes to Iraq, Clinton does not make sense. When she argued that no one could have guessed "how obsessed" President Bush was about Iraq back when she voted on the resolution to authorize the use of force in that country, Clinton handed Obama a great line. After all the time Clinton has spent saying America needs a president ready to take on America's problems from day one, Obama answered, "It is important to be right from day one."

As Clinton tries to run from her Iraq vote, to act as if no one knew the Iraq War resolution would result in a war, she asks America to believe that she was misled. And still Americans should trust her? Clinton's hit on Bush for leaving office with 130,000 troops in Iraq makes it clear that there is a real danger that Clinton, if elected, might cut and run from Iraq.

Before the debate Thursday morning, I asked John McCain what he expected to see when Obama and Clinton went head to head for the first time. McCain predicted the fireworks would make his dust-up with Mitt Romney seem "like a Sunday school picnic compared to what's going on between those two. I didn't accuse him of being a slumlord."

McCain was referring to Hillary Clinton's remark during the previous debate when she hit Obama for lawyering for big-donor Antoin "Tony" Rezko and "his slum landlord business in inner-city Chicago." Rezko has pleaded not guilty to charges of fraud, attempted extortion and money laundering. At the same debate, Obama hit Clinton for lawyering for Wal-Mart.

McCain paused, then added of Romney, "Although I think he might be a slumlord." Turns out that the Democratic debate was a Sunday school picnic. If you want to hear the real fireworks, you'll have to wait for Bill.

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If it's important, they won't print it

Many economists now doubt that government measures can prevent a major recession given the severe slump in the housing market, the subprime mortgage crisis, growing unemployment, declining consumer spending and record high oil prices. Even harder times for working people are undoubtedly at hand, yet mainstream corporate media continues to lavish more attention on the Super Bowl and celebrity misadventures than measures to protect Americans from grave personal economic harm.



PETER PHILLIPS

We are spun, mislead, propagandized and amused to death by our media conglomerates and as a result the United States has become the best-entertained and least informed society in the world.

There is a literal truth emergency in the United States, not only regarding distant wars, torture camps and doctored intelligence, but also around issues that most intimately affect our lives at home.

For example, few Americans know that there has been a 35-year decline in real wages for most workers in the country, while the top 10 percent now enjoy unparalleled wealth with strikingly low tax burdens.

George Seldes once said, "Journalism's job is not impartial 'balanced' reporting. Journalism's job is to tell the people what is really going on."

Michael Moore's top-grossing movie "Sicko" is one example of telling the people what is really going on. Health care activists know that U.S. health insurance is an extremely large and obscenely lucrative industry with the top

nine companies "earning" \$93 billion in profits in 2006 alone. The health-care industry represents the country's third-largest economic sector, trailing only energy and retail among the 1,000 largest U.S. firms.

Nevertheless, 16 percent of Americans still have no health insurance whatsoever and that number will not soon decline, as insurance costs continue to rise two to three times faster than inflation. The consequences are immediate and tragic. Unpaid medical bills are now the No. 1 cause of personal bankruptcy in the country, and the Institute of Medicine estimates that nearly 18,000 Americans die prematurely each year because they lack coverage and access to adequate care.

U.S. private health care services differ markedly from other industrialized countries where single payer systems provide everyone with medical care as a basic human right.

Unfortunately, objective media coverage and comparisons of single-payer public health care with our current profit-driven corporate system are almost non-existent at this time.

To protect their bloated bottom lines, private insurance companies and HMOs invest heavily in lobbyists and corporate-friendly political candidates that promote their "indispensable" role in any future health care reforms.

Besides their insider political influence, these firms deploy massive advertising budgets to discourage media investigations of the economic interests shaping our health policies today.

Tens of thousands of American engaged in various social justice issues constantly witness how corporate media marginalize, denigrate or simply ignore their concerns. Activist groups working on issues like election fraud, impeachment, war propaganda, civil liberties/torture and many

corporate-caused environmental crises have been systematically excluded from mainstream news and the national conversation leading to a genuine truth emergency in the country as a whole.

Now, however, a growing number of activists are finally saying "Enough!" and joining forces to address this truth emergency by developing new journalistic systems and practices of their own. They are working to reveal the common corporate denominators behind the diverse crises we face and to develop networks of trustworthy news sources that tell the people what is really going on. These activists know we need a journalism that moves beyond forensic inquiries into particular crimes and atrocities, and exposes wider patterns of corruption, propaganda and illicit political control to rouse the nation to reject a malignant corporate status quo.

This Truth Emergency Movement held its first national strategy summit in Santa Cruz, Calif., from Jan. 25 to Jan. 27. Organizers gathered key media constituencies to devise coherent decentralized models for distribution of suppressed news, synergistic truth telling and collaborative strategies to disclose, legitimize and popularize deeper historical narratives on power and inequality in the United States.

In sum, this truth movement is seeking to discover in this moment of constitutional crisis, ecological peril and widening war, ways in which top investigative journalists, whistleblowers and independent media activists can transform the way Americans perceive and defend their world.

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Bird Poop: Northern pintail faces uncertain fate after rescue

Even inside the house, she heard what sounded like the backfire of a car. "Must be Tony's," she thought as she continued her housework. "That boy is either gunning the engine in that old wreck or the engine's sputtering." Hope for a quiet neighbor died quickly when his family bought the house next door.



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Later in the afternoon she glanced out the front window to see if the school age children were walking home. She could set her watch by their daily routine.

Movement in the leaves underneath her live oak tree caught her attention. Appearance-wise, the slender long-necked bird looked like a skinny duck. Slipping into a heavy sweater, she headed toward the front door.

As she approached the bird, it tried to fly. Coming straight off the ground with a burst of energy, it fell back to the yard as soon as it tried to flap its wings. Realizing its situation, she slowly backed away so as not to frighten the bird any more.

"It has to be a duck," said the concerned woman. "I've never seen one like this. It's long and thin. So's its neck and tail," she continued. Not knowing what to anticipate, I headed for the southwest side of town.

Meeting me at the dri-

veway, the woman had decided to stay in her yard until I arrived. She could prevent anyone from getting too close to the bird.

Upon seeing the duck, I could appreciate her excitement in describing the Northern pintail as elegant and beautiful. A rich brown adorned the drake's slim head and upper neck. His white breast, in wrapping around to the sides, had tapered upward to form a white neck stripe that ended in a point on either side. With brown-gray back and sides, the duck had a white patch at the rear of his flanks. Gracing his back were long, narrow feathers. Prominent were two long, pointed, middle tail feathers that extended beyond the brown-gray tail.

With a net on a long pole, I was able to catch the duck before he exploded from the ground again. As sleek as he was, the bird had a healthy resistance to being captured.

Removing the net, I held him against a soft cushion of leaves as I extended each narrow, pointed wing. Both the woman and I could hardly contain our enthusiasm when we saw the iridescent patch of green and bronze displayed on each wing.

The displaced feathers on the left wing, however, were of concern. Laying the duck on his back and covering his head with a towel, I could readily see the small droplets of dried blood that had seeped from what appeared to be a gunshot wound. Apparent to the touch



Courtesy photo

Floating upon the surface of the water with its tail pointing upward, the male American pintail is a shallow water feeder. While the muddy bottoms provide seeds of aquatic plants, the bird also prefers minnows, tadpoles, worms and insects. Open fields of wheat, barley and corn are also appetizing.

was an irregular bump on one of the wing bones. "Can it be fixed?" asked the woman as I place the pintail in a carrier. Telling her I would have to take him to a rehabilitation center, I promised to let her know the outcome.

Verifying that the Northern pintail had

been shot, the wildlife center volunteer offered some optimism. After the setting of the wing, the duck would spend many weeks before anyone would know if the knitting of the bone had been successful. After he spent considerable time in

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♥ 10 9 6
♦ A Q J 10 8 5
♣ 3

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♦ 7 4
♣ A Q 6

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ 2 ♦
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4 ♠

Opening lead — two of diamonds.

There are times when declarer, because of the imminent danger of a ruff in a side suit, decides against taking a normal trump finesse and instead tries to draw the outstanding trumps as quickly as possible. Whether this decision is correct naturally depends on the surrounding circumstances.

Consider this case where East won the diamond lead with the ace and returned his singleton club. South was well-aware that the normal percentage play with his com-

bined trump holding was to try two finesses, but he was afraid that if he won the club in dummy and led a spade to the jack, West might win and give East a club ruff.

So South instead took the club in his hand and played the ace and another spade. East won with the queen and shifted to a heart, covered by the queen, king and ace. Declarer now had to go down one, losing two trump tricks, a diamond and a heart.

South's method of play would have succeeded if the trumps had divided 2-2, or if an honor had fallen from either opponent's hand on the ace. The question, therefore, is whether in the given situation he should have preferred that approach to taking a first-round finesse, which would have made the contract.

The answer is that declarer should have opted for the trump finesse at trick three, since his fears were utterly groundless.

To confirm this, let's assume that what South was afraid of actually occurs. He finesses in spades, West wins, and a club return is ruffed by East. This gives the defenders their third trick, but that is the end of the line. Declarer wins any return, draws the lone missing trump and scores the rest of the tricks, discarding his heart losers on dummy's clubs.

South's fear was an illusion, and it should not have panicked him into rejecting the normal percentage play.

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Environmentalists support federal takeover of land

By JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) — Environmentalists said Monday they support a federal takeover of about 9,200 acres of rugged West Texas state land up for sale.

Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson has proposed selling the Christmas Mountains to private individuals as long as they guaranteed public access.

The School Land Board is scheduled to meet

Tuesday to consider two private bids for the land near Terlingua, which has a mile-long border with Big Bend National Park.

The National Park Service has proposed the land be donated to Big Bend National Park and managed as a backcountry area.

Because the federal plan came in after the Tuesday's meeting agenda was set, the board can discuss it but cannot vote on it. The board could vote to accept one of the

private bids, reject them, or postpone action.

The Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club urged the board to accept the parks service plan.

The federal plan "represents the best opportunity to conserve this land and make it accessible to the public to enjoy and preserve," said Ken Kramer, state Sierra Club director.

The Virginia-based Conservation Fund gave the land to Texas in 1991 after buying it with a

grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation. It was donated with the understanding that the park service or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department would take over if the state lost interest in the property.

The School Land Board, on which Patterson serves, delayed a November vote on the private bids to give the park service time to make a proposal.

"The National Park

Service has submitted a well-thought-out document," Patterson said Friday when the federal proposal was received. "It will take some time to review and seek additional information."

An easement the Conservation Fund placed when donating the land prohibits new road construction and utilities. The only building allowed is a caretaker's cabin.

Patterson has said those restrictions make the

property difficult to manage

Patterson also wants to allow hunting on the land, which the federal parks services doesn't allow. The two private bids would allow hunting.

The private bids also include plans to guarantee public access, offer educational opportunities and construct a hiking trail to the nearby Big Bend National Park, Patterson's office has said.

PINTAIL

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exercising his wing, we would learn if he were capable of flight. If not, a conservation lake was available for the bird to become a permanent resident.

In rethinking the events that led to his capture, the woman and I felt the pintail had probably rested with others on our city lake that was nearby. Since it was early February, I told her I thought the drake had already started migrating the previous month. Headed toward his nesting grounds, it would be April or May before he reached the Alaskan tundra.

Puzzling to us was how anyone could hit such a fast moving bird. When I asked some duck hunters, their answer came readily. The pintails bunch together when taking flight and are easily shot. Once the duck was down, they felt it had walked into her yard to seek refuge.

With the pintail's free-

dom questionable, the woman and I were satisfied that he was receiving the best of care.

Although he might never experience another season of courtship, we had been privileged to see and touch the luxurious feathers of what must be nature's ultimate tuxedo.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

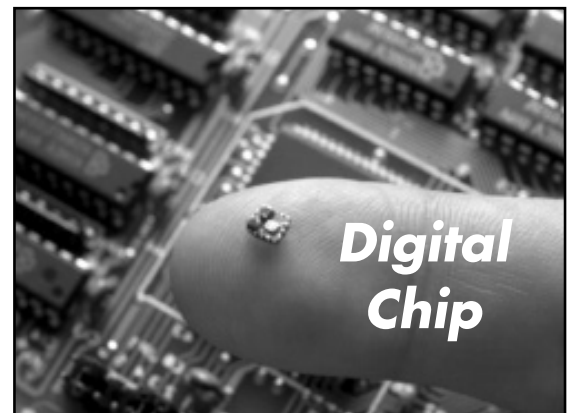


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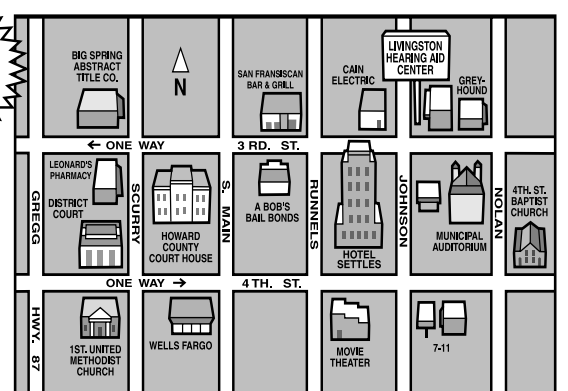


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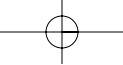
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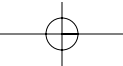


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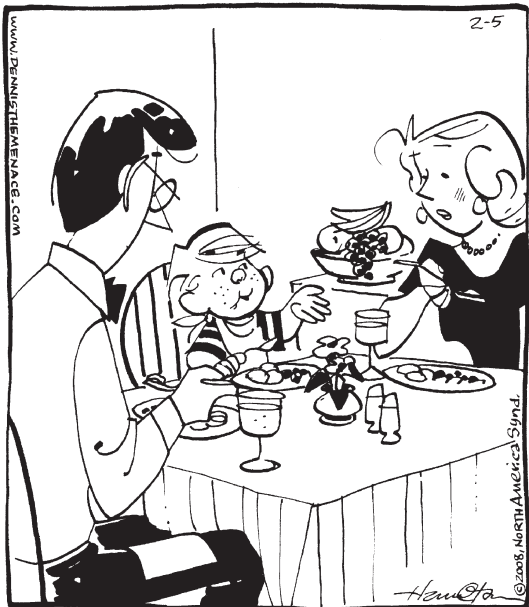
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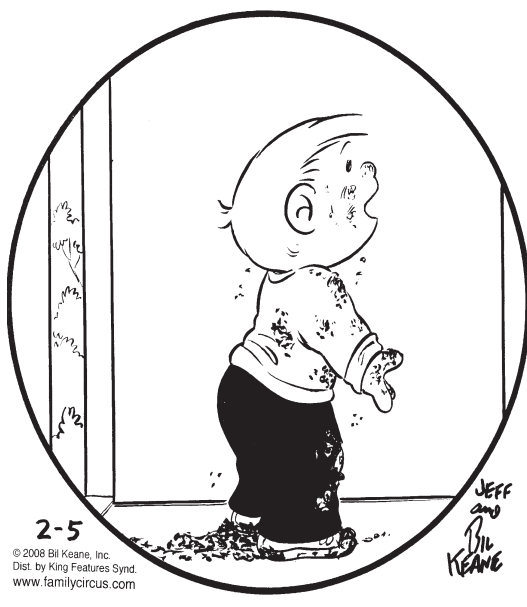
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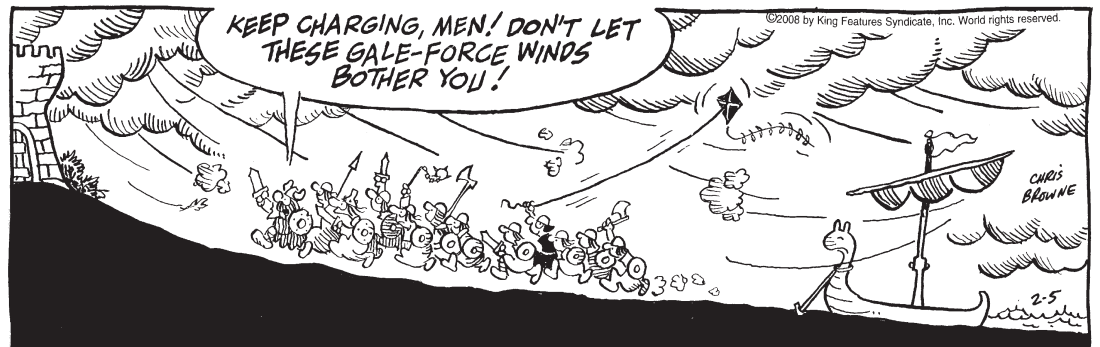
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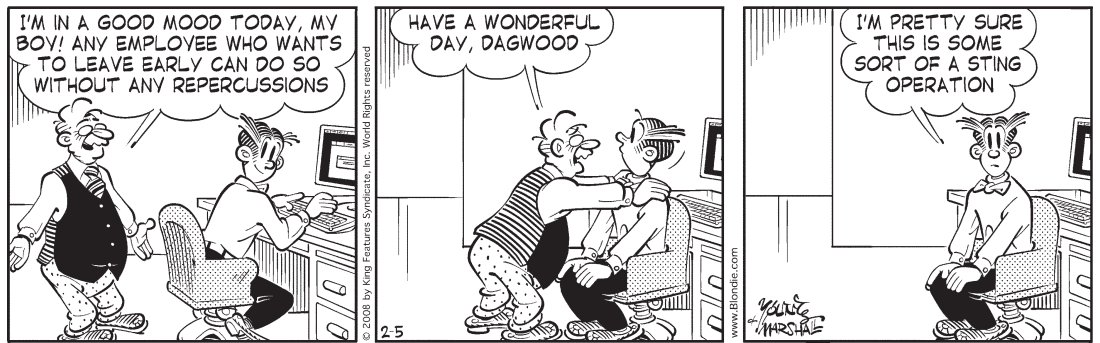


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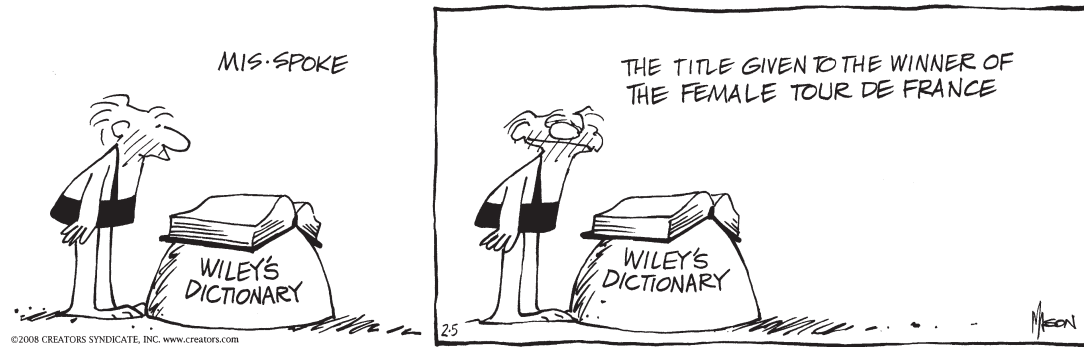
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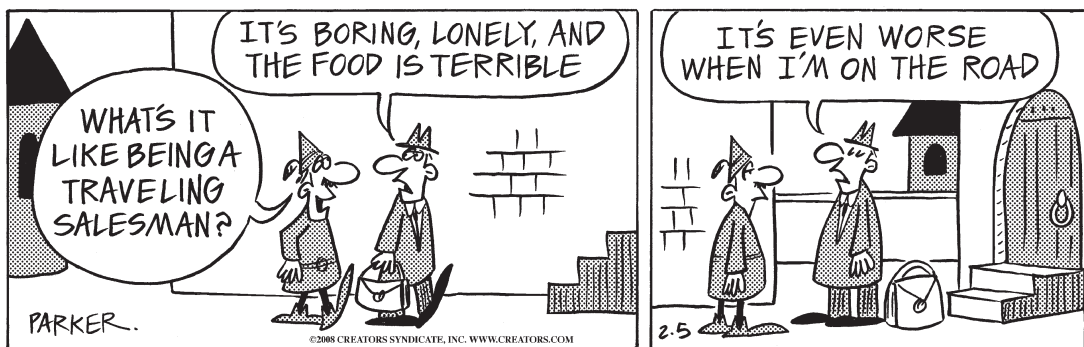
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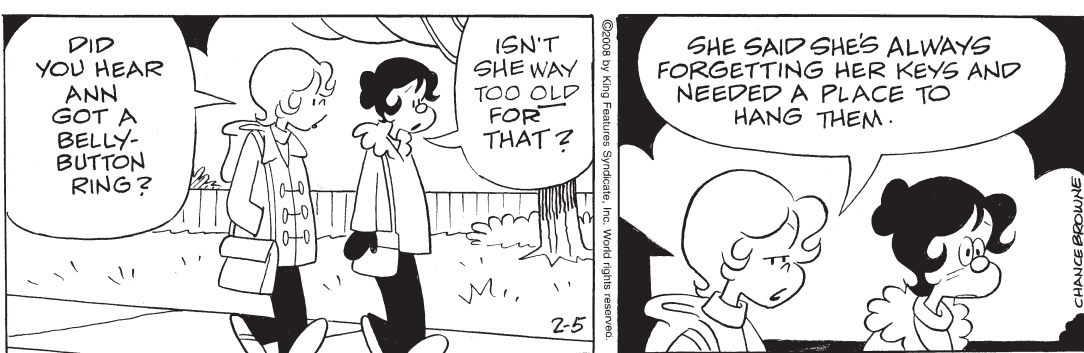
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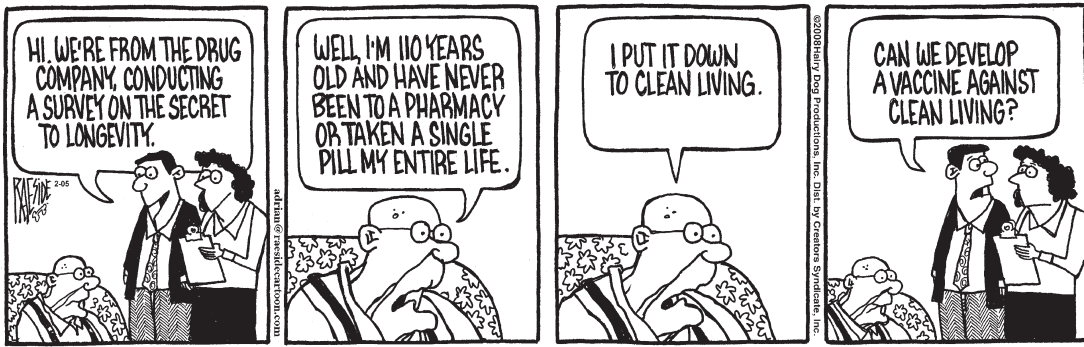
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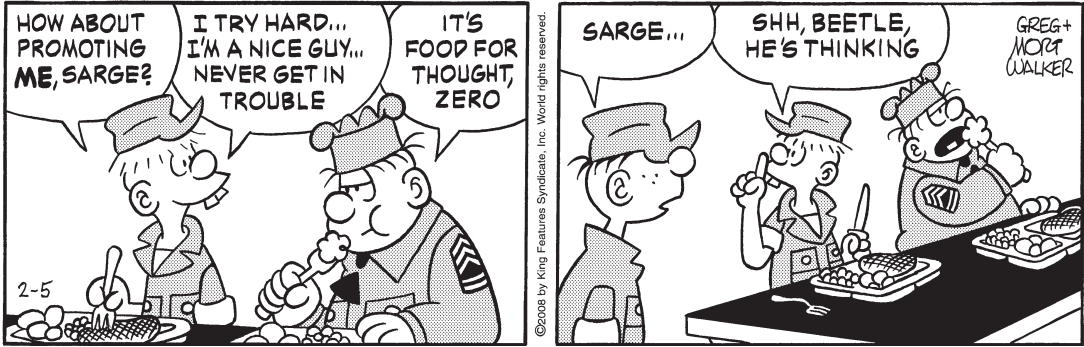
THE OTHER COAST



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BETLE BAILEY



This Date In History

Today is Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 2008. There are 330 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 5, 1631, the co-founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife, Mary, arrived in Boston from England.

On this date: In 1783, Sweden recognized the independence of the United States.

In 1811, George, Prince of Wales, was named the Prince Regent due to the insanity of his father, Britain's King George III.

In 1887, Verdi's opera "Otello" premiered at La Scala.

In 1897, the Indiana House of Representatives passed, 67-0, a measure redefining the method for determining the area of a circle, which included altering the value of pi. (The bill died in the

Indiana Senate.)

In 1917, Congress passed, over President Woodrow Wilson's veto, an immigration act severely curtailing the influx of Asians.

In 1917, Mexico's constitution was adopted.

In 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of justices on the U.S. Supreme Court; critics accused Roosevelt of attempting to "pack" the high court.

In 1973, services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for Army Lt. Col. William B. Nolde, the last official American combat casualty before the Vietnam cease-fire.

In 1983, former Nazi Gestapo official Klaus Barbie, expelled from Bolivia, was brought to Lyon, France, to stand trial. (He was convicted and sentenced to life in prison, — he died in 1991.)

In 1988, the Arizona House impeached Gov. Evan Mecham, setting the stage for his trial in the state Senate, where he was convicted of obstructing justice and misusing funds.

Today's Birthdays:

Country singer Claude King is 85. The Rev. Andrew M. Greeley is 80. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Hank Aaron is 74. Actor Stuart Damon is 71. Financial writer Jane Bryant Quinn is 69. Television producer-writer Stephen J. Cannell is 67. Actor David Selby is 67. Singer-songwriter Barrett Strong is 67. Football Hall-of-Famer Roger Staubach is 66. Singer Cory Wells (Three Dog Night) is 66. Movie director Michael Mann is 65. Rock singer Al Kooper is 64. Actress Charlotte Rampling is 62. Actress Barbara Hershey is 60. Actor Christopher Guest is 60.

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Newsday Crossword

AT THE BARBER by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

- 1 Mattress holders
5 Displayed anger
10 Revolve
14 Roundish shape
15 Love, in Italy
16 Had on
17 Crop storage place
18 Jeans fabric
19 Frequently
20 Pre-shopping money-saving ritual
23 Piece of turf
24 '60s record albums: Abbr.
25 Hawaiian farewells
29 Banquet platform
31 Air-conditioner unit: Abbr.
34 Waterway through Panama
35 Lubricates
36 Wood-cutting tools
37 Pre-Christmas ritual
40 Swelled heads
41 Waikiki necklaces
42 Golf pro Woods
43 Family room
44 Solidify
45 Turns into confetti
46 "___ was saying..."
47 Prefix for light
48 Pre-deal poker ritual
57 Best-selling cookie
58 Propelled, as a dinghy

DOWN

- 8 Norse explorer
9 Bulldozer, as a building
10 Trades
11 Game on horseback
12 Metal in steel
13 Butterfly catchers
21 Biblical song
22 ___ and downs
25 Performed in a play
26 Immense
27 Burger topping
28 Sandwich meats
29 Finger or toe
30 Heights: Abbr.
31 Cleopatra's craft
32 Suit material
33 Software buyers

- 35 ___'clock (hour after noon)
36 Agitate
38 Chicago's locale
39 Moral principle
44 CBS police series
45 Stockholm residents
46 Make amends
47 The ones here
48 Old-time furnace fuel
49 ___ Major (Big Dipper)
50 Midterm or final
51 Elaborate party
52 Jogger's gait
53 The basics
54 Corner chesspiece
55 Act riskily
56 Beef-and-potatoes dish

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