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HERALD photos/Steve Reagan  
 A grass fire started by an electrical short consumed more than 300 acres of land just west of Big Spring Thursday afternoon. At left, a portion of blaze flares up. Above, a Forestry Service helicopter prepares to dump water on the fire.

**Fiberod sold to Smiths Group**

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**  
 Managing Editor

Smiths Group, a British global technology business, has announced its purchase of Fiberod (Fiber Composite Company Inc.) from its private owners, chief among them being Big Spring native Russ Rutledge.

Details of the sale were not released, however, unconfirmed reports say the purchase price was in the neighborhood of \$90 million.

The Herald's efforts to contact Rutledge for comment on the reported sale were unsuccessful Friday morning.

Fiberod is a world-leading manufacturer of fiberglass sucker rods — a light-weight alternative to the traditional steel rods used for the artificial lift of oil and gas from underground reservoirs. In calendar year 2007, it reported sales of \$25 million.

In announcing the sale, Smiths Group officials said Fiberod complements the CDI oilfield products and services business bought by Smiths Group's John Crane business less than a year ago. Both Fiberod and CDI extend the reliability of artificial lift systems which can pump oil from depths of more than 10,000 feet.

"There are some 850,000 wells around the world and many of these require oil and gas reserves to be brought to the surface using artificial lift," explained Paul Cox, managing director of Smiths Specialty Engineering, in the com-

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**Grass fire burns 300 acres**

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

A grass fire fueled by plenty of high wind and dry brush consumed more than 300 acres of land just west of Big Spring Thursday afternoon.

Howard County Volunteer Fire Department units, joined by a strike team composed of state and federal Forestry Service firefighters, battled the blaze well into the evening hours before it was finally extinguished about 10:30 p.m.

No homes were threatened and no injuries were reported from the fire, officials said.

HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan said the

fire began shortly after 3 p.m. when an oil field pump motor shorted. Fed by acres of dry brush and pushed forward by high winds, the fire quickly grew to major proportions.

The area, in the vicinity of Three Mile Lake, hindered firefighting efforts because of the lack of accessible roads.

The biggest problem, however, was the wind, Sullivan said.

"That was the biggest hindrance," he said. "Because the wind was carrying sparks all over the place, we never could get in front of the fire ... We had to devise a different strategy."

That different strategy utilized bulldozers and a helicopter provided by the Forestry Service. The bulldozers carved a 360-degree fire break around the blaze, while the heli-

copter continually dropped water — 1,200 gallons at a time — on the fire from above.

Sullivan welcomed the state and federal assistance.

"They were a tremendous help," he said. "I'm not territorial at all ... anyone can come play at my fire. When you have those kinds of assets at your disposal, it's great."

As well as firefighters performed Thursday, it may only be a preview of things to come. Sullivan said conditions are just too ideal for more wildfires.

"Even if we get a lot of new brush growth, all that dead growth will still be there, and it's still going to burn," Sullivan said.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com.



Sullivan

**Hangar 25 Air Museum hosting Kid's Klub contest**

Special to the Herald

Hangar 25 is sponsoring its Second Annual Kid's Klub Art Contest.

Each division will be rewarded a first-, second- and third-place prize. Also presented will be a Best in Show, to be featured on the museum's Kid's Klub Summer Workshop T-Shirts. All

of the entries will be placed on display at Hangar 25 during May and an awards reception will be held from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. May 9.

The theme for the contest is "Honoring all veterans from the past to the present."

Age divisions will be Captain's Division, 15-18; Cadet's Division, 11-14; and Cadet's

Division, 7-10.

Submissions will be accepted April 1-30, either by mail or in person at Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1911 Apron Drive in Big Spring.

This contest is open to all local youth.

All entries must be submitted on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper. Any entries depicting violence will

not be accepted. All entries must follow the theme of the art contest.

Each entry must include the contestant's name, age, address and phone number, written in pencil on the back of the art work.

For any additional information or if you have questions, call (432) 264-1999.

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**N.M. Gov. Richardson to endorse Obama**

By **BARRY MASSEY**  
 Associated Press Writer  
 SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, the nation's only Hispanic governor, is endorsing Sen. Barack Obama for president, calling him a "once-in-a-lifetime leader" who can unite the nation and restore America's international leadership.  
 Richardson, who dropped

out of the Democratic race in January, is to appear with Obama on Friday at a campaign event in Portland, Ore., The Associated Press has learned.

The governor's endorsement comes as Obama leads among delegates selected at primaries and caucuses but with national public opinion polling showing Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton pulling

ahead of him amid controversy over statements by his former pastor.

Richardson has been relentlessly wooed by Obama and Clinton for his endorsement. As a Democratic superdelegate, the governor plays a part in the tight race for nominating votes and could bring other superdelegates to Obama's side. He also has been mentioned as a poten-

tial running mate for either candidate.

No primaries are scheduled until Pennsylvania's on April 22, a gap in time Obama hopes to use for such announcements to assert that he is the front-runner for the nomination.

"I believe he is the kind of once-in-a-lifetime leader that

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## IN BRIEF

### Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

#### FRIDAY

Big Spring softball at Brownwood, TBA  
Forsan baseball at Morton Tournament through Saturday.

#### MONDAY

Forsan baseball at Winters, 4:30 p.m.  
Forsan softball vs. Eldorado, 5 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

Big Spring softball vs. Plainview, 4:30 p.m.  
Big Spring baseball vs. Plainview, 6 p.m.  
Coahoma baseball at Miles, 4:30 p.m.  
Coahoma softball vs. Midland Christian, 7:30 p.m.

#### MARCH 28

Big Spring baseball vs. Kermit, 4:30 p.m.  
Coahoma baseball at Anson, 7 p.m.  
Forsan baseball vs. Eldorado, 4:30 p.m.  
Forsan softball at Menard, 5 p.m.

### Big Spring Country Club hosting 3-person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 3-person scramble April 5 and 6 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start on both days.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus a golf cart, however, private carts are welcome.

Entry includes a barbecue lunch on the course for the first day of the tournament.

The field will be flighted by first-round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of entries.

An optional cash players pool will be available for both rounds.

Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for details.

### Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic scheduled

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and ATMOS Energy are sponsoring the Crossroads of West Texas Golf Class to be held at the Big Spring Country Club May 17 and 18.

The tournament is limited to the first 100 paid teams with a two-man scramble format being used.

A handicap is required and the tournament will be pre-flighted by a tournament committee and local golf pro.

Entry fee is \$180 per team. All entries are to be paid in advance. The fee includes access to the ATMOS Energy hospitality tent, free beverages, a barbecue lunch for both days, an afternoon shootout on May 16 and a golf goodie bag.

Winners may receive pro shop merchandise at 100 percent or may take 70 percent of winnings.

Call the country club's Pro Shop at 267-5354 or the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 for more information.

## Hawks take first two from Clarendon

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

When the top two scoring junior college baseball teams in the nation face off, it is expected that a ton of runs are about to be scored.

Such was the case in Game 2 of a doubleheader between Howard College's Hawks and Clarendon College's Bulldogs Thursday at Jack Barber Field. The teams combined to score 38 total runs in a 17-11 Howard victory.

"Clarendon is a very good offensive team," Hawks Head Coach Britt Smith said. "We knew that coming in just by looking at their numbers. We rank 1-2 in the nation in team offense. They're hitting around .460 as a team. They don't have the power numbers we do, but that doesn't mean they can't hit. We knew it was going to be a battle. We just happened to score more on our hits."

The Bulldogs' high-octane

offensive attack failed them in Game 1, though, as Howard pitchers Anthony Collazo and David de la Chapelle combined to hold Clarendon to four runs in a 14-4 Howard victory that ended in the sixth inning due to the 10-run mercy rule.

"Anthony had a real shaky start, but the offense kind of set the tone in the first inning and settled him down," Smith said. "Clarendon came in with one loss and hadn't played from

behind very much this season. They didn't know how to respond to that. They're a very good club, though, and we've got our work cut out for us Friday."

De la Chapelle picked up the victory in Game 1, pitching the first 1-1/3 innings.

Chase Adams was Howard's Game 2 winning pitcher, lasting five innings and surrendering eight runs — seven earned — on

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Big Spring Steers shortstop Nathan Doport attempts to turn a double play in the Steers' 5-4 comeback victory over Chickasha, Okla., Thursday at Steer Park.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

## Steers score four in seventh to win

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Staff Report

For six innings, the Chicks from Chickasha, Okla., appeared to be in command of their second outing in two days with the Big Spring Steers at Steer Park Thursday.

However, a baseball team must always remember to seal the deal.

Big Spring proved to be an opportunistic team in the bottom of the seventh inning as the Steers put together a 4-run rally to upset the third-ranked Oklahoma Class 5A Chicks, 5-4.

None of the Steers' final inning runs were earned due to a plethora of command problems by Chickasha pitchers Chance Sneed and Billy Hartas, who combined to record only one out in the final inning, but threw three wild pitches,

allowed a run to score on a balk, surrendered two hits and gave up four walks.

The Chicks' problems on the mound allowed the Steers to be very aggressive on the base paths. Rance Terry led off the seventh with a walk and moved over to third courtesy of a Martin Yanez double to the left field fence. The first of two Sneed wild pitches got by Chickasha catcher Blake Taylor, allowing Terry to score and bring the Steers within 2, 4-2.

Kaegan Hunt drew the second walk of the inning and immediately stole second base. Nathan Doport then knocked in Yanez with a single back up the middle of the infield, pulling Big Spring within 1, 4-3.

With runners on first and third, Hartas — who replaced Sneed after two batters —

attempted to pick off Doport at first, but balked in the process, tying the game at 4 as Yanez crossed the plate.

With one out in the inning and Doport on second, Matt Ritchey was intentionally walked to set up a potential double play. However, a Hartas wild pitch moved Doport to third and Ritchey to second, forcing another intentional walk of Lance Gross to load the bases.

With John Benavides at the plate for Big Spring, another Hartas pitch got by Taylor, who could never find a grip on the ball and Doport slid safely into home for the 5-4 win.

"Beating the No. 3 team in Oklahoma's Class 5A is a testament to how hard this team is working and how much they've

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## Bulldogs maul Badgers

Herald Staff Report

COAHOMA — After falling to District 5-2A foe Hawley 18-3, Coahoma's Bulldogs were anxious to remove the bitter taste of a lopsided defeat from their mouth.

Things got back to normal Thursday.

The Bulldogs hit three home runs and three doubles among their 13 hits in a 17-7 win over Merkel's Badgers. This was supposed to be Coahoma's second game of the week, but Tuesday's contest at Stamford was moved to today due to rain.

"We were all ready to play Tuesday and get rid of the taste left from that Hawley game," said Bulldogs Head Coach Brad Harman. "The cancellation changed our routine some and that probably help us get over the loss."

"I saw a team in today's game with a different attitude," Harman continued. "You never know how 16 or 17-year-old kids will bounce back from a loss like that, especially since we've never been in that position before. They could've held onto that loss, but I'm pleased with how we bounced back after Hawley. We have a good baseball team, but we now understand that won't always get you wins."

The Bulldogs trailed 2-1 after one inning of play, but ripped the Badgers for seven runs in the bottom of the second to take the lead for good. Merkel didn't stop fighting, though, and responded with five runs of its own in the top of the third to close gap to 8-7.

However, Coahoma's bats lit up again in the home half of the fourth, pounding Merkel's pitching staff for nine runs. The game was called after the fifth inning due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Casey Kilpatrick led Coahoma with 3-for-3 hitting, including a home run and four RBIs. Josh Paniagua had a double amongst his two hits with an RBI. Ray Gutierrez also homered for the Bulldogs, picking up two RBIs. Chance Hart had a third home run for Coahoma and Corey Roberts and Adrian Amaro

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## Lady Steers rally in sixth, beat Hobbs, 5-3

Herald Staff Report

Winning is starting to become easier for Big Spring's Lady Steers and it's because of the ladies manning the pitching circle and an improved defensive effort that has Big Spring winning four of its last six games.

The Lady Steers continued the streak with a 5-3 victory over the Lady Eagles of Hobbs, N.M.

Kelly Sage was the winning pitcher, accumulating nine strikeouts over seven innings while allowing three runs — two earned — on four hits.

Big Spring trailed 3-1 heading into the top of the sixth inning, but rallied with four runs. Jillian Valle knocked had a 2-RBI single, bringing in Desiree Yanez and Kenzie Hunt, and then scored courtesy of a double by Sage. Sage's double was followed by another two-bagger from Valerie

Ross, pushing the Lady Steers pitcher across the plate for a 5-3 advantage.

Big Spring's other run came in the third inning when Jacklyn Porras knocked in Dominique Green with a single, tying the score at 1 at that point.

Hobbs retook the lead in the bottom of the third and extended it to two runs in the fifth before the Lady Steers made the game-winning rally.

The Lady Steers visit Brownwood at noon today and start District 4-4A play against the Plainview Lady Bulldogs at Lady Steer Park Tuesday. Last season, Big Spring placed third in district, earning the final play-off spot from the league.

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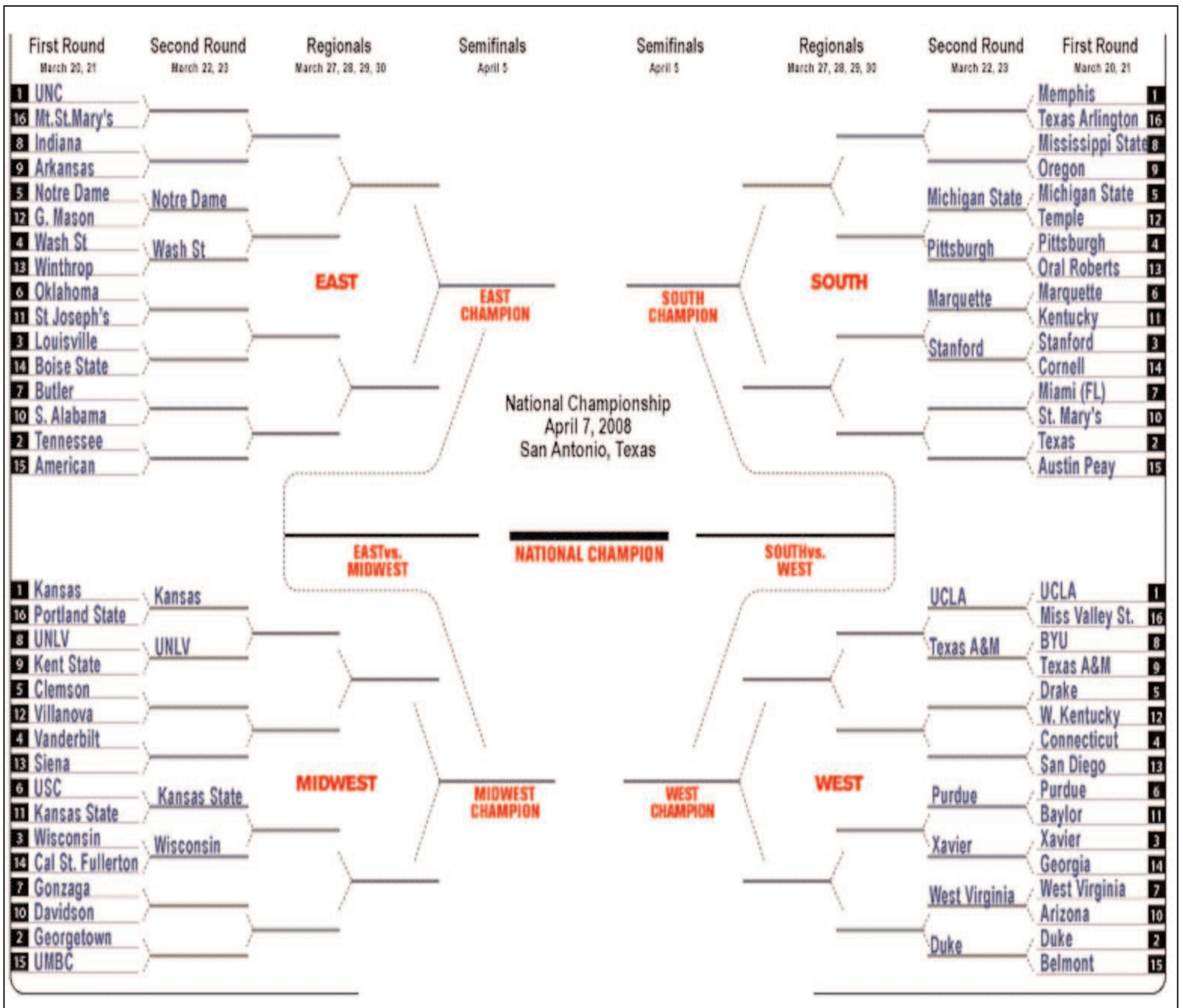


Big Spring Lady Steers third baseman Jillian Valle swings at a pitch in action from earlier this season. Valle drove in two runs and scored another in the Lady Steers' 5-3 victory at Hobbs, N.M., Thursday.

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## ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR

**News briefs**

**Registered sex offender runs for mayor of small Texas town**

WILMER (AP) — A registered sex offender, who was arrested after arranging sex with whom he thought was a 15-year-old girl on the Internet, is running for mayor of his small town.

James Brian Sliter, 42, said he is sorry and needs to prove he can be an asset to his suburban Dallas community, four years after he arrived at a home where police waited for him instead of a teenager.

"People need to realize that people make mistakes, and they need to look past those mistakes and forgive and move on," Sliter told Dallas television station KTVT. "I'm not asking anybody to condone what I did."

Sliter was charged with attempting to commit sexual assault of a child and was placed on 10 years probation, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. He is eligible to run for office because he was never convicted, instead receiving deferred adjudication.

Sliter said friends encouraged him to seek office in this town of 3,400, located just south of Dallas.

Wilmer Mayor Don Hudson is less supportive. "Will a sex offender serving as mayor put a stigma on this city? You bet it will," Hudson told KTVT. The election in Wilmer is May 10.

**Official urged to resign for racial slur posted on public agenda**

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposed detention facility for suspected illegal immigrants was labeled a "holding pen for wetbacks" on a public meeting agenda written by a rural city council member.

Charles Laws, 75, apologized Thursday for using the derogatory term but defied calls from state lawmakers and officials in nearby Austin for him to resign as Mustang Ridge's mayor pro tem and as general manager of a local water supply company.

"If I hadn't been in such a hurry I would have said 'illegals' or something like that, but that's a term that I grew up with out here and everybody said it," Laws told Austin television station KVUE.

In another interview Thursday with News 8 Austin, Laws said he shouldn't have used the word before adding, "Illegals, I want them to send back as soon as possible."

The slur was posted on a board meeting agenda Wednesday for the Creedmoor-Maha Water Supply Corp., which has contracts with the city of Austin and supplies water to nearby communities. Among the

items was discussion over providing water to the proposed detention facility.

Mustang Ridge is a town of about 900 people, located about 20 miles south of Austin. The area is home to several heavily Hispanic neighborhoods, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

"I think it's my duty, not only as a state representative but a Mexican American, to do whatever I can to get this man to resign," state Rep. Eddie Rodriguez said at a news conference with other public leaders.

Mike Martinez, an Austin city council member, said "having someone become defensive about their use of this language, holding a public office is unacceptable in 2008."

Laws said he had no plans to step down from his positions.

"I'm sorry if I offended anybody. I didn't mean anything by it," Laws told KVUE. "But, no, I'm not resigning. I don't do what Austin tells me to do."

**75-pound stingray leaps from water, kills Mich. woman on boat in Florida Keys**

MARATHON, Fla. (AP) — A 75-pound stingray killed a Michigan woman Thursday when it flew out of the water and struck her face as she rode a boat in the Florida Keys, officials said.

Judy Kay Zagorski, of Pigeon, Mich., was sitting in the front seat of a boat going 25 mph when the spotted eagle ray, with a wingspan of 5 to 6 feet, leaped out of the water, said Jorge Pino, spokesman for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The 57-year-old woman's father was driving the boat on the Atlantic Ocean side of Vaca Key, Pino said.

"He had absolutely no warning. It just happened instantaneously," Pino said.

The collision knocked Zagorski backward onto the floor of the boat, Pino said.

The impact likely killed the woman, and she did not appear to have puncture wounds from the ray's barb, Pino said. An autopsy is planned, Pino said.

Zagorski's sister was standing next to her when the stingray appeared but was not injured, Pino said.

The stingray landed in the 25-foot boat and died from the impact, officials said.

Spotted eagle rays can weigh 500 pounds and have a wingspan of up to 10 feet. They are known to occasionally jump out of the water but are not aggressive and use the venomous barb at the end of their tail for defense.

The rays are protected in Florida waters and are typically seen swimming on the water's surface.

"Rays jump to escape a predator, give birth and shake off parasites," said Lynn Gear, supervisor of fishes and reptiles at Theater of the Sea in Islamorada. "They do not attack people."

**Former SLA member Sara Jane Olson released from California prison**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The former Symbionese Liberation Army fugitive who hid for years by posing as an ordinary housewife has been released from prison after serving time for trying to bomb police cars, corrections officials said Thursday.

Sara Jane Olson, formerly known as Kathleen Soliah, walked out of the Central Women's Facility in Chowchilla on Monday, said Bill Sessa, a state Department of Corrections spokesman.

In 2001, Olson pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 14 years in prison for attempting to bomb police cars in 1975 with the SLA, the group best known for kidnapping newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst. Olson vanished soon after she was charged in the attempted bombings and reinvented herself as a Minnesota housewife.

Olson later pleaded guilty in 2003 to second-degree murder in the 1975 shooting death of a customer during a bank robbery in Carmichael, near Sacramento. She was serving a concurrent, six-year sentence in that case.

"Like all inmates in her circumstance, she earned time for her good behavior in prison, she wasn't treated any differently than anybody else," Sessa said. He declined to discuss terms of her parole, citing security concerns.

**Records show infighting among agencies hurt Lake Tahoe fire prevention**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Steps to prevent catastrophic wildfires in the Lake Tahoe basin, one of the country's most treasured natural wonders, have been hampered for years by bureaucratic infighting among agencies that often work at cross-purposes, according to documents reviewed by The Associated Press.

The failure of the agencies to adequately protect the basin was brought to light in June when a wildfire ripped through a thickly forested ravine and destroyed 254 homes near South Lake Tahoe.

Since then, blame has fallen on the overlapping agencies that have environmental and regulatory oversight of the Tahoe basin. A commission established after the fire was scheduled to vote Friday on a report recommending ways to heal the rifts.

**OBAMA**

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can bring our nation together and restore America's moral leadership in the world," Richardson said in a statement obtained by the AP. "As a presidential candidate, I know full well Sen. Obama's unique moral ability to inspire the American people to confront our urgent challenges at home and abroad in a spirit of bipartisanship and reconciliation."

Richardson's endorsement also could help

Obama pick up support among Hispanics, who are the nation's largest and fastest-growing minority.

Clinton has been the favorite of Hispanics in primaries and caucuses, according to exit polls. She won the New Mexico caucus in early February with a nearly 2-to-1 advantage among Hispanics.

Richardson backed Obama despite his ties to Clinton and her husband, the former president. He served as ambassador to the U.N. and as secretary of the Energy Department during the Clinton administration. Last month,

Richardson and former President Clinton watched the Super Bowl together at the governor's residence in Santa Fe.

Richardson praised Hillary Clinton as a "distinguished leader with vast experience." But the governor said Obama "will be a historic and great president, who can bring us the change we so desperately need by bringing us together as a nation here at home and with our allies abroad."

Richardson was a roving diplomatic troubleshooter when he was a congressman from New Mexico, negotiating the

release of U.S. hostages in several countries and meeting with a rogue's gallery of U.S. adversaries, including Saddam Hussein and Fidel Castro. "There is no doubt in my mind that Barack Obama has the judgment and courage we need in a commander in chief when our nation's security is on the line. He showed this judgment by opposing the Iraq war from the start, and he has show it during this campaign by standing up for a new era in American leadership internationally," Richardson said. Obama said he was

"deeply honored" to have Richardson's support.

"Whether it's fighting to end the Iraq war or stop the genocide in Darfur or prevent nuclear weapons from falling into the hands of terrorists, Gov. Richardson has been a powerful voice on issues of global security, peace and justice, earning five Nobel Peace Prize nominations," Obama said in a

statement.

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pany's release announcing the sale. "Fiberod and CDI operate in a \$1 billion per annum market and, since we acquired it, CDI has successfully used the John Crane worldwide network to penetrate new territories. Fiberod already supplies CDI with rods and this deal clears

the way for even closer cooperation as we build a global upstream oilfield services business."

Employing some 150 people, Fiberod manufactures in Big Spring, with assembly work carried out in both Big Spring and Ojinaga, Mexico. Fiberod is also nearing completion of a new manufacturing facility in Midland.

Smiths Group is head-

quartered in London, England, and employs more than 20,000 people

in 50 countries worldwide.

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# Celts complete Texas three-step, edge Mavs

By **JAIME ARON**

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Doc Rivers played for San Antonio and has a son named Austin, so he has some ties to the Lone Star State.

Now he has a Texas-sized accomplishment, too.

With a 94-90 victory over the Mavericks on Thursday night, Rivers' Boston Celtics became the first team to win consecutive games in San Antonio, Houston and Dallas since the Sacramento Kings did it in November 2001.

Considering the milestones attached to each win, it's possible no team

has ever handled the so-called Texas triangle like Boston just did.

The Celtics ended the Rockets' 22-game winning streak on Tuesday, the day after they gave the Spurs their first home loss in six weeks. They finished it up by coming to Dallas and handing the Mavs just their sixth home loss.

"We don't want to see Texas again," Rivers said. "It's a great state, but we don't want to see these three teams any more. They're too tough."

The good news for everyone, then, is that the soonest the Celtics could return is the NBA finals.

"That team has got to feel really good coming to

Texas, through the triangle, and get all three games," Dallas' Jerry Stackhouse said. "I know they have a lot of confidence."

Ray Allen returned from a three-game injury absence to score 21 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer with 31.7 seconds left. Allen had to watch the first 10:06 of the fourth quarter from the bench, then nailed the only shot he took in the final period.

In the only other games Thursday night, San Antonio cruised past Chicago 102-80 and the Los Angeles Lakers beat Utah 106-95.

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## BULLDOGS

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each belted doubles.

The Bulldogs (13-5) play at Stamford at noon today and Harman notes that the 15-run loss to Hawley effects the way each team will play Coahoma for the rest of the district season.

"Stamford is a young team and they're struggling from a lack of experience," explained Harman. "We can't take them lightly, though. I truly expect it to be a tough game. Anybody in this district can be tough to be at home. Also, Hawley made everyone realize that we can be beat. If we aren't ready to

play, then we'll lose to Stamford, too. That loss to Hawley changed the perception on us. Every game will be tough from now on."

**Merkel 205 000 0-7 6 5**  
**Coahoma 170 9x-17 13 2**  
W - Garcia (4-3), 5IP, 7R, 5ER, 7K, 5BB L - Cope.  
2B: CHS - Roberts, Adrian Amaro, Josh Paniagua. HR: Ray Gutierrez, Casey Kilpatrick, Chance Hart.

## HAWKS

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13 hits. James Alvarado relieved Adams in the sixth and pitched through the ninth inning, giving up three runs on three hits.

Meanwhile, Clarendon used seven pitchers with only one of them lasting more than an inning. Howard blasted the Bulldogs for eight runs in the first in response to a Clarendon 3-run performance in the opening frame.

The Hawks added another six runs in the second as Clarendon used two different pitchers just to get through the onslaught.

However, leading 15-4 after adding another run in the third, the Hawks bats cooled off, giving Clarendon an opportunity to gain ground. The Bulldogs pulled to as close as four runs in the top of the seventh, 15-11, but Howard answered with two more runs in the bottom of the frame and Alvarado recorded six straight outs to end the game.

Miles Hamblin led Howard at the plate, belting a home run in the first and second innings. Hamblin finished with three RBIs on 4-for-5 hitting. Travis Sample went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and two RBIs.

All that remains on Howard's schedule are conference games, which continues at noon today with another doubleheader against Clarendon.

"Coming into conference play, I thought that New Mexico JC and Clarendon were going to be the top two teams," Smith said. "After seeing both of those clubs to start the season, I think I was right. They're both very talented and are going to be a challenge for us all season."

**Clarendon 310 220 300—11 16 3**  
**Howard 861 001 20x—17 17 2**  
W - Chase Adams. L - N/A  
2B: HC - Tommy Vukovich, Tyler Ladendorf, Miles Hamblin, Nathan Bryan. 3B: HC - Cameron Monger. HR: Hamblin 2, Travis Sample.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Bidding Quiz

**You are South** in each of the following three hands, both sides vulnerable. What would you bid at the point where the question mark appears?

1. ♠AKJ♥K83♦2♣AQJ975  
South West North East  
1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass  
3♣ ? Pass 3♥ Pass

2. ♠AQ76♥KJ84♦3♣Q985  
North East South West  
1♦ ? 2♠ ?

3. ♠AKJ6♥J5♦983♣KJ42  
North East South West  
1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass  
5NT ?

**1. Four spades.** It is vital at this point to let partner know about your excellent spade support, and also to inform him that your three-club rebid was based on maximum values. The jump-raise in spades is in keeping with the general principle that the more you bid, the more you've got. The purpose of the bid is to encourage partner to consider slam with an appropriate hand. A three-spade bid would tend to say that your three-club bid was of minimum quality, and/or that your spade support is rather nondescript, such as J-x-x or worse.

**2. Double.** Whether your side has a

game is uncertain, but whether you can defeat two clubs is not, assuming partner accepts the double by passing. If he has a normal complement of high cards for his opening bid and his distribution is not freakish, he will pass, and you'll probably collect a sizable penalty.

You double largely on the "bird in the hand" theory. You are virtually certain to show a plus by doubling, but might end up with a minus if you press forward without taking advantage of the opportunity to penalize East.

**3. Seven spades.** In the given sequence, the five-notrump bid has nothing whatever to do with Blackwood. If partner wanted to know how many aces and kings you had for your three-spade bid, he would first bid four notrump, and then bid five notrump over your five-diamond response.

The direct jump to five notrump is, rather, a convention called the Grand Slam Force. It asks partner to bid seven of the agreed trump suit if he has two of the three top trump honors. You therefore have no choice but to bid seven spades at this point. Your actual high-card values and distribution are totally inconsequential. Partner probably has a hand such as: ♠Q9742♥AKQ83♦A♣A7.

## STEERS

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bought into the system," Steers Head Coach Burt Otto said. "Chickasha gets to play baseball year round. They've got a lot of tradition."

Gross picked up the win for the Steers, pitching all seven innings and allowing four runs — all earned — on eight hits and five walks. He gave up three runs in the first inning, but allowed just one over the final six.

It was a very similar outing to his last one against Anthony on the first day of the West Texas Classic in Midland last week. Against Anthony, Gross gave up three runs in the first inning, but shut out his opponent for the rest of the game.

"Some pitchers are like that, where the first inning gives them problems," Otto said. "I don't know what it is, but

Lance held on and pitched into a pretty tight strike zone."

Gross nearly cut Chickasha's hit production in half from the previous day, when the Chicks collected 14 hits and 11 runs. Gross allowed eight hits and four runs.

"I guess it just takes me getting loose in the early innings and relying on our outfield and infield to back me up," Gross said about his early inning struggles. "I wanted to keep the ball as low as I could because of the wind."

Doporto recorded Big Spring's only RBI of the game, when he knocked in Yanez in the seventh inning. Benavides was 2-for-3 with a double and a run scored and Jeremy Solis also went 2-for-3.

Big Spring (12-10) starts district play Tuesday, hosting Plainview's Bulldogs at 4:30 p.m. Ritchey is scheduled to get the start. Otto is optimistic about the Steers'

chances to make their presence felt during the District 4-4A season.

"We just want to go out and compete in district," Otto said. "It's been a while since Big Spring has won some district games and we just want to go out and keep playing that we have over the past couple weeks."

Gross also notes how much better the team is as compared to last year's varsity squad.

"We're better coached this year," Gross said. "Coach Otto supports us and doesn't run us down. We didn't have that last year. We play better and get along better as a team because we're winning some this year. Last year, we weren't even close most of the time."

**Chickasha 300 010 0—4 8 1**  
**Big Spring 010 000 4—5 10 0**  
W - Lance Gross. L - Chance Sneed.  
2B: CHS - Kennedy Wynn, Billy Hartas; BSBS - Martin Yanez, John Benavides. RBI: CHS - Hartas 3, Josh Gresham; BSBS - Nathan Doporto.



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## Jason's Entertainment

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Jason Porter

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- **Flavor of Love 3** (VH1) Flavvorrri Flavvvv is back AGAIN! I'm sure you already know the story with him. Girls are fighting over the money ... I mean love of Flav. Check it out every **Monday at 8:00 PM**

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

*This week we salute:*

- The Heritage Museum on the H.W. Caylor exhibit on display now. If you enjoy paintings of early Texas, this is a don't miss exhibit.

- The hard-working folks in Martin County on completing their new library which is set to open March 31. A formal grand opening of the new, larger library — located near the post office in downtown Stanton — will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 6.

- Big Spring City Council on unanimously agreeing to make sure city facilities are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and to bring into compliance those which are not.

- Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home for holding their fifth Community Easter Egg Hunt today at the facility, and for everyone who helped stuff the 60,000 plastic eggs with candy and other goodies.

- Karen Pike, named the Hangar 25 Air Museum's Veteran of the Month for March 2008. Pike was enlisted in the Navy from 1982-86 and served as an aviation electronics technician.

- The good Lord, for providing this week's much-needed rainfall.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*May we live in Your limelight, Lord.*

*Amen*

## Looking at Obama's speech

**I**t was an eloquent and powerful speech. But Barack Obama's inspirational oratory left one fundamental question unanswered, at least for this white American — although judging by the reactions I've been hearing on local radio, for many others, as well.

A pastor is not a relative. The thing with relatives is we don't choose them. They just are.

Pastors and places of worship don't work that way. You choose where you go. You listen and decide. You're not born into a church, or if you are, you're free as an adult to choose a new location, if not a new faith.

If Barack Obama heard the anger in his pastor's voice, why did he stay?

If he didn't hear the anger, was he not listening?

If he was listening, why didn't he speak up?

The answer, I think, is that he did. Speaking up is what he is doing in running for president.

Offering a different approach than his pastor to the injuries of race and class is what his campaign is actually about. But he has to make that connection. There's still a step he needs to take.

It is clear that this church and this pastor have played an important role in Barack Obama's development as a black American. The son of a white mother, raised by white grandparents, the church clearly became a version of the black family he didn't grow up in. The church, and his life inside it, is part of the answer to the question that used to be posed of whether he was black enough, an inartful way of asking whether he understood what it meant to be black, whether he understood the injuries of race.

That is clearly why the church was so important to Obama that even now he views his pastor as the uncle with whom he might disagree, but would never disown.

But if the church taught him about the pain and injuries of race, made clear what it was like to grow up on the wrong side of every line dividing privilege and access from poverty and denial,

what it, and its minister, did not teach him was how to deal with those injuries. His minister's response has been, as all the awful excerpts reveal, tinged with bitterness, anger and resentment. His minister has embraced the very victimization and demonization that Barack Obama, in his speech yesterday and in his campaign at its best, has denounced.

The case for Barack Obama, and ultimately he has to be the one to make it, is that there is a different answer to the injuries of race than the one his pastor offered to their congregation. The answer is not to denounce America, but to embrace it, not to embrace victimization, but to denounce it.

Barack Obama doesn't want to denounce his pastor, his uncle, but in a way, he already has, both by running for president and by the way he has run. He just needs to say that loud and clear, and not because whites want him to, but because his failure to do so obscures a strength of his campaign for which he deserves credit.

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## STAGFLATION



THAT 70'S SHOW

## Phone companies want off hook

**F**or an industry that enhances communication, the telecom trade is awfully quiet these days. Instead, as members of Congress debate whether to provide immunity from lawsuits for those companies that allegedly cooperated with the Bush administration's warrantless wiretapping program, telecom giants have reached out and touched lawmakers with cash.

The industry has traditionally maintained a strong financial connection with Congress and that trend has continued since nearly 40 lawsuits have been brought against many of the companies for violating customers' privacy rights. During the 2006 election cycle, the industry gave lawmakers more than \$6 million (63 percent to Republicans) and spent \$109.6 million on lobbying, keeping it among the top 20 spenders in 2005 and 2006. Now, as Congress debates an update to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act that expired a month ago, AT&T, Verizon, Sprint and others are pushing for retroactive immunity as part of the deal, saving them from the costly litigation.

Last month, the Senate passed its own version of a bill that would provide that immunity. The 68 senators who voted "yes" collected, on average, \$21,200 from telephone utility companies from 2005 through 2007 (this includes contributions to 2008 presidential campaigns). The 29 who voted "no" collected an average of only \$13,000. (Three senators didn't

vote, including Democratic presidential hopefuls Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.)

The House version, passed last November, conflicts with the Senate's; it would prevent the telephone companies from getting out of the lawsuits and force the administration to reveal more details about the secretive wiretapping program. Of the 435 members of the House, 419 received money from the telephone utility industry in the 2006 and/or 2008 election cycle, with an average of \$14,100.

The administration and some Republicans have said that Democrats are resisting granting immunity because they are protecting the interests of trial lawyers, who stand to profit from successful lawsuits and tend to back Democrats financially. In the 2006 election cycle, trial lawyers gave members of Congress \$5.1 million, 87 percent of which went to Democrats. This election cycle they've given \$3.2 million, with 95 percent going to Democrats. The senators who voted to give the phone companies immunity received \$26,700 on average from trial lawyers, while those who voted against received \$80,500.

According to a statement from the American Association for Justice (formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America), however, the trial bar hasn't lobbied on the bill or supported either side, adding that "the debate over surveillance law should be centered on finding the balance between civil liberties and our nation's national security."

Although the telecom companies themselves haven't publicly said why they think they should receive retroactive immunity, President George W. Bush said

that the industry should be thanked, not sued, for helping the country with defense efforts and possibly saving American lives. The administration has said that if the companies are punished, they'll be less likely to help the federal government keep the country secure in the future.

In total, the telephone utility industry spent at least \$31.4 million lobbying in 2007, with the immunity legislation among the industry's issues. (Lobbying data for 2007 is still incomplete.) Those on the other side of the debate have spent far less on establishing relationships with lawmakers — just \$3.6 million in 2006 and at least \$2 million in 2007. Plaintiffs in the lawsuits include the Electronic Frontier Foundation, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Greenpeace, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

In addition to direct lobbying similar to what the telephone companies have been doing, the ACLU has also worked hard to mobilize its members, asking them to contact their members of Congress, said Michelle Richardson.

The group's efforts to convince Congress that blocking the lawsuits is not in the public's best interest are paying off, Richardson said. "The tone in Congress has shifted. The pressure is on them now to make some meaningful changes to this law."

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# Big Dance Roundup: Aggies best BYU

By **ANDREW BAGNATO**

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Texas A&M forward Josh Carter has had an up-and-down season.

He was up against Brigham Young.

Carter scored 26 points, matching his career high, as the Aggies defeated Brigham Young 67-62 in the West Region's first round on Thursday, handing the Cougars their sixth straight opening-round loss.

Carter had made three 3-pointers in his past three games, hitting 3 of 15 shots from beyond the arc. He nailed that many in the opening minutes, leading the Aggies to an 11-0 lead.

The Aggies frittered away their big early lead, and they were tied at 29-29 at intermission. But ninth-seeded Texas A&M proved tougher down the stretch, holding off the No. 8-seeded Cougars in the final minutes.

The Aggies played two days after attending the funeral for guard Donald Sloan's mother, Sandra Sloan. Sloan, a sophomore from Dallas, started and scored eight points with six assists and five rebounds.

BYU didn't go quietly. After erasing the early 11-0 deficit,

they nearly climbed out of a six-point hole in the final minute. Jimmer Fredette's 3-pointer with 59 seconds to play sliced the Aggies' lead to 63-60.

But Dominique Kirk answered with a 3-pointer with 25 seconds left, and Joseph Jones hit a free throw 11 seconds later to put the game away. Jones finished with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

The Aggies (25-10) advanced to face the UCLA-Mississippi Valley State winner on Saturday.

The Aggies entered the tournament hoping to build on last year's run to the round of 16, which ended with a one-point loss to Memphis. Texas A&M doesn't have an illustrious tournament history — the Aggies have a total of seven victories in nine trips — but it is no longer content to draw a bid.

"It feels good to have a good performance, but we didn't come here to just win one game," Carter said. "We just want to keep it rolling."

Carter took advantage of the Cougars' strategy of double-teaming A&M's big men and daring the Aggies to beat them from afar. It was a smart approach to a team that shoots 35.8 percent from beyond the arc.

The Cougars finished 27-8 but

head back to Provo with an empty feeling. They haven't won an NCAA tournament game since 1993, when they beat No. 10-seeded Southern Methodist in the first round.

BYU set a school record with 278 3-pointers this year. But the Cougars made only 7-for-22 (31.8 percent) from beyond the arc while Texas A&M hit 8-for-16 (50 percent).

The Cougars missed their first eight shots and didn't score until Cummard slammed home a missed shot with 13:55 to play in the first half.

It looked like a rout was in the making, but then BYU's shooters began finding their range. Trailing 24-16 with 4:31 to go in the first half, BYU went on a 13-2 run capped by 3-pointers by Tavernari and Fredette, and the teams were tied at 29-29 at halftime.

**Purdue 90, Baylor 79**

WASHINGTON — Keaton Grant scored 17 points and Purdue built a 19-point halftime lead, then cruised to its 10th straight in the first round since 1993.

E'Twaun Moore added 16 for the sixth-seeded Boilermakers (25-8), who have won 15 of 18.

Baylor, meanwhile, will have to wait another year before seeking to end a 58-year winless

drought in the NCAA tournament.

The Bears (21-11) were making their first trip to the tournament since 1988 and second since 1950.

**Duke 71, Belmont 70**

Mighty, mighty Duke let teeny, tiny Belmont play with the big boys. And, for stretches, get the better of them.

No. 2-seeded Duke actually trailed in the final 15 seconds before barely avoiding the monumental upset, using every last one of Gerald Henderson's 21 points to edge No. 15 Belmont 71-70 in the first round of the West Regional on Thursday night.

While Belmont couldn't quite pull off the stunner, it was surprising enough how close this game was.

In a matchup between a school with three NCAA titles — that would be Duke, of course — and another that never has won a game in the tournament, it was Henderson's driving basket with 11.9 seconds left that erased Belmont's final lead.

Duke (28-5) advanced this time to face West Virginia on Saturday.

**West Virginia 75, Arizona 65**

West Virginia's prowess from

long range made Arizona's 24th consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament another one-and-done performance.

Alex Ruoff scored 21 points, Da'Sean Butler had 19, and the Mountaineers won.

**Xavier 73, Georgia 61**

Derrick Brown's 19 points and 11 rebounds led a balanced-as-usual offense, and No. 3-seeded Xavier avoided a big upset by rallying to overcome fading Georgia.

Xavier will play Purdue on Saturday in the second round.

Terrance Woodbury had 16 points and do-everything guard Sundiata Gaines' finished with 13 for Georgia (17-17), which could not sustain the energy it summoned during last week's run to the SEC tournament title.

**Other results:** UCLA 70, Mississippi Valley St. 29; Marquette 74, Kentucky 66; Stanford 77, Cornell 53; Pittsburgh 82, Oral Roberts 63; Michigan State 72, Temple 61; Kansas 85, Portland State 61; UNLV 71, Kent State 58; Kansas State 80, USC 67; Wisconsin 71, Cal State Fullerton 56; Washington State 71, Winthrop 40; Notre Dame 68, George Mason 50.

## NBA

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Paul Pierce scored 22 and had a season-high 13 rebounds, and Kevin Garnett added 20 and 13. Boston upped its NBA-best record to 55-13 while winning for the 14th time in 15 games. The Celtics ended a seven-game losing streak in Dallas and swept the season series for the first time since 1993-94.

Dirk Nowitzki had 22 points and 19 rebounds, and Jason Kidd had nine assists, 11 rebounds and two points, but Dallas fell to 0-7 against teams with winning records since Kidd arrived.

The Mavericks led for most of the second half, but couldn't pull it out at the end. That's been typical in this new Kidd era, with five of their losses by six points or less. They were coming off a 2-point loss to the Lakers, although in that one they

had to claw back from a 25-point deficit.

Dallas needs to snap out of it soon with San Antonio coming to town Sunday. The Mavs had won five straight against losing teams before these back-to-back home losses, the first time that's happened all season.

"The energy was there," coach Avery Johnson said. "Some things didn't go our way, but we hung in there."

Neither team led by more than seven, which

kept the intensity going up. Things got snippy in the fourth quarter, especially between Nowitzki and Garnett, although nothing ever escalated beyond tough play.

Nowitzki put Dallas up 88-87 with 1:54 left, then neither team scored until Allen swished his jumper from the left side.

"It was a play Doc drew up in the timeout," Allen said. "Stack fell and I got to the 3-point line. I shot

it high so that if I missed, KG could go up for the rebound."

Nowitzki missed the chance for a tying layup, then James Posey stretched the lead with a pair of free throws. A layup by Erick Dampier got Dallas back within two with 6.7 seconds left, but Garnett sealed it with two more foul shots.

The Celtics took 18 free throws in the fourth quarter. They took 17 over the

first three quarters combined. Boston made 30 of the 35.

The accuracy from the line was needed because the Celtics shot only 34.5 percent from the field, dragged down by starting point guard Rajon Rondo going 0-for-7 and backup Sam Cassell going 1-for-9. Cassell played the entire fourth quarter, as did Posey, who was 4-of-5 with 12 points.

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**Church News**

**First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring**

Weekly Bible study was at 5:17, youth group at 6 p.m. Wednesday as usual. Choir practice was changed to 6 p.m. Friday. Presbyterian Women will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the church library for their monthly Bible study.

The Rev. Bill Henning, pastor of First Presbyterian in Big Spring from 1976 to 1984, returns to lead our services for Holy Week and Easter. We welcome him and his wife Joy back to our church.

Good Friday Tenebrae service, led by Henning, will be in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. The choir provides "Out of the Depths" by K. Lee Scott as introit. Anthems during the service are "Ah, Holy Jesus" by Craig Courtney and "Lamb of God" by Lloyd Larsch.

For Easter Sunday, the Church Life Committee has asked Ellen Austin to prepare breakfast in the fellowship hall for children and adults at 9:30 a.m. At 10, the children will hunt for "Resurrection Eggs." The youth group is assisting.

At the beginning of the Easter Day service, the congregation will place flowers around the cross. The choir offers the hymn "The Strife Is O'er" and the anthem "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia" by Mark Sheppard. We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering Easter Sunday.

The Revised Common Lectionary includes Jeremiah 31:1-6 (or Acts 10:34-43); Psalm 114 (or Psalm 118); Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18 (or Matthew 23:1-10); Isaiah 25:6-9; I Corinthians 5:6b-8; and Luke 24:13-49.

**First Baptist Church of Big Spring**

"He is risen! He is risen, indeed!"

Easter Sunday will be a glorious day. First Baptist Church will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with music, drama, video, personal testimonies, taking the Lord's Supper and congregational singing. Mary Frances Malone will be here to accompany the music portion of the service with her harp. All will done to glorify the risen Savior. Our service will begin at 10:50 a.m.

**First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma**

During Holy Week, First Presbyterian in Big Spring invites the Coahoma congregation to a Good Friday service. Both of these services will be led by the Rev. Bill Henning, former pastor at Big Spring.

The men of FPC Coahoma will prepare breakfast Saturday (beginning to cook about 7 a.m.) and invite everyone to join them about 8 a.m.

The Presbyterians of Coahoma invite the community to join them in a sunrise service on Easter at 7:45 a.m. Sunday wor-

ship service will be at 11 a.m. as usual.

Lectionary for Easter Day includes: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 or Psalm 114; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10; Isaiah 25:6-9; I Corinthians 5:6b-8; and Luke 24:13-49.

The next church Frolic, a celebration of shared talents, will be Saturday, March 29, at 7 p.m.

**First United Methodist Church**

There will be two opportunities to celebrate Christ's resurrection Sunday as First Methodist offers services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Jim Smith, interim pastor, will deliver both.

This week's church bulletin will include an insert with names of those honored or remembered with Easter lilies. Those who purchased lilies can take them home or deliver them to shut-ins.

Miz Stacy reminds the children's choir members that rehearsals for "Simon Says" will begin twice a week Wednesday, March 26, followed each Wednesday and Sunday. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, April 26. Performance date is April 27.

Regular schedules will get back to normal this coming week following the Easter and Spring Break holiday. For complete information on activities check our Web site <http://www.fum-cbs.org>.

First United Methodist Church's buildings are located in the heart of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry streets. Come worship with us.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

Good Friday worship services with Holy Communion are at 7:00 p.m. A Saturday Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10 a.m. All children are welcome!

There will be two opportunities for worship Easter Sunday at 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. with a pancake breakfast at 8:15 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m.

Come join us at both or either. Be sure to dress warmly for the 7:30 a.m. courtyard worship.

Nancy Michaelis will be the scripture reader at the 9:30 a.m. service.

Advance notice for a congregational voters meeting — tentative dates are March 25 or March 28. Please pick up and read a copy of the 2002 CARES report before the meeting. Copies are available on the counter between kitchen and parish hall.

Operation Ongoing Support items for March are: Black or white tube socks, Gold Bond Foot powder, Sweet Tarts, Starbursts and Life Savers. Please donate to the AT&T phone card fund.

Don't forget, Christ died for us and we celebrate Good Friday; Christ rose again on the third day and we celebrate Easter Sunday. Please join us!

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**Coahoma United Methodist Church**

Good Friday service will be held at CUMC at 6:30 p.m. today.

Everyone is welcome for this special Easter time service.

Sunday, CUMC will have a very special Easter Egg hunt for children of all ages beginning at 10 a.m. Easter worship service will be held at 11 a.m. God's house is open to all who choose to enter on this very special day as we worship and sing his praise.

Thursday, March 27, youth will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. to work on a community mission project. All youth are encouraged to attend. There will not be a youth meeting Wednesday of this week.

Ministry Team will also be meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. to continue their ministry work in the community.

**Holy Trinity Catholic Parish**

The remainder of the Holy Week schedule for Holy Trinity Catholic Parish is:

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross will be held at 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart. A street procession will be held at 6 p.m. with services following at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart.

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil will be held at 8 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Easter Sunday: Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary. An 11:30 a.m. mass will be held at Sacred Heart.

**Birdwell Lane Baptist Church**

Happy Easter to everyone. If you are looking for a church to celebrate Easter consider us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Junior Church will bring our Easter program during the morning worship. Midweek service is at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

Saturday at 2 p.m. the ladies are preparing Easter bags to give the shut-ins, elderly and youth after the Sunday morning service.

At 3 p.m. the Junior Church will practice their Easter program.

Tonight, the youth are having a lock-in in the fellowship hall. They will bring their sleeping bags, play games and fellowship.

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

**Spring Creek Fellowship**

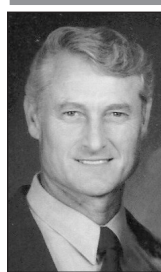
Christ the Lord has risen. This is the message that needs to be proclaimed to everyone. Christ died for our sins and rose to give us eternal life. Now that is something to celebrate!

We will be celebrating

**Life Views**

By Dave Lucus  
Pastor of Gateway Baptist Church

Life is filled with surprises beyond numbering, some good some bad. I have always enjoyed driving down some small country road and letting my mind just relax in the beauty of God's creation. It was on one of those days that I was driving down a country road that crested at a point over looking the Brazos River valley. I was cruising, taking in that amazing view, when my eye caught the remains of a house situated to perfectly behold daily the view I had just discovered.



PASTOR DAVE LUCUS

I stopped to take a closer look at the house that had now gained my full attention. No one was around so I decided to take an up close and personal look at the rock work. I walked up the steps to the front porch looking at the columns that had held the roof. I walked through the door and saw a beautiful fire place just waiting for some one to put the logs in light the fire and relax in its warm glow. My mind could picture the layout of the rooms and what once must have been a beautiful home. It was astounding how perfectly preserved the rock work was, considering that this house had burned out so long ago that there was no trace of wood left. My curiosity began to kick in. I got back in my car haunted by what might be the story behind the remains of this house. When I asked my granddad about the house, he told me to talk to an elderly fellow in our little town.

The story of that house is one of those life surprises. The story is that a young man had built the rock house and situated it in that spot for his bride to be. That house was to be the place where a husband and wife could love each other, raise children and experience all the joys of life. That house was the dream home of a rancher's son, the symbol of his hope, love, commitment, and anticipation. Unfortunately, shortly before the couple were married she changed her mind and married another man. The house, in all its grandeur, was destroyed by fire without ever being used, an immaculate symbol of one man's shattered dreams.

Who has an answer for shattered dreams and lost hope?

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) Jesus can mend your broken heart, broken life and shattered dreams. He loves you more that you can ever imagine. Try Jesus and you may just be surprised what He can do for you.

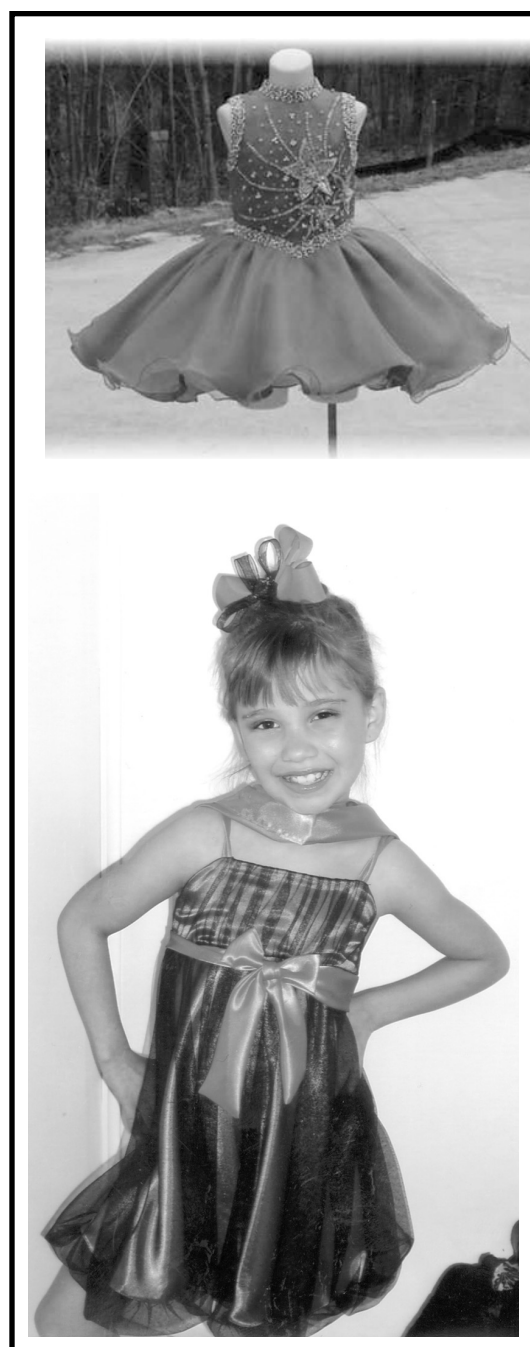
Jesus and what he has done for us at Spring Creek Fellowship this Easter Sunday. Our service will begin at 10:45 a.m. with music. Pastor Dennis Teeters will open God's Word and lead us to celebrate "The Funeral That Wasn't" In Mark 15:42-16:18. Sunday evening we will celebrate and observe the Lord's Supper. He gave His body and blood for us and this will be a time to remember what Jesus did

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## Club News

### TOPS Tx No 21

The weekly meeting of TOPS Tx No. 21 was held Monday, March 17 at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad with Laura Sickles conducting. Invocation was offered by Frank Sickles. Duffy Yancey led the TOPS pledge and Laura Sickles led the KOPS pledge. The welcome song was sung by all in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Linda Staples and approved as read. Frank Sickles proved to be the weekly best loser. He was awarded for his efforts.

Election of officers for 2008-2009 was then held. Laura Sickles will serve as leader, Ethel Cassidy as co-leader, Mary Gean Williams as secretary and Frank Sickles as treasurer. Hughetta Roberts was asked to serve as weight recorder and Duffy Yancey as assistant weight recorder.

Onlee Menges accepted the position as club news reporter.

Installation will be March 31 for these newly-elected officers.

All visitors are welcome to the meetings. For more information, call Frank Sickles at 432-213-1342 or Onlee Menges at 263-6819.

### Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association held its monthly meeting in the library basement on Tuesday, March 18. Among the topics discussed were possible changes to club by-laws and the 54th Annual Membership Show, which will be held in November.

Members were then delighted with a presentation by Sue Bagwell in which she discussed a recent worship she attended in Santa Fe held by Mary Todd Beam, a published artist who specialized in mixed mediums with an emphasis on texture.

She is working on a number of projects themed "Icons" which she displayed along with a demonstration of her techniques.

Wrapping up the meeting was a judging of artworks to be displayed in prominent businesses throughout town. First place went to Linda Rupard for a piece in chalks with Native American influences. Next month's theme for those wishing to contribute, will be "Nest" — open to individual interpretation of course.

Local artist on display at the Heritage Museum this month is Linda Rupard. April's artist will be Estelle Howard.

### Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring/Howard County Retired Teachers Association met March 10 at Howard College's Cactus Room. Guest speakers were Jerry

Johnson, superintendent of the Coahoma Independent School District, and Randy Johnson, Forsan ISD's superintendent.

Mr. Johnson of Coahoma said he encourages active teachers to stay in the profession and to keep informed about legislation affecting them, including retirement issues. He may invite an RTA member to speak in the fall inservice training about retirement issues. He updated retirees about the new construction at Coahoma and invited us for a tour. An innovative ungraded primary is being used in K-third grade which allows students to progress in various subjects at their own speed, or to move more slowly. The goal is to have this program through sixth grade in the future. As a result of this program, third grade students had almost perfect scores in Reading.

Forsan's Mr. Johnson, also invited RTA to visit his cam-

pus or to volunteer or substitute. With 688 students, the district is the smallest in Howard County. There is a pre-kindergarten class now in place for at-risk students with a disability or economic disadvantage. Another new program which has a positive effect deals with students before they become problems. He noted numerous achievements of Forsan students including excellent UIL results, state band marching championship, all sports making the playoffs and being a recognized school.

Some of the books to be presented to all first-graders in Howard County and Garden City are here and will be distributed by RTA volunteers in May.

The next meeting will be at Howard College's Cactus Room at 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 21. As always, any interested persons are welcome and invited to attend.

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for us. Come at 6 p.m. and observe this holy time with us.

Spring Creek Fellowship is a Christ-centered church that welcomes everyone. Come just as you are. You can get to Spring Creek by going down I-20 to the Salem exit. Turn left at the overpass and left onto the service road. Spring Creek is on the right, just before the on ramp. Check out our Web site at [springcreekfellowship.org](http://springcreekfellowship.org).

### North Birdwell United Methodist Church

North Birdwell United Methodist Church invites all who wish to join us for Easter worship services at 9:30 a.m. with fellowship and Sunday school immediately following.

Lay Pastor Jacque Mauch offered two thought-provoking messages Palm Sunday and Ben Boadle led our Bible study Wednesday to prepare us for the coming Easter Sunday celebration and communion.

Worship services are held each Sunday at 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship and Sunday school. Night services are at 5 p.m.

Bible study is held the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the church and the United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at 503 E. 16th.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell and welcomes everyone to share in God's love. For more information, call 263-2536. If you receive no answer, leave a message.

### Grace Fellowship Church of God

Easter Sunday celebration at Grace Fellowship Church, 603 Tulane, will feature special music by Ken Hughes titled "Keeping Christ Real" Guest speaker will be the Rev. Daryl Mouser.

Immediately following morning service the church will hold a cook-out/potluck luncheon. Bring your grilled, meat, side dishes, desserts and let's have a good, old fashioned cook out/potluck and fellowship on the ground. An egg hunt will be provided for the youngsters.

Men's Resurrection Breakfast is Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the Midland Church of God Family Life Center.

### Angel Food Ministry of Big Spring

Angel Food delivery date is Saturday, March 29, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the people of the Angel Food Ministry whose headquarters is in New Hope, Ga., and are so faithful in the work of lowering food costs for anyone who wishes to take advantage of the non-qualifying food program they offer.

North Birdwell Church is considered a host site and there are many host sites, not only in Texas, but in 32 other states. That is why the loss by fire of their storage facili-

ty in Georgia is tremendous, but according to their memos, things are working out and they feel blessed for it did not harm their warehouse.

Angel Food orders can be placed at North Birdwell United Methodist Church on advertised ordering dates and times. Orders are paid for (\$30) when ordered and meat specials are also offered at an additional cost, usually \$20 or less. We do not accept checks.

For more information on the Angel Food Ministry of Big Spring, contact Madeline Boadle at 267-2203, or Bill Lovelace at 267-3241 or 263-2536. If there is no answer, leave a message.

### College Baptist Church

Our thoughts and prayers have been with the CBC members who have been on a mission trip to New Orleans this week. They will be returning today.

Easter Sunday will be a special day with the presentation of the cantata, "Lamb of God," in the morning worship service. The adult choir is led by Jamie Scott, music minister.

Serendipity will meet Monday at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Focus of the evening will be preparation of invitations from CBC to all the new people who have moved to Big

Spring as a result of the Alon explosion and the development of wind farms. To arrange for child care, call the church office. Come and enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship.

Remember the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. CBC has set a goal of \$2,800.

### East Fourth Street Baptist Church

What a blessing we received from "Heart Call." Many thanks goes to Denise and Bro. Keith for all their long hours and hard work they did to prepare for last Saturday. We also want to thank Lloyd Wells, Leonard Reitzer and Bro. Keith for serving our lunch and doing the clean-up afterwards.

Church directory pictures will be taken March 30 and April 6, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Sign up sheets are in the church foyer.

Come join us in a fresh encounter Bible study Sunday and Wednesday nights. Explore the Biblical requirements for spiritual awakening and revival.

Fifth Sunday singing is March 30 at 6 p.m. Anyone wanting to participate should contact Joe Whitten.

Cathy Reitzer is work-

ing hard getting things organized for VBS. Anyone who is wanting to help with VBS (scheduled in July) needs to let Kathy know and attend the VBS Associational Training, Saturday, April 5, at College Baptist Church.

We were happy to have Sonny and Pat Rhoton, who now live at Lake Leon, visiting with us Sunday to hear our Easter musical. Adult IV class hosted a lunch and fellowship after church so we could visit with them.

We are pleased to have Donna Nixon as our new secretary. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The office is located at 410 E. Third St. and the phone number is 432-267-2291.

We welcome you to East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 410 E. Fourth where Keith Weaver is the pastor.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:45 a.m. followed by morning worship at 11 a.m. Sunday evening activities begin at 5 p.m. with Mission Classes and continues at 6 p.m. with evening worship and Bible study.

On Wednesday, Adult prayer meeting/Bible study, youth Bible study/music and children's Bible study/music

all meet at 7 p.m. Men's Bible study begins at 7 a.m.

### First Christian Church

On Saturday children are invited to come to First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, to look for the lovely eggs that the Easter Bunny is hiding on our lawn. The eggs will include an assortment of candies, as well as other surprises. After the hunt, we will be serving hot dogs in the fellowship hall. The hunt will start at noon. If bad weather happens, we will move the fun inside.

If you have been thinking about visiting First Christian, this Easter Sunday is the time to check us out. In the words of John Bunyan, "Easter is time for joyful leaps and singing hearts." There will be one service Easter Sunday morning starting at 10:50 a.m. Our service will include a broad use of the fine arts in worship, including liturgical dance and instrumental accompaniment to our hymns.

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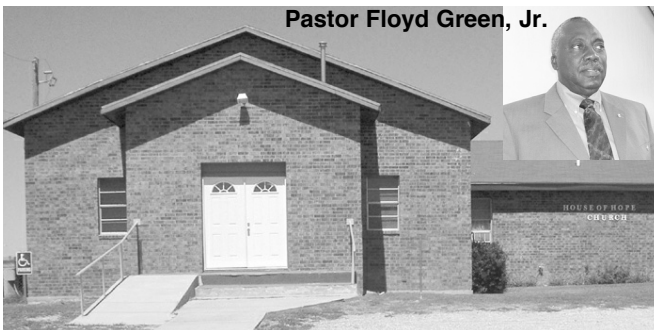
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