

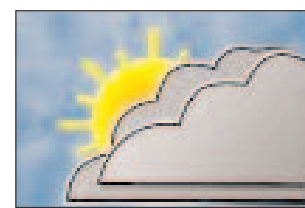
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A template for BSISD?

Snyder Elementary has many features local officials want in proposed campus

□ Downes impressed with neighboring town's school campus. See article, Page 3A.

Constructed for \$19 million, the 140,000-square-foot campus houses 1,200 students in grades kindergarten through 5.

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

It replaced five aging elementary schools constructed in the 1950s and '60s, SISD Superintendent Dr. Ronnie Collins said.

SNYDER — Those wishing to get an idea of the campus Big Spring school officials want to build would do well to take a quick trip up State Highway 350.

"We just couldn't afford to keep five old elementary schools open anymore," Collins said.

Forty-five miles away, Snyder Independent School District has constructed a state-of-the-art elementary campus that has most of the features local officials want to place in a campus here.

In a campaign similar to Big Spring, SISD officials studied their facility situation for a couple of years before devising a plan for the new elementary campus.

A new elementary school is the centerpiece of the \$34 million bond issue that will be decided by BSISD voters May 10.

Then, using a citizen's advisory committee to spearhead the campaign, school trustees put the bond issue before Snyder voters in December 2004.

Snyder's elementary opened last August and school officials are quite proud of the results.

The bond passed by an overwhelming 71 percent. "We had a lot of people

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HERALD photos/Steve Reagan

Clockwise from top: The library at Snyder's new elementary campus is shown Thursday; Snyder ISD Superintendent Dr. Ronnie Collins, left, talks to his Big Spring counterpart, Michael Downes, during a tour of the facility; the school makes liberal use of technology, as evidenced by three computer labs featuring almost 200 total work stations.

EDC directors: No more Moore

Board votes 3-1 to change development corporation's name

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

In a little more than a month, callers to Moore Development will be greeted with a slightly different moniker, as the economic development agency voted this week to change its name.

Known since its inception as Moore Development for Big Spring Inc., the board voted 3-1 to change the

name of the agency to Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, a change Executive Director Terry Wegman will help make the firm more accessible.

"When someone is interested in economic development in Big Spring, they aren't going to Google Moore Development," said Wegman. "They are going to Google Big Spring eco-

"We get calls all the time from people who think we're a construction or contract business. And when you think about it — we're known as Moore Development — it makes sense."



—Terry Wegman, executive director

nomics development. This change will help make Moore Development easier to identify, especially in the Internet." Wegman said the lone

vote against the measure — which won't be finalized until the board of director's May 28 meeting — came from former board president Larry McLellan.

"It was simply a difference in the methodology," said Wegman. "The rest of the board wanted to change the legal name, which is what we're identified by the state as. Larry wanted to simply

file the new name as DBA, or 'doing business as.' The DBA would have allowed us to use the name, but the legal name of the economic development corporation would have stayed the same. However, he fully supported the idea of changing the name."

Wegman said he feels the new name will make

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Preparations under way for Cinco de Mayo Festival

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Did someone say fiesta? Of course they did, as coordinators with the fifth annual Cinco de Mayo Festival get ready to turn downtown Big Spring's Heart of the City park

into a haven for celebrating family, culture and community. According to coordinator Kelly Zant, the festival — which begins Friday, May 2 at 6 p.m. and continues through midnight — has something for everyone in the family.

"The Cinco de Mayo Fiesta is a two-day celebration that attracts approximately 5,000 people to downtown Big Spring each year," said Zant. "The fiesta brings to Big Spring and the surrounding area the beautiful colors, cuisine, arts, music and

folklore of the Tex-Mex culture. "This will be the fifth anniversary for the largest Cinco de Mayo Festival in Howard County. The two-day event will feature a variety of Tejano bands that will bring the extraordinary sound of the

accordion to life through various levels of rhythms and beats. The unique sound that is incorporated using different types of stringed, horn and electronic instruments — along

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar TODAY

Big Spring boys and girls track at Class 4A, Region I qualifiers in San Angelo.

Big Spring softball at Lubbock Estacado, 4 p.m.

Big Spring baseball at Frenship, 7 p.m.

Coahoma softball at Merkel, 4 p.m.

Coahoma baseball at Merkel, 4:30 p.m.

Forsan baseball vs. Menard, 4:30 p.m.

Forsan softball at Miles, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY

Coahoma softball vs. Anson, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY

Big Spring baseball vs. San Angelo Lake View, 4:30 p.m.

Forsan baseball at Miles, 4:30 p.m.

Coahoma baseball vs. Anson, 7 p.m.

Permian Basin Ladies Golf Playday at BSCC results

The Permian Basin Ladies Golf Association recently held a playday at the Big Spring Country Club with three individuals defending their home course with top flight finishes.

Joan Daniel posted the lowest gross in the first flight, shooting a 76. Behind her in second in the gross standings was Tammy DePauw, finishing with an 86.

A BSCC member also had the lowest gross in the second flight, Peggy Wilson won the second tier of the playday, shooting a 91.

Crossroads Friends of NRA Annual Banquet scheduled

The Crossroads Friends of NRA will be holding its annual banquet and auction Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Tickets are available at Golden Pawn Shop on 700 E. 3rd St. or just call Darryl at 267-402, Brad at 393-5615, James at 580-8080 or Elmo at 393-5925.

Table sponsorships are available and the banquet is open to the general public.

Big Spring Teenage League holding sign-ups and tryouts

The Big Spring Teenage Baseball League is holding sign-ups and tryouts Saturday at the Roy Anderson Complex for interested players ages 13-15.

This is the final chance to sign up. Registration fee is \$90 and a copy of the child's birth certificate is required. Sign ups start at 1 p.m.

Tryouts begin at 3 p.m. and players that registered early do not have to be present until then.

Call Carey Burchett at 213-2706 for additional information.

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Pacman-to-Cowboys won't aid appeal

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Jerry Jones and Roger Goodell sat side-by-side at lunch Wednesday, and it's easy to guess who did most of the talking.

It might be just as easy to guess what they were talking about.

The status of Adam "Pacman" Jones is of major interest to the Cowboys because they are trying to acquire the suspended cornerback-kick returner from the

Tennessee Titans. Trade talks have stalled, likely because of uncertainty about when he will be reinstated by Goodell, the NFL commissioner.

Goodell happened to be in town as the keynote speaker for the SMU Athletic Forum. Jones and Kansas City Chiefs owner Clark Hunt were among those at the head table, but it was Jones who sat to the commissioner's immediate right.

So, did he get any inside information?

"I don't and wouldn't get into the conversations with the commissioner regarding Adam," the team owner said afterward. "But I think you see the commissioner's resolve that behavior that reflects negatively on teams or the NFL, he's going to basically address. ... You can't play until he decides you are unsuspended, so to speak. Without being humorous about it, it is not in any way a given. That depends completely upon the behavior and the resolve that Adam has."

Adam Jones was suspended for the entire 2007 because of off-field problems that include six arrests since being drafted. Goodell already has rejected appeals that would've let Jones take part in '07 training camp and to return 10 games into last season.

Instead, he's set a midsummer, pre-training camp timeframe for the two to discuss whether the cornerback is ready to return.

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HC RODEO GETS UNDER WAY



Howard College sophomore Greg Schaffeld pulls down his steer with a time of 5.7 seconds in Thursday night's steer wrestling action at the Howard College NIRA Rodeo. Schaffeld, of The Dalles, Ore., is currently second in the event going into tonight's performance set for 7 p.m. at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

HERALD photo/Richard Kinsey

Padilla strong, Rangers beat Jays, 4-1



Texas Rangers outfielder David Murphy slides into home to score on a Gerald Laird hit with Toronto Blue Jays catcher Gregg Zaun defending the plate during the ninth inning of an MLB game Thursday in Toronto. The Rangers won 4-1.

AP photo/J.P. Moczulski/The Canadian Press

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Vicente Padilla's terrific outing and a team approach helped the Texas Rangers beat a tough opponent.

Padilla pitched seven innings, David Murphy had three doubles and the Rangers beat Toronto right-hander Roy Halladay 4-1 on Thursday night, handing the Blue Jays their fifth straight home defeat.

Murphy went 3-for-4 with three doubles. He scored twice and drove in a run, helping Texas win its second straight following a five-game losing streak.

"It's safe to say that tonight was probably the best game that we've played together as a team so far in this short season," Murphy said. "It all started with Padilla. He just did such a good job, he stayed in the strike zone and he was keeping their hitters off-balance. That was huge."

Rangers manager Ron Washington praised his team for coming together to beat Halladay.

"We faced one of the best in the business tonight," Washington said. "We played great defense, we pitched, we had timely hitting, we ran the bases. We did everything we had to do to win that ball game."

Padilla (2-1) allowed one run and seven hits with three walks and two strikeouts.

"He was awesome," Frank

Catalanotto said. "He had really good stuff tonight and he went right after the hitters."

The last time Toronto dropped five straight at home was April 20-24, 2005.

One night after 16 pitchers were needed for a 14-inning game that took 4 hours, 53 minutes, this one was gentler on the bullpen. Halladay went the distance for Toronto, while Jamey Wright pitched the eighth for Texas before handing it over to C.J. Wilson, who worked the ninth for his fifth save, second in as many games.

"I knew that the bullpen worked a lot last night so I was trying to go as far as I could," Padilla said through an interpreter.

That was just fine for Washington and the Rangers.

"(Padilla) doing what he did gave us an opportunity to use the pitchers that we wanted to use tonight if we had to," Washington said. "The only two we wanted to use are the only two we did use."

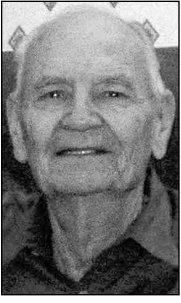
Halladay (2-2) lost for the first time in three starts, allowing four runs and 11 hits. He walked one and struck out six.

In 19 career games against Texas, Halladay is 7-6 with a 5.34 ERA, his second-highest earned run average against an American League opponent. He

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Obituaries

George W. Daniel



George W. Daniel, 89, of Amarillo died Tuesday, April 15, 2008. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 18, 2008, at Memorial Park Cemetery with Dr. Murray Gossett, associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Director, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Mr. Daniel was born March 3, 1919 in Eldorado, Okla., and reared in Childress and Plainview. He was among the first draftees from Hale County, reporting for duty in the Army at Fort Bliss on April 4, 1941. He was assigned to the 37th Combat Engineer Regiment and served 34 months in the European Theater of operations. He participated in the Operation Torch invasion of North Africa and the Rome-Arno campaigns.

Mr. Daniel first came to Amarillo in 1946 where he met and married Barbara Jean Howard in Clovis on Nov. 29, 1947. She died in 1995. He married Leona White in 1997 in Las Vegas, Nev. She died in 2004.

He was employed in the freight forwarding business in Amarillo until 1952 when he accepted the position of Civilian Transportation Officer at Webb AFB in Big Spring where he served until his retirement in 1974. He was involved in real estate sales and investments in Albuquerque, N.M., after his retirement from civil service and moved back to Amarillo in 1985.

Mr. Daniel was a past member of the American Business Club, BPOE Elks Lodge and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans. He is survived by Pat and Susan Daniel of Hereford, and one granddaughter, Cassie Daniel of Canyon.

The family requests memorials to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301, and BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo 79105.

Paid obituary

Garland T. Land

Garland T. Land, 91, of Big Spring, died Friday, April 18, 2008, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

• Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

Lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
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Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 25-14-26-23. Bonus Ball: 7. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-5-7-6.
Sum It Up: 27

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-5-6.
Sum It Up: 15

Police blotter

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

- **BLAKE R. LYLE**, 26, of 701 Settles, was arrested Thursday on three local warrants.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 2300 block of Wasson.
 - in the 200 block of FM 700.
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 45 inmates at the time of this report.

• **CHERYL CLAYTON**, 38, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft by check.

• **CODY WADE CLAY**, 21, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of purchasing alcohol by a minor and consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• **DANNY RAY BOBBITT**, 49, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence of one year in state jail (offense not provided).

• **ANDRE LANIER THOMPSON**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts).

• **WILLIS JAMES DUVALL**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

• **ARNOLDO SALINAS VALLADARES**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.

• **JIMMY GIDDINGS**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

• **BLAKE LYLE**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information.

Fire/EMS

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of W. Seventh Street. Service refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2900 block of Oasis Road. Service refused.

• American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry Saturday. Serving will be from noon to 3 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$8 each. Carryouts will be available. Delivery can be arranged by calling 263-2084 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Home Hospice is preparing for its first Butterfly Release and Family Celebration, set from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. Raised by students at Bauer Elementary, individuals or families may purchase a butterfly for release for \$25. The donations will go toward building the Grace House in Midland, an eight-bed home for hospice patients who can no longer be cared for in their own home.

• Ackerly Lunch Bunch will meet Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m. at the 14th and Main Church of Christ Fellowship Room. Lunch will be served. Call 267-1449 or 213-4452.

• Tickets for the Big Spring High School Prom will be on sale at the high school from noon until 1:30 p.m. each Friday leading up to the prom. Tickets cost \$20 each and must be paid for in cash. For more information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Karen Martin at 213-1388.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring Volunteers will meet at 1 p.m. for singing and fellowship Saturday, May 10, at Marcy House. If you are interested, call Gina at 517-4073.

• 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.

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

• St. Thomas youth will hold a bake sale and pizza sale, with proceeds going to Special Olympics, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wal-Mart Supercenter parking lot. Calle Danielle Ramirez at (432) 213-7370 for more information.

MONDAY

• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Weather

Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds around 10 mph.

Saturday — Sunny — Warmer. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy. Warmer. Lows in the upper 50s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the southwest 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Monday — Sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

Monday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs around 90.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Take Note

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• All creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

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Mavs like positioning in playoffs

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — There are a few significant things the Dallas Mavericks don't have to worry about going into the playoffs this time.

No pressure trying to live up to being the No. 1 seed, like last season when the Mavericks became the only top seed eliminated in a best-of-seven first-round series — a year after they lost in the NBA finals.

"It's definitely different," Dirk Nowitzki said Thursday. "Last year the pressure was on us, and this year we kind of go out and play and have fun. Hopefully, we can do that."

Plus, by beating New Orleans in the regular season finale Wednesday night, Dallas avoided starting the playoffs in Los Angeles against Kobe Bryant and the Lakers.

"I don't think we wanted to start in L.A.," Nowitzki admitted again.

Now the only way the Mavericks and Lakers can meet this postseason is if both win two series and get to the Western Conference finals.

The Mavericks (51-31) will still start the playoffs on the road for the first time since 2001 as the No. 7 seed.

Game 1 is Saturday night in New Orleans against the Hornets, the Southwest Division champions but a team lacking significant playoff experience.

"We hope it's an advantage," Jerry Stackhouse said. "It can go both ways. You can have a team that inexperience starts to show during the playoffs, or they're so carefree from their inexperience that they go out and play lights

out."

The Mavericks have plenty of postseason experience, this being their eighth straight playoff appearance. Nowitzki, Stackhouse, Josh Howard and Jason Terry have all been involved in at least half of them. Point guard Jason Kidd, the midseason addition, has started 100 career playoff games with two trips to the NBA finals while in New Jersey.

But there have also been notable postseason failures, and those were recently. Dallas blew a 2-0 series lead in the 2006 finals, then won a team-record 67 games last season only to be upset in the first round by Golden State.

"What happened last year, that's behind us," Howard said. "Now, we're just trying to win games. ... We're flying under the radar, guys are more loose and looking to have fun. The pressure is off."

Howard and the Mavericks know what to expect in the playoffs, but they will be a new experience for MVP-caliber guard Chris Paul and many of the Hornets after they were one of the league's biggest surprises and best teams throughout the regular season.

"It's just a situation where we're not the team being talked about," coach Avery Johnson said. "Hopefully, down the road we'll give somebody something to talk about."

The Mavericks are only 12-11 since March 1. They had consecutive losses over the weekend to sub-.500 teams Portland and Seattle before rallying to beat the Hornets 111-98 in the regular season finale.

"It was good for us to win and get some momentum," Nowitzki said while preparing for Saturday's game.



Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, right, embraces guard Jason Kidd after Kidd earned the 100th triple-double of his career, in the second half of an NBA basketball game against the New Orleans Hornets Wednesday in Dallas. Dallas opens the Western Conference playoffs Saturday at New Orleans.

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has a 5.35 ERA in 11 games against Oakland.

Halladay pitched a complete-game six-hitter against Texas last

Saturday, giving up just one run, but wasn't so lucky this time around.

"He had some bad luck," Catalanotto said. "We got some cheap hits, some broken-bat hits. We didn't really square up a lot of balls but we got the

big hit at the right time."

A downcast Halladay also felt fate was against him.

"A couple of mistakes, a couple of balls that found the right spots," Halladay said. "That's a tough combination in a close game."

The Rangers opened the scoring in the second when Murphy doubled home Milton Bradley, then added another run in the fourth when Kinsler singled, stole second and scored on a base hit by Catalanotto.

Murphy doubled and scored on singles by Gerald Laird in both the seventh and the ninth.

Toronto's lone run came in the seventh when Gregg Zaun doubled, went to third on a grounder and scored on David

Eckstein's two-out single.

Kinsler had three hits and has reached base safely in all of Texas' 16 games.

The Rangers won despite playing without Hank Blalock and short-stop Michael Young.

BRIEFS

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Country club hosting Cancer Scramble

The Big Spring Country Club along with several local sponsors are hosting the 2008 Cancer Scramble Golf Tournament April 26-27 with all proceeds from the event benefiting the American Cancer

Society and Relay for Life.

The tourney's setup is a four-person scramble. Entrants can either make their own team or be assigned to one. The field will be flighted by first-round score.

Entry fee is \$75 per player plus a \$20 cart fee, however, private carts are welcome.

Prizes will be given to first-, second- and third-place teams in the form of

BSCC Pro Shop gift certificates.

Call the BSCC to enter at 267-5354.

WT Golf Classic slated for May 17-19

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and ATMOS Energy are sponsoring the Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic to be held at the Big Spring Country

Club May 17-18.

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

A handicap is required and the tourney 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 hospitali-

ty tent, free beverages, a barbecue lunch for both days, an afternoon shootout on May 16 and a golf goodie bag.

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

Dodgeball tourney set for Saturday

The Yellow Dogs will be hosting a dodgeball tour-

nament in the Big Spring Junior High gymnasium Saturday with all proceeds benefiting Relay for Life.

Registration is at 10 a.m. on the day of the tourney and costs \$5 a person.

Teams should be comprised of four boys and four girls.

First game will be played at 11 a.m. A concession stand will be available.

PACMAN

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Goodell said he's "encouraged, to some extent" by the things Adam Jones has done and said lately.

"If he continues to conduct himself in a way that I think represents the NFL positively, I will consider reinstating him before the season," Goodell said during his open forum remarks. "Whether he is going to be traded or not doesn't impact on my decision, on that basis. His representatives know that."

Jerry Jones said negotiations with Tennessee are "kind of dormant," with no substantial talks since the league meetings two weeks ago. Jones expect-

ed to have gotten something done then.

"I don't want to say that it's dead, but I used the term 'it has no energy,'" he said. "I always feel the longer something drags on you diminish the chances of it happening. You get a lot of visibility about it with no movement. You are just down the road. ... But I don't totally dismiss it at this time."

Adam Jones has made it clear he'd like to return with the Cowboys, not the Titans. It's a good fit because the Cowboys need a cornerback and a kick returner, and because the club has often given second chances to troubled players. The latest reclamation project was Tank Johnson, who signed during this past season while he was still

suspended.

Jerry Jones declined to say whether the Cowboys' reputation could help Pacman's pitch to the commissioner, but he seemed to indicate that it can't hurt.

"Several of us make mistakes," he said. "When given the opportunity to straighten up and fly right, I have seen that work. As a matter of fact, sometimes you come back better had you not made those mistakes."

Adam Jones' reinstatement pitch may hinge on how he handles his face-to-face conversation with the commissioner.

"I think any time you can look into people's eyes and seeing how they say something, whether they are genuine in what they are saying," Goodell said. "A lot of us can be scripted, a lot of us can be told, 'These are the messages' and 'This is what the commissioner wants to hear.' But I will ask questions and I will look for responses from him to

see if he is genuine and if he's taking responsibility for what he's done. ...

"You can make a mistake, but you need to recover from that mistake, and you need to start to develop the resources and the understanding how to make better decisions going for-

ward. And that's what I'm hoping for from Adam when I look him in the eye. I'll ask him questions and I'm hoping he'll be genuine and I'm hoping he'll conduct himself in the right way and I'm hoping we'll see him on the field again someday."

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Contract Bridge
 By Steve Becker
Opening-Lead Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

East	South	West	North
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♣			

Which card would you choose as your opening lead in each of the following four hands?

- ♠K4 ♥Q987 ♦KJ94 ♣752
- ♠Q6 ♥J63 ♦J9742 ♣A83
- ♠Q853 ♥8742 ♦QJ7 ♣64
- ♠J10972 ♥5 ♦9876 ♣K72

1. Two (or five) of clubs. Generally speaking, defense is either active or passive. In some hands you attack to try to achieve the best result; in others you play possum and try to avoid any lead that might cost your side a trick.

Here, the danger of losing a trick by leading anything but a trump is self-evident. Partner cannot have many high cards, so your best chance of defeating the contract lies in letting declarer work out his own salvation.

2. Queen of spades. Here aggressive action is called for. True, the queen of spades appears to be an unorthodox lead, since it is not in combination with the king or jack. Nevertheless, it offers the best prospect of beating the contract.

Basically, your hope is that partner

has the king and you can capture three tricks by scoring a spade, a club and a spade ruff. Perhaps the chance of this materializing will prove to be only a pipe dream, but the fact is that no other defense is more attractive. Holding the ace of trumps, which assures that you will regain the lead before trumps can be drawn, it seems sensible to attack boldly in an effort to acquire two more tricks.

3. Queen of diamonds. This time you must depend on partner for tricks, and your best chance is to try to develop a trick or two in diamonds. If partner has the king or ace, you are well on the way to exploiting declarer's most likely weak spot.

The heart situation looks especially bad, and your prime effort should be devoted to establishing your side's diamond tricks before declarer can develop and run dummy's hearts.

4. Five of hearts. There is not much chance of stopping the contract unless you can get a heart ruff. Your main hope — not unlikely on the bidding — is that partner has a quick entry of some kind. If so, a heart ruff might easily become the setting trick after you have gained the lead with the king of clubs.

Leading the top card of a sequence is ordinarily very desirable, but in this case, holding the K-x-x of trumps behind declarer, the singleton lead is more likely to succeed.

Tomorrow: A diamond in the rough.
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Snyder facility gets a thumbs up

BSISD superintendent says he is impressed

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer
SNYDER — Michael Downes has seen the future and he likes it.

Downes had just finished touring Snyder Independent School District's new \$19 million elementary campus and was floored by the experience.



Downes

He said the school has many features Big Spring officials want to incorporate in a new elementary campus that will be the centerpiece of a \$34 million bond election May 10.

He said the building addresses three particularly pressing problems facing BSISD elementary campuses — space, security and technology.

Not only is the Snyder campus spacious (about 140,000 square feet), it makes excellent use of

that space, Downes said. "The economy of scale is very appealing," Downes said. "Even though the facility serves 1,200 students, you never feel like you're in a campus with more than 200 students at a time."

"Snyder Elementary is a great example of maintaining a small-school feel in a large-school structure," he added. "They've shown it's not only possible, but very workable."

Downes said there is no comparison between the new campus and existing elementary facilities in Big Spring.

"They have better nursing facilities, better library facilities, better technology support and better physical education facilities," Downes said.

BSISD officials want to incorporate many of those features into a new campus here. Downes said preliminary plans call for a 1,200-student capacity building to be constructed



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

There is plenty of room for several physical education classes in the Snyder Elementary gymnasium.

for about \$27 million, pending voter approval.

"If the bond passes, we'll go through the whole design phase with

staff and community input before we reach a final design," Downes said.

"Most likely, the new campus would be

available for the 2010-2011 school year."

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SCHOOL

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working for the bond," Collins said. "The citizen's committee in particular worked very hard ... There was some opposition, but it wasn't very organized."

Planning and construction of the new campus took about 2 1/2 years before it opened at the start of the current school year.

The results have been overwhelmingly positive, Collins said.

"Under the old setup, we had a different grade at every campus. If you had three kids in elementary school, you had to go to three places to pick them up at the end of the day," he said. "And curriculum was a nightmare. We had teachers in first grade who never met each other."

The new campus brings all

elementary students and teachers under one roof, but still employs a "two schools in one" approach to provide a more congenial instruction environment.

"We have grades K through 2 on one side and grades 3 through 5 on the other, with shared facilities in the middle," Collins said. "You can have a child in first grade and another one in fifth grade, and they'll never see each other during the day."

Security is addressed by having all visitors funneled through the main office at the front of the building after the start of the school day. Each person is required to produce a driver's license, which is then scanned by computer to provide a background check on the individual before he or she is allowed inside the building. Surveillance cameras also keep

track of activities in every area, Collins said.

The inside of the building is spacious, to say the least. While many Big Spring elementary campuses are plagued by a lack of classroom and office space, Snyder's building has it to spare, featuring separate instructional spaces for classes, music and art education, as well as office space for a nurse, diagnosticians and teacher conference spaces.

The building has another feature Big Spring elementary campuses lack — a gymnasium large enough to hold four physical education classes simultaneously.

What Snyder officials are most proud of, however, is the building's use of technology.

"That's the biggest difference here," Collins said. "The new school is just oozing with technology."

The building boasts three computer labs — with a total of about 170 work stations — and each classroom features "smart" blackboards (which allows interactive computer-based instruction) and an audio system which allows teachers to be clearly heard by every student.

Technology even extends to the lighting system, which is gauged by a computer monitor to automatically dim lights in a particular section if it is vacant for any length of time.

Perhaps the person best suited to compare the Snyder campus to its Big Spring counterparts is Karen Saunders, who was principal at Kentwood Elementary before assuming the same post at Snyder this year.

"There's no comparison," Saunders said flatly.

About the only thing the

school lacks, Saunders added, is any major problems.

"At first, (the size) was kind of scary, but right now, I don't feel like we have any more or any less issues than other schools," she said. "After we started the school year, it became a realization that it was no longer a monster school; it was our school."

About the only problem was in transportation, which Saunders admitted was originally a headache. Since the start of the school year, however, officials have streamlined the picking up of students to the point that the entire process takes less than 15 minutes, she said.

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Big Spring easier to identify, and hopefully clear up some common confusion.

"We get calls all the time from people who think we're a construction or contract busi-

ness," said Wegman. "And when you think about it — we're known as Moore Development — it makes sense. We felt it was important for the name of Moore Development to reflect Big Spring. It's a very important marketing tool."

The month-long moratorium on the shift is

designed to give people time to make the adjustment, according to Wegman.

"We want to give people time to absorb it," said Wegman. "Until the board finalizes the change, I'll be answering the phone the same way I have since I got here, as Moore Development."

The economic develop-

ment corporation, formed in 1990, was named after the late Wayne Moore, who had moved to Big Spring in 1988 from Hunt and was the chief executive officer of economic and community development operations of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and an advisory director of the West Texas Chamber of

Commerce. He was a major force behind the formation of what would become Moore Development for Big Spring. He died in July 1990.

Board member Glenn Fillingim was not present

for Wednesday's meeting.

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FESTIVAL

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with the vocal harmony of these colorful bands — brings the heart and soul of our Tejano community to life on the stage at the Heart of the City Park."

Zant said vendors are currently being selected.

"The festival will start Friday, May 2, at 6 p.m. and run until midnight. Saturday, the festival will open at 11 a.m. and close at midnight," said Zant. "Food vendors and merchants are being selected for their originality, friendliness and for their overall contribution to the fiesta atmosphere."

Zant said the variety of food and fare available during the two-day festival is truly something to behold.

"Along with the traditional festival food fare of hamburgers, barbecue, corn on the cob, hot wings and other delights, there will also be many food booths specializing in festive foods and many different culinary

delights from the Tejano and Mexican cultures," said Zant. "Food specialties like gorditas — which are made from cornmeal, fried and then stuffed with fajitas, chicken, chicharones, beans and then topped with vegetables — are a unique delicacy and a must-try meal experience. Various tacos made with flour or corn tortillas and then topped with salsas of varying heat temperatures and other condiments will make your mouth water and have you craving for more."

Zant said festival-goers with a competitive streak will get a chance to try their hand at a game that has been a West Texas

tradition for years.

"If washer pitching is your game, be sure and enter the tournament slated to start Saturday at 1 p.m.," said Zant. "There will be cash prizes and trophies for the winners. The tournament organizer will be Manuel Ontiveros."

"This is a multi-cultural event. It's a family event. What we're trying to do is bring about a cultural unity, to bring the people in our area together to celebrate our community. We want to uplift every-

one and give them a place to take their families and just celebrate being from Big Spring. There just aren't enough opportunities to celebrate who we are, and this is a big part of who we are as a community."

For more information on the festival, contact Zant at 213-5703.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- The Forsan High School band and director Jim Rhodes on earning Division I ratings in both concert and sight reading in University Interscholastic League competition. It marked the 10th year in a row for the school to win Sweepstakes. That's amazing!

- And speaking of Rhodes and Forsan High School, congratulations on securing a berth to the Class 1A One-Act Play Contest. It's been a banner year for extracurricular activities at FHS and we should all be proud of the students, teachers, administrators and others who take such pride in what they do.

- There are too many of you to name, but our hats are off to all of the local and area students who are advancing to UIL state academic contests in so many different categories. Good luck!

- The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce on its annual Health Fair, and all of the participants and sponsors. And we'll salute you, too, the public — those of you who took advantage of this opportunity to look after your health and the health of the ones you love.

- Ron Alton and the Big Spring State Park, on its Master the Mountain run and walk and to all the participants and winners. It's a showcase event for our community, and we're proud to have it.

- St. Mary's Episcopal Church on its Eastertide Offering concerts. These short "celebrations" are especially wonderful because so many local people give their time and musical talents at this very special time.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we have heavenly communication everyday, Lord, with You.

Amen

Texans and Christians have it all

Texans, to the bane of the rest of the insignificant planet, love Texas. Texas is not just a place; it's an attitude, a culture and an independent spirit that seeps through to the actual real estate.

The philosophical vision of maverick-minded people from all over the world has left its mark on our cities and towns.

If you are able to look past the influx of non-indigenous humanity, you can still see hints and outright declarations of mythical Texas.

Way before political correctness, back before the idea that stating a fact is an attacking posture or vocalizing your belief is somehow disrespectful to others.

When what you did mattered more than how you felt, and when your character was more important than the right to do something, Texans were building where the rest of the world was scared too.

The collective idea among the founding fathers of our towns seems to have been, "Whatever you need, you can find it in Texas."

For example, if you're lonely, you can drive to Friendship. Feeling down? There's always Comfort.

If your wagon is draggin', you don't need an energy drink. Just drive a little northwest of Lubbock to Pep. If you're still exhausted, you could land in Energy.

If you are hungry, you can have

a run through Bacon, Oatmeal, Turkey and Sugarland. You'll need to top it off with a refreshing sip of Sweetwater, and you still haven't left our state.

If you're cold, there's Blanket, and if you're hot, there is Winters.

You wanna see the world? Don't leave the state, drive over to Earth and have it all.

If Paris is your dream, you'll find it not far from the Red River. You might as well go see London, Rome, Italy, Egypt, China Grove and Athens, while you're at it.

Wanna get way...way out there? Take a visit to Venus, but you'll want to stay out of the prison over there.

If you drive about 20 miles southwest of San Antonio, you can say you have actually seen Bigfoot because there is a town with that name.

We also have Tarzan for savages and Kermit and Elmo for the kids. I love the name Gun Barrel City, but hate the name Santa Anna. To me, that's like naming your city Hitler or Stalin.

I think the name Muleshoe is cool, but I got a ticket there once. I stopped in the fair city named after me, Troy, and found no wooden horses or monuments to the Brewer.

Dimebox is an interesting name for a Texas town, and no doubt there's a neat story behind it. You see, the attitude of the settlers still speaks to us today.

The mind-set of our pioneers was that you needn't go anywhere else to get what you need. This goes along with true Christian thinking.

Recently, I was asked, really

rather accused, of being big-headed when it comes to my theology.

I understand that it pegs the cringe meter of some people to hear a Christian say Jesus is the only way. I also know that some Christians have done really ugly things while pointing to Christ. I am sorry for that.

For me, to say that Jesus is the only way is to say, "There is no one else that makes you safe, and there is no one else that is coming back for you." You and I need not go anywhere else because he is available to both of us right here and right now.

Jesus, like Texas, has it all. You need mercy, compassion and grace to overcome things?

Redemption, salvation? Jesus has it all and freely dishes it out to anybody willing.

Need a new beginning and a fresh start? You need not look anywhere else.

You want hope and the promise of a future? For Christians, we find that in no better place than in the person of Jesus himself.

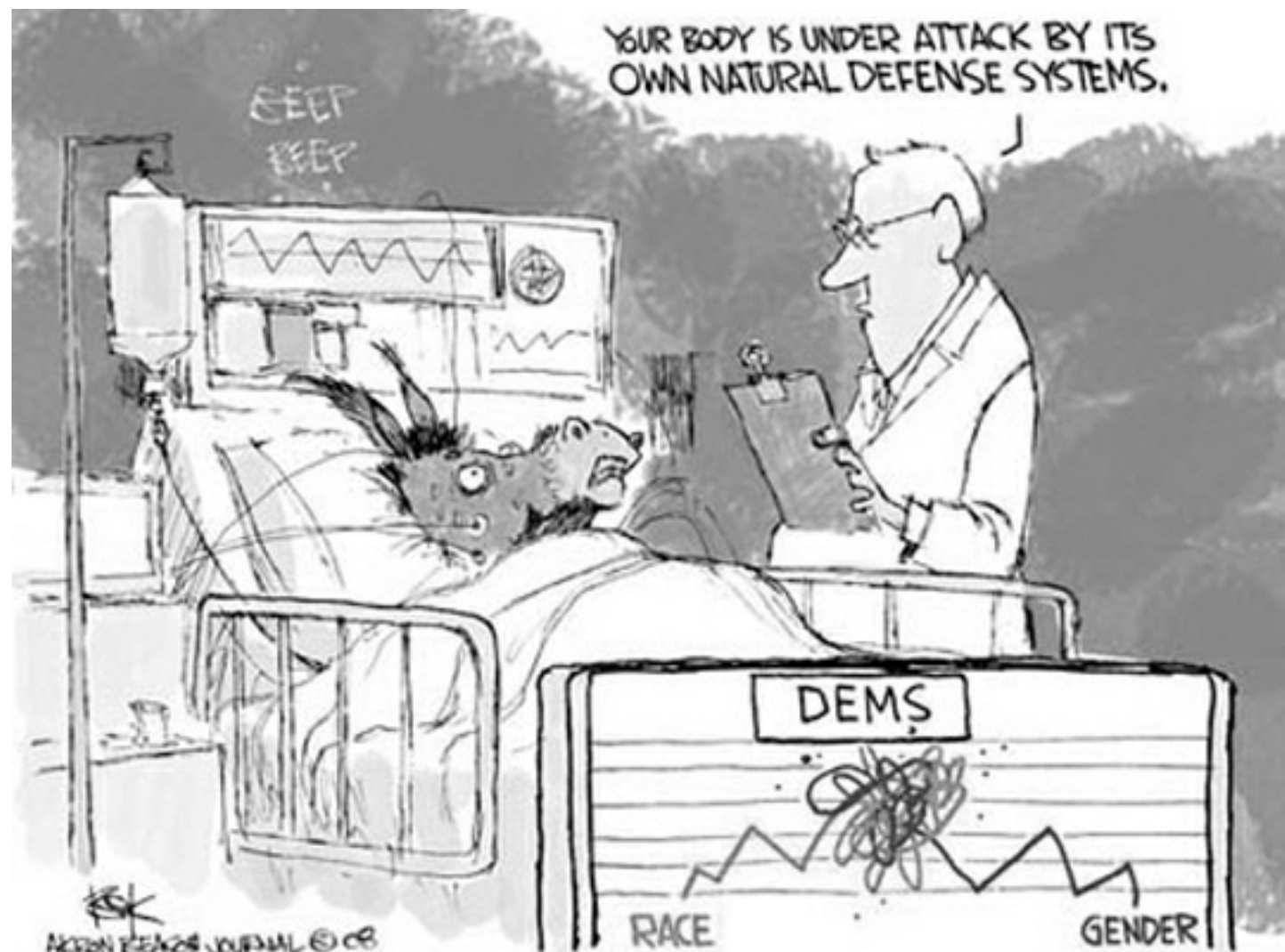
I love being a Christian even more than I love being a Texan.

Because of Jesus, I am actually a resident of Heaven, temporarily living in Texas.

The town I live in now is called Joshua. It is named by our founding fathers for the Biblical taker of the Promised Land. To me, Joshua is still a place of Promise and in Christ.

The promise remains: the best is yet to come.

The Rev. Troy Brewer welcomes your comments at www.FreshFromTheBrewer.com.



Taxes are worth fighting over

About a century ago the U.S. joined the rest of the civilized world and adopted a tax system that collected more from the rich and less from the poor. At least we made a good try at it. After all both Jesus and Karl Marx had suggested something along those lines.

Oliver Wendell Holmes famously referred to taxes as the price we pay for civilization, and while we all pretty much favor civilization, we'd just as soon somebody else paid the taxes. Naturally the rich don't want it to be them. So successful have they been that eight states still don't have an income tax and the federal one has more loopholes than the Alamo.

Take for example, hedge funds. For years their operators have gotten away with paying only capital gains rates (currently 15 percent) on income, instead of the 35 percent more common among other economic victors. In my state, Connecticut, this nouveaux wealth at public expense has unfortunately driven real estate values up and architectural values down. Land of the starter castle.

This capital gains rip off, and other gimmicks like artificial trusts to avoid estate taxes and the

moving of corporate registrations to sleepy Caribbean islands, have robbed the Treasury of countless billions which must somehow be made up. Guess who does the making up. That's right — the average citizens who have their taxes withheld by the boss every Friday.

The worst of these gifts to the greedy occur at times when Republicans control the White House and both houses of Congress. Today we know those times well. Once such laws are in place it then takes similar control by the Democrats to repeal them. That time may be coming soon, whereupon we will see if the Dems actually have the gumption to change back. After all, they covet rich people too. What politician doesn't?

Not surprisingly federal tax policies tend eventually to seep down to the states. It's a lot easier to plagiarize Washington's forms than to start afresh. And we should probably be grateful about that. If you think Washington is corrupt, try the statehouses. Thus the federal-style state income tax has become widespread and happily so.

So too has the earned income tax credit (EITC). This innovation emerged during Richard Nixon's time, which shows just how far out of character desperate men will stray in order to fight off the inevitable. The EITC supposedly

returns tax payments to poor people to help them live and simultaneously stimulates the economy. In fact the law is so comprehensive that it "returns" money to some low-income people who never paid anything in the first place. All they need do to get a check is file a return. In this era of a widening gulf between rich and poor it's any inspired idea. No one ever said Nixon was dumb.

Now the states are onto the EITC too. Already 22 plus the District of Columbia copy the feds. More are on the verge. We pray that our staggering economy does not delay them in their reform for yet another year.

But as good sense finally batters down the front gate, it also flees out the back. Connecticut's hysterical governor has now proposed a cap on local property taxes.

Proposition 13 redux. Since it succeeded so well in degrading education in California, why not try it here? And in supposedly stable Massachusetts there's a referendum to get rid of the income tax altogether. Spare us, Lord.

Wise tax policy requires a sound mind and strong backbone. Maybe that's another argument for universal health insurance.

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State Briefs

Odessa wildfire contained

ODESSA (AP) — State forestry officials said Friday that they have completely contained an Odessa wildfire that injured one person, destroyed six homes and forced 150 people from their homes.

Officials estimated the size of the fire to be between 25 acres and 50 acres.

Two outbuildings also were destroyed by the fire, which also burned into a junkyard, destroying "a good many shack-type buildings" not included in the official count, said Lewis Kearney, a spokesman for the Texas Forest Service.

Officials suspect an electrical problem caused the blaze, the Odessa American reported. Sustained winds the National Weather Service estimated at nearly 40 mph fueled the fire.

Several area fire departments responded to the blaze, said Andrea Goodson, a spokeswoman for the city of Odessa. The Texas Forest Service provided an aircraft, two helicopters for air drops and three bulldozers to fight the blaze.

Emergency personnel treated one person on site for breathing problems, but no one had been transported to hospitals, Goodson said.

The initial call reporting the fire came in around 1 p.m. Thursday.

Corpus Christi official resigns after harassment complaint

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A city official accused of making sexual advances toward an employee and showing her nude pictures on his work computer has resigned.

Jeff Kaplan, director of streets and solid waste, was given the choice of resigning or being fired after an investigation of a sexual harassment complaint against him, City Manager Skip Noe said in Friday's editions of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

The employee filed a complaint with city officials April 3, and the investigation concluded eight days

later. Kaplan's attorney, who did not return a call seeking comment Thursday, sent a resignation letter to Noe late Wednesday.

According to the city's investigation, the employee said Kaplan repeatedly made comments about her choice of perfume, said her attractiveness was a benefit to the job and indicated he was interested in her sexually. The employee also said Kaplan used a derogatory term for Hispanics.

Kaplan, under the guise of showing the employee pictures of his fishing boat, showed her pictures of naked women on his city computer. A review of his computer found several such photos and pornographic videos, according to the report.

Kaplan could not be reached for comment. In the report, he denied showing the employee pictures of naked women, using derogatory terms and asking about her perfume.

Noe said he discussed with Kaplan and his attorney the results of the investigation, as well as performance issues related to the city's landfill operations, which have received state violations.

Noe said he doesn't expect civil or criminal charges to be filed. Kaplan was with the city seven years.

San Antonio teacher arrested twice on rape charges in 3 days

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Hours after posting bail on one sexual assault charge, a high school teacher was jailed again on a separate rape charge brought by a woman who learned of the first arrest from media reports, authorities said.

James Michael Esquivel, 28, was charged Sunday with burglary and sexual assault in a case involving a former girlfriend who accused him of following her into her garage, then choking and raping her.

Esquivel, a special education teacher at Reagan High School, was arrested again late Wednesday, accused of raping a woman he met at a bar nearly two weeks ago. He was being held early Friday on \$100,000 bond, a jail

official said. The jail had no information on an attorney for Esquivel.

"By no means are we calling him a serial rapist," Bexar County sheriff's Deputy Chief Ronald Bennett said in Friday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News. "We're just calling him a troubled person."

North East Independent School District officials placed Esquivel on administrative leave this week and said they were moving forward with the termination process. But the arrests raised questions about his hiring two years ago.

While Esquivel's application was being processed, a case involving alleged sexual assault was working its way through the court system. In that 2006 case, another of Esquivel's former girlfriends filed a protective order against him, claiming that he sexually assaulted her at least twice, that she feared him and that he was violent.

Deb Caldwell, a school district spokeswoman, said Esquivel applied for the job before he had been charged, so a Department of Public Safety background check revealed nothing. Though Esquivel was hired eight months after applying, Caldwell said "there was nothing there" when the district checked his certification before hiring him.

Wednesday's arrest came after a woman told sheriff's deputies that Esquivel assaulted her after she and her cousin met him and a friend at a bar.

The woman had been drinking, she said in an affidavit, and went home with her cousin, where she passed out. Esquivel and his friend later arrived at the home but the woman told the group she was going to sleep. When she woke up the next morning, Esquivel was lying next to her, she said, and her pants and underwear were missing.

In the 2006 case, Esquivel was charged with a family violence assault, a Class A misdemeanor. It later was downgraded when he agreed to plead no contest to a Class C misdemeanor of assault by offensive touch. He received deferred adjudication after completing family violence and anger management classes.

Nation/World

South Korea agrees to resume U.S. beef imports ahead of presidents' meeting in Wash.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea agreed to resume U.S. beef imports that had been halted over mad cow disease, clearing a key hurdle to a broader trade deal with Washington just hours before the countries' leaders were to meet Friday.

South Korea suspended U.S. beef imports in 2003 after mad cow disease was discovered in the United States, cutting off what was then the third-largest market for American beef.

Restricted imports resumed last April, but have been on hold since October when a shipment contained animal parts that have been banned over mad cow concerns.

The beef issue has been a major irritant in relations between the allies, and threatened prospects for approving a wider free-trade agreement — one of the main agenda items at a summit starting Friday in Washington between South Korean President Lee Myung-bak and President Bush.

After meeting with victims of abuse, pope turns to global audience with U.N. address

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a dramatic three days in which he put the country's clergy sexual abuse scandal front and center, Pope Benedict XVI turned his attention Friday to the original purpose of his first U.S. visit as leader of the Roman Catholic Church.

The pope, after an early morning flight from the nation's capital to New York City, will deliver an address to the General Assembly of the United Nations, taking his first opportunity to truly talk globally.

The setting will contrast dramatically with the intimacy of a meeting Thursday, in which he prayed with

weeping victims of childhood sexual abuse by priests.

When Benedict addresses diplomats from around the world, he'll likely touch on several broad themes, said Jo Renee Formicola, a Seton Hall University political science professor who has studied the papacy and international affairs.

Among them: a call for bedrock ethical and moral principles as a guiding force even in pluralistic societies, a human rights agenda that encompasses religious freedom and the sacredness of human life, and the responsibility of first-world nations to aid developing ones.

Book by metallurgists says rivets on Titanic were substandard, caused it to sink faster

NEW YORK (AP) — The tragic sinking of the Titanic nearly a century ago can be blamed on low grade rivets that the ship's builders used on some parts of the ill-fated liner, two experts on metals conclude in a new book.

The company, Harland and Wolff of Belfast, Northern Ireland, needed to build the ship quickly and at reasonable cost, which may have compromised quality, said co-author Timothy Foecke. That the shipyard was building two other vessels at the same time added to the difficulty of getting the millions of rivets needed, he added.

"Under the pressure to get these ships up, they ramped up the riveters, found materials from additional suppliers, and some was not of quality," said Foecke, a metallurgist at the U.S. government's National Institute of Standards and Technology who has been studying the Titanic for a decade.

More than 1,500 people died when the Titanic, advertised as an "unsinkable" luxury liner, struck an iceberg on its maiden voyage in 1912 and went down in the North Atlantic less than three

hours later.

"The company knowingly purchased weaker rivets, but I think they did it not knowing they would be purchasing something substandard enough that when they hit an iceberg their ship would sink," said co-author Jennifer Hooper McCarty, who started researching the Titanic's rivets while working on her Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins University in 1999.

5.4 earthquake rocks Illinois, appears to rival strongest ever recorded in region

WEST SALEM, Ill. (AP) — A 5.4 magnitude earthquake that appeared to rival the strongest recorded in the region rocked people up to 450 miles away early Friday, surprising residents unaccustomed to such a powerful Midwest tremor.

The quake just before 4:37 a.m. was centered six miles from West Salem, Ill., and 66 miles from Evansville, Ind. It was felt in such distant cities as Chicago, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, and Des Moines, Iowa, 450 miles northwest of the epicenter, but there were no early reports of injuries or significant dam-

age.

"It shook our house where it woke me up," said David Behm of Philo, 10 miles south of Champaign. "Windows were rattling, and you could hear it. The house was shaking inches. For people in central Illinois, this is a big deal. It's not like California."

Israel closes off West Bank, Gaza Strip for weeklong holiday

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel closed off the West Bank and Gaza for the Jewish Passover holiday on Friday, a day after Gaza militants attacked a vital crossing, raising the possibility of a large-scale Israeli offensive within weeks.

The closure, which went into effect in the early morning, was to last until the end of the holiday on April 26, according to a statement from the military. Palestinians are banned from entering Israel, except for doctors and lawyers and in humanitarian cases, it said.

The military regards the holiday period "as a highly sensitive time, security wise," the statement said. The military "will increase its alertness ... while preserving, to the best of its ability, the daily life of the Palestinian population."

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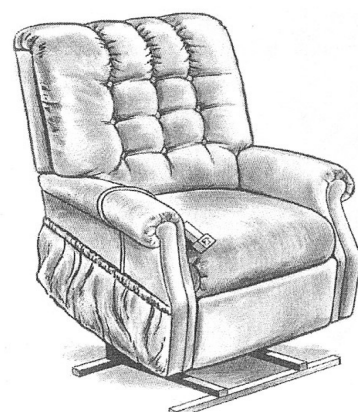
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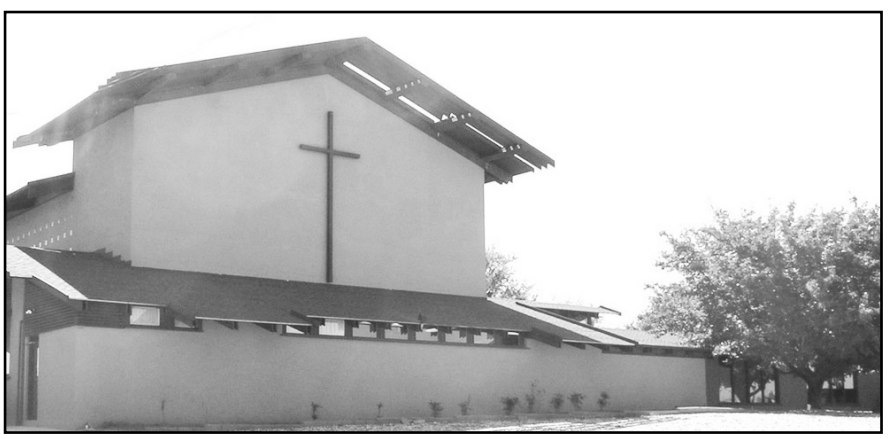
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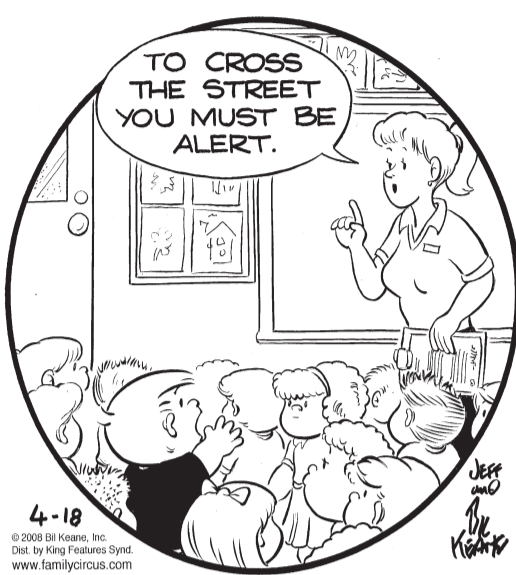
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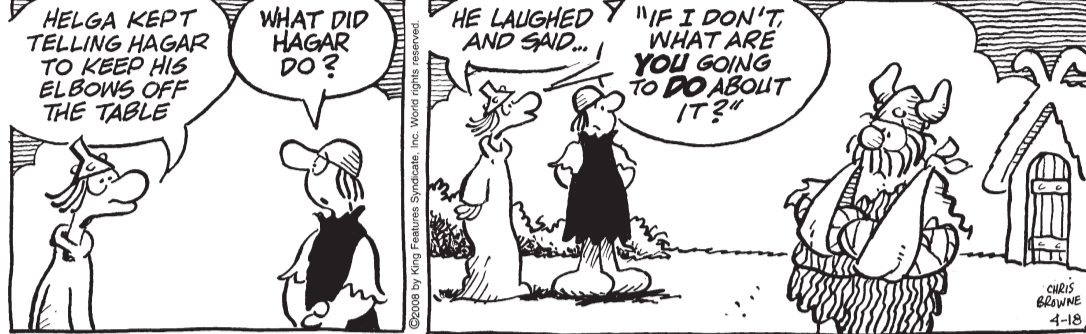
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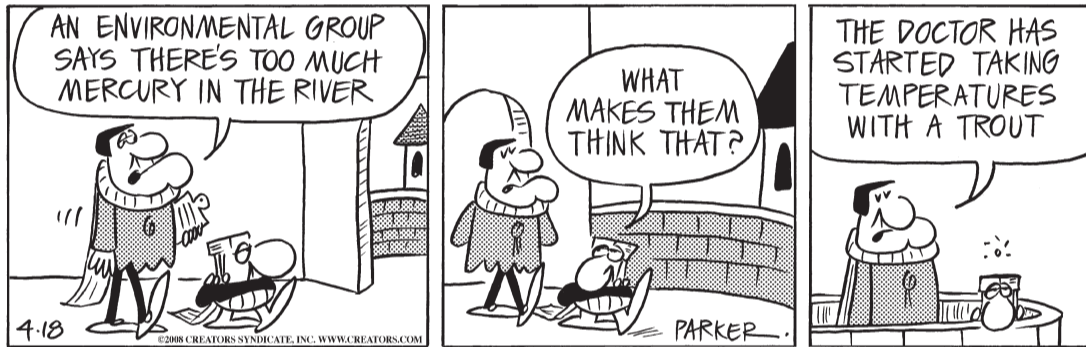
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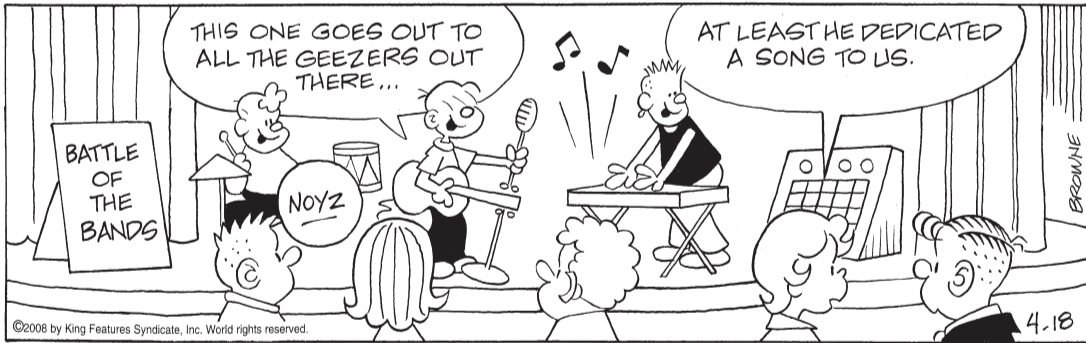
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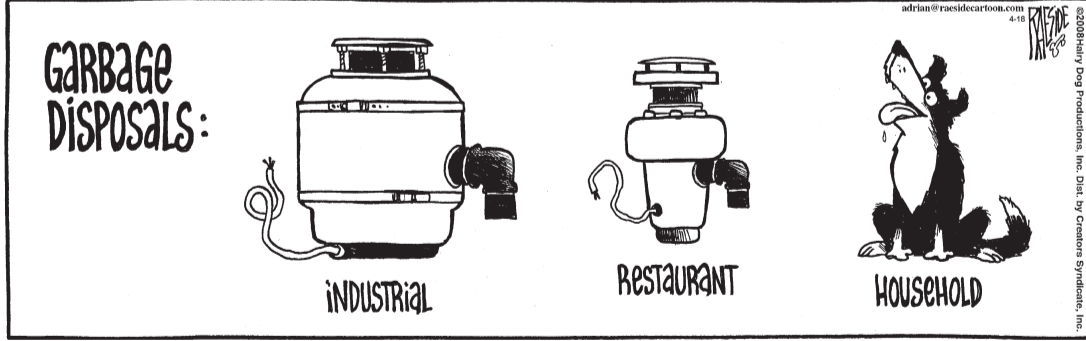
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, April 18, the 109th day of 2008. There are 257 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 18, 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires; estimates of the final death toll range between 3,000 and 6,000.

On this date:

In 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.

In 1907, San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel opened, a year to the day after the earthquake.

In 1934, the first laundromat (called a "washateria") opened, in Fort Worth, Texas.

In 1942, an air squadron from the USS Hornet led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

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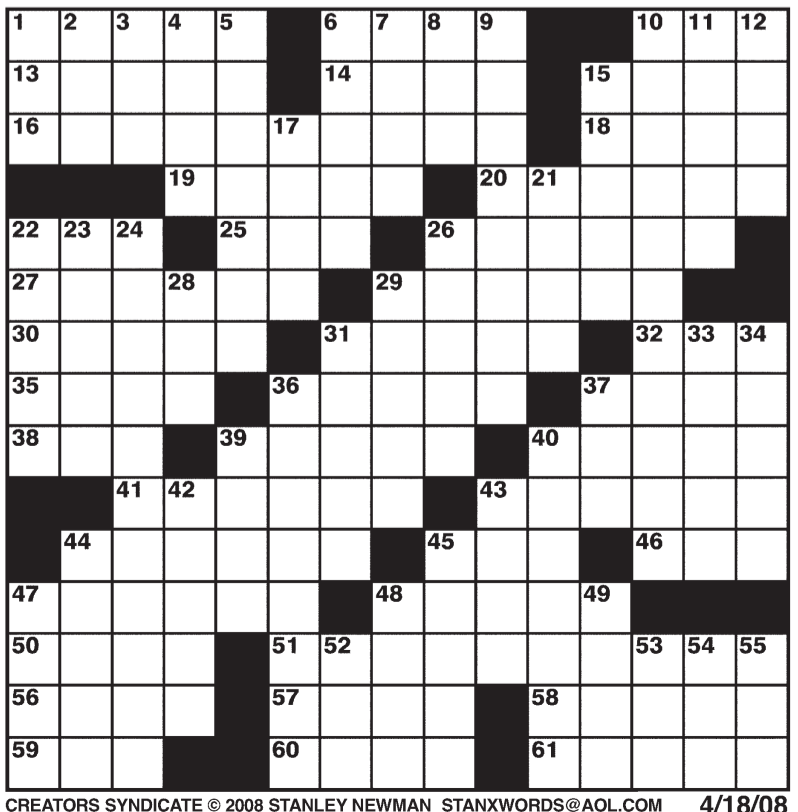
Thought for Today: "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts." - Earl Weaver, baseball manager.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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 - 14 Kind of bread
 - 15 Cabbage concoction
 - 16 Electric car lobby?
 - 18 ER actor
 - 19 Palm readers, e.g.
 - 20 Swarmed
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 - 27 Held in common
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 - 30 Small souvenir
 - 31 Cocktail-party spreads
 - 32 Part of Time Warner
 - 35 Utah city
 - 36 London paper
 - 37 Moonstruck star
 - 38 Juan Carlos, for one
 - 39 Tough to climb
 - 40 Sudden strike
 - 41 Fall colors
 - 43 Single-masted vessels
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 - 46 Evanston hrs.
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- 1 Place for a maze
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 - 3 Knack
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 - 6 Heidi's creator
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 - 10 Pilgrims' bird?
 - 11 Ancient physician
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 - 24 Words to a shutterbug?
 - 26 Wane, with "out"
 - 28 Sleep stage
 - 29 Judi and Maggie
 - 31 Places for slips
 - 33 Some tides
 - 34 Secret get-together
 - 36 Erie-sounding instrument
 - 37 Fond murmur
 - 39 Mower's home
 - 40 Strike wildly
 - 42 Envelope closer
 - 43 Spot for a nap
 - 44 Lunar valley
 - 45 "___ luck!"
 - 47 They come before toes
 - 48 Salon sound
 - 49 Up to the task
 - 52 Pitcher's pride
 - 53 Vietnam Veterans Memorial architect
 - 54 Go-aheads
 - 55 2.0 equivalent



Church News

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Pastor Michael Willard and the Cornerstone Covenant Church family would like to invite you out to our "Friends and Family" day worship service. The Rev. Dennis Teeters, senior pastor of Spring Creek Fellowship Church, will be the speaker Sunday April 27, at 4 p.m. Dinner will be served. Doors for this service will open at 3:30 p.m.

Cornerstone Covenant Church is a ministry that has "One Heart; One Vision: Connecting the Cross to the Community." We are located at 706 E. 12th St. Wednesdays at 6 p.m., we offer adult Bible studies, as well as college, youth, children and nursery ministries. Dinner is also served.

Sunday's worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church is provided. For more information, call Michelle, church secretary, at (432) 264-0015.

First United Methodist Church

This Sunday interim pastor Dr. Jim Smith will preach at both morning services of worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

His topic this week will be Jesus' Self Portrait, "I Am the Vine," based on John 15:1-5.

The Children's Choir will be having their final practices next week as they prepare to present their spring musical "Simon Says." This promises to be an outstanding program which will be presented in full at both worship services Sunday, April 27. Don't miss it!

It's Relay time. First Methodist will again have a team for Relay For Life. This year "We Remember Shane" is the name we give ourselves as we take to the track to find a cure for cancer. We made a lot of money last year as the men and women competed. This year, we are banding together and it is Us Against Cancer. Please be generous when you hear that jug being rattled.

There's lots of excitement surrounding The Big Event, the Big Spring District's afternoon of fun, food, activities and entertainment at Forrest Park in Lamesa on Saturday, May 3. Keynote speaker will be Pierre Moranza; musical entertainment will be provided by Darrel Evans. Contact our youth director, Brent Williams, for additional information, including details surrounding the Guitar Hero Tournament.

Brent will also be getting out information soon regarding the Junior High Lock-In, scheduled May 9-10, a Dodgeball Tournament in the planning stage and the annual dinner honoring our graduating seniors which will be held in Garrett Hall following the 10:50 a.m. service Sunday, May 25.

Our schedule for spring and summer is very exciting including welcoming our new pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese and her husband Bill, in June and the celebration of our church's 125th anniversary in July. Come join us; our church buildings are located at the corner of Fourth and Scurry streets in the heart of downtown Big Spring.

First Baptist Church

Dr. Randel Everett, newly elected executive director of the 125-year-old Baptist General Convention of Texas, will be a guest in the pulpit of Big Spring's First Baptist

Church this Sunday at 6 p.m. Dr. Everett, thought of as the highest Baptist official in our state, took his position April 1 of this year, and his visit to Big Spring is among his first as he seeks to get acquainted with the state and the constituency of the convention.

Pastor Ken Coffee says, "Having Dr. Everett here so early in his tenure as chief executive of our convention is a real tribute to our church."

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children's Church is during the Sunday morning worship for ages 4-9. There is a nursery provided. Midweek service is at 7 p.m. For a ride to church, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

Saturday at 8 a.m. the men will have a breakfast and a workday afterward.

There will be a ladies' meeting at 10 a.m.-noon to discuss the upcoming Mother-Daughter Banquet.

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

Big Spring Chapter of Church Women United

May Friendship Day is May 3 at 11 a.m. "God's wisdom inspires hospitality" will be held in Father Beasley Hall, IHM location of Holy Trinity Parish at 1009 Hearn.

What does it really mean to provide hospitality as faith-filled women? This theme calls us to look at hospitality from different perspectives. Through sharing scriptures and discussion, it is our hope that all will be called to a deeper understanding of what it truly means to provide hospitality.

Through local speakers, CWU invites you look at hospitality: In your home and through friendship presented by Kathy Salazar and In your community presented by Tammy Burrow Schreengost.

Come and join the ladies of CWU on this Saturday as we "live" the theme for "May Friendship Day." Lunch will be served following the program.

College Baptist Church

Women of the community are invited to an enjoyable evening when Serendipity meets at 6 p.m. Monday in the fellowship hall. To arrange for child care, call the church office at 267-7429 or contact Monica Carroll at 264-7640.

A lunch for college age students is planned Sunday following the morning worship service. This will be a time of

good food, fun and fellowship.

The Disciple Now Weekend, April 11-13, was a great success, with many young people participating.

A number of CBC members will be attending the Jubilee Conference, April 20-24, at Branson, Mo.

Plans are under way for "Sunday in the Park" May 4. This church wide event will be fun for all.

Our softball team will be playing the 14th and Main Church of Christ team at 7 p.m. Thursday in the city park. They will be meeting the team from Shiloh on April 29. You are invited to attend these games.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Session had its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Monday with our new interim pastor, the Rev. Bert Bronaugh, presiding.

The Rev. Bronaugh's sermon topic for the 11 a.m. worship service is "Living the Dash." For those unable to attend in person, the service is broadcast on KBST at 1490 on your AM radio dial.

The lectionary for the fifth Sunday of Easter is Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; I Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14.

Members are reminded of the reception honoring interim pastor Bronaugh and his wife Joyce, following the worship service this Sunday. We invite everyone to come and welcome the Bronaughs to Big Spring.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

Sunday worship service for the fifth Sunday of Easter will be at 11 a.m. with pastor Tom Koger back in the pulpit after taking a weekend to attend the 50th reunion of his graduating class from Schreiner University in Kerrville.

Lectionary for the day is Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16; I Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14.

First Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene welcomes everyone to our exciting and Spirit-filled services. Sunday mornings, we offer coffee and donuts in the commons at 9:30 a.m. Worship service begins at 10 a.m. with our music minister, choir and musicians offering a mixture of contemporary and traditional music sure to uplift your soul. This is followed by our pastor teaching scripture-based lessons that will bless you. Sunday evenings we meet again at 6:30 p.m. with youth and adult "Dare to Care," which is a community/church outreach ministry.

Wednesday nights you are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. for an interactive instruction by Kim Shafer on "How to Develop a Powerful Prayer Life," authored by Gregory Frizzel, in the sanctuary for adults. For the youth, there is "Youth Explosion" with pizza fellowship/youth praise and worship/Biblical message addressing youth "Hot Topics" in the "Salt Shaker." Children can earn Christian badges with our Caravan program in the fellowship hall also on Wednesday nights.

Special events coming up include a seminar for parents by the "Love and Logic" foundation out of Colorado April 19-21. Do not miss our first annual "Biker Sunday" May 4. And also, children's camp at Camp Arrowhead in July.

Call our church office for details at 267-7015. God is waiting to bless you!

Chapel of Faith

Chapel of Faith congregation invites everyone to attend Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Joel Miller, pastor, will be away from the pulpit this Sunday and the Rev. Scott Willis of the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring will fill in. We are looking forward to hearing his message.

There will be a garage sale from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, on the south side of the church at 14th and Goliad. All proceeds will go toward a fund to purchase the building. The sale will include items from the church families as well as some new items from a boutique in the area. There will be antiques, jewelry, household items and much more. We look forward to seeing you then.

Chapel of Faith is incorporated as an interdenominational church. We have informal services to which everyone is welcomed. For more information, call 267-4082.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Worship services are at 9 a.m. Sunday and 6:45 p.m. Wednesday. Sunday school and Bible classes are led by Pastor Wayne Frost and David Carlisle.

The Lutheran Hour begins at 7:30 a.m. on 1070 AM.

Next Sunday, the Board of Education will sponsor Beautification Sunday. Bring your Easter lilies and they will be planted on the church property.

Bible studies will continue during the week as follows:

Monday, 6:30 p.m., Law and Gospel, the Lutheran

Ancient boundaries

Thence: North one degree and East 955.8 vrs. to a planted stone and a small stone mound found at the Southwest Corner of Survey No. 325 — so reads the legal description of a piece of property that my grandfather purchased in 1917. Who planted the rock in the ground and exactly when it took root are mysteries not revealed with the other information in Volume 2, page 33 of the Patent Records, Stonewall County, Texas.



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The survey also identifies three Mesquite stumps as permanent boundaries. However, no provision seems to have been made to prevent the stumps from rotting.

And no warning is given to any ambitious stump grubber, who might not know the significance of the therefore named stumps or any adjacent land owner inclined to enlarge his own boundaries. The reliability of the stone and stump system seems to have depended on the integrity of one's neighbors.

Although King Solomon may never have seen a mesquite tree, he seems to have been familiar with stone movers. He wrote: *Do not move an ancient boundary stone or encroach on the fields of the fatherless, for their Defender is strong; he will take up their case against you (Proverbs 23:10-11 NIV).*

Stealing large rocks and digging up stumps may not be a temptation for most of us, but the Scripture challenges us to examine our hearts for greedy thoughts and actions that infringe on the boundaries of others.

Difference at 2204 Edgemere.

Wednesday, noon, Old Testament Faith lessons at the Parish Hall.

Friday, 6 a.m., Forty Days of Just Words at Greg's Grill in the Mall.

Sunday, 5:30 p.m., Sermon on the Mount at 2712 Ann Street.

Bruce Schooler continues to take pictures for our church picture board. This is a great opportunity to get your pictures made. You may buy these pictures but are not required to do so. Don't miss out!

Please continue to send your prayer requests in care of Joyce Riddle.

Operation On Going Support (for our soldiers in Iraq) April care packages are Duct tape (green, black, or gray), all kinds of chewing gum and lens

cleaners. Our military really appreciate our thoughtfulness in supplying these small items of love. The AT&T phone card fund is most appreciated.

Baptist Temple Church

This Sunday night Baptist Temple church will celebrate our annual "Everybody's" birthday party.

Don and Judy Earley of Earley Praises will be with us, singing some country and some oldies. Enjoy a spaghetti supper and sitting at the table with others who share your birthday month. And of course there will be birthday cake! Come at 6 p.m. and join the fun.

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Religion Briefs

Tennessee county planners deny rezoning for Bible Park

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP) — Rutherford County planners have denied rezoning to allow for the development of a Bible-themed park.

Planning commissioners at a meeting Monday voted 8-7 against rezoning that would support development of the 282-acre Bible Park USA in the Blackman community near Murfreesboro.

Developer Armon Bar-Tur said afterward he looked forward to taking the project to the County Commission, which has final say in a vote in May.

Critics of the project contend it would negatively impact traffic and the community's infrastructure, and believe the county should not authorize tax breaks for the park.

Developers want the county to forgo about \$27.9 million in property taxes to pay for bonds taken out to build the park.

Prison worker claims persecution

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — The kitchen manager at the state's Webb Correctional Facility alleges he is being persecuted for his Christian beliefs, claiming that his supervisor

ordered him to remove a Bible from his desk and from the prison.

William Parker, 45, who started working in the Department of Correction as a prison guard 21 years ago, said he has removed the Bible but says he will seek legal advice.

"There are Bibles all over the prison," he said. "We had a Bible rack put in the main hallway. It's just an issue that I had one on my desk. I have Muslim co-workers who are allowed to get out their prayer rugs and pray during their shifts."

He said a Bible has sat on his desk for about two years, and he sometimes reads it for inspiration and encouragement.

Elizabeth Neal, the acting warden, said that while no worker has been disciplined for reading a Bible, she doesn't want any employee reading anything while on duty. Correction Commissioner Carl Danberg said the issue is not the content of the reading material but reading while on duty. He said Parker will be allowed to bring his Bible back to work, provided he does not read on the job.

"The state, when they do this, is violating the Civil Rights Act and the Constitution," said John Whitehead, president of The Rutherford Institute.

Club News

Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring/Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Attendees will share a Dutch treat lunch at 11:30 a.m. before the meeting.

Delegates to the RTA State Convention in El Paso, April 15-17, will report on the convention. Those attending were Bo Fryar, Loyce Phillips, Bettie Cox and Jean Slate.

Hollis McCright, librarian at the Howard County Library, will display war quilts and discuss the history involved in the quilts and how to make quilts.

Anyone interested in the program or knowing more about the Retired Teachers Association is urged and welcomed to attend. We are proactive in matters relating to

retired school personnel.

TOPS TX No. 21

TOPS TX No. 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) club was called to order April 14, 2008, by Laura Sickles at 5:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Duffy Yancey. TOPS pledge was led by Olnee Menges and KOPS pledge was led by Ethel Cassidy. The welcome song led by Gladys Russell and sung by all.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. The roll was then called and a total of five TOPS and three KOPS were present. There was a total of 13 pounds lost this week with Duffy Yancey being recognized as the Best Weekly Loser. One visitor, Randel Williams, was present.

The business portion of the meeting informed the members that TOPS Tx No. 21 will be hosting the

KOPS honor society meeting in August 2008. There will be award presentations, skits, songs and a meal serviced at this meeting. Also announced was the S.R.D. will be held this year in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. All members are encouraged to prepare to attend.

A program was then presented by Ethel Cassidy titled, "Rejuvenating Goals — Reevaluating Goals." She asked the members a question, "Why are we losing weight? and point out "Determination is Necessary to Win." She emphasized that "A goal is a dream with a headline."

The closing song was sung at the meeting adjourned.

For information on meeting time, day and place call, Frank Sickles 432-213-1342 or Olnee Menges 432-263-6819.

CHURCH

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Everyone is welcome. Sunday morning, our pastor, Jeff Stehle is continuing his sermon series, "The Table." The morning service begins at 11 a.m. but come early at 9:45 a.m. and join us in Sunday school. There is a place for everyone at Baptist Temple Church.

A nursery is available for your little ones. We are located at 400 E. 11th Place, at the corner of 11th and Goliad. If you have any questions or need additional information, call us at 267-8287 or visit our Web site at www.btcbigspring.org

Calvary Baptist Church

Sunday worship services, conducted by Pastor Herb McPherson, will be at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Adult Sunday school classes are at 9:45 a.m. and Wednesday Bible study is at 5 p.m.

Calvary Baptist, located at 1200 W. Fourth St., is open to all races to come and worship. There is a special appeal to those who have dropped out to return to Calvary and have a fresh start for the Lord.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

St. Andrews' Brotherhood will have their meeting and breakfast Saturday at 8 a.m. All men of the church are invited.

St. Mary's, 1001 Goliad, is having a yard sale Saturday, April 26, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone

is welcome! Proceeds will fund various projects of the Episcopal Church Women's group.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

We were blessed in having our youth praise singers to perform for us, "Days of Elijah," Sunday evening. They did a great job and the artwork depicting the story was beautifully done by Jeneva Dunagan. They will be doing this again during this Sunday morning's service; come and receive a blessing by hearing this young group.

The children and youth will be having a pizza party at 4:30 p.m. this Sunday evening in the fellowship hall. The children's department challenged the youth department to which one would give the most to the Annie Armstrong Mission Fund. The children's department gave the most but both departments gave more than ever before and will share their efforts with pizza and fellowship.

The adult and youth birthday banquet will be at 7 tonight in the Fellowship Hall. This is a fun and blessed fellowship.

Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. until noon, is a work day at the church. Come and join in on a great day, working for the Lord, alongside someone maybe older or younger than you and getting to know them better.

We invite you to come hear Gary McSpadden in concert Sunday at 6 p.m. in our family worship center. He has performed with the Oak Ridge Boys, the Imperials and the Gaither vocal band. Gary has been at the forefront of contemporary

Christian music for many years. Come be blessed by this dedicated and dynamic gospel singer.

We urge everyone to be making plans to attend our revival, "When Time Is No More," Revelation 1:7, May 11-14. Evangelist Allen Buchanck will bring the message and David Garrett will direct the music. If you have not yet been in a service where David Garrett leads the music, you're in for a great treat. Revival services are Sunday at 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, noon (meal); Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

If you are looking for a church home, we welcome you to East Fourth Baptist, 401 E. Fourth St. Our office is located at 401 E. Third Street and our phone number is 267-2291. The pastor is Keith Weaver.

Our services are as follows: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; morning worship, 11 a.m.; mission classes, 5 p.m.; evening worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday nights, adult prayer/Bible study, youth Bible study/music and children's backdoor Bible study/music, 7 p.m. Men's Bible study is held at 7 a.m. Saturdays.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church

North Birdwell United Methodist Church meets for worship each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with fellowship and Sunday school for all ages immediately following worship. Sunday night worship is at 5 p.m.

Bible study is the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at

the church and the United Methodist Women meet each second and fourth Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the home of Madeline Boadle, 503 E. 16th.

The Bible study group is nearing the completion of Daniel Harrington's "Invitation to the Apocrypha." The United Methodist women are studying selected verses from the Bible and their relationship to our every day life. The meeting of

the United Methodist Women lasts for one hour and all interested women are welcome to attend.

The guest speaker for Sunday will be certified Lay Speaker Allen Welch. He will be bringing a message on "Healing."

North Birdwell United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell and we welcome all persons wishing to share in the warmth of Christian love.

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