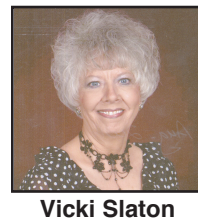




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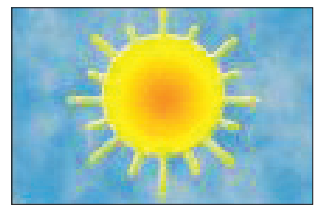


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Search on for new college trustee

No timetable set for naming replacement for Harold Davis

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Howard College officials are casting a fairly wide net in their search for a new trustee. The search for a replacement for long-time trustee Harold Davis, who died in October after more than 30 years on the college board, is about to hit high gear. College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said qualifications for



Sparks said the committee

the job will count more than anything. Trustees appointed Sparks, Board President John Freeman and Trustee Murray Murphy to a search committee tasked with finding candidates to fill Davis' unexpired term. Sparks said the committee

met Thursday to begin the search process. If all goes well, interviews could begin in the near future. "We've reviewed some individuals who live in Precinct 3 (Davis' district) and we've been asked to do some follow-ups and check on qualifications," Sparks said. Sparks said the committee has not talked to any potential candidates yet — that will be left

to the board as a whole. She also noted no firm timetable has been set for finding Davis' successor. The earliest a new trustee could be named would be at the board's Nov. 24 meeting, but Sparks declined to speculate whether the new trustee would be named at that time. The only thing for certain is that trustees will not call for a special election in the matter, but instead appoint a replacement,

Sparks said. "The appointment would be until the 2010 election," Sparks said. "At that time, the person appointed to the board would choose whether to run for the remainder of Mr. Davis' unexpired term." *Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com*



Construction crews work on the entrance area of the new Howard County Jail early Friday morning. Work on the \$11.57 million facility is more than 30 percent done, according to county officials, and is on track for completion sometime in March.

Feds indict father & son

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Two Big Spring men have been indicted by a federal grand jury on weapons charges, according to information from the U.S. Attorney's Office. Horace "Bunky" Atkinson was indicted on a charge of convicted felon in possession of a firearm, while Atkinson's son, 36-year-old Clay Atkinson, was indicted on the same charge, along with the armed career criminal enhancement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff Haag is the prosecutor in charge of the case, but could not be reached for comment. The indictments were

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Nation's jobless rate soars to 14-year high

By **JEANNINE AVERSA**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The nation's unemployment rate bolted to a 14-year high of 6.5 percent in October as another 240,000 jobs were cut, stark proof the economy is almost certainly in a recession. The new snapshot, released Friday by the Labor Department, showed the crucial jobs market deteriorating at an alarmingly rapid pace. The jobless rate zoomed to 6.5 percent in October from 6.1 percent in September, matching the rate in March 1994. Unemployment has now surpassed the high seen after the last recession in 2001. The jobless rate peaked at 6.3 percent in June 2003. October's decline marked the 10th straight month of payroll reductions, and government revisions showed that job losses in August and September turned

out to be much deeper. Employers cut 127,000 positions in August, compared with 73,000 previously reported. A whopping 284,000 jobs were axed in September, compared with the 159,000 jobs first reported. So far this year, a staggering 1.2 million jobs have disappeared. Over half of the decrease occurred in the past three months alone. Although the unemployment report was worse than expected, and Ford Motor Co. reported dismal third-quarter results and announced plans to cut more than 2,000 additional white-collar jobs, investors seemed attracted by stock prices beaten down the past two sessions. The Dow Jones industrial average was up about 50 points in morning trading and broader market indexes also are higher. About 10.1 million people were

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People line up to speak to Valerie Campbell, left, a representative of St. Joseph's Healthcare System at a job fair sponsored by Monster.com at a hotel in Newark, N.J. Oct. 30. The government announced today that the nation's unemployment rate bolted to a 14-year high of 6.5 percent in October as employers slashed 240,000 jobs.

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Valle, Leubner lead BSHS into Region I meet Saturday

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

Six straight District 4-4A titles is one thing. Winning a second consecutive Class 4A, Region I title might be just as nice for the Big Spring Steers cross country team.

However, it might be a tall order as well.

An individual regional championship is expected for senior Jordan Valle, though. Valle and the rest of the Steers take part in the meet Saturday at Mae Simmons Park in

Lubbock. The top ten individual finishers and the top three teams will advance to the state meet Nov. 15 at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock.

Valle enters the race as the top runner, finishing the same 3-mile course in 15:29.70. He will have some worthy competition, though.

Fort Worth Southwest's Andrew Herrera won his district meet with a time of 15:30.10. Others entering the race with a sub-16:00 performance are Jim Stitt of Mansfield

Timberview and Ramiro Garcia of Fort Worth North Side.

As a team, the Steers are not favored to finish in the top three with teams like El Paso Austin, Fort Worth Southwest and Canyon favored to advance to state.

Still, Head Coach Randy Britton is optimistic Big Spring could still sneak into the state meet.

"I wish I could say we were a shoo-in to make

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Courtesy photo

The Big Spring Steers cross country team holds up six fingers indicating it has won six consecutive District 4-4A titles Oct. 30 in Lubbock. The Steers will compete in the Class 4A, Region I tournament Saturday at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. Pictured from left to right are Kade Parker, Sergio Torres, Shane Allen, Jordan Valle, Daniel Segundo, Dalton Grenier, Sammy Segundo and Coach Randy Britton.

Shattered BCS dreams

TCU's hopes ended by 13-10 loss to Utah

By DOUG ALDEN
AP Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — The BCS Busters II are still alive.

Brian Johnson led No. 10 Utah to a thrilling comeback, marching the Utes 80 yards in the final minutes and completing a 9-yard touchdown pass to Freddie Brown with 48 seconds left in a 13-10 victory over No. 11 TCU on Thursday night.

The Utes remained unbeaten and in contention for a Bowl Championship Series berth despite getting outgained 416 yards to 275. Utah is 10-0 for just the second time in school history, matching the start of the original BCS Busters in 2004.

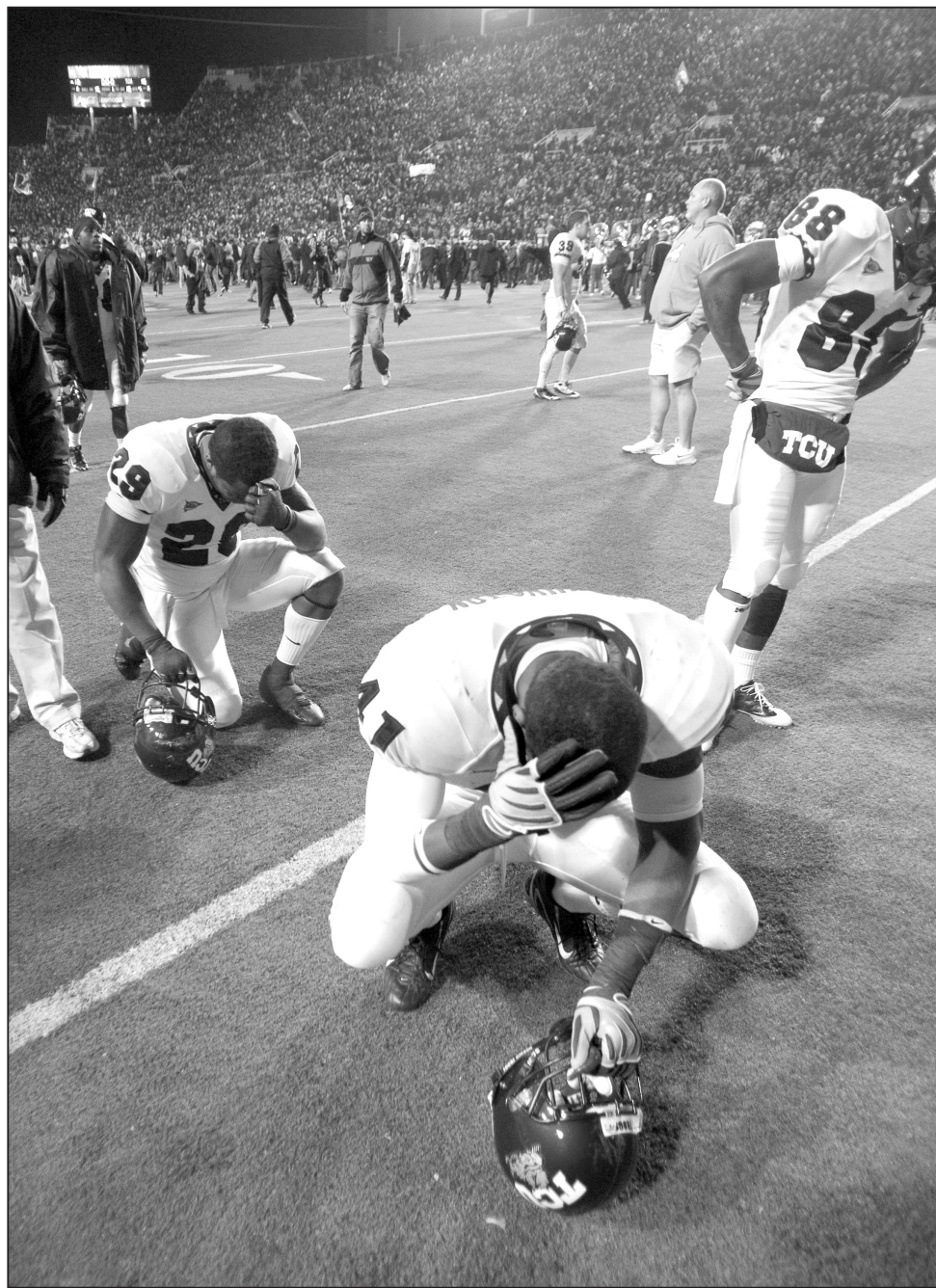
"We knew it was there for us," said Johnson, who was 7-of-9 for all 80 yards on the winning drive.

It was the second time this season Johnson has saved the Utes (10-0, 6-0 Mountain West) in the final minutes. He led Utah to an 11-point rally in the final 90 seconds of a 31-28 win over Oregon State on Oct. 2.

"I told the guys, 'Stay in it. We're going to have a chance to win it late,'" Johnson said.

The 45,666 fans were the second-largest crowd to see a game at Rice-Eccles Stadium, which was shaking as thousands jumped up and down when Johnson found Brown on a

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AP photo/Douglas C. Pizac

TCU linebacker Daryl Washington, center, safety Colin Jones, left, and wide receiver Jimmy Young (88) react to their loss against Utah after a NCAA game Thursday in Salt Lake City. Utah defeated TCU 13-10, keeping its BCS hopes alive.

Steer Spotlight

Senior Defensive End Cade Hollandsworth

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

Coming into this season, no Big Spring Steer name was mentioned more across the state than Cade Hollandsworth.

Hollandsworth was an honorable mention all-state selection at middle linebacker last season and was honored by Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine as a preseason all-state selection at the same position this year.

Although he prepared to play defensive end throughout the offseason and even in two-a-day practices, Hollandsworth did end up starting the year at middle linebacker and it's safe to say he lived up to the hype.

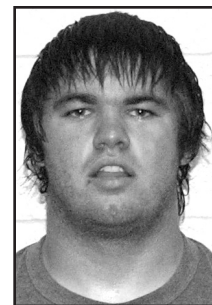
In the Steers' 20-14 season-opening victory over Snyder, Hollandsworth totaled an astounding 26 tackles. The Tigers ran 52 offensive plays, meaning the senior linebacker was in on half of the potential tackles that could be made.

Hollandsworth registered in the double digits in tackles in the first four games of the season, but then a player's — and even more so, a parent's — worst fears happened.

Early in the Steers game against Sweetwater, Hollandsworth had his knee taken out via an illegal chop block. The diagnosis was a sprained medial collateral ligament, sidelining Hollandsworth for a month.

"It was hard just sitting back and watching everybody play for a month," he said. "I could hardly just sit and watch. I had never had to sit out a game

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Hollandsworth

Grady finishes season with mercy-rule win

Herald Staff Report

LENORAH — There wasn't much to play for at Tunnell Field in Lenorah Thursday night, but it turns out pride was the only reason Grady's Wildcats needed to pull out a big win.

The Wildcats closed the 2008 sea-

son with sole possession of third place in Six-man Division I, District 7 after routing Spur, 70-22.

Ira and O'Donnell, which both defeated Grady earlier this season, clinched the two playoff spots available within the district.

The win improved Grady's record to 7-3 with a 3-2 league mark. Last

season, the Wildcats shared a district title and advanced to the state quarterfinals before being ousted by Rankin.

The Wildcats lose just three seniors from this season's team. Graduating are Casey Shands, Guillermo Medina and Matthew Meeks.

Sports in brief

Seniors being honored before Steers final home game tonight

Tonight marks the end of the regular season for the Big Spring Steers as they host rival Hereford at 7:30 p.m.

However, before the contest, the seniors will be recognized as they play in their final home game at Memorial Stadium.

Also, the junior class will be serving hamburgers in the parking lot on the home side. Plates are \$5 and includes chips, cookies and a drink.

Registration for Big Spring Youth Basketball have begun

The YMCA has begun accepting sign-ups for the Big Spring Youth Basketball League for boys and girls through Dec. 1. Divisions of play include separate boys and girls teams in grades 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6.

Games are scheduled to begin Jan. 10. Practices begin the week of Dec. 8.

A coaches meeting is scheduled for Dec. 2. Teams will be formed following this meeting.

The registration fee is \$50 and includes a reversible mesh jersey, injury assistance and a participation award at the end of the season.

Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Chicano Golf Association hosting final tourney of year

Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is hosting its final golf tournament of the year Saturday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

It's a 4-man scramble format and the C.G.A. will assign teams.

Fee is \$17 with tee times starting at 8:30 a.m. Deadline to sign up is 6 p.m. today.

Sign up at the pro shop or call 264-2366 and ask for Linda. A dinner will be served after the tournament for players only.

Steers basketball boosters meeting Monday at ATC

The Big Spring Steers Basketball Booster Club is plan-

ning to meet at 8 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center. All parents of boys basketball players for the junior high or high school are invited to attend.

Call Sam Segundo at 268-3025 with any questions.

Coach Diddle and Hawk women set for Hawk Buddies Program

Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle, assistant coach Jamie Fisher and the Hawk women are announcing the start of the 2008-2009 Hawk Buddies Basketball Program for girls in kindergarten through eighth grade.

The first day of the program is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Cost is \$20 and includes a T-shirt, free admission for all family members to Hawks home games, two clinics with lectures on goals and basketball fundamentals, a pizza party with the Hawk women's team and a buddies night, including autographs and photos with the team.

For more information, call Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Jamie Fisher at 264-5155.

EDITORIAL

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OTHER VIEWS

Barack Obama's moment arrives

Americans can justly be proud of their republic today.

Elections, especially historic ones, are fought as warlike affairs in which the aim is to crush the opposition. Yet afterward, in the great play of democracy, we endeavor to come together as one people. It falls to the president to pull off that difficult transformation.

Barack Obama, chosen Tuesday as the 44th president of the United States, has the persona and character to accomplish that feat.

He exudes calm and confidence, as well as a spirit of conciliation. He will take office as the personification of the breadth of the American experience, the embodiment of both its heritage and its potential.

Obama is the first black American to be elected president. His victory is the historic culmination of the nation's long journey from the arrival of the first slaves in 1619 to the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery in 1865, to the civil rights acts of the 1960s banning legal discrimination.

At the same time, his youth brings generational change to our politics, moving the nation beyond Vietnam and the culture wars of the past 30 years.

The way Obama ran his campaign — in all 50 states, using a model of face-to-face politics, and financing his campaign through an unprecedented array of individual donations, many of them small — lays the groundwork to move beyond the static, polarizing politics of recent years. When he takes office, Obama will be able to call upon an army of dedicated supporters who can serve as a countervailing force against business as usual in Washington.

For this task, Obama can rely on his facility with the spoken and written word. Those skills give him a powerful tool with which he can seize the initiative, define issues and prepare Americans to confront difficult and complex problems. Most of all, he will need to use his skills as a communicator to create a sense of common purpose among Americans.

He can do that by renewing an agenda of upward mobility and equal opportunity for all Americans based on substantial values: access to a good education, health coverage, retirement security, and jobs that tap into the nation's need for infrastructure and global demand for American technology and creativity.

Obama must also use those skills to restore the nation's standing in the world. The task, as outlined by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, is daunting: "to confront our enemies without alienating friends; to defeat the practitioners of terror without creating more terrorists; and to demonstrate that the American dream still has meaning for people everywhere."

This is an agenda rooted in our history and values as a nation. It can appeal to Americans on a basis that is more than mere partisanship.

But a president is not a king and cannot act by waving a scepter. Working in concert with a Democratic majority and pragmatic Republicans, Obama has the opportunity to forge honest, real solutions to pressing problems.

What's needed, as Al From of the Democratic Leadership Council said in an interview with The Sacramento Bee's editorial board months ago, is Franklin Roosevelt's thirst for innovation, Harry Truman's tough-minded internationalism, Lyndon Johnson's push for social justice and John Kennedy's call to civic duty.

On Tuesday, Americans showed that they believe Barack Obama has the character and skills to fulfill such lofty expectations. Now he must summon them to help him in that task.

THE SACRAMENTO BEE

Intruder alert: Letter to a thief

We had something exciting happen at the Brewer abode tonight. My 15-year-old son, Luke, came into the house just in time to see a thief bailing out the bathroom window. It scared him pretty bad because he was actually in the house alone with the trespasser for a number of minutes and must have walked right past him in the dark. He went to the bathroom when this man wearing all black actually ran past Luke's bathroom and into another. Luke hurried to the bathroom and saw the bottom of his black Nikes as he bailed through the window.



TROY BREWER

Luke being wise, didn't chase after the man, he chased after a gun, loaded it and called the law. Some-time later, a very professional and courteous Johnson County Sheriff's deputy took the report. Though I am not happy about the incident I am so grateful my son is OK. I am also very grateful he didn't really get a chance to shoot the intruder because I have taught him to do so and Luke would of done it.

Mercy and Truth

A visiting Pastor from Africa asked me one time what I would do if someone was breaking into my house. I said I would shoot him. He was surprised at my answer and said, "How can you call yourself a Christian if you say you would shoot the intruder?" I said, "Well of course I would pray for him while we waited for the ambulance."

Here's what's real. I don't want to be known as the guy that shoots

an intruder. I want to be known for feeding people and helping people. I want to be the Good News giver, the dream weaver, and the hope supplier.

After the police left, my whole family gathered together to thank God for protecting us and to pray for this knucklehead that came to rob us. That God would give him a heart to know Him. That whatever addiction he has in his life would be taken out. That a very real fear would come upon him and he would stop breaking into people's homes. That God would visit him with a strong visitation and that he wouldn't get away anymore with what he has gotten away with before. That God would bless him and help him and put good people in his life and a way to live a different life than what he is living now.

We discussed how messed up he must be to go into somebody else's home to mess around. I would love to see God change this man's life. What an awesome story that would be. "Let it be Lord," we all said together.

So, would I shoot this poor soul if I caught him breaking into my house? In a heartbeat.

There are some situations I pray I don't find myself in. I would much rather be known as the guy that helped and blessed this man than the preacher who sent him to eternity.

Letter to the Thief

If you are the one that broke into my house and others around Caddo Peak in Joshua, let me tell you it is better to be on the receiving end of a prayer than of a shot gun. Please don't do it again. What you are doing is wrong and has terrible consequences.

I am committed to pray for you every single day that the hound of heaven chases you down and changes your life from a curse to a blessing. I pray according to Job 33 that you start having dreams and visions that wake you up into reality.

You are so much better than this. You are born for greatness and destiny. Your life is important. You should start to live like it, do something with it. Things are going to change and your career as a house-breaking thief is over. Everything is changing for you now because I am praying for you and I am one of God's favorites. One way or another it's all coming to a very quick end so get ready. Poor guy, you had no idea it was a Jesus-Freak you was messing with.

Prayer Request

If you are not in the habit of looting homes, I would ask you to join with me in praying for this guy. Let's join together and see this life changed. Here's a model for the kind of prayer we are all praying.

Get Him God.

Bring him to a place of repentance where he never robs again or have him arrested where he never can rob again. Protect people from him and let none of his evil intentions come to pass. Get him good, God.

Help him to seek you and to find you. Fix what's messed up in his life. Cover him with your goodness. Bless him.

Don't let him get away with anything but still protect him and have mercy on him. Let your light shine into his darkness in Jesus' name. Amen.

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A day I thought I would never see

I never thought I would see the day.

*"I, too, sing America.
"I am the darker brother.
"They send me to eat in the kitchen
"When company comes ..."*
— Langston Hughes
(1934)



BOB RAY SANDERS

If you've never known the sting of racism or borne the scars of discrimination, you can't begin to imagine how I feel today.

If you never met Jim Crow face to face or looked into the dejected face of a mother who was told to take herself and her child to the back door of a restaurant to be served, there is no way you can understand my joy at this moment in U.S. history.

If you never heard your father curse a system that denied him the basic rights of citizenship while he religiously paid his income taxes, property taxes and, yes, poll taxes, there is no chance of your comprehending this thing exploding within me.

If you are not a descendant of a people forced for centuries to make do with the crumbs that fell from America's bountiful kitchen table, I could never begin to explain to you what the simple fact of Barack Obama's candidacy - much less his historic election to the presidency - means to this native son, who was born black and poor and curious and determined and forever hopeful in a segregated land.

While I was growing up in Texas in the 1950s and 1960s, this is the kind of day I dreamed of but never thought I would live to see.

And yet, as the votes started com-

ing in from across the country Tuesday evening, I realized that even though it was nighttime I was witnessing a marvelous daybreak in America — the dawning of a new era for a country like the one Martin Luther King Jr. had seen from that mountaintop the night before he was killed.

For the first time in my life, I broke the tradition of voting on Election Day, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. My college-age son had called and said he wanted to go to the polls with me to cast his first ballot.

It was an opportunity I was not about to pass up. As we drove to the polls, I recalled the first day I had taken him to preschool and fondly remembered the afternoon when he was in first grade and came home to say his class had an election.

When I asked the then-5-year-old how he had voted, he proudly proclaimed: "George Bush! And George Bush won."

Thinking of his future and the future of the country, I also thought of the past and a long list of people who had helped make this Election Day possible.

So when I went to the polls last week, I was casting a ballot not just for myself but for a bunch of folks who are now gone, including Mama and Daddy.

I was voting for Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass; for Abraham Lincoln and Sojourner Truth; for W.E.B. and Booker T.; for Franklin and Eleanor; for John and Bobby; for Martin and Medgar; and for Cesar and Lyndon.

There were four other people who quickly came to mind, and I voted for them, too.

This election fulfilled the dream of Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, the two young Jewish men from New York who would join James Chaney to help register

voters in Mississippi and who were murdered in 1964. Thanks in part to their sacrifice, my son and I were able to make that trip to the polls together.

And I can never forget Viola Liuzzo, the young white mother from Detroit who went to Alabama to help in the voting rights campaign there in 1965. She was shot to death as she ferried some young black demonstrators from Montgomery to Selma after that historic march. Her death was not in vain.

Back in 1961, Robert Kennedy had predicted that within "30 or 40 years" a black man could achieve what his brother had accomplished by becoming president of the United States.

His prophecy was off by only a few years.

With his assassination, and those of John Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr., some of us felt that every time hope appeared on the scene, it was gunned down.

In Barack Obama and his extraordinary campaign, we witnessed the resurrection of hope.

Even Langston's words, written long before I was born, took on new meaning:

*"Tomorrow
"I'll be at the table
"When company comes.
"Nobody'll dare
"Say to me,
"Eat in the kitchen,"
"Then.
"Besides,
"They'll see how beautiful
"I am
"And be ashamed _
"I, too, am America."*

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► **Church News**

First Baptist Church, Knott

Former members, pastors and friends are invited to join in celebration and worship as the Knott First Baptist Church celebrates its 100th anniversary Sunday. A reception will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. that day at the church.

Church Women United

CWU's Big Spring celebration will be held at 11 a.m. Nov. 8 at Bakers Chapel AME Church, 911 N. Lancaster. The program will focus on justice and peace in the global society.

"God's Wisdom Sets Us Free" whether we are bound by our own human failings or by prison walls. All of us need to change and grow, just like caterpillars change into cocoons or chrysalises before they can become beautiful butterflies with wings that will let them soar high and free. This celebration explores how we can reach out with God's wisdom and love to those behind bars, whether made of steel or human limitations.

An offering is sent to the national office of CWU for support of the movement.

Our celebrations are annual events that unite Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women in experiencing building common worship, strengthening friendly relationships within our community and providing awareness for social action.

CWU has been a part of the Big Spring community for almost 70 years. CWU started the West Side Community Center in the early 1940s as The Council of Church Women. We have served the Big Spring State Hospital for more than 60 continuous years.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the Scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The next Frolic, an evening of fun and fellowship, will be Saturday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at the church social hall. Anyone with a talent to share is invited to participate. You don't have to be a Presbyterian to be welcome! A light supper will be provided.

The lectionary for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time is Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, the congregation will have the opportunity to hear our youth director, Brent Williams, at both services of worship. His sermon title will be "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord." And as he leads our worship he will also be spreading the word that his youth troops will be preparing and serving our annual Thanksgiving Dinner in Garrett Hall next Sunday following the late service. This is the youth group's principle fundraiser for the year; they and their parents will be working to make it extra special. Please support their efforts.

On the afternoon of the 16th we will host a Charge Conference for all the

Methodist churches in the southern part of the district. Approximately 25 churches will be represented and will be led in a special service by District Superintendent Namiqua Shipman.

There is still plenty of time to join the Living Christmas Tree choir. Practice is held Saturday mornings and Monday evenings. If you like to sing and love Christmas music, you will be truly blessed to join this annual event that ushers in the season for our community. Give Jim a call at the church, 267-6394.

On Sunday, Nov. 23, guests from the Methodist Children's Home will join us during services and share their stories with us. A special offering will be taken to help the Home continue providing superior services that protect, support and enhance the lives of special needs children, youth and their families.

It's a busy and especially meaningful time at our church and you are invited to join us for any and all the special events. We're First Methodist in downtown Big Spring, where families grow in Christ.

First Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene welcomes everyone to our exciting and spirit-filled services.

Sunday mornings, we have a "meet and greet" time with coffee and donuts in the commons at 9:30 a.m. Worship service begins at 10 a.m. with a mixture of contemporary and traditional music sure to uplift your soul. This is followed by a scripture-based message from our pastor.

Wednesday nights, all adults are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. for your choice of one of three interactive Bible Studies in the Sanctuary Building. Kim Shafer is presenting "How to Know when You Are Heading in the Right Direction: Discovering God's Will," by Andy Stanley. Pastor Brown is presenting ministry through various DVD presentations beginning with John Bevere "Driven by Eternity," and Leonard Hadley's class meets in the commons with various scripture studies.

The youth are invited to Youth Explosion! with pizza and fellowship, Youth praise and worship, and

Aim your life toward your destiny

God's plan from the very beginning has been to make His family resemble His Son, Jesus Christ. He announced this intention at creation when He said, "Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness: let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the cattle, over all the earth and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth," Genesis 1:26.



JERRIE STOCKS

In all creation, only human beings are made "in God's image." This is a wonderful privilege and gives us great dignity. We may not understand how all-encompassing this idea is, but we do know that, like God, we are spiritual beings — our spirits are immortal and will never die. We are intellectual — we can think, reason, and solve problems. Like God, we are relational — we can give and receive true love, and we have a moral conscience. We can also discern right from wrong.

The Bible says we all look like God because we were created in His image. However, this in no way indicates that we will become God. That was the prideful lie Satan used against Adam and Eve. He told them that if they followed his

advice, they would be as gods.

We will never be the Creator. It was never God's intention that we become gods. It is, however, His desire that we become godly — taking on His values, attributes and characteristics.

God's ultimate goal for our lives on earth is not comfort, but character development. He wants us to grow and mature spiritually and to become more Christ-like in our daily lives. When we forget that character development is one of God's purposes for our life, we often become frustrated by our circumstances.

You may wonder, "Why is this happening to me?" One reason is that God did not intend for our lives to be sunshine and roses every day. He purposefully made life somewhat difficult in order to enable us to grow and develop more into His character.

Our lives on this earth are not exclusively our own! You and I exist for God's service and His work. Our time on this planet is to build and strengthen our character in preparation for our permanent home in heaven. Character gives us stability and helps us to endure when life gets tough.

We are unable to reproduce Christ-like character within ourselves. Willpower and good intentions are not enough. Only the Holy Spirit has the power to make

the changes God wants to make within our lives. Philippians 2:13 says, "For it is God who works in you both to will and to do His good pleasure."

Your character is essentially the sum of your habits. God often uses people, circumstances and His Word to mold us. All are indispensable for our character development.

Most of us have learned from experience that if we study and apply God's Word, fellowship with other believers, and learn to trust God in difficult circumstances, we will take on a more Christ-like character. This does not conclude that we obtain perfection. Spiritual maturity is not a solitary, individual pursuit. We don't grow into Christ-likeness in isolation. It's necessary that we are around other people who inspire and encourage us, and that we interact with them on a regular basis.

Jesus Christ wants to make us more like Him. This should be our greatest privilege and ultimate destiny. He is far more interested in what you are than in what you do. According to 2 Corinthians 3:18, "As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect His glory even more."

This is our ultimate destiny. Intentionally aim your life toward that goal. God bless!

Biblical messages addressing "hot topics" held in the "Salt Shaker."

Children meet Wednesday night for Caravan, our scouting ministry that teaches lessons that begin building towers of truth in our children's lives.

Our Prime Timers Group for those 55 and older is at 6 p.m. the first Sunday of each month.

A learning class for 2-3-year-olds will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Parents are encouraged to attend a special meet and greet Dec. 7 following morning services.

First Church of the Nazarene's ministry to Hispanics is led by the Rev. Felix and Marta Torres and meets for worship and Bible Study at 5:30 p.m. each Sunday in the fellowship hall. You are invited to this service, which is in Spanish.

Dare to Care Ministry will be at 2 p.m. Nov. 16.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Our chosen credo is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives." Come celebrate

and share with us!

Worship service is a 9 a.m. The sermon topic is "The Bridegroom is Coming." This is based on the parable of the wise and foolish virgins.

Scripture reader for this Sunday is Kent Ivey; Acolyte is Krystal Wood.

Organist is Angela Newton. The altar guild ladies are Dolline Budke and Jaunell Roever.

Sunday school and adult Bible class are at 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. to 7 p.m. is the confirmation class with Bobby Roever as teacher. Adult instruction class is from 7-9 p.m.

If you are interested in joining this class, please join us right away so you will have time to catch up on the missed classes. There is sitter service for children. They will be cared for by an able adult and entertained as well.

Monday night, Michael Fuchs with Texas Partners in Mission met with the executive board to tell us about all the Lutheran Missions in Texas. The Texas District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod supports 66 missions and agencies which represents

over 90 ministries."

A voter's meeting will be Tuesday at 7 p.m.

There will be worship services Thanksgiving Day at 10 a.m. Invite your friends so they, too, can truly thank the Lord.

Bring your nonperishable food items to church so we can give out Thanksgiving baskets to the needy. You may also donate funds for perishable items.

Plans are being made for a Christmas Eve program at the church. Neighborhood children are invited to join us for this program called "Away in the Manger."

Tune in to KBYG to hear some of our church members as they tell you about our new church.

Look for Alive in Christ Lutheran Church's float in the Christmas parade. Come join us to help on this project.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

The College and Career Sunday School Class will be honoring the Veterans of our church and their spouses with a breakfast Sunday at 9.

We want to extend an in-

invitation to our Celebration of Hope Revival Nov. 16-19. Evangelist Jim Moss will bring the word and the Calvary Singers will bless us with their music.

Our Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m. and the evening service at 6 p.m. On Wednesday the adult prayer meeting and Bible study, youth Bible study and music and the Children's Back Door Bible study and music all begin at 7 p.m. A men's Bible study is at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Join us at any of these times and let us share our worship and fellowship with you. Our church is located at 401 E. Fourth St.; our phone number is 267-2291. If you need a ride to our church, call the office and put your name on the van ministry list.

Berea Baptist Church

Robert Cepeda is the guest speaker for the morning worship service Sunday at Berea Baptist Church. Bro. Cepeda was selected to serve as the new director of Bivocational/Small-

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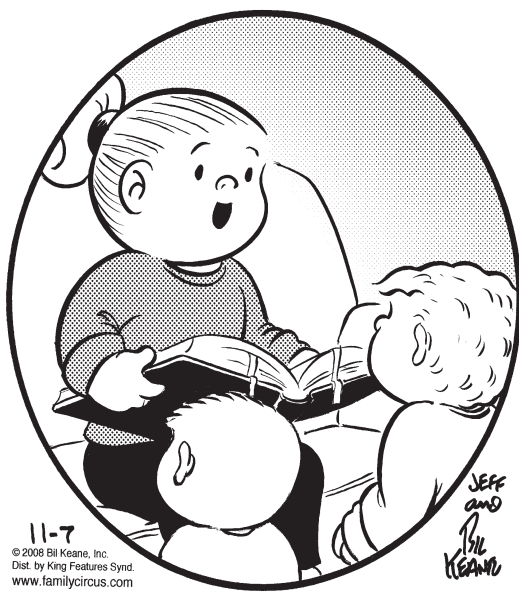
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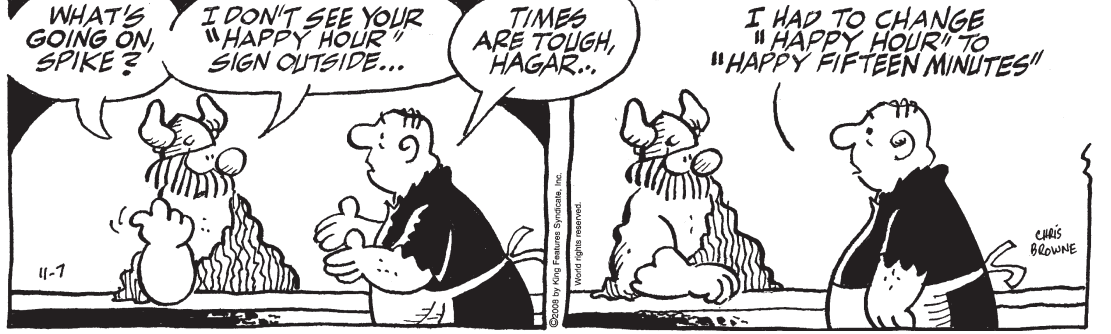
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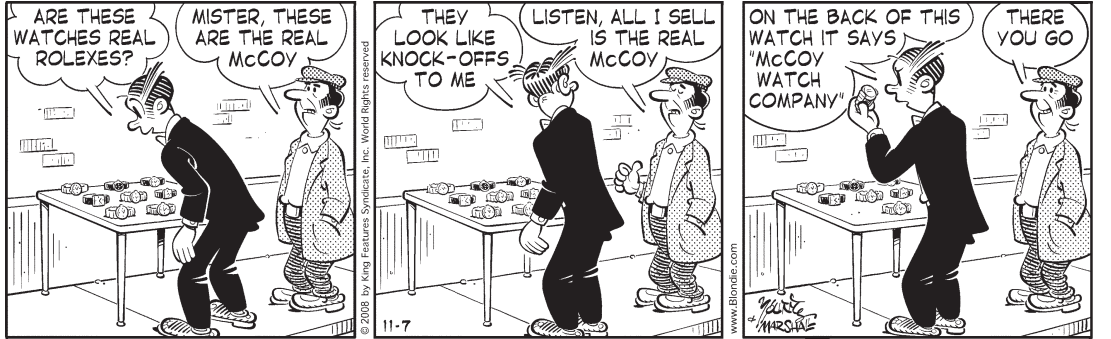


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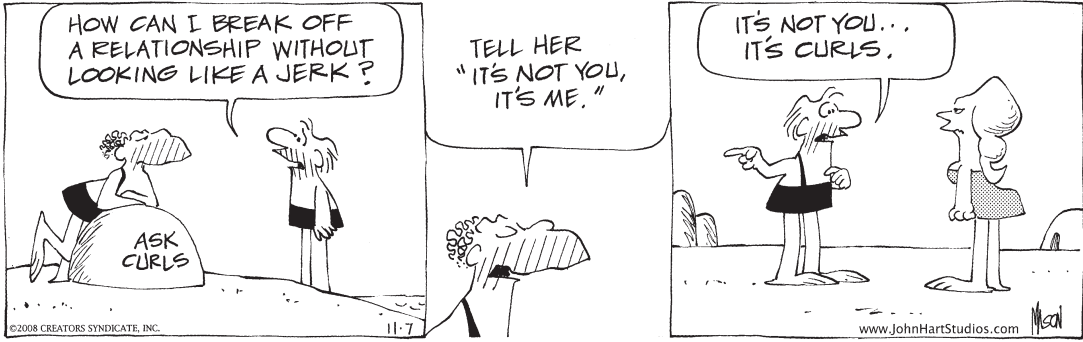
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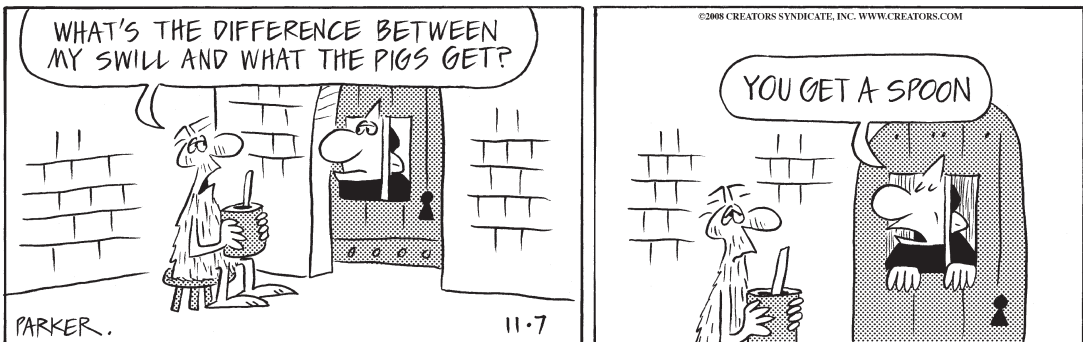
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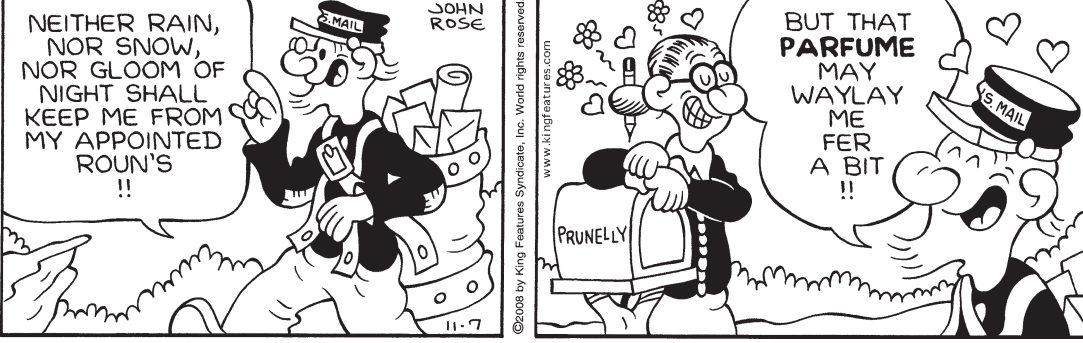
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Nov. 7, the 312th day of 2008. There are 54 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 7, 1917, Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky.

In 1916, Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to Congress. In 1918, during World War I, an erroneous report that an armistice had been signed set off celebrations across the country.

In 1940, in Washington state, the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, nicknamed "Galloping Gertie," collapsed during a windstorm.

term in office, defeating Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1962, Richard M. Nixon, having lost California's gubernatorial race, held what he called his "last press conference," telling reporters, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore."

In 1967, President Johnson signed a bill establishing the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

In 1972, President Nixon was re-elected in a landslide over Democrat George McGovern.

In 1973, Congress overrode President Nixon's veto of the War Powers Act, which limits a chief executive's power to wage war without congressional approval.

One year ago: An 18-year-old gunman opened fire at his high school in Tuusula, Finland, killing seven other students and the principal before taking his own life.

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Underwood made it back-to-back trophies as female vocalist of the year.

Today's Birthdays: Evangelist Billy Graham is 90. Opera singer Dame Joan Sutherland is 82. Actor Barry Newman is 70. Singer Johnny Rivers is 66. Singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell is 65. Singer Nick Gilder is 57. Actor Christopher Knight ("The Brady Bunch") is 51. Rock musician Greg Tribbett (Mudvayne) is 40. Actor Christopher Daniel Barnes is 36. Actors Jeremy and Jason London are 36. Actress Yunjin Kim ("Lost") is 35. Rock musician Zach Myers (Shinedown) is 25.

Thought for Today: "Vanity is as ill at ease under indifference, as tenderness is under the love which it cannot return." - George Eliot, English author (1819-1880).

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State Briefs

Paroled burglar put to death for strangling Fort Worth man during home burglary

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — More than 15 years after he was arrested following a wild police chase in a stolen tractor-trailer cab, a paroled burglar was put to death for using hangers to strangle a 65-year-old mentally ill Fort Worth man during a home burglary, one of two men he was accused of killing in similar fashion.

Taylor continued to maintain his innocence from the death chamber gurney Thursday night after telling some friends and an aunt watching through a window that he was "going home."

"You ain't got to worry about nothing," he told them. "I hope to see all of y'all one day."

Then he turned toward another window, addressing relatives of the two men authorities said he killed.

"Stay strong," he said. "It's bad to see a man get murdered for something he didn't do. But I am taking it like a man, like a warrior."

He was pronounced dead nine minutes later.

Army appoints brigadier general to investigate Houston recruiter suicides

HOUSTON (AP) — The Army has appointed a brigadier general to investigate allegations of a cover-up among commanders of a recruiting battalion after a string of recruiter suicides, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn said.

Five Army recruiters from the same Houston battalion have committed suicide since 2001, including two since August.

Cornyn, a member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services who won his second six-year term Tuesday, last month called for an independent investigation in a letter to Secretary of the Army Pete Geren.

Geren responded in a two-page letter dated Nov. 3, writing that he shared Cornyn's concern about the suicides and reports of "undue command influence within the Houston Recruiting Battalion investigations." He pledged to work with the senator's staff to provide answers "after we review and assess these issues," the Houston Chronicle reported Friday for its online edition.

In the letter, Geren informed Cornyn that Brig. Gen. Frank Turner of the U.S. Army Accessions Command

has been assigned to lead the investigation and make recommendations. In addition, the U.S. Army Recruiting Command is conducting fatality review boards and line-of-duty investigations into the two most recent suicides, Geren wrote.

Cornyn on Thursday said he is pleased with the Army's response so far, but his office will continue to monitor developments and pursue further action as needed.

Appeals court hears arguments for new trial from woman serving life sentence

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A defense attorney for a woman serving a life sentence for capital murder is asking a court of appeals for a new trial, arguing flaws in the indictment and jury charge led to a wrongful conviction, officials said.

Hannah Overton, a mother of five, was found guilty of capital murder in the Oct. 3, 2006 death of Andrew Burd, a 4-year-old foster child she was in the process of adopting. She was accused of forcing the child to drink a mixture of water and Cajun spices.

A panel of three justices of the 13th Court of Appeals — Linda Reyna Yanez, Dori Contreras Garza and Rose Vela — heard arguments Thursday from both sides.

Attorney Cynthia Orr argued the indictment against Overton failed to charge an offense under the law and the jury then wrongfully convicted Overton by omission without any evidence she intended to kill the boy.

The instructions to the jury indicated Overton could be found guilty either by intentionally or knowingly causing his death or by failing to seek medical care. When polled, all 12 jurors said they found her guilty in Sept. 2007 because of her failure to act.

Orr also argued Thursday that the child could have died, not from drinking a mixture of Cajun spices and water as the prosecution asserted, but from eating salt on his own while he was unattended.

She also disputed the claim that the boy's bruised nose was evidence that Overton force fed the mixture to him,

saying the marks came from cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Rice University launches \$1 billion fundraising effort to mark centennial

HOUSTON (AP) — Rice University on Friday was launching a \$1 billion fundraising campaign — its largest such effort — to mark the school's 100th anniversary in 2012.

Rice will use funds raised from the Centennial Campaign to strengthen research, increase scholarship resources, expand undergraduate enrollment by 30 percent, build stronger connections to its home city of Houston and enhance its global presence.

"Four years short of a century ago, the founding president of Rice announced that this new educational institution would set no upper limit on our endeavors as a university," said Rice President David Leebron. "As we approach the century mark and look back with pride on what has been achieved, we continue to embrace that aspiration as we look forward to the next 100 years."

The campaign goal includes \$400 million for undergraduate and graduate education, \$310 million for research and \$290 million for collaborations with leading institutions in Houston and initiatives around the globe.

Rice has already raised half of the \$1 billion goal during the "quiet phase" of the campaign.

1 person burned in blast at vodka distillery

AUSTIN (AP) — One person has been injured in an explosion that tore through a Texas vodka distillery.

Firefighters were attacking the last flames from the blast Friday at the San Luis Spirits distillery in the community of Dripping Spirits southwest of Austin.

Hays County sheriff's Deputy Pam Robinson says one person was airlifted to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio with burns to his hands, legs and face. No identity nor condition was immediately available.

No cause has been determined for the blast.

CLUB NEWS

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GCAA Award workday was also discussed.

It was decided to hold our 2009 awards banquet in conjunction with the installation of officers Jan. 12 at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Our next meeting will be Dec. 1.

TOPS TX No. 21

TOPS TX No. 21 met Monday evening as usual in the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad.

Laura Sickles conducted the meeting and called on Linda Stapel to lead the TOPS pledge and Laura Sickles led the KOPS pledge. The Welcome Song was then sung by all members, led by Carol Smith.

Minutes of the previous meeting and financial report were read by Linda Stapel. Olnee Menges read a humorous reading obtained from the "Lets Talk" computer report which was enjoyed by all.

Roll Call by Huggetta Roberts showed the club had a total loss this week of 15.25 pounds, a good report from 12 members present. The weekly best loser was Duffy Yancy with a loss of 4.5 pounds. He was awarded a certificate and \$1.

The business portion of the meeting reminded members to remember their Secret Pals with a card, gift or phone call.

A new contest started Mon-

day evening. The members will form two groups competing for the best weight loss during November and December 2008. The team with the least weight loss will host the team with the greatest loss to a salad supper.

The Christmas party will be held Dec. 15, 2008, at Furr's Cafeteria. Secret Pals will then be revealed and a gift exchange will be the highlight of the activity. The members will weigh-in before going to Furr's Cafeteria and they may bring a spouse, date or friend. The meal at Furr's Cafeteria will be "Dutch Treat."

Correspondence was read by Area Captain Clara Cleghorn with encouraging word to count calories and fat grams when we eat during the coming holidays.

The program titled "Fast Food Frenzie" was presented, reminding us to count calories. Fast foods are all about choice, our own choice. We were encouraged to set a weight loss goal or maintenance goal for this week for ourselves and report at our meeting next week of our successes.

For more information about Take Off Pounds Sensibly and our meetings call Frank Sickles at 213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819. All visitors are welcome at TOPS TX No. 21. Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. with weigh in beginning at 5 p.m.

Cordially Invite You to Attend our Services

TRINITY BAPTIST
810 11TH PLACE 267-6344

Forbidden fruit creates many jams.



Randy Cotton
Pastor


Sunday 11:00 a.m. Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Service broadcast Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
over KBYG 1400 AM Evangelistic Service....6:00 p.m.
on your dial Wednesday Service.....7:00p.m.

Enter Your Favorite Family Recipe In Our 9th Annual

HOLIDAY COOKBOOK CONTEST

CATEGORIES:

- Breads
- Appetizers
- Desserts
- Vegetables
- Casseroles
- Entrees
- Salads



RECIPE ENTRY DEADLINE:

Tuesday, November 11, 2008
Limit 3 recipes per person.

Winners will be published in the cookbook on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008.

HOW TO GET YOUR ENTRY TO US:

Mail to: PO Box 1431, BS, TX 79721
Bring to: 710 Scurry, Big Spring
Fax to: (432) 264-7205 or
Email to: advertising@bigspringherald.com

Official Entry Form

Yes! Enter my recipe(s) in the 8th Annual Holiday Cookbook Contest.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip: _____
Phone: _____

Please type or print your recipe legibly and submit it with this form.

We WILL have a taste testing this year

CONTAINERS MAY BE PICKED UP THE DAY AFTER JUDGING OF THE CONTEST

