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## Different drummer

### Symphony's move to high school will take care of ADA issues for now

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

The show — or the concert, in this case — must go on. The Big Spring Symphony may not have its home stage anymore, but that won't stop the group from performing its final concert of the 2008-2009 season March 21. Titled "The Bard and the Baladeer," the concert will be held in Big Spring High School's auditorium beginning at 8 p.m. General admission prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students.



**Waddie Edwards**

The symphony has been looking for a new home since the Municipal Auditorium was closed because of accessibility problems. Moving to the high school was the best and most obvious move for now, Director Keith Graumann said.

"This next concert would have been a sellout at the (municipal) auditorium ... and there's no other comparable place in town that can seat the same number of people," Graumann said. "So the high school was the logical choice."

The biggest problem facing the symphony, in regards to changing venues, has been informing patrons of the the switch.

"Logistically, we're hoping this won't be a problem for us," he said. "The problem has been making sure we reach all our patrons and let them know about the change."

The March 21 concert will feature cowboy crooner Don Edwards and cowboy poet and comedian Waddie Mitchell in an Old West-themed evening of music and verse.

"Don Edwards is an old farmhand ... who sings cowboys songs," Graumann said. "He has a beautiful voice and he wrote a number of those songs himself. "Waddie Mitchell is perhaps the best-known cowboy poet in the

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# EPA says farm dust requires regulation

By **MARCO SANTANA**  
 Associated Press Writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — Nothing says summer in Iowa like a cloud of dust behind a combine.

But what may be a fact of life for farmers is a cause for concern to federal regulators, who are refusing to exempt growers from new envi-

ronmental regulations.

It's left some farmers feeling bemused and more than a little frustrated.

"It's such a non-commonsense idea that you can keep dust within a property line when the wind blows," said Sen. Charles Grassley, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee who still farms in north-

east Iowa.

Under rules imposed in 2006, rural areas would be kept to the same standards as urban areas for what the Environmental Protection Agency calls "coarse particulate matter" in the air.

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Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

The Big Spring All City Choir Concert was held Thursday in the high school auditorium. The choir consisted of fourth graders from all the Big Spring elementary schools and fifth and sixth graders from Goliad Middle School.

# Obama to set Iraq pullout date

By **BEN FELLER**  
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A "substantial" number of the roughly 100,000 U.S. combat troops to be pulled out of Iraq by Aug. 31, 2010, will remain in the war zone through at least the end of this year to ensure national elections there go smoothly, senior Obama administration officials say.

That pacing suggests that although

Obama's promised withdrawal will start soon, it will be backloaded, with larger numbers of troops returning later in the 18-month time frame.

Obama was to announce his strategy Friday at the sprawling Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, where thousands of Marines are soon heading to another war front, Afghanistan.

The administration now consid-

ers Aug. 31, 2010, as the end date for Iraq war operations.

That timetable is slower than Obama had promised voters, but still hastens the U.S. exit.

Even with the drawdown, a sizable U.S. force of 35,000 to 50,000 U.S. troops will stay in Iraq under a new mission of training, civilian protection and counterterrorism.

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HERALD photo/Ron Midkiff  
 Police and emergency medical service personnel responded to the scene of a three-vehicle accident in the 2000 block of Gregg Street Thursday afternoon. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with undisclosed injuries.

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# BSHS track teams start season confident

## Defending 4-4A champion Lady Steers looking to be a force in district in 2008

## Steers thinking repeat

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

There's one thing not in short supply for the Big Spring Steers track team — speed.

The Steers open the 2009 track and field season at the Lubbock Invitational Saturday with high expectations.

A year ago, the Steers won a District 4-4A championship and finished third behind Fort Worth Eastern Hills and Crowley at the Region I meet.

Coach Mitch Woodard expects a

similar performance in 2009.

"We're the favorite in our district going in," said Woodard. "On paper, we're the fastest and we return the most athletes from a year ago."

The Steers return eight regional qualifiers from the 2008 squad, including five individual district champions.

LaRay Woodard and Jordan Valle are the top two returning athletes. Woodard and Valle each qualified for

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By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

The resurgence of girls athletics at Big Spring High School over the past year and a half is hitting the track as well.

Nick Roberson took the reins of the Lady Steers track program in 2008 and led them to a third-place finish in District 4-4A. Several Lady Steers qualified for the Region I meet, but only one — 2008 graduate Esther Tobar — placed high enough to score points at the regional.

"The next step is to keep working and getting better in our individual events, which in turn makes our team better," said Roberson. "We're going to be better this year. We had a lot of young girls gain some valuable experience in meets last season. There are some great freshmen coming in with high expectations. I'm excited about about what we're going to be capable of in every aspect this season."

The top returner from last season

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# Howard rolls into Region V with 93-48 win

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

It took them until the final game of the season, but Howard College's men's basketball team has finally clinched its spot in the Region V Tournament slated to begin March 7 at Lubbock Christian University.

The Hawks earned its berth with a 93-48 win over New Mexico Military Institute Thursday, leaving no need to worry about how a tiebreaker system might work out.

However, even if Howard had lost, it still would have qualified for the tournament as New Mexico College fell to South Plains College, 87-73, Monday. Western Texas College defeated Clarendon College, 68-58, to claim the fourth and final spot available out of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference for the regional.

It's unclear who from the Northern Junior College Athletic Conference Howard will face in the opening round of the tournament.

The Hawks got off to a slow start Thursday night as NMMI jumped out to a 14-8 advantage with a 13:40 to play.

Down 19-15 with 9:26 to go, the Hawks finally took the lead and put the game away with an 18-3 run, earning Howard a 33-22 advantage. The Hawks outscored NMMI 30-7 in the final nine minutes of the opening half, taking a 45-26 lead into the locker room.

It was much of the same in the second half as Howard steadily increased its lead.

The Hawks had six players score in double figures with Devon Baker and Denzel Barnes, who was celebrating his

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Howard College point guard Denzel Barnes looks to pass the ball inside in action from earlier this season at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Barnes had 15 points Thursday in Howard's 93-48 victory over New Mexico Military Institute.

# 3 Lady Steers nominated to all-district team

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Leaps and bounds were made by the Big Spring Lady Steers basketball team in the 2008-2009 season and having three players named all-district earlier this week is evidence of that improvement.

Freshman guard Bridgette Tuitt was given first-team honors out of District 4-4A, while sophomore guard Valerie Ross was named to the second team. Just missing the cut for the second team, freshman post Cerbi Ritchey received honorable mention.

"These three girls make up a part of the core we're building this program around," said Big Spring Head Coach Mike Warren. "We've worked incredibly hard to get to this point. These girls got better and better as the season went along. I'm proud of these girls and having three underclassmen named all-district just speaks volumes about the potential we have down the line."

Tuitt handled the point for the Lady Steers this season and it was her ability to handle the ball as well as penetrate the lane at will that makes Warren believe she was worthy of a first-team nomination.

"Bridgette's ball handling got better as the season went along," he said. "She was more consistent bringing the ball down the press as the season went along and cut down on her turnovers. I thought she handled it very well against Palo Duro in the playoffs. There were times she broke their press by herself. She's also got a great ability to penetrate and score."

Ross was the second-leading scorer on the team behind Tuitt and the top 3-point

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Ritchey



Tuitt



Ross

# Redskins give DT Haynesworth landmark contract

By JOSEPH WHITE

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moving swiftly in the first hours of free agency, the Washington Redskins opened their deep pockets and snagged perhaps the biggest name available: All-Pro defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth.

The longtime Tennessee Titans

defensive tackle agreed to a seven-year deal worth approximately \$100 million early Friday morning. The Redskins, known for their expediency in such matters, wasted no time scheduling a 5 p.m. news conference for their latest marquee signing.

Haynesworth's deal came within hours of another Redskins blockbuster: a six-year, \$54 million agree-

ment to re-sign cornerback DeAngelo Hall.

A stout, sack-producing interior lineman is just what the Redskins have needed. Haynesworth had a career-high 8½ sacks last year, more than one-third of Washington's team total (24). The 27-year-old lineman is 6-foot-6, weighs 320 pounds

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# Sports in brief

## BSHS, Forsan, Coahoma results from West Texas Classic in Midland

Softball teams from Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma High Schools started play in the West Texas Classic Thursday.

Big Spring lost both of its games. The Lady Steers were shut out by Canyon, 7-0, in their first contest, then fell to Monahans, 4-2, in the second. Pitcher Kenzie Hunt had a combined 20 strikeouts in the two games.

Coahoma lost a second straight game to Andrews, 14-3, to open the tourney, then later lost a hotly contested matchup with Lubbock Cooper, 3-2.

Forsan played just one game Thursday, falling to Class 3A's ninth-ranked squad, Levelland, 13-0.

Here's Friday and Saturday's schedule for the Howard County teams at the WTC:

**Friday**  
Forsan vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, 9 a.m. on Field 7.

Big Spring vs. Lubbock Coronado, 11 a.m. on Field 5.

Coahoma vs. Snyder, 11 a.m. on Field 6.

Coahoma JV vs. Sonora, 1 p.m. on Field 1.

Canyon vs. Forsan, 1 p.m. on Field 9.

Big Spring vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, 3 p.m. on Field 5.

Midland Christian vs. Coahoma, 3 p.m. on Field 6.

Forsan vs. Wall, 3 p.m. on Field 7.

Coahoma JV vs. Lubbock Monterey JV, 7 p.m. on Field 8.

**Saturday**  
Big Spring vs. Levelland, 9 a.m. on Field 5.

Coahoma vs. Odessa High, 11 a.m. on Field 6.

Big Spring vs. Midland High, 11 a.m. on Field 7.

Coahoma JV vs. Levelland JV, 11 a.m. on Field 9.

Forsan vs. Lubbock Coronado, 11 a.m. on Field 8.

Forsan vs. Monahans, 9 p.m. on Field 3.

Coahoma vs. Pampa, 9 p.m. on Field 6.

## BSGSA registration begins Saturday

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association is holding sign-ups for the 2009 season beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

Subsequent sign up dates will be each Saturday through March 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Girls ages 4-14 are eligible to play with a registration fee of \$65.

The fee covers full uniform.

Late registration after March 14 will include a \$10 extra charge.

For more information, contact Lucy Ramirez at 466-3670.

# Obituaries

## Effie Dolores Patterson

Effie Dolores Patterson of Clifton passed away Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009, at Clifton Lutheran Sunset Home. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Big Spring.

Dolores was born June 26, 1916, in Lamesa, to Clark and Amma Cozby. She has been a lifelong Baptist and a member of West Side Baptist Church in Big Spring. She was also a longtime associate at J.C. Penney in Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clark and Amma Lee Cozby; her husband, Johnnie Patterson; and a brother, John Taylor.

She is survived by two daughters, Jeanette Patterson Bumgardner and husband Frank, of China Spring, and Loretta Patterson Zenke of West Bend, Wisc.; one sister, Joyce Dawson of Melbourne, Fla.; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Wilkerson-Hatch-Bailey Funeral Home.

The family invites you to leave a message or memory in our "Memorial Guestbook" at [www.wilkersonhatchbailey.com](http://www.wilkersonhatchbailey.com).

## Kathy Jane Bailey

Kathy Jane Bailey, 54, of Odessa, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

She was born Feb. 4, 1955. Kathy graduated from Forsan High School in 1973 and was salutatorian of her graduating class. She had a B.S. degree in technical theater from West Texas A&M University, and a diploma in practical theology from Christ for the Nations in Dallas. In 1990 she became a licensed vocational nurse and had been working at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa since that time.

Survivors include one brother, Dr. Murl Bailey and wife, Darlene, of Bryan; two nieces; two nephews; five grand nephews and three grand nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, E.M. "Rip" and Cleo S. Bailey.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

# Police blotter

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

- CURTIS DWAYNE WOODRUFF, 23, of 1501 Lincoln, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- DAVID ARGUELLO JR., 28, of 1803 State, was arrested Thursday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and disorderly conduct – language.
- EVERADO RODRIGUEZ BUSTILLOS, 22, of 810 S. Johnson, was arrested Friday on a charge of no driver's license (when unlicensed).
- THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of 15th Street.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 1200 block of Sycamore.
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT – LANGUAGE was reported in the 2700 block of Carol.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: in the 100 block of Gregg Street. in the 600 block of Scurry.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1400 block of Virginia.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported: in the 1300 block of State Park.

# Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 54 inmates at the time of this report.
- JUAN ANTONIO DIAZ, 26, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of displaying an expired motor vehicle inspection certificate (two counts), violation of a promise to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
  - SCOTT BOYD, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief (two counts).
  - KURT ANTON MIRANDA, 28, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
  - RUBEN JUAREZ JR., 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear and bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid.

# Take Note

• Big Spring resident Velma Campbell was on vacation when she had a massive stroke. She is in critical condition in Arizona. Her family hopes to have her medically transported back home as soon as possible. She has many friends and is an avid bowler. If anyone would like to help, a savings account has been set up at Wells Fargo. The savings account number is 9662778118.

• Coahoma alumni will hold an all school, all classes reunion Saturday, Aug. 1 at the Coahoma school building. Individual classes are encouraged to plan their class get-togethers Friday night or Saturday night. This year's reunion theme will highlight sports and former coaches Bernie Hagins and Norman Roberts will be honored, along with all former athletes and coaches at Coahoma ISD. Funds will be raised for the Coahoma Scholarship Fund as well. The Coahoma Alumni Association is trying to update its e-mail and mailing address lists and asks that you contact Patti Meets at [pmeeks@basin-net.net](mailto:pmeeks@basin-net.net) or (432) 267-6688 with updates. More information will be shared as the reunion planning progresses.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

• West Texas Opportunities Inc., through a Job Access Reverse Commute project with the Texas Department of Transportation offers transportation to employment in Midland, on a limited schedule, Monday through Friday each week. This fixed route currently leaves Big Spring at 7 a.m. and makes a stop at the EZ Rider bus connection in downtown Midland. The route leaves Midland for the return to Big Spring at 4:15 p.m. As a promotional introduction, no fare is charged. Beginning April 1, the daily fare will be from \$3 to \$8, round-trip, depending on the number of passengers using the service. For more information, call Victor Enriquez, JARC coordinator, at West Texas Opportunities, (800) 245-9028.

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded

West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.




• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment.

# Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3800 block of Gail Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Connaly. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of E. Ninth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of State. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of S. Highway 87 and Overton Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Caylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1800 block of

# Your Local Weather

Fri 2/27	Sat 2/28	Sun 3/1
 <b>75/38</b> Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High near 75F.	 <b>64/34</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	 <b>64/38</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.

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# Bulletin Board

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

**SATURDAY**  
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

**MONDAY**  
• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.  
• District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.  
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 begins at 5 p.m. with weight-in 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 Buffet.  
• Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.  
• The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.  
• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.  
• Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

**TUESDAY**  
• Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.  
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.  
• Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.  
• VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.  
• Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.  
• The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.  
• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

# Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 29-2-28-25. Bonus Ball: 32.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 13-14-3-32-28.  
Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$26,019  
Winning ticket purchased in: Richardson.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-9-7-7. Sum It Up: 25.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-0-0. Sum It Up: 2.

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is Desiree Anderson, who was a district champion in the 100 meters. Anderson will have plenty of company in the short-distance races with freshman Bridgette Tuitt expected to contribute heavily as well.



Anderson

Roberson also expects to get solid performances from Iesha Simpson, Traosha Walker and Paige Smith.

Simpson and Anderson are also the top returning jumpers for Big Spring.

Simpson was third in the long jump in the district in 2008, while Anderson finished second in the triple jump. Roberson expects Tuitt to also contribute in the triple jump and is also going to give the Lady Steers some depth at high jump.



Graves

Big Spring's top high jumper going into the 2009 season is junior Macy Graves, who fell just short of qualifying for regionals as a sophomore.

The top distance runner returning is senior Catherine Leubner, who is a regional qualifier in 800- and 3,200-meter events. Leubner made it to regionals in cross country in the fall and has already signed a letter of intent to run for Wayland Baptist

University in Plainview.

She'll be joined by Opal Gonzales, who finished just outside the qualifying pack for the distance races a year ago.

Roberson is hoping to pick up some points in the power events this season after Leslie Leal, who was the top thrower in 4-4A heading into the district meet. Unfortunately, Leal was unable to qualify a throw in the shot put or discus.



Leal

"Leslie is a senior and she's the best thrower we've got," said Roberson. "She'll be able to compete for a district title this year. It was unfortunate what happened to her last season, but we'll make sure she doesn't

get disqualified again. With the points she normally gets us, we would have had the second best team score at the district meet a year ago."

Roberson feels he has a complete team with good depth and can compete for a District 4-4A title this season.

"We match up well with our district," he said. "There's a lot of competitive spirit in this district. You can't count out anyone. We were third last year and could have been second. There's no reason to think we won't finish at least that good this season."

The Lady Steers open their season at the Lubbock Invitational Saturday.

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the state meet a year ago with Valle finishing fourth in the 3,200 meters and sixth in the 1,600 meters and Woodard bringing home silver in the long jump.

Woodard might be able to qualify for state in one other event as well. He was a district champion in the 110-meter hurdles and a regional qualifier in the 300-meter hurdles. However, a poor



L. Woodard

run in the 110 kept him out of the state meet.

"LaRay is going to be one of the favorites in the state in the long jump and he has a good chance of advancing in one of the hurdles races as well," said Mitch Woodard, who doubles as LaRay's uncle as well as coach. "As for Jordan, I believe the only person who can beat him is himself. I think his biggest competition in the district will come from his teammates."

Valle won a state championship in cross country in November and is just hoping to add to his resume. He's already committed to run track and cross country at Texas A&M, Corpus Christi, and is one of the favorites to win state titles in the 3,200 and 1,600.

"I think Jordan has a great chance

to double dip at state and win both of those races," said Woodard. "He's going to have one guy there that will really challenge him, but he beat him in cross country already."

Woodard feels the Steers should place the top three runners in district in all the distance races with Kade Parker and Shane Allen giving Valle his toughest competition.

Speedy cousins Monte Anderson and Zamir Linton are the top two sprinters for Big Spring. Anderson won a district title in the 100 a year



Valle

ago, posting an 11.26. Linton finished third in the 200 — just a tenth of a second behind winner Lance Ratliff of Frenship.

Sidney Parker is Big Spring's top mid-distance runner, claiming a district title in the 800 in 2008.

The final returning district champ is Tyrone Clemons, who won the high jump with a mark of 6-5. Clemons was the first alternate for state, finishing third at the regional meet.

In all, the Steers have a complete team Woodard feels is capable of going a long way.

"If things fall just right at the regional meet, then I think we've got a great chance of making it to state as a team," said Woodard. "We've got great athletes in all phases. It going to make us tough to beat."

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shooter. However, Warren says she did much more than just shoot to make the second team.

"Every time I would go back and do stats, Valerie was always coming out

at the top of the rebounding and steals list," he said. "She's a different type of guard when compared to Bridgette. Valerie is a shooter and she was one of our best."

Ritchey fell just short of having enough votes for the second team, but Warren noted how the freshman post made her presence felt throughout the district season.

"Cerbi got more aggressive as the season went on," he explained. "She really started to play much better down the stretch of the season. She had a couple of district games where she scored in double figures and was always one of our leading rebounders."

The Lady Steers improved from 0-28 in 2007-2008 to 9-20 this year. The

9-game improvement was enough to get Big Spring into the postseason for the first time since 2000. All the active players on the roster at the end of the season will be returning next year.

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**HAWKS**

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22nd birthday Thursday, with 15 points apiece. Markeys Deans and Joshua Watkins each had 11, while Vladimir Gavranic scored 10.

Howard shot 57.4 percent for the game, including 52 percent from the

3-point line. The Hawks also made 81.8 percent of their free throws. Meanwhile, they held NMMI to just 29.8 percent shooting from the field.

Howard will enter the Region V Tournament with the top scoring defense in the country, allowing just 52.8 points per game.

Howard College (22-7, 11-5) 93  
NMMI (8-22, 2-14) 48

**NMMI (48)**  
Brad Rogers 6-11 1-2 14, Connor Williamson 2-6 0-0 5, Eric Stewart 4-11 4-4 12, Junior Elko 2-7 1-2 7, Richard Wells 1-6 1-4 4, Aaron Patterson 0-8 0-0 0, Alexandar Elmelyanov 0-0 2-4 2, Greg Marshall 0-1 0-0 0, Alpheus Joseph 0-0 1-2 1, Elan DeJourdan 0-1 0-0 0, Stefan Fields 0-5 1-2 1. 17-57 11-20 48.

**Howard (93)**  
Devon Baker 6-11 0-0 15, Denzel Barnes 6-10 0-0 15, Markeys Deans 3-7 4-4 11, Vladimir Gavranic 3-5 3-3 10, Joshua Watkins 2-2 6-7 11, LaTrail McCoy 3-6 2-2 9, Julien Bottin 0-1 0-0 0, Dante Menter 2-4 2-2 7, Ricardo Zanini 1-3 1-2 4,

Nikola Mandic 1-1 0-0 3, Melanio Ebenden 2-2 0-1 4, Demetrius Beauford 2-2 0-1 4. Totals 31-54 18-22 93.

Halftime: HC 45, NMMI 26. 3-point goals: NMMI 3-18 (Rogers 1-2, Williamson 1-3, Wells 1-4, Patterson 0-3, Elko 0-4, Marshall 0-1, Fields 0-1), HC 13-25 (Baker 3-6, Barnes 3-6, Gavranic 1-1, Mandic 1-1, Watkins 1-1, McCoy 1-1, Menter 1-3, Zanini 1-3, Bottin 0-1, Deans 1-2). Rebounds: NMMI 31 (Rogers 7), HC 40 (Gavranic 8). Assists: NMMI 9 (Wells 3), HC 23 (Barnes 4, Watkins 4). Turnovers: NMMI 15, HC 12. Total fouls: NMMI 17, HC 18. Fouled out: None.

**REDSKINS**

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and has 24 sacks in seven NFL seasons since the Titans drafted him in the first round out of the University of Tennessee in 2002.

Haynesworth last year also had 75 tackles, 22 quarterback pressures, seven tackles for a loss and forced a team-high four fumbles.

The moves for Haynesworth and Hall marked a return to form for Redskins owner Dan Snyder, who for much of the decade has won the unofficial NFL offseason title with big-money signings, often negotiated within hours of the midnight start of free agency. The team was uncharacteristically quiet last year — no major deals at all during the entire free agency period — but an 8-8 season with an aging roster left holes to fill.

It was uncertain whether the Redskins would be able to fit Haynesworth under the salary cap, but the front office spent this month renegotiating several contracts of current players to clear money for the upcoming season. The team also saved money under the cap by releasing linebacker Marcus Washington.

Hall's deal includes \$22.5 million in guaranteed money, giving the 25-year-old cornerback his second big payday in as many years. He was guaran-

teed around \$24 million in a seven-year, \$70 million contract he signed a year ago with Oakland, but he struggled to adjust to the Raiders' man-to-man defense and was waived after eight games.

The Redskins picked him up less than a week later, and he provided a needed boost to a secondary beset by too many injuries and not enough big plays. Hall played in seven games and started the last four, eventually moving ahead of Carlos Rogers on the depth chart.

Hall's five interceptions for the season — three with Oakland, two with Washington — were three more than any other cornerback on the Redskins roster. He was a model citizen during his short time in the nation's capital, avoiding the type of temperamental outbursts that prompted the

Atlanta Falcons to trade him to Oakland in 2008.

Hall therefore became a top offseason priority, with Snyder wanting to work a deal before the cornerback had a chance to test the free agent market. The negotiations with Hall's agents, Alvin Keels and Joel Segal, went to the last minute — and maybe a little beyond.



By Steve Becker

**Bidding Quiz**

**Partner bids One Notrump** (15 to 17 points), and the next player passes. What would you respond with each of the following hands?  
1. ♠8♥AQ9653♦1082♣K74  
2. ♠93♥72♦AK985♣KJ73  
3. ♠Q76♥4♦QJ9432♣AQ3  
4. ♠AQ5♥KQ9♦AQ10♣J985  
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about your lack of strength in spades and hearts; partner is a strong favorite to have both of these suits under control. An 11-trick game in a minor suit is much less likely to make than three notrump and should therefore be dismissed from consideration.

**1. Three or four hearts.** It is clear that you belong in game opposite an opening notrump bid, and you can best reach it by jumping to either three hearts (forcing), or by going directly to four hearts.

**3. Three diamonds.** With 11 high-card points, game must certainly be undertaken, but in this case whether the best contract lies in notrump or diamonds is unclear at this point. Accordingly, you jump to three diamonds, suggesting a distaste for notrump and a belief that game in diamonds may actually prove superior to a game in notrump. If partner rebids three notrump, you should respect his judgment and pass.

Some players might mistakenly bid two hearts and — after their partner passed this nonforcing weak response and they finished with 10 or more tricks — might wonder why partner did not bid again. Since responder would quite properly also bid two hearts with ♠5♥J8754♦Q84♣7642, opener would be in the dark as to whether or not to bid again. For this reason, with any hand that offers the potential for game, responder must do something stronger — such as jump in his suit — to make sure game is reached.

**4. Six notrump.** There is no need to shilly-shally in this situation. You know that the combined point count is 33, 34 or 35 points — enough for a small slam but not enough for a grand slam — and there is no reason to seek a suit contract rather than notrump. You therefore go directly to six without further ceremony.

**2. Three notrump.** With 11 high-card points and no interest in a major-suit game, the best bid is three notrump. There is no need to worry

A four-notrump bid would be a serious error, as this would not ask for aces and would allow partner to pass with a minimum. You should not issue an invitation when you already know where you want to be.

Tomorrow: The right way is the sure way.

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## News in Brief

### Government on verge of deal to boost stake in Citigroup

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is on the verge of closing a deal to significantly boost its ownership stake in Citigroup. In return, it will demand changes be made on the troubled banking giant's board and other conditions, according to a person with knowledge of the discussions.

The increased stake in Citigroup Inc. will not require additional money from taxpayers and the bank will still have to undergo a "stress test," such as those that banking regulators started conducting this week on the nation's biggest banks, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity because a deal hasn't been officially announced.

The government would convert some of its preferred shares in Citigroup to common shares only if the bank can get private investors to do the same, the source said. If that were to happen, the government's stake in Citigroup could jump to 40 percent, from less than 8 percent now, the source said.

The New York-based bank already has received \$45 billion in U.S. bailout money made up primarily of debt-like preferred shares, and it has received

federal guarantees to cover losses on some \$300 billion in risky investments.

### Companies that defrauded the government slip past exclusion list to get new federal contracts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Companies that defrauded the United States and jeopardized American lives received new government work despite rulings designed to stop them from receiving federal contracts, government investigators report.

Payments went to a company whose president tried to sell nuclear bomb parts to North Korea, a company that jeopardized lives on the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy, and a seller of body armor that the Air Force said was defective.

The companies were on a government database of 70,000 individuals and businesses suspended or barred by various U.S. agencies from receiving government contract work.

The Government Accountability Office blamed some of the mistakes on faulty computer searches by officials who left out commas or periods. But it

also said the search engine for the database often failed to identify any of the entries on the exclusion list.

A hypothetical suspended company named XYZ Corp., Inc. — with a comma — would escape detection if one searched for XYZ Corp. Inc. — without the comma — the report said.

### Right-to-die debate revived by charges against 4 members of alleged assisted suicide network

ATLANTA (AP) — The case against an alleged assisted suicide ring known as the Final Exit Network has revived a long-simmering debate over the right to die.

The network's president, its medical director and two other members are due in court Friday on charges they aided the suicide of a 58-year-old Georgia man who suffered for years from cancer of the throat and mouth.

Voters in Oregon and Washington have legalized doctor-assisted suicide, and a district judge in Montana ruled that such suicides are legal there.

## DUST

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Federation and the National Pork Producers Council had petitioned the government to provide an exemption to farmers. They argued that evidence of harm caused by dust in rural areas hasn't been determined.

But the U.S. District Court of Appeals in Washington ruled Tuesday that the EPA had already provided the evidence necessary to determine farm dust "likely is not safe."

Michael Formica, a lawyer for the pork council, said this means farmers now face the daunting task of proving a negative — that the dust is not harmful.

Formica said his and other groups will consider a further appeal.

Farmers said they will be hard-pressed to meet the standards.

In a letter sent Wednesday to the EPA, Grassley wrote that compliance would be impossible because of the dust produced in farmers' day-to-day activities.

Grassley also has noted that because many rural roads are not paved, particulate readings could be affected by wind gusts that constantly change.

"After all, God decides when the wind blows, not Chuck Grassley," he said.

But the EPA said the regulation was overdue.

Every five years, the Clean Air Act requires the agency to review the newest scientific information and recommend changes to its standards.

In 2006, the EPA determined larger particles in the air than previously thought were a danger to the public.

The increased threshold covered air mixes that occur in rural areas.

EPA spokeswoman Cathy Milbourn said the changes are not just a matter of regulating dust. They serve the public's well-being and, regardless of whether someone lives in a rural or urban area, the threshold for unsafe levels of dust in the air must remain consistent nationally.

"It's health-based," she said. "We don't look at a particular industry. The goal is to protect public health."

When counties reach "non-attainment" levels, it becomes a state's responsibility to bring the county back into acceptable levels.

Milbourn said various options exist for states, such as retrofitting buses that run on diesel engines.

But farmers insist the regulation will affect their operations and eventually their bottom lines. And they

said unlike fixing a bus, they have few options for limiting dust from their fields and roads.

Roger Zylstra, a director with the Iowa Cornrowers Association, said if left alone, farmers can compete worldwide. But regulation could impede their success.

He said there seems to be a disconnect between farmers and policymakers.

"Many of the people that are making the rules, it feels like they really don't know what (farming) issues are," said Zylstra, a Lynnville resident who has worked on a farm for 35 years.

Zylstra said it's hard not to get frustrated.

"We think we've met the demands that have been put upon us and lo and behold, we have new and even more stringent demands. It seems really unrealistic."

## SYMPHONY

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country," Graumann added. "He's won numerous awards ... and he's very funny. Both of these men performed here several years ago and were a big hit."

The symphony will kick off the evening with "Hoe-Down" by Aaron Co-

pland, followed by a medley of songs sung by Edwards.

Mitchell will entertain with his poetry, "Waddie's Words" and "Sounds a Cowboy Hears."

The evening will also include performances of "Ghost Riders in the Sky," "West of Yesterday" and "Santa Rosa Serenade."

To address the accessibility issues which plagued the municipal auditorium, handicapped patrons and those

needing assistance should enter by the flag pole entrance east of the high school auditorium entrance on 11th Place.

Wheelchairs will be available and members of the Interact (Rotary) Club of the High School will assist those in need, Graumann said.

Graumann said he is unsure if the move to the high school would be permanent.

"We've had talks with a lot of other

organizations, including the college and several churches in the area," he said. "We might very well perform somewhere else next season."

Tickets are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Blum's Jewelers, *Big Spring Herald*, Faye's Flowers, First Bank of West Texas and Heritage Museum

For more information, contact the symphony association at 264-7223.

## IRAQ

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The potential size of that remaining force doesn't please leaders of Obama's own Democratic Party, who had envisioned a fuller withdrawal. Obama personally briefed House and Senate members of both parties about his intentions behind closed doors Thursday.

Still, war critics are ready to hear Obama's public words. They see his much-anticipated announcement as the beginning of the end of a long, costly conflict.

The last of the U.S. troops will be in Iraq no later than Dec. 31, 2011. That's the deadline set under an agreement the two countries sealed during George W. Bush's presidency. Obama has no plans to extend that date or pursue any permanent troop presence in Iraq.

Administration officials spoke about Obama's Iraq decision under condition of anonymity to discuss details of the strategy ahead of the announcement.

The Iraq war helped fuel Obama's presidential bid. Most Americans think the war was a mistake. More than 4,250 U.S. military members have died in the war.

From the Jan. 20 start of his presidency to his deadline for ending the combat mission, Obama has settled on a 19-month withdrawal. He had promised a faster pace of 16 months during his campaign but also said he would confer with

military commanders on a responsible exit.

Officials said Thursday that the timetable Obama ultimately selected was the recommendation of all the key principals — including Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The timeline was settled on as the one that would best manage security risks without jeopardizing the gains of recent months.

With 142,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, Obama plans to withdraw most of them; the total comes to roughly 92,000 to 107,000, based on administration projections.

Officials said Obama would not set a more specific schedule, such as how many troops will exit per month because he wants to give his commanders in Iraq flexibility. "They'll either speed it up or slow it down, depending on

what they need," said one official.

Yet the officials made clear Obama wants to keep a strong security presence in Iraq through a series of elections in 2009, capped by national elections tentatively set for December. That important, final election date could slip into 2010, which is perhaps why Obama's timetable for withdrawing combat troops has slipped by a few months, too.

One official said Gen. Ray Odierno, the top American commander in Baghdad, wants a "substantial force on the ground in Iraq to ensure that the elections come off."

Another official said Odierno wanted flexibility around the elections. "The president found that very compelling," the official said.

Obama has maintained that getting out of Iraq is in the security interest of the United States.

He planned to emphasize in his comments on Friday, however, that the U.S. has no plans to withdraw from its interests in the region and will intensify its diplomatic efforts.

The senior administration officials sought to describe Obama's decision-making process as one that was not driven by his political promise to end the war. They said he consulted extensively with his military team while interagency government teams reviewed the options.

Obama made the final decision on Thursday, officials said.

The U.S. forces that will remain in Iraq starting Sept. 1, 2010, will have three missions: training and advising Iraqi security forces; providing protection and support for U.S. and other civilians working on missions in the country; and targeted counterterrorism.

Obama had promised all along to keep a residual force in Iraq.

"When they talk about 50,000, that's a little higher number than I had anticipated," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said before the briefing at the White House. Among others there was House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who has also expressed concern about the troop levels.

Violence is down significantly in Baghdad and most of Iraq, although many areas remain unstable. U.S. military deaths in Iraq

plunged by two-thirds in 2008 from the previous year, a reflection of the improving security after a troop buildup in 2007.

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## OUR VIEW

# 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 members of Masonic Lodges 1340, 598 and 992 who honored local teachers by serving up a free breakfast with all the trimmings at the Big Spring Masons Lodge Room Tuesday morning.

- Maxwell Barr, a farmer in the Luther area, who has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Don McKinney on the Howard College Board of Trustees.

- Members of the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers' Club, who have donated \$750 to the city of Big Spring to use in the reconstruction of the Kids Zone playground in Comanche Trail Park.

- All those who took part in the Run for the Fallen Saturday morning in Comanche Trail Park. The run was held to commemorate U.S. Army Sgt. Conrad Alvarez of Big Spring, Cpl. Albert Britton of Chicago and Spec. Michael Matlock of Glen Burnie, Md., who were killed a year ago in Iraq.

- Coahoma High School Choir members Megan Parrish, Cole Sneed, Jessi Morgan, Kenzie Moore, Kyla Clark, Shae Carroll and Heather Kirby, who earned excellent or superior ratings at the Region 6 Solo and Ensemble Contest.

- Daniel Budke, a senior art student at Big Spring High School, who qualified for the Texas Visual Arts Scholastic Exhibition set for April 16-19 in Houston by earning regional and area medals during the UIL regional art exhibition in Odessa.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we walk with you, Lord, before we run.  
Amen

# A tribute to 'Whiz-Bang'

The horrors of war can sometimes produce oddly funny things that influence the culture. Things like "Kilroy Was Here" from World War II or the phrase "It don't mean nothin'" from Vietnam.

There of course is also the nickname Whiz-Bang from World War I.

Now since you and I are not old enough to remember World War I, you might not know what a Whiz-Bang was.

The Doughboys who made it back, knew a Whiz-Bang was a type of German artillery shell you tried to avoid. It whizzed through the air and went bang when it hit. That's not the one I want to give tribute to.

### INCOMING!

There is also the Readers Digest sized magazine, which was found everywhere in Texas throughout the 1920s and '30s, known famously as Captain Billy's Whiz Bang.

While oil patches went up everywhere, young Texas men read through the pages of Whiz-Bang with black stained hands. The publisher in 1921 posted a poem called "Shoo Fly, Oil Man" that was clearly targeted towards its oil field readers.

*A horse-fly lit on the old cow's*

*skin,  
Hung his tools and spudded in.  
Bowed his back and jiggered  
his pole  
And all the time he was making  
a hole.  
The cow browsed on, in her  
usual way,  
Till the horse-fly's bit struck  
regular "pay."  
Then she swung her tail with a  
vicious dig  
And deftly skidded the horse-  
fly's rig.*

Texas Tales writer Mike Cox says the same publisher went on to start True West Magazine and ended up making a mint. A far cry from Captain Billy's Whiz-Bang.

### NICKNAMES

Most everybody in my family has nicknames. Even the Brewer was not called by the common name of the ancient city duped by a wooden horse. Troy is my first name. I was simply called the horse or Hoss as my grandfather referred to me.

My poor little sister will never be called by her dignified name of Christen Appelgate. She will forever be known as Gertie Mae Soap Jack. That's what we called her when she was little. Now approaching 40, even her husband calls her "Gert." We tend to take nicknames seriously in our family.

So the Whiz-Bang I want to give tribute to is not an artillery shell or a folkish periodical. Whiz-bang is the nickname of

my oldest daughter Maegan.

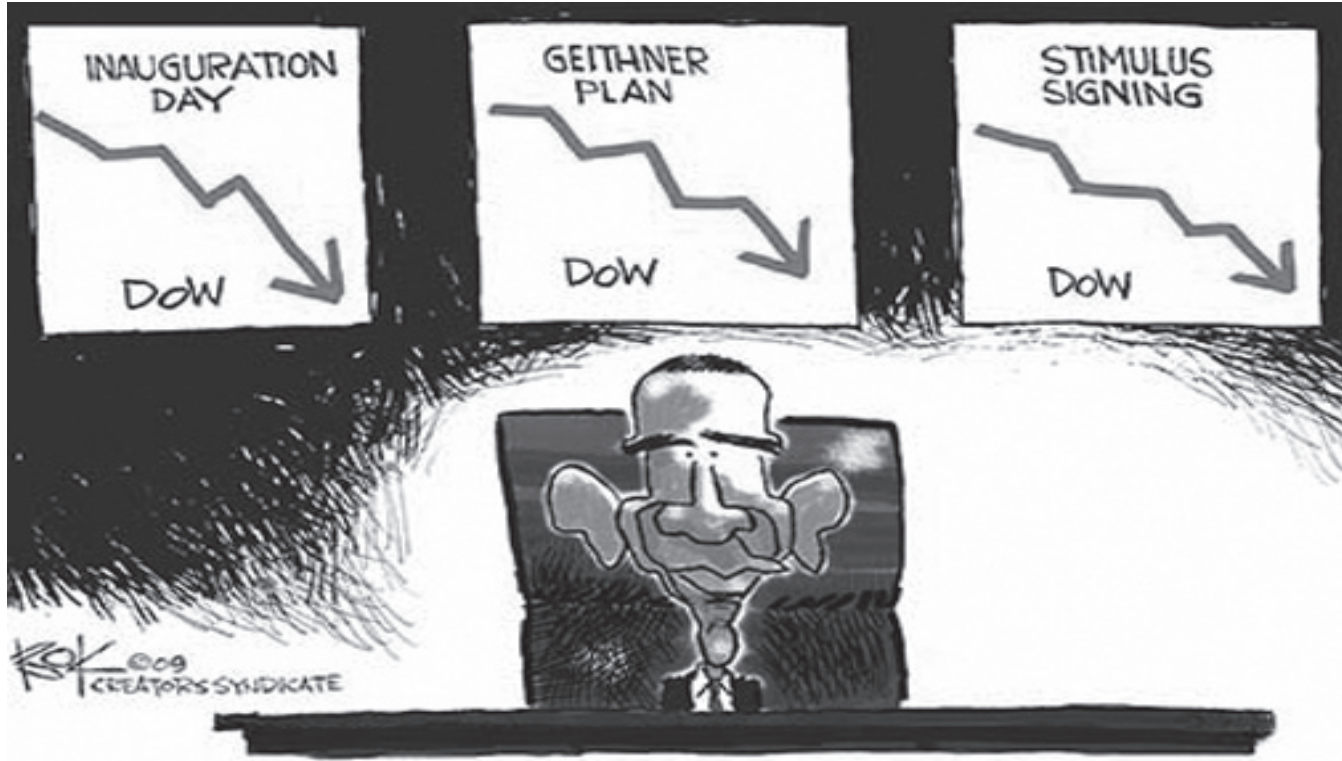
Maegan Brewer is the tall, 22-year-old beautiful blond you might see hanging out with me sometimes. I don't get to see her near as much as I would like to because she works full time and goes to school full time in pursuit of becoming a registered nurse.

The point of this week's confession from a highly caffeinated Christian is to honor a little girl who has grown up faster than I can imagine. I can't imagine how less rich my life would have been without my Whiz-Bang in it. Just yesterday she was a funny little girl who really loved her daddy. Somehow today she woke up to become a hard working, self-motivated, stunningly beautiful and brilliant Godly woman.

I think God for you Maegan and appreciate you not being mad for publicly calling you Whiz-Bang. Thank you for loving the Lord and for loving me so much. Thank you for being the kind of person who can be blessed and for making it look easy to be such a blessing to so many others.

Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all. Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. Proverbs 31: 29-30

*The Rev. Troy Brewer welcomes your comments. Contact him through his Website at [www.FreshFromTheBrewer.com](http://www.FreshFromTheBrewer.com).*



# What goes around, comes around

William Shakespeare, brilliant playwright who went through enough quills to start a feather duster factory, got it right with his oft-quoted line in King Lear.

"Uneasy rests the head that wears the crown," said the bard of Avon about this time four centuries ago.

The line rings the bell of truth yet today. There are multiple current examples in the world of politics, sports and yes, even the animal kingdom.

Let's ignore the first reference. It requires all of our fingers and all of our toes to count all the political figures who've stumbled.

In this treatise, reflections are limited to a couple of sports figures whose crowns are wobbling, as well as a famous chimp.

I'm talking about the monkey who wound up in the obituary column.

Sports reporters have been in a feeding frenzy since baseball star Alex Rodriguez admitted injecting a foreign substance into his body during his three seasons with the Texas Rangers. He used words like "young, stupid and amateur" during his almost hour-long confession.

What he seems to desperately desire is to be cut additional slack by his fans, teammates, the media and team owners. Most of them are plumb out of slack. In short, they aren't buying his story, despite his promise to give his best shot toward regaining their confidence. Alas, his Hall of Fame aspirations likely are

down the drain. Yep, A-Rod's face is "A-Red."

In Lubbock, Texas Tech Coach Mike Leach risked much in balking at his new football coaching contract that was 10 months in the making. Perhaps he and his agent(s) should have given some thought to ill economic winds that are blowing straight into the faces of most folks on all continents. (With our economy in free fall, millions of Americans are cutting coupons to stretch dollars. Maybe this will help Johnson and Johnson, 'cause I'm thinking that all the paper cuts must surely have band-aid sales soaring.)

That Leach was unavailable for comment in the final hours before his signing deadline fails to resonate. Seems he chose to attend a rugby match in Wales one day, and the Daytona 500 in Florida the next.

A rally for the coach drew 40 participants. This is reminiscent of folks with hired mourners at their funerals. When contracts aren't worked out short of Regents' involvement, coaching tenures are strained at best. Pity.

Even a famous monkey couldn't stand prosperity. Travis, a 200-pound chimp who dined on steak, lobster and ice cream provided by a lonely Connecticut widow, met a sad end.

A star of commercials and numerous TV appearances in earlier years, the 14-year-old was fatally shot by a policeman after he viciously attacked one of his owner's friends. Surely he slipped a cog, or maybe it was the result of a round of Xanax said to have been administered by his owner.

Whatever, in a matter of minutes, he forfeited celebrity,

crown and all. This "monkey business" is turning media grist mills faster than anything since the Scopes Trial.

Members of the Texas State Board of Education helped keep primates in the news recently with debate about creationism and evolution.

This reminds me of the story of a smart monkey who was given copies of the Darwinian Theory of Evolution and the Holy Bible.

After reading both, the monkey was dizzied by ambivalence. Was he his brother's keeper, or his keeper's brother?

I'm hesitant to mention the name of my 96-year-old Uncle Mort immediately following "monkey talk," but my phone is still warm from talking to him.

He told me that a long-time friend was among the 100 Texans from Cranfills Gap who recently spent five days and nights in Las Vegas as guests of the Convention and Visitors Authority. "I couldn't wait to find out what he thought of Las Vegas," Uncle Mort said.

"I didn't see it," the Gap resident answered. "What do you mean, you didn't see it?" Mort challenged. "You were there for nearly a week."

"I know," his friend admitted, "But there was just so blamed much happening around the airport."

I told my uncle that my wife and I have just returned from Las Vegas, and that we'll tell about it next week.

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**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Nothing changes on its own. Everything has an effect. You will transform one of your relationships without having a serious talk with the other person. The change that happens in you is enough.  
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**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The unfolding drama seems to have nothing to do with you; still, there is a reason you are privy to

these goings on. Watch the scene with your mind's eye. Frivolous details will be important.  
**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:** You are slow to commit, but once you are bonded to a partner you'll go out of your way to make that person happy. **TAURUS:** You'll have a blast with someone who plays at the same intensity as you do. **GEMINI:** A change of scenery will help a relationship. **CANCER:** Someone senses your zesty past from the twinkle in your eye. **LEO:** You crave freedom and your ideal partner gives you plenty of room to explore. **VIRGO:** You may seem sensible, but this weekend you'll go to unreasonable measures to luxuriate in lavish fun. **LIBRA:** Release your expectations. If you love what a partner already brings to the relationship you'll be happy. **SCORPIO:** A carriage ride in the moonlight or a similar romantic notion will serve your love life well. **SAGITTARIUS:** Put yourself directly in the path of one who can appreciate your otherworldly charm. **CAPRICORN:** Your work can wait, at least long enough for you to take the time to make

meaningful connection with the one you care about. **AQUARIUS:** Loved ones who don't know much about your interesting hobby will be nonetheless entertained by it. **PISCES:** A loving sweetie knows when to wind you up and when to soothe your nerves.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Aries and Pisces may be zodiac neighbors, but they experience life in vastly different ways. What Aries accomplishes through vigorous youthful enthusiasm, Pisces does with the wisdom and patience of an old soul. As a couple they balance each other out, each energized by the other one's approach. Whether problem solving or pleasure seeking, they learn much when they team up.

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Cheating On, then With, Your Wife

**Dear Margo:** I recently divorced my husband after 14 years. He cheated on me practically the entire time, but I continued to forgive and look beyond his faults. Well, the woman he is with now has been with him for the past eight years. He was cheating on me with her, and no amount of explaining to her that he wasn't being faithful to her, either, made any difference. There were other women who came forward. She has been planning on marrying him for about two years. Our divorce was almost final when he decided he wanted to spend some private time with me. That "private time" has



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occurred four times already ... twice before our divorce and twice after.

The "bride-to-be" has no clue that "the groom" and I are sleeping together and thinks he is being faithful to her. I am glad I divorced him, because this proves to me that he will never be faithful.

Am I wrong to do what I am doing? It is only a short-term thing, but it feels so good to know I've still got it in the bedroom. I am not one to play tit for tat, but I couldn't pass this opportunity up. — *Ultimate Revenge*

**Dear Ul:** If it's OK with you, it's OK with me. I have no problem with what you're doing, even if your successor is the motivating factor.

For whatever reason, many couples wind up in bed while they are either separated or divorced. Somehow, a husband on his way to being an ex-doesn't seem to count.

I have no idea what this is about, but do know that you are not alone. It is a fitting end that this lout can finally boost your self-esteem. — *Margo, agreeably*

Life Is What Happens When You're Making Other Plans

**Dear Margo:** I am a 23-year-old full-time student who lives at home and contributes to the household by cooking, cleaning and babysitting in lieu of rent.

I live with my mother, little brother and grandparents.

I recently came to terms with my homosexuality

and decided to tell my close friends and my mother. Thankfully, everyone I've told is supportive, but I have resisted telling my grandparents because they are highly religious — and homophobic.

On the night of my first date with a very nice, educated woman, my grandmother asked where I was going on my way out. I told her I was going to dinner with a friend, which wasn't entirely untrue.

My mother piped up and said, "She's gay and dating a woman." I was horrified. My grandmother began a huge rant and refuses to even look at me now. She is going through my things and invading my privacy.

Needless to say, my date went badly due to emotional distress. I feel great resentment toward my mom.

Her response is, "Your grandmother will get over it eventually." I need to know: Am I justified in feeling resentful toward my mom and anger with my grandmother for invading my privacy, or is this my fault for not coming out to everyone in the first place? — *Forced Out*

**Dear Force:** I'm with you. This was not your mother's news to disclose. It should be up to the person as to when and whom to tell. I think your mother was out of line, and your grandmother is, as well. (I'm not sure what she expects to find going through your things.) Given the situation, inform your mother it is her job to see that "your grandmother will get over it eventually," certainly not a slam-dunk

used to? The question is: How can I get "quiet time" without hurting his feelings? I am crazy about the man, and I feel we could have a good life together if only he would be quiet when it counts. — *Lover of Quiet*

Silence Is Golden, but Only for Some

**Dear Margo:** I am a 27-year-old divorced mother of three. I have a full-time career and am also a part-time college student, all of which I manage well.

For the past three months I have been dating a man whom I am thrilled with. (I didn't know there were good ones out there like him.) I think the relationship has long-term potential. The problem is this: He talks incessantly about topics that aren't of particular interest to me ... things like current events.

When I want to voice an opinion, it is hard to get a word in. If I remain completely silent (I've tried this), he fills in the blanks with noises like singing or little sounds. He's also in the habit of having the TV on all the time, and I prefer it on only when I want to watch a specific program. I have a lot to think about most of the time and like to enjoy quiet moments.

Since he spends a great deal of time talking and not listening, I don't feel he is interested in learning more about me. (He does not ask me many personal questions.)

At one point I discussed this with him, and he does not feel we are having trouble connecting emotionally. Could he just be an emotionally simpler breed of man than I am

Legals

Advertisement for Sealed Bids The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following:

**RFB#09-003 Dental Chairs** Documents may be obtained from Jason Mims, Director of Business Services, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167. Sealed proposals will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, in the Practical Arts Building, room 105A, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be

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COUNTY OF DAWSON STATE OF TEXAS ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, Section 352.081 of the Local Government Code provides that the commissioner court of a county, by order, may prohibit outdoor burning in the unincorporated area of the county if the commissioner court makes a finding that circumstances present in the unincorporated area create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and, WHEREAS, the Dawson County Commissioners Court does hereby find that circumstances present in the unincorporated areas of Dawson County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by certain outdoor burning; and, BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that the following emergency regulations are hereby established for portions of the unincorporated areas of Dawson County, Texas that are not subject to public ownership or control for the duration of the above mentioned declaration:

- (1) Actions Prohibited: Except as described hereinafter, a person violates this order if he ignites, or causes ignition of any combustible or vegetative material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning or ignition by others.
- (2) Enforcement: (a) Under notification of suspected outdoor burning, the fire department shall respond to the scene and take immediate measures to contain and to extinguish the fire. (b) If requested by a fire official, a duly-commissioned peace officer, when Available, shall be sent to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire. (c) In accordance with Section 352.081 of the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a

- Class C Misdemeanor, punishable be a fine up to \$500.00.
  - (3) If the responding peace officer finds that the person responsible for the fire is in violation of (1) above, a citation shall be issued for: *Violation of Burn Ban Order*.
  - (4) This order shall not apply to the outdoor burning of vegetative material caused by welding or by other causes relating to the act of welding, if such burning is not malicious or intentional.
  - (5) This order shall not apply to burning of vegetative material when such burning is performed in accordance with appropriate safety and protective measures, and is submitted and approved by the City of Lamesa Fire Department.
- Be it also ORDERED that the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the public safety hazard posed by wildfires during the current dry weather period by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, which purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based

upon this order. This order prohibiting outdoor burning shall remain in effect until April 30, 2009 at 12 o'clock noon, and shall expire at that time or upon the date the Dawson County Commissioner's Court, by order, determines that the circumstances present in the Dawson unincorporated areas of Dawson County no longer create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning, whichever occurs earlier.  
ORDERED THIS 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009  
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Gilbert Tejada  
Commissioner, Pct 2  
Nicky Goode  
Commissioner, Pct 3  
Foy O'Brien  
Commissioner, Pct 4  
Gloria Vera  
County Clerk  
#6073 February 26 & 27, 2009

## Church News

### Mt. Bethel Baptist

The Mt. Bethel Baptist Church Sunday School Department will sponsor a spaghetti dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday in the church cafeteria for \$6 a plate. You may dine in, carry out or have it delivered. The telephone number is 263-4069 and the church is located at 630 Sgt. Paredez St.

We invite you to worship and fellowship with us for each Sunday for Sunday school at 9 a.m. and worship service at 10:15 a.m. Women's Missionary Society meets each Monday at 6 p.m. Youth ministry meets each Wednesday at 6 p.m. The Rev. William Vaughn is our pastor.

### First United Methodist

Sunday, March 1 is United Methodist Women's Day and services of worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. will spotlight this organization. The theme for the sermon is "Faith, Hope, and Love, but the Greatest of These is Love," based on the Love chapter of First Corinthians. Guest speakers will be Linda Elms of St Pauls, Amarillo and Leslie Jeffcoat, St Lukes, Midland. Local members assisting will be Shirley Shroyer, Amy Burchett and Margie Hill.

All Administrative Council and committee members are encouraged to attend leadership training Sunday in Garrett Hall immediately after services. This is an extremely important vision and planning session to chart the course of ministry for the year. Lunch and nursery will be provided.

Senior Adult Ministry is sponsoring a trip to see "Le Miserables" at Midland Community Theatre Sunday afternoon. Bring a sack lunch, eat in Garrett Hall before leaving for Midland. Cost is \$16.

Church Women United will have a program, "Seeking Shalom," March 7. This will be a human rights celebration with emphasis on peace. Women are invited to worship together at 11 a.m.

Spring Break is just around the corner. There will be numerous adjustments to our church schedule for that week of March 8. We will not have mid-week Bible study and lunch Wednesday, March 11.

We ask that you keep Amy Williams and her family in your prayers as she prepares for more surgery and treatment and we thank God for the safe arrival home of our mission team.

Come worship with us; we're First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

### First Presbyterian, 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, ordinarily led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

March 1 is the first Sunday in the church season of Lent. Communion will be celebrated during worship. Following worship, we will have our monthly covered dish meal in the church social hall.

The Session meets at 5:57 p.m. in the social hall Thursday, March 5.

The next Frolic, an evening of shared talent and fun, is Saturday, March 14.

The lectionary for the first Sunday in Lent is Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; I Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15.

### First Presbyterian, Big Spring

Wednesday activities were Bible study at 5:17 p.m. and choir practice at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., the Big Spring and Coahoma First Presbyterian Churches joined in a service for Ash Wednesday in the chapel at FPC Big Spring. Bert Bronaugh preached from II Corinthians 5:20, "A Mark of Service;" and he and Tom Koger imposed the ashes. The Big Spring choir presented the anthem "Blessed Is the Man" by Jane Marshall.

Karen Schaedel is in charge of "Take Ten" refreshments for Sunday.

Linda Hammond will be liturgist for March. We appreciate her willingness to serve in this way.

Ushers for March are Louise Hitch, Sue Carter, Lynn and Helen Glass.

At the 84th stated meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery in Midland last week, a proclamation and a plaque designating Flynn V. Long as pastor emeritus of this church was presented. Long served this church for 12 years, ending in 1996.

Several of the Big Spring churches are joining together to celebrate the season of Lent by hosting a lunch and devotional time Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. The schedule for these events follows:

- March 4 - First Presbyterian Church
- March 11 - First United Methodist
- March 18 - St. Mary's Episcopal (will include communion)
- March 25 - First Christian
- April 1 - Catholic Church

We invite everyone to share this experience.

Saturday, March 7, Church Women United will meet at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church for a program, "Seeking Shalom."

The lectionary for the first Sunday in Lent is Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; I Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15. "Hear My Prayer" by Will James and "Rejoice and Be Glad" by Albert Zabel are the anthems to be presented by the choir. Gregg Hagelstein, commissioned lay pastor from First Presbyterian, Odessa,

## The advantages of telling the truth

Samuel Clemens, the great American humorist who wrote under the pen name of Mark

Twain, was known for telling the truth, mostly. He observed that if you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.

While I fully agree with Mr. Twain's statement, I haven't been able to forget a childhood memory of mixing a pinch of curiosity and a cup of temptation to make a sun-baked guilt pie out of mud and stolen eggs.



BONNIE WHEAT

The crime was instigated by the ingenuous idea that eggs might make mud pies stick together better and abetted by the opportunity to swipe a few eggs from a nest when no mother, hen or human, was watching.

Even though I was careful to hastily destroy the evidence of my crime by ditching the eggshells in a burn-barrel, I was too short to see inside the barrel all the way to the bottom, and I didn't realize that the trash had already been burned. My freshly discarded eggshells were a telltale sign of incrimination glaring from the ashes in the bottom of the barrel.

After my mother discovered the eggshells and my mud-brick pies, I lost all interest in bak-

ing. I don't remember much about the punishment phase of my criminal activity, but I do remember the interrogation and the relief that I felt after I had told the truth.

The Bible tells us what we should do when we are caught stealing eggs or making mud pies of our lives: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9 NASB).

Mark Twain was right, if we tell the truth, we don't have to remember what other lies we might have told.

Besides that, confession invites forgiveness and reconciliation.

There are definitely advantages to telling the truth.

will deliver the sermon in the absence of the Rev. Bronaugh.

### Baptist Temple

During March, Baptist Temple will have its own version of "The Biggest Loser." During our Sunday morning worship, we will be looking at different desires and behavior patterns all of us need to lose. Sunday, we will be focusing on "losing my need to be the greatest."

We have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sundays. We have a new class called Temple 101 open to anyone seeking to know more about the beliefs and visions of Baptist Temple Church.

Our worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. We also have activities for all ages Wednesday nights from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Our 12-step group meets Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in our fellowship hall. This is open to anyone struggling with addictions of any kind. It is free but donations are accepted to cover the cost of the workbook.

For more information, call us at 267-8287 or check us out on the web at btcbigspring.org

### St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church invites you to worship with a loving, caring congregation. Services begin at 9 a.m. Sunday with children and adult Sunday school classes following at 10:15 a.m. Our services are led by Pastor Wayne K. Frost.

A mission trip to Mexico is planned by Richard Sanders March 14 through 17. He will be visiting and taking some supplies to a very deserving orphanage. If you would like more information, contact Richard at 816-161.

Small group Bible study classes are available for anyone wishing to attend. You may contact the church office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday at 267-7163 for places, times and subjects.

The Lutheran Hour radio program is presented Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on 1070 FM. This is always full of good news and worship for listeners.

February items for Operation Ongoing Support for our troops are: Chapstick or Blistex, small hand sanitizers and licorice. You can also donate to the ATT phone card fund. Any donations can be dropped off at the church during business hours or Sundays. We are located at 810 Scurry St.

We are looking forward to a visit from the Mariachi San Pablo, a Spanish mission group who perform mostly scriptural music in Spanish and English. They have been here before, and their visit and performances were delightful. You are more than welcome to attend our worship service on March 8 at 9 a.m. to see and hear this wonderful group.

### Birdwell Lane Baptist

Sunday worship services are 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. and we are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane, a block north of FM 700.

Children's Church is during the Sunday morning worship for ages 3-12. We are a friendly church with good quartet singing, plain Bible preaching and Sunday school classes from Pre-K to adult. There is a nursery provided. Midweek service is at 7 p.m. Wednesday. If you want a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

The ladies will go on an outing to Lubbock Saturday to KK's Craft Mall and Tea room, leaving from the church around 10 a.m.

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

### North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

Sunday morning worship is now held at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Evening worship remains at 5 p.m. with Lay Pastor Jacque Mauch leading both services.

The Sunday school discussion will be "A New Spirit," taken from Ezekiel 11:14-21. Madeline Boadle will lead the discussion.

Delivery date for the Angel Food is Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Orders for March will be taken March 6-7 and 13-14. Speakers are available for any group wishing to know more about the Angel Food Ministry. For more information, contact Madeline Boadle at 267-2203 or Bill Lovelace at 267-3241.

An administrative council meeting will held at 3:45 p.m. Sunday. All members are urged to attend.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell and welcomes all per-

sons who want to be in God's mission for our community as well as the surrounding communities.

### East Side Baptist

Come hear the "Warren Family," music with a message. The Warrens will be in concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3. We welcome each of you to come and enjoy some great gospel music.

Our weekly services are at 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Sundays. Wednesday nights, Bible club — for ages 6 years old to 12 years old — begins at 6 p.m. with teens class starting at 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible study begins at 7 p.m.

East Side is located at 1108 E. Sixth. For more information, call 267-1915.

### College Baptist

Nancy Jones will be the featured speaker when the Three G's meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 12 in the church fellowship hall. Rulene Porter and accompanist Betty Birdwell will provide special music. Senior adults in the community are invited to attend the potluck supper and meeting.

According to youth minister Bobby Floyd, 36 people have volunteered to go on the mission trip to New Orleans March 7-14. Besides working on rebuilding projects, there will be many opportunities for ministering and witnessing.

Church youth will be selling burritos Saturday at Wal-Mart. All donations will be used to help fund the mission trip and summer camp.

The choir is working on an Easter musical, "Still the Cross." Jamie Scott, music minister, reminds musicians that plans are under way for the fifth Sunday singing event March 29.

### East Fourth Street Baptist

We wish to say "thanks" to the evangelists who visited area churches last Sunday. East Fourth was blessed in having Allen Buchanek to share God's Word with us at our evening service.

Remember to pray for safety and wellness for the 53 people going on the Louisiana mission trip March 6.

We need VBS teachers and workers. If God has placed it in your heart, contact Cathy Reitzer.

A Beth Moore Bible Study is held every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the pastor's home. Workbooks are \$15. For more information call the office at 267-2291.

Ladies, don't forget to register for the seminar to be held March 21. Cost is \$25. Lunch is included. The deadline for registration is March 14.

We invite you to come worship with us. Sundays, we begin Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 6 p.m.. Wednesday Bible study for adults, youth and children begins at 7 p.m.. Saturday, a men's Bible study is held at 7 a.m. This Sunday morning, we will observe The Lord's Supper.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church is located at 401 E. 4th St. Keith Weaver is the pastor.

### Alive in Christ Lutheran

We began our celebration of the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday service. The remainder of the Lenten services will be each Wednesday at 7 p.m. until Holy Week, the week before Easter. A simple meal will be served each Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.

Our Ash Wednesday service included members of the congregation having ashes placed on their foreheads. This ancient act is a gesture of repentance and a powerful reminder about the meaning of the day. Usually the pastor takes the ashes on the end of his thumb and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each worshiper, saying these words: "Remember: you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Sunday worship services are at 9 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages following. We would love for you to join us. We are located at 2805 Lynn St.

Our elders for this Sunday will be Bobby Roever and Richard Knocke. The reader will be David Carlisle and the acolyte is Analsia Rodriguez.

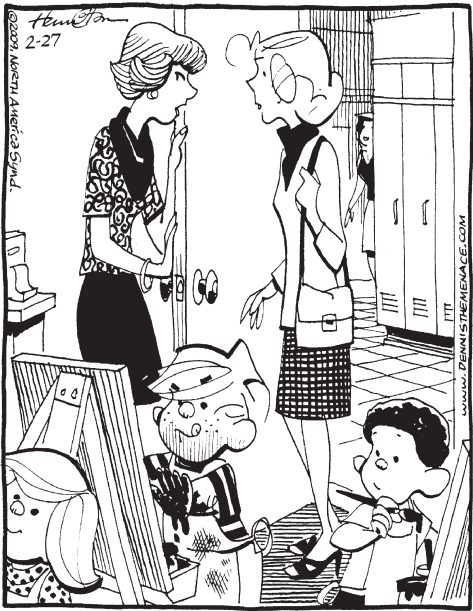
### Chapel of Faith

The congregation of Chapel of Faith invites you to attend Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. each week. This Sunday is the beginning of the Lenten season, as we prepare for Easter. Holy communion will be observed. Chapel of Faith is an interdenom-

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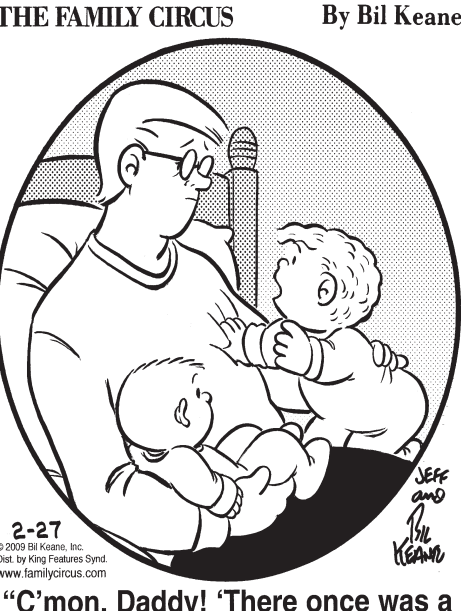
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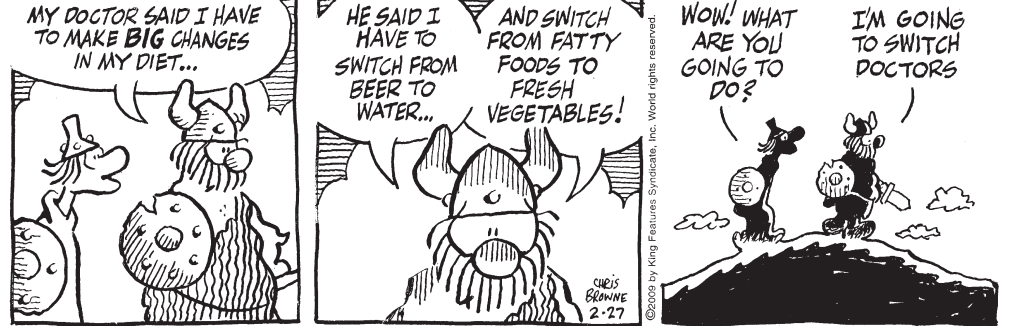
"Hi, Mrs. Mitchell. Uh, our whole staff is curious. Is Dennis an only child?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

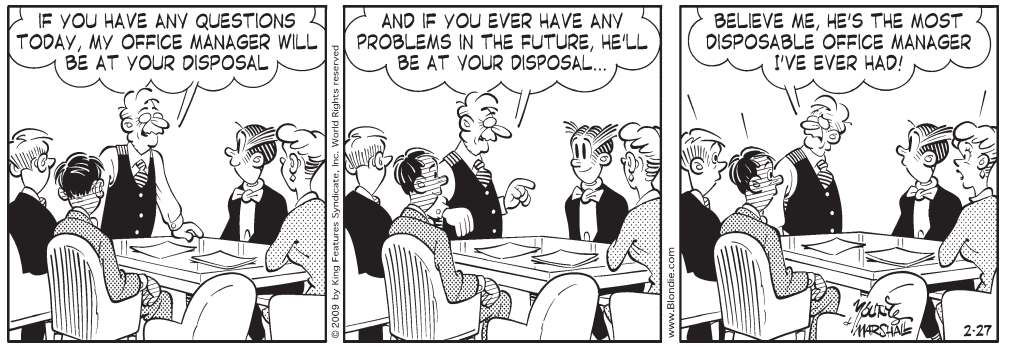


"C'mon, Daddy! 'There once was a tired daddy whose kids went right to bed. The end.' isn't a story."

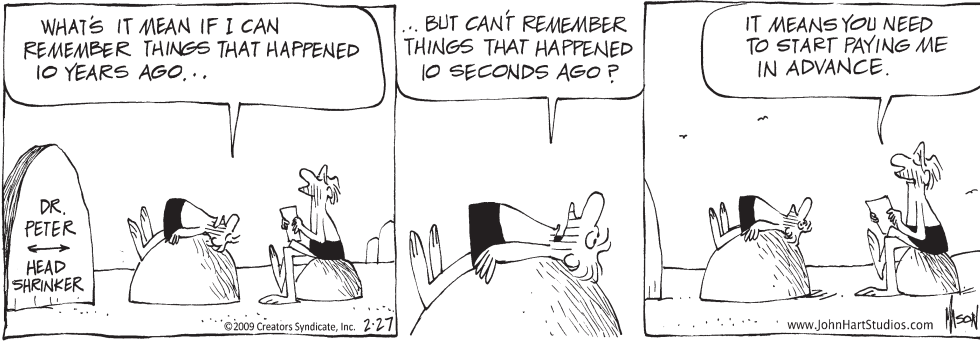
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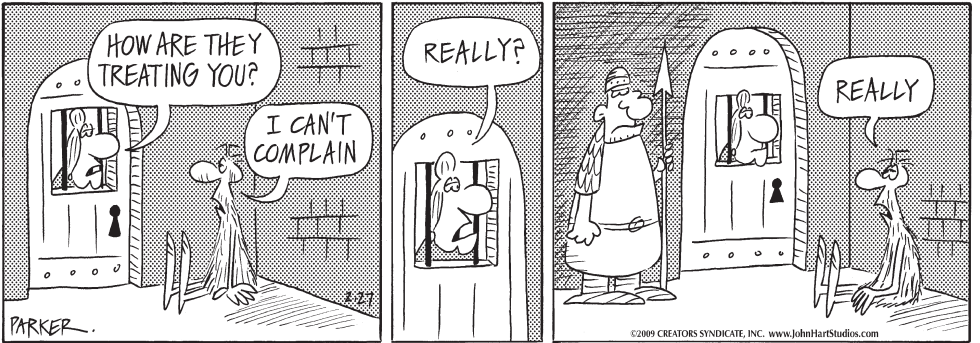
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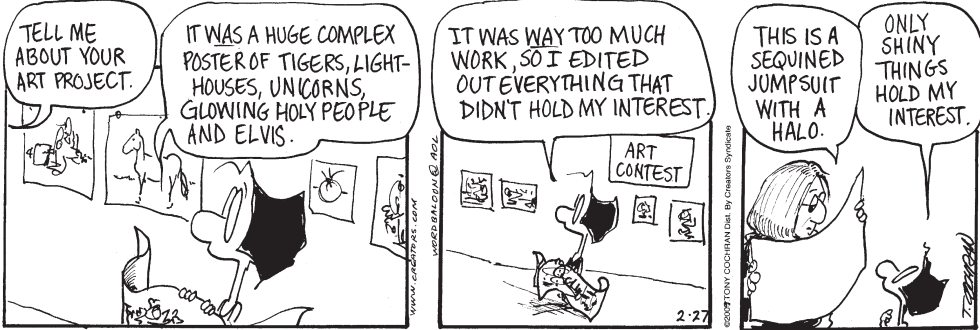
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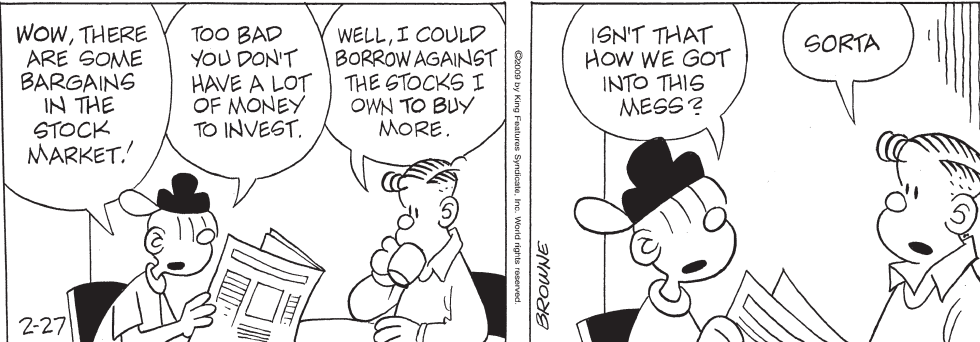
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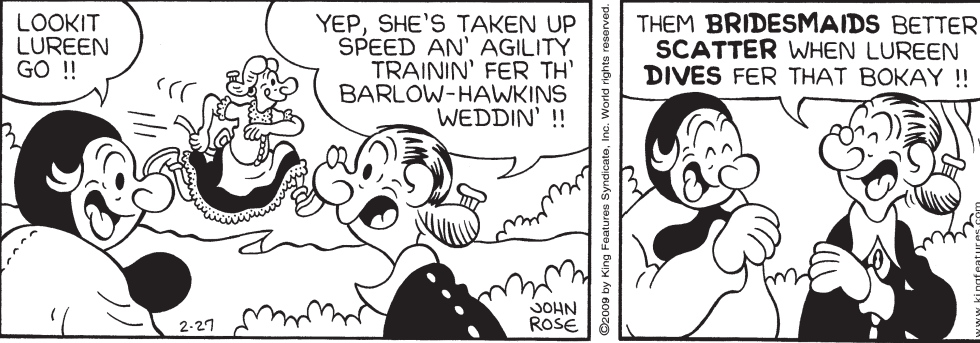
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2009. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 27, 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, was gutted by fire. Chancellor Adolf Hitler, blaming the Communists, used the fire as justification for suspending civil liberties.

On this date: In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

In 1860, former Illinois Congressman Abraham Lincoln delivered a widely acclaimed speech in which he argued against the expansion of slavery into the western territories, telling listeners at Cooper Union in New York that "right makes might."

In 1861, in Warsaw, Russian troops fired on a crowd protesting Russian rule over Poland; five marchers were killed.

In 1922, the Supreme Court,

in *Leser v. Garnett*, unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.

In 1939, the Supreme Court, in *National Labor Relations Board v. Fansteel Metallurgical Corp.*, outlawed sit-down strikes.

In 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified.

In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1973, members of the American Indian Movement occupied the hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. (The occupation lasted until May.)

In 1979, Jane M. Byrne confounded Chicago's Democratic political machine as she upset Mayor Michael A. Bilandic to win their party's mayoral primary. (Byrne went on to win the election.)

In 1991, President George

H.W. Bush declared that "Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated" and announced that the allies would suspend combat operations at midnight, Eastern Time.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Joanne Woodward is 79. Actress Elizabeth Taylor is 77. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is 75. Actress Barbara Babcock is 72. Actor Howard Hesseman is 69. Actress Debra Monk is 60. Rock singer-musician Neal Schon (Journey) is 55. Rock musician Adrian Smith (Iron Maiden) is 52. Actor Timothy Spall is 52. Rock musician Paul Humphreys (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 49.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

BREAK IT UP by Merle Baker  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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| <b>ACROSS</b>                               | <b>63</b> Army NCO                      | <b>11</b> Crisp cookie             | <b>38</b> Be vulturous                 |
| <b>1</b> Memorable dates                    | <b>64</b> Former Philippines first lady | <b>12</b> Director Kurosawa        | <b>40</b> Deuterium and tritium        |
| <b>7</b> Pathway                            | <b>65</b> Fine and dandy                | <b>13</b> Ross Perot, e.g.         | <b>43</b> Shake up                     |
| <b>11</b> Rod                               | <b>66</b> To (faultlessly)              | <b>18</b> Caspian Sea land         | <b>46</b> "Annabel Lee" monogram       |
| <b>14</b> Popular pet                       | <b>67</b> Winter apple                  | <b>22</b> Lager alternative        | <b>47</b> Black, to bards              |
| <b>15</b> Idylls of the King lady           |   | <b>24</b> Victoria's royal house   | <b>49</b> Sinbad the Sailor's hometown |
| <b>16</b> ETO nickname                      |   | <b>25</b> "Walk-in" sites          | <b>50</b> Dot-com giant                |
| <b>17</b> Significant difference            |   | <b>26</b> Wife of Jupiter          | <b>52</b> "... bursting ..."           |
| <b>19</b> Give a thumbs down to             |   | <b>27</b> Grey area: Abbr.         | <b>54</b> Go on and on                 |
| <b>20</b> Cut out                           |   | <b>28</b> Advantageous opportunity | <b>56</b> Start of a Shakespeare title |
| <b>21</b> Camille portrayer in '36          |   | <b>30</b> Tap rhythmically         | <b>57</b> It has its highs and lows    |
| <b>22</b> Uttar Pradesh city                |   | <b>32</b> Exemplar of grace        | <b>58</b> Baseball-card figure         |
| <b>23</b> Dressmaker's need                 |   | <b>35</b> Benchmarks: Abbr.        | <b>61</b> NCAA Division I team         |
| <b>25</b> Unarmed                           |   | <b>36</b> Connecting point         |  |
| <b>26</b> Ancient city now part of Tel Aviv |   |                                    |  |
| <b>29</b> Tease                             |   |                                    |  |
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| <b>33</b> Hindu garb                        |   |                                    |  |
| <b>34</b> IRS ID                            |   |                                    |  |
| <b>37</b> Strait                            |   |                                    |  |
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| <b>41</b> Extra NHL periods                 |   |                                    |  |
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| <b>45</b> Adolescent                        |   |                                    |  |
| <b>48</b> Small thicket                     |   |                                    |  |
| <b>49</b> One way to go                     |   |                                    |  |
| <b>51</b> Lionel Hampton, e.g.              |   |                                    |  |
| <b>53</b> Highest-circulation US magazine   |   |                                    |  |
| <b>54</b> Pretended                         |   |                                    |  |
| <b>55</b> They may be rolled                |   |                                    |  |
| <b>59</b> Na Na                             |   |                                    |  |
| <b>60</b> Mal-shop order                    |   |                                    |  |
| <b>62</b> Arabian Nights                    |   |                                    |  |

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# The miracle of love

Some people feel a little timid when it comes to expressing their emotions, especially when that emotion is love. But when we talk about the love Jesus Christ has for us, His family, it is almost impossible to understand the depth of that love. It is a love so pure that God looked beyond our failures and faults and loved the entire world, even while we were still in our sins.



JERRIE STOCKS

There is a major difference in the kind of love Jesus Christ has for mankind and the kind of love most Christians have for Him. Our love is often shallow and selfish. Our Christian walk can be careless and lack purpose and enthusiasm. We can get caught up in the moment and become misdirected, rarely taking the time to whisper a prayer of thanks for His many blessings.

Few truly understand how valuable love is in the Christian's life. But God's kind of love is what sets us apart from the world as an uncommon way of life and it is the key to making our faith work. Galatians 5:6 tells us that faith works by love, so if we do not have love toward others, we cannot operate in faith, and Hebrews 11:6 says, "Without faith, it is impossible to please God."

Webster defines love as "a strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties." Webster does not mention loving your neighbor or those who may treat you wrongly, but the Bible does. This is the kind of love Christians should live by and practice on a daily basis. It moves us beyond the ranks of the ordinary Christian into a more Christ-like and powerful person. It is this kind of love that separates the true believer from the careless believer.

Satan does not want us to operate

in this kind of love because He knows that we will be a threat to him. He will do everything he can to stop us, but this is the kind of love that Jesus has for all mankind.

God's love is not a fleshly or selfish love, nor is it based on performance, race or color. It is not based on who you are, how much you do for your church, or how often you attend. God's love is so pure, it exists without a reason or cause. It is unconditional.

If we want to see a true picture of God's love in action, all one needs to do is look at Matthew 5:38-44, where Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn your other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away. You have heard it was said, you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy, but I say to you love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you."

It is almost impossible for us to think, even for a moment, that we could treat an enemy as Jesus did, but this is the kind of love that will set us on a higher way of life because it is God's kind of love.

Proverbs 25:21 says, "If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink." One of the reasons they persecuted and mocked Jesus was because they had never heard such a thing as to love their enemies. These unconventional demonstrations of love rocked the world. We, as human beings, simply cannot understand such a way of life.

It is important to understand that love is not a matter of sentiment alone, but of practical concern, blessing, prayer, and positive wishes for well-being extended to friend and enemy alike. Therefore, love for an enemy is not the same as we would have for Jesus Christ or a family member.

To hate any person is wrong. We

can despise their sins, the offenses they perpetrate, or the motives behind the acts, but we are never to hate another person if we want to live a Christ-like life.

A perfect demonstration of practical concern for another person can be seen when we look back at how our military treated Saddam Hussein when he was captured. Even though he was an evil person, our military treated him with respect and dignity. This is what Matthew 5:38-44 is referring to.

Just as God indiscriminately sends the rain and sunshine upon the just and unjust, so we as Christians must be indiscriminate in our extension of love and concern to both friend and enemy. This kind of living does not classify you as a weakling. Rather, it makes you a stronger Christian. It will cause your enemies and friends alike to take notice.

Jesus was not capable of loving this way merely because He was the son of God. Philippians 2:7-8 tells us, "[He] made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

There are many who envision Jesus as a weak, undernourished, skinny, shy man, but He was none of these. He walked every where He went. He ate fruits, nuts, fish and vegetables. His body was strong. He was severely beaten before He was nailed to the cross, and was even forced to carry His own cross up Golgotha's hill. That alone would have probably killed the strongest man in the world today.

My motive for this column is to encourage others to model their lives more after Christ. Our world is severely lacking in love and concern for others. After 9/11, thousands contributed money and prayed for the survivors. Hurricane Katrina and the Indonesian tsunami were no different as the world reached out to the hurting. But as Christians, we should continually display this kind of love and kindness toward our communities, families and neighbors. As disciples of Christ, love must be our top priority. God bless.

# Buffalo Tales

Forty-three Forsan High School band students attended University Interscholastic League Solo & Ensemble contest Feb. 7 in Monahan. These students brought home 56 first division medals. According to Band Directors Jim Rhodes and Misty Hoelscher, it was a record day for their program. Piano accompanists for all solos were Beth Spence and Angie Huckabee.



Earning division 1's were Brittney Roemer, Laura Spence, Hope Cimino, Jodi Jones, Stevie Wilson, Sheree Atkerson, Aric Denton, Ashley Buzbee, Victoria Dunnam, D'Amberly Averette, Brooklyn Riddell, Bresha Randle, Stephanie Snowden, Erica Garrett, Valerie Garza, Lindsey Mince, Amber Rodriguez, J.P. Barber, Jason Lawson and Eric Ochoa.

Also winning 1's were Michael Steelman, Lindy Mercer, Hali Wells, Amber Neighbors, Garrett Willey, Tanner Bailey, Dakota Steelman, Patrick Taylor, Brantley Cahoon, Aaron Johnson, James Wheeler, Evan Burton, Megan Crane, Ryan Fish, Amanda Longorio, Kemberli Phillips, Clay Lockhart, Sterling Chaney, Caden Rosenbaum, Kyle Stevenson, Spencer Wells and Alex Park.

Claudia Jones received an Excellent rating on her clarinet solo.

Report cards went out Thursday, Feb. 19. Student Council secretary/treasurer will join Big Spring High Student Council in presenting a program on Student Council state projects Monday, March 2 for Delta Kappa Gamma, the teacher sorority.

Forsan energy projects have included a poster contest at Elbow, flower seeds for teachers and a campus clean up. Winners of the contest will be announced next week. District is March 4 and the council will be attempting to win Sweepstakes for their state projects.

The Council is also participating in a March of Dimes Drive. There will be a class competition between grades to see who can raise the most money selling poster child baby pictures for \$1 each. All money will be donated to the March of Dimes. The winning class will have an ice cream party following spring break, and the top two salesmen in each grade will receive a T-shirt.

Varsity boys will have their area play-off game Friday.

# CHURCH

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inational church and all who believe in Jesus are invited to share in communion.

Worship services begin at 10:30 a.m. A time of fellowship and refreshments is held just before services start, so come early. Messages brought by Pastor Joel Miller and Associate Pastor Scott Willis are based on scripture and offer an insight into God's love for each person. Services are informal.

Please attend the church of your choice this Sunday. If you don't have a church home, we would welcome you to visit with us.

The church is located on the corner of East 14th and Goliad. If you would like more information, call 267-4082. Remember that God loves you.

The addition of a Sunday evening service, the employment of three youth ministers and the expansion of our women's groups from one to two groups is exciting evidence of growth at First Christian.

Sunday we will add a new service of music, testimonies and prayer starting at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. The evening service is called "Stories from the Word." The service will feature the singing and story-telling talents of Bob and Marla Rainwater. Congregational singing, prayer, personal testimonies, special music and a brief "story from the word" will come together for an inspirational evening of worship.

Thinking out of the box led to our recent employment of three youth ministers. Wanda Brock is heading up our ministry with sixth grade through eighth grade and Ed Fleeson is leading our ministry with nine grade through 12th grade. Lisa Currie is helping both, as well as starting a praise music team of young people

to help lead contemporary worship in the future. We are encouraged at the church about this development because we can see that all three adults can relate to young people in a compelling way that invites them to grow and to journey forward in his or her walk with God.

We now have two Christian Women's Fellowship groups, one that meets monthly at 11:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the church and the other that meets monthly at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at members' homes. Because of spring break, the evening group will meet March 17 at the home of Eu-

liane McIntosh.

We are delighted to be part of the ecumenical Lenten lunches for the Big Spring Christian community. The lunches will happen at noon in various churches in town, including First Christian later in March. We invite you to join us a the first Lenten luncheon scheduled for next Wednesday, March 4, at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth Street and Runnels.

Worship this Sunday begins at 10:50 a.m. It will feature Ches Wilson as liturgist, special music by our choir and a challenging sermon on Genesis 9:8-17 by Dr. Ken McIntosh called "The A.R.K. for the 21st Century."

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