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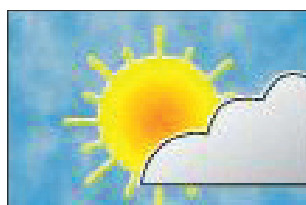


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Capitol highlights

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Transportation

Transportation commissioners approved \$1.2 billion in highway work Thursday to be paid for with federal economic stimulus money, adding more projects requested by local officials and benefiting economically distressed areas.

Texas Department of Transportation officials proposed that more projects be added to the \$500 million in stimulus money maintenance work approved last week and to the \$1.2 billion in major projects that were under consideration Thursday. The extra money needed to complete the added projects would come from local or state funds.

Among the projects approved are ones that would widen part of Interstate 35 in Bell County; construct a new interchange at U.S. Highway 281 and Loop 1604 in San Antonio; make improvements along U.S. 281 and U.S. 59 in the Pharr and Corpus Christi area; and construct an interchange.

Waco area officials complained that improvements to Interstate 35 in their city wasn't included.

TAKS reform

Public schools would get relief from the high stakes of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills in a proposed overhaul of the way Texas measures how well they are doing.

The legislation would minimize the importance of the much-criticized standardized tests, and instead encourage schools to prepare students for success after high school.

The proposed system would base annual school performance ratings on three years of test scores rather than the most recent year, allowing school districts and campuses to make up for a bad year of results with two positive years.

Under the current system, every school and district in the state is graded based on annual TAKS scores and student dropout rates. State ratings are anxiously awaited by superintendents, teachers and parents because they are the chief measure of how well schools are educating their students.

But educators and parents have increasingly voiced dissatisfaction with the grading system that was first implemented in 1994.

Catastrophe fund

A group of Texas legislators from Gulf Coast areas proposed Thursday requir-

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Crooker files for council

Two file for mayor's post in Coahoma

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A week after her opponent for the May election withdrew to run in a different district, Big Spring City Council member Gloria McDonald got a new challenger, as local resident Joyce Crooker filed her candidacy for District 4. Meanwhile, fil-



Crooker McDonald

ing picked up in Coahoma as well. Crooker, who is the wife of long-time and recently retired Howard County commissioner Bill Crooker, said her past civic experience — which includes stretches on the board of directors for the likes of Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, Victim

Services and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce — qualifies her for the seat.

"My past experience in this community qualifies me as a candidate for the city council," said Crooker. "As a federally certified court reporter at Webb Air Force Base for 25 years, and owner and operator of Mr. G's Garden Center and Christmas Store for 10 years, I've always been active in the community. Now, in 2009, the country faces a dim

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

City crews began work this morning on replacing a water line at the intersection of Scurry and Eighth streets. Resurfacing work on Scurry Street is expected to begin soon, officials said.

SCISD board draws several candidates

Few takers for most races, however

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Candidacy filings for area school board races have been few and far between, officials say.

With Monday's filing deadline fast approaching, only one area school district — Sands — is facing a contested election.

School districts in Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Stanton and Sands have scheduled trustee elections May 9. Glasscock County and Grady school districts hold their trustee elections at a later time, while Howard College will not have trustee elections this year.

Candidates have until 5 p.m. Monday to file for the elections.

In Big Spring, seats currently held by Maria Padilla (District 2) and Tony Kennedy (District 4) are up for election this year. Both Padilla and Kennedy have filed their candidacies but no challengers have emerged as yet,

Business Manager Debra Green said.

Both positions are for three years.

Candidates may file at the BSISD business office located across the street from the high school on 11th Place during normal business hours, Green noted.

Coahoma ISD will elect three trustees this year, officials noted. At-large positions currently held by Jody Reid, Alan Wright and Kirk Allen will be decided.

Administration Secretary Judy Dobbs said that Reid, Wright and Allen are the only candidates to have filed as of Thursday morning. Filings will be accepted at the CISD administration office adjacent to the high school.

At-large positions held by Lewis Boeker and Misty Rhoten will be decided at Forsan ISD. As of Thursday, Boeker and Rhoten were the only

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Gem show opens locally Saturday

The 40th annual Big Spring Prospectors Club Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday at the Howard County Fair Barn. The show will include vendors from all over the southwest and feature a number of demonstrations.

Admission is free, and a manmade ruby cut into the Star of Big Spring will be given away. For more information, call Lola Lamb at 263-3340.

Spring forward

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

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Obituaries

Bertilda 'Betty' Jackman



Bertilda "Betty" Jackman, 74, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 6, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born July 11, 1934, in Azores, Portugal. Betty had been a resident of Big Spring since 1976 and retired from the restaurant business. She enjoyed taking care of her beloved mother, grandmother and pets, and enjoyed reading.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Jackman of Big Spring, Buck Jackman of Abilene and Antonio Jackman of Palm Springs, Calif.; two daughters, Lourdes Joyce Jackman Caldwell of Monterey, Calif., and Anna Maria Jackman Gonzalez of North Andover, Mass.; three sisters, Rosa Maria Titus and Lourdes Walker, both of Pennsylvania, and Amanda Blab of Alabama; four brothers, Hildebrando Rodrigues, Orlando João Rodrigues and Jorge deSousa, all of Massachusetts, and Carlos Alberto Rodrigues of Portugal; 15 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eurico da Conceição Rodrigues and Rita Leontina deSousa Rodrigues; one daughter, Louisa Sellers; a granddaughter, Shannon Sellers; and four great-grandchildren, Adrien Maltez, Robert Jackman Jr, Robert Lee Jackman and Travis Wade Jackman-Collins.

The family suggests memorials to Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, P.O. Box 2094, Big Spring 79791-2094.

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

Paid obituary

Roger L. Foster



Roger L. Foster, 74, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at Odessa Regional Medical Center. Graveside services with military honors will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Markley Cemetery in Markley, with the Rev. Tommy Free of West Side Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel, followed by a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

He was born Sept. 18, 1934, at St. Joseph, Mo. He married Irelene Ledbetter May 25, 1957, in Markley. They moved to Big Spring in 1973. She preceded him in death Jan. 2, 2004. He was a veteran of Korea and Vietnam, having served in the Navy for eight years. He retired from the Air Force in 1975. He was a Baptist and a member of Staked Plains Lodge 598, A.F.&A.M.

He is survived by two daughters, Leslie Imler and husband K. W., and Ramona Mancha and husband Ben, all of Big Spring; one son, R. Curtis Foster of Big Spring; one sister, Joanne Thomas of Pennsylvania; one brother, Herschel Foster of Alaska; six grandchildren, Michael, Aaron, Dakota, Kasey, Meagan and Benjamin; and a number of nieces and nephews.

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

The family suggests memorials to the Markley Cemetery Association, 1072 Matlock Road, Windthorst 76389.

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

Paid obituary

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 12-3-8-33-27.
Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$25,345
Winning ticket purchased in: Alvin

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 27-8-9-12. Bonus Ball: 4.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-7-1. Sum It Up: 10

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:

Mary Louise Kincade



Mary Louise Kincade, 85, of Big Spring died Monday, March 2, 2009, in a local nursing home. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at the First Presbyterian Church of Socorro. Burial will be held at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe.

She was born Jan. 30, 1924, in McIntosh, Fla., and married William "Kinny" Kincade June 1, 1946, in Fresno, Calif. He preceded her in

death in 1995.

Mary served in the WAVES during World War II and the Korean War and was a member of Socorro County Historical Society and a member of the Friendly Sewing Club. Mary was a deacon in the First Presbyterian Church of Socorro.

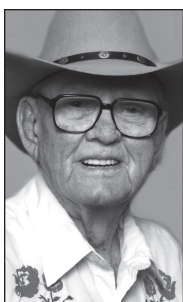
She is survived by one son, William Luis Kincade and wife Katherine of Big Spring; one daughter, Mary Ann Hill and husband Jeffrey of Los Alamos, N.M.; a step-son, Stephen Kincade and wife Sylvia of Alaska; a sister, Charlotte Morff of Orange Lake, Fla.; two brothers, Jack Waters of Orange Lake, Fla., and Robert Waters and wife Betty of Crystal River, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, a brother and sister.

If friends so desire, contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 304 McCutcheon Ave., Socorro, N.M. 87801.

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

William Felmon 'Bud' Statham



William Felmon "Bud" Statham, 90, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Five Mile Cemetery in Dawson County.

He was born Oct. 13, 1918, in Abilene to Minnie and Charlie Statham. He has been a resident of Howard County for more than 80 years. He married Cara "Bobbie" Vaughn Sept. 14, 1940, in San Angelo. She preceded him in death Sept. 12, 1980. He worked on farms and ranches all of his life in Howard County, and was a member of Primitive Baptist Church.

He is survived by two daughters, Lois Fear of Haskell and Linda Bordofski and husband Calvin of Big Spring; two sons, Mac Statham of Big Spring and Carl Statham and wife Karen of El Paso; one brother, Leroy Statham of Big Spring; one sister, Mary Wilson of Big Spring; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one son, Billy Ray Statham; two grandsons; three sisters, Flora Atkinson, Malone Kropp and Lolita Long; and one brother, J.C. Statham.

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

Police blotter

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

- ALBERTO RIVAS, 50, of 1009.5 E. 15th St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of hindering an officer.
- MARY KLINGENBERG, 23, of El Paso, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.
- JACINTO ROSAS, 21, of Sweetwater, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
 - in the 700 block of 11th Street.
 - in the 600 block of Linda.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 800 block of 20th Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 50 inmates at the time of this report.

- ABEL GUZMAN, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less (two counts), bondsman off bond for criminal mischief, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and evading arrest or detention.
- FERNANDO DIAZ FRANCO, 42, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
- RANDALL ERIC HERNANDEZ, 35, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- JOHN SOLIS, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for possession of a controlled substance (two counts), unlawfully carrying a weapon, failure to appear (three counts), no driver's license (three counts) and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JOSE OLIVOS SR., 57, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana and a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.
- DIANA LOIS SANDERS, 48, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 68, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Angela. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Tubb Loop Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the 178 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
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economic future, and I would like to offer my experience as a business owner and community leader to effectuate a better outlook for our community.”

Also set to run in the May Election are District 2 Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr., who will face local resident Terena Restman.

Longtime councilman for District 6 Greg Biddison announced two weeks ago he would not be running for re-election. Shortly after his announcement, Howard College Vice President Terry Hansen filed to run for the seat. Hansen remains unopposed at this time.

According to Assistant City Secretary Tami Davis, would-be candidates have until March 9 to file their candidacy at City Hall to be eligible for the May contest.

The city of Coahoma has three seats — all three are at-large — up for election in May.

Seats held by incumbents David Elmore, Ricky Stone and Mayor Bill Read are up for grabs. According to city officials, Coahoma residents Jay Holt and Ray Lee have filed to run for a pair of the council seats, while Warren Wallace and Linda Luce have filed to run for mayor. All three incumbents have indicated they do not plan to run for re-election.

In Forsan, three at-large positions will be decided in the May

election, as incumbents Mary Gressett, Fred Hogan and Marty Whetsel have all indicated they plan to run for re-election. According to Forsan Mayor Roger Hudgins, no challengers have come forward and filed their candidacy at this time.

In Stanton, an at-large position on the city council, along with the District 4 seat, will be up for election. According to officials, the at-large incumbent, Tommy Haislip, and District 4 incumbent, Steven Villa, have filed and are currently unopposed.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

SCHOOL

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candidates to file for the election, said Judy Park, administration secretary for the district.

Candidates may file at the superintendent's office in the high school/junior high building, Park added.

Stanton ISD has three positions on the school board up for election — the District 2 seat currently held by Ramiro Reyes, District 6, currently occupied by Reggie Frankin, and an at-large position held by James “Pinky” Jones.

Both Reyes and Jones have filed for re-election, while former board member Danny Ireton has

tossed his hat into the ring in the District 6 race. Filings will be accepted during normal business hours at the administration office at 200 N. College St. in Stanton.

Sands CISD voters will elect three trustees this May, Superintendent Wayne Blount said. At-large positions currently held by Amy Parker, Steve Blgrave and Tommy Staggs will be decided.

The race has attracted two challengers — Wes Hughes and Nate Avey — while incumbents Parker and Staggs also have filed.

Candidate can file at the superintendent's office at 101 Mustang Drive in Ackerly.

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

Support Groups

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

• Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

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

• Celebrate Recovery, a 12-Step program, meets from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.




THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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Take Note

• The Family History Center (genealogy library) of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be open from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. If you need assistance in searching out your ancestors, bring all the information you have about your family and we will be happy to assist you. For more information, contact R.A. McKay at 432-553-8127.

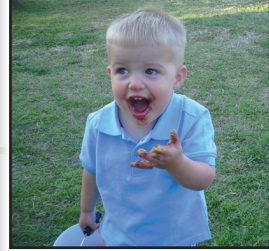
• This is the 80th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Big Spring and the club will be having its annual pancake supper Friday at the Howard College cafeteria. They will be serving pancakes, bacon and sausage from 4 p.m. thru 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person.

• Big Spring resident Velma Campbell was on vacation in Arizona when she had a massive stroke. She has since been transported to a hospital in Lubbock. 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 Hagens 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 or (432) 267-6688 with updates.

Happy 3rd Birthday Kade Eudy!



Love,
Mom, Dad & Will

LEGISLATURE

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ing insurance companies to pay into a state catastrophe fund that the companies could tap if they sustain big losses from a hurricane or other natural disaster.

The Texas Windstorm Insurance Association — the state-sanctioned last resort insurer for some coastal counties — also would have to pay into the reinsurance fund.

Reinsurance is a backup policy for insurance companies.

Democratic Rep. Craig Eiland, sponsor of the House legislation, said property insurance companies would save money by not having to buy and renew reinsurance year after year from private companies based mostly in Europe or Bermuda and not regulated by the state.

The savings would be passed along to consumers, he said.

The Legislature would have to invest an initial \$10 million, then all companies that sell residential property insurance in the state would pay into the fund. The money would be invested, much like a personal retirement account.

If reinsurance money does not need to be distributed in a given year, the money would roll over for future years.

State Farm and Allstate insurance companies support the catastrophe fund plan.

But some insurers, including USAA and Liberty Mutual, don't like the proposal and would prefer to keep buying reinsurance on the open market, which they contend spreads the reinsurance risk among a

larger worldwide pool rather than confining it to Texas.

Anti-gang bill

Warning that Mexican drug cartels are spreading violence all over Texas, Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, filed legislation Thursday designed to crack down on criminal gangs with civil lawsuits, stiffer penalties for online gang recruiting and mandatory rehabilitation programs for young gang offenders.

Carona, chairman of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security, said criminal gangs were the “primary threat to homeland security today.”

He said his legislation, SB11, would allow businesses, communities and parents seek civil judgments and penalties against gangs in order to “cripple them financially.”

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Federico “Fred” Bustamante, 58, died Tuesday. Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Roger L. Foster, 74, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Markley Cemetery in Markley, Texas. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with a Masonic Service at 8 p.m. Friday.

William Statham, 90, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Five Mile Cemetery in Dawson County, Texas.

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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:

- Charles Beil, who was honored during a special program of the Big Spring Rotary Club Tuesday when Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen read a proclamation declaring it Charles Beil Appreciation Day in Big Spring.

- The Howard College Theater Department's cast and crew of "Boy Gets Girl" for bringing home numerous awards for their performance at the Texas Community College Speech & Theatre Association State Play Fest at Weatherford Community College.

- Big Spring High School Band members Jacob Acosta, Logan Adams, Jerilyn Bermea, Mylia Black, James Bowen, Caitlin Carlisle, Deanna (Sajie) Clare, Andrea Claxton, Ivory Clemons, Vicki Conner, Bernadette Cruz, Nicole Davidson, Sloan Davis, Taylor Digby, Anjelica Doport, Jacie Durham, Gracie Enriquez, Brittany Farmer, Belle Feaster, Andrew Fillingim, Paul Flores, Samone Foster, Antoinette Garica, Aaron Hanes, Joshua Harris, Trey Harris, Patricia Hendricks, Sebastian Hernandez, Zachary Hernandez, Brandi Herrera, Troi Huddleston, Nick Islas, Jeremy Langford, Andrew Lewis, Courtney Long, Hunter Mahaney, Gabriel Martinez, Tap McIntosh, Dennis Merworth, Matt Ryan Mier, Skyler Moore, Evan Nabors, Marissa Nieto, Alexandra Ortega, Kevin Osburn, Elexus Pacheco, Lauri Pineda, Bryan Raney, Jonathan Ray, Briana Rodriguez, Mathew Ryan, Daniel Segundo, Mallory Smith, Mariah Sparkman, Jennifer-Rae Vincent, Kelsey Weir, Sydeny Winter, Jessica Womack, Joanthan Womack, Martin Yanez and Ethan Yeats.

All of them qualified for University Interscholastic League Texas State Solo & Ensemble competition set for June 1 at the University of Texas at Austin.

- Edward Covington, who was honored as the Hangar 25 Air Museum Veteran of the Month for February, Edward Covington, served in the United States Navy from 1966 to 1970.

- The Howard College Dental Hygiene program, which held its annual Dental Health Fair Saturday, providing education about proper dental care to about 100 youngsters.

LETTER POLICIES

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we pray to You, Lord, as if we were writing a letter to You telling You of our love for You.

Amen

Hoping like heaven...

Hope to me is a big deal but not for basic survival. The world is full of functional people, surviving people, who are basically hopeless. I think you have to have hope in order to excel and advance. Hope goes with progression like biscuits and gravy.

I think survival is way over-rated and dreams achieved much less celebrated then they should be.

One of the major enemies of our progression is the willingness to just survive the day. I don't want to be a survivor. I want to be an overcomer. I don't want to barely make it through the day and crawl into bed beat up and dreading the next day. Sometimes surviving stinks.

I want to win the race and walk off my battlefields victoriously. I want to be passionate and full of life. In other words - I want to be full of hope. Hope makes you love life instead of fearing it.

I think Christianity would be a lot more attractive to non-Christians if there weren't so many lemon faces among us. Instead of singing praises, a lot of us sing Gloom, despair and agony on me from Hee-Haw. Two thousand

years ago, Peter seemed to think it was a given that Christians would be noticed for being outrageously hopeful people. He said, "...be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you..." 1 Peter 3:15

One of the greatest side benefits of really walking with God, is you get to learn how to love your life. Oh, the Brewer loves to love this life of mine because I can't stand to be miserable. I hate self-pity and the terrible bondage of misery more than I hate black licorice and Indian food.

So I guard my hope the way my grandfather used to guard his hidden stash in the cigar box. I won't let myself keep a list of unanswered prayers but I do keep a list of those I've seen come to pass. I try not to focus on what I don't understand and make a really big deal out of whatever revelation I do have.

I figure if I am walking around discouraged, then I'm feeding myself with the wrong stuff. It's not just my responsibility, but my privilege to be encouraged. I get to be the guy who lives life full of hope. I don't want to give that up, no matter how many trash dumps I feed people in, orphanages I visit or truckloads of groceries we hand out, I get to be the guy who lives life full of hope.

If wishes were horses...

I recently heard an awesome man of God give his spin on what Hope ought to be. He said, "Hope is not a wish. Hope is the joyful anticipation of good."

Instead of living life wishing things were different; I want to live a life expecting something good to happen. Why, you ask? Because God is good and wants to do good stuff. It's really that simple. I partner with God by having hope and being a little antsy for really good things to happen. Turns out, hope is a fun thing to have.

The same man of God also said, "Any area of my life which doesn't have hope is under the influence of a lie." Hearing this statement made my baby leap.

MAGNIFYING POWER

The Biblical term for making a big deal out of something is to magnify something. May God give us all grace to magnify the things that matter and pay less attention to the things that don't. Jesus loves you and smiles when He thinks about you. There's great hope in this and hopefully it's contagious.

Job 36:24

"Remember to magnify His work, of which men have sung"

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Happenings on a Vegas vacation

It was an attention-getter for sure, the headline about the convention and visitors authority flying a "small town" to Las Vegas for a stress-relieving vacation.

Sure, thought I, envisioning make-believe communities like Broadway's Brigadoon, Garrison Keillor's Lake Wobegon, or perhaps Mr. Rogers' neighborhood, flying toward the world's most frequented entertainment mecca. Other possibilities were the mythical Tuna, billed as "Texas' third-smallest city," and "The Thicket," where my Uncle Mort lives. (Thicket boundaries are not official, so population numbers are vague, but I think it is smaller than Tuna.)

But wait. Invitees were from Cranfills Gap. That's a real town, a scant hour from where we live. And the little town was previously known most for its annual Septemberfest, lutefisk dinners and community center goings-on. "The Gap" captured the prize among the 125 under-500 population towns considered.

But win it did, and late in the year, Mayor David Witte and a Gap contingent of 100 boarded a chartered jet in Waco for an all-expenses paid, four-day visit to Las Vegas. (With snow closing the airport on their last scheduled day, they got an extra 24 hours.)

Most of them had never been to Las Vegas, some had never previously flown, and a few had never been out of Texas. Certainly none had ever been surrounded by film crews assigned to get miles of photos for an advertising blitz to follow.

After all, the CVA is spending \$2.5 million on the year-long project to promote a city hard-hit

by economic downturns.

The celebrants, one of whom graded the whole deal as an "A" with a bunch of plus marks after it, left little undone. Consider Billye Dunnahoe, who'd dreamed of skydiving on her 80th birthday. That's what she did at Vegas Indoor Skydiving, though her four-score birthday is still a few months away. Her friend, Georgia Beth Gustafson, accompanied her on the dive. She's 81.

Our interest piqued, my wife and I decided to visit LV, checking out places we thought might interest readers, determined to be involved in no happening that "had to stay there."

A vignette from "A Tuna Christmas" comes to mind. Maybe you remember the part where several Tuna Baptists vacationed in Houston.

They said they had so much fun, they started claiming to be Episcopalians.

Be it hereby noted that our four-day visit turned out to be highlighted by a spiritual experience.

It occurred on a rugged 38,600-acre tract given to Nevada by the Feds in 1935 — the Valley of Fire State Park.

We spent several hours there with Annie Bananie's Wild West Tours, operated by Annie and her husband, Buck.

On an ancient ceremonial rock where Indians once worshiped, Buck prayed for peace, then placed his lips against a large animal horn. The mournful sounds bounced softly off the mountain walls on echoes' wings. With cameras and cell phones pocketed, everything in view seemed centuries old, save a high-flying jet plane, its vapor trail fading in favor of the bluest of skies.

The couple says the park is "the hidden jewel of the Mojave Desert." While its 250,000 annual visitors fall well short of Grand Canyon's 10 million, the park is more colorful. Up to 80 weddings

there each month may mean that news of its natural beauty is getting out.

Colorful hues change with movement of the sun.

Ah, and the sunsets, each an original brushed on earth's canvas by Him who created it all.

Back in the city, we took in a fine show of comedy, magic and illusion by Nathan Burton, a guy whose recognition rocketed following performances on the NBC Show, "America's Got Talent."

He's living proof that entertainment can be as clean as hounds' teeth, and those of most other animals. "G-rated" throughout, the show is likely to remain so. His sister is production manager, and his mother is a regular, too.

Mom claims that when Nathan isn't performing, he's working on new material for his act. His interest in magic started as a 4-year-old in Fort Smith, Ark.

A monorail running the four-mile length of the strip provides quick access to major hotels and the Convention Center. Taped messages are informative and clever.

Cabs still abound with drivers remaining universally talkative, or perhaps as talkative as possible.

We asked one judged to be of grandparent age if he has grandchildren.

Of Korean heritage with a limited command of English, he pulled to the curb, opened his wallet and flashed a photo of his new 10-month-old granddaughter who lives in New York City. His smile, full-blown, is well-remembered, and universally understood.

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Courtesy photo

Jill Brue plays around with daughter Megan. Jill will be leading a support group for cancer patients and their families, I Can Cope, beginning March 23 at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

I Can Cope support group to form here

By NANCY KOGER

Special to the Herald

Coping is something Jill Brue knows about on an everyday basis.

The wife of the late Shane Brue, former minister at First United Methodist Church in Big Spring, is offering a local support group for cancer patients and their families beginning Monday, March 23, from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

"I could have used a group like this when Shane was undergoing treatment, but the nearest one was in Midland and I simply did not have the time," Jill said. She hopes people will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend I Can Cope sessions offered locally.

The sessions will be held each Monday evening, beginning March 23. The group will meet at the HATS Cancer Resource Room at First United Methodist Church, next to the church office. A nursery will be provided if there is a need. A call to 267-6394 can insure the services of a nursery attendant. It would be helpful for anyone planning to attend to call the church, but an RSVP is not mandatory.

According to a news release from the American Cancer Society, "Cancer patients and their families suddenly plunged into a world of unfamiliar medical terms, tests and treatment feel overwhelmed. I Can Cope was designed to meet the needs of these patients and their families.

"Developed by two nurses and offered across the country by the American Cancer Society, I Can Cope provides the kind of cancer education that patients need — practical information about cancer, an understanding of the various treatments used to fight cancer, and strategies for self-care for those facing cancer. Each class emphasizes an important topic to the cancer experience."

Jill, who is a licensed professional counselor, will be facilitating the meetings, which will include learning about cancer, understanding cancer treatments, managing the effect of illness and treatment, keeping well in mind and body, communicating concerns and feelings, dealing with self-esteem and intimacy issues, using resources and support, and celebrating life.

"I would offer brief counseling to individuals with personal cancer-related concerns," she said.

The nationwide ACS literature indicates that hundreds of people with cancer and those close to them have found I Can Cope to be "just what the doctor ordered." Class members are always encouraged to discuss problems with their physicians or health care providers, while at the same time taking responsibility for much of their own well-being by learning to better manage issues such as stress, diet and exercise. Participants consistently praise I Can Cope and the facilitators who lead the classes for giving them the opportunity to learn and to share with others what is often the most challenging experience of their lives.

The I Can Cope program is a component of the American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Network, a free, comprehensive resource to help patients and their caregivers manage the impact of cancer on their lives through up-to-date information and referrals to Society and other community resources.

"Everyone needs help and support when dealing with sickness and treatment," Jill affirmed. "We want to help people realize that 'I Can Cope' is true and that we can help."

That realization can happen by calling 267-6394 and attending the initial session Monday, March 23.

Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful (KBSB) is striving for new heights to turn Big Spring around to a beautiful community. With this in mind, we need every resident of Big Spring to take responsibility for their own property. We can and we will make a difference in our community.

Think of how and what you can do. First, how do you dispose of your trash? Do you bag it? We hope so. This eliminates trash flying when service trucks pick it up. No loose trash, please.

Always break down your cardboard boxes of any type; this saves space in your dumpsters. Always close the lid. To those with roll-out dumpsters, please help by rolling your dumpster out on service day and return it to a place of safe-keeping after service. This is an ordinance: Sec. 11:7-b. This would go a long way in the appearance of our community. We need your help to turn our town around and be a community with pride.

"Don't Mess with Texas" Trash-Off is April 4 and this is a time where every city, town and community in Texas will be picking up trash. Please help us.

Spring is just around the corner. It's a good time to take a look at your property and surrounding area. Clean, paint and plant are a good things to do.

We have worked hard to submit information on the work KBSB has done this past year to Keep Texas Beautiful in the hope we would qualify and be selected for the Governor's Community Achievement Award. This award would be very beneficial as it comes with a monetary gift in the amount of \$130,000 which would go a long way in the beautification of our entrances and within range of TxDot highways. This is where we need your help to clean up and beautify. We also submit information each year for various awards such as youth, schools, business, media and individuals.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful has adopted a stretch of two miles from Wasson on FM700 to highway 80. We will be doing this monthly and we have four teams captains headed up by members of Keep Big Spring Beautiful. They are Janice Bishop, Jan Hansen, Irene Galan and Bobby McDonald. They selected help from our membership list to form their team. They will be meeting at 9 a.m. the first Saturday of the month after our KBSB meeting the first Monday of the month. So, if there is anyone in the community who wants to help in this effort please contact one of the captains.

The Captain Elisha Mack Chapter NSDAR

The Captain Elisha Mack Chapter NSDAR met Feb. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Big Spring Country Club. Members present were Lora Mae Pollard, Sara Tipton, Carole Lawson, Charlene Ragan, Lori Polinsky, Dottie Britton, Sue Ann Damron, Anne Witherspoon, Katie Lara, Hollis McCright, Neva Green, Sherri Key and Bonnie Cushing.

Ann Witherspoon introduced Terry Wegman, executive director of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Wegman presented a very informative program about the windmills in the area. These windmills are part of a program providing wind-generated power for homes and businesses across the nation.

The business meeting was called to order by Vice Regent Anne Witherspoon and the opening ritual was performed.

The minutes of the November 2008 meeting were read and approved with no corrections. Carole Lawson made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Sara Tipton seconded and the motion was approved by all.

There was no treasurer's report at this time.

The President General's report was read by Sara Tipton. The National Defense report was read by Carole Lawson. The Indian Minute was presented by Sue Ann Damron and the can was passed.

Three announcements were made. First, there will be no March meeting due to the state conference in San Antonio. Second, the Permian Basin Chapter in Andrews had its George Washington

Tea Nest Sunday, Feb. 22, at Carolyn Weatherby's home. Members who planned to attend were Sue Ann Damron, Carole Lawson, Sara Tipton, Lora Mae Pollard, Neva Green and Hollis McCright. Third, a card was sent to Wilma Grice.

Mary Scheulke and Sue Ann Damron will represent the chapter as delegates to the TSDAR Convention in March. Vice Regent Anne Witherspoon will serve as alternate instead of Carole Lawson due to illness. All members in attendance supported this change.

Members were reminded that Dottie's Britton's son (Maj. Bert Andrews) and Hollis McCright's brother (Lt. Col. Car E. Croft) are serving in Afghanistan. Members were asked to assist in preparing each of these soldiers a box of "goodies and other needed items." Katie Lara made the motion, Sara Tipton seconded and all members present agreed.

The door prize was won by Lori Polinski.

Mary Jane Club

The Mary Jane Club met for its Dec. 13, 2008, meeting at the home of Lucy Griffith for the annual Christmas party. The meeting was called to order by Joyce Choate, president, and members answered roll call by relating their favorite memory from the past Christmas holidays. No business was to transpire at this meeting, so it was adjourned.

Guest speaker Helen Gladden entertained everyone with a reading "What Miracles Are Made Of." After the interesting presentation by Helen, the ladies had a Chinese Christmas gift exchange. Following this, a wonderful salad luncheon was enjoyed by everyone.

The next Mary Jane Club meeting was held Jan. 8 at the First United Methodist Church in Garrett Hall with Lee Miliken and Jo Evans serving as hostesses. The meeting was called to order by Joyce Choate. Ladies answered roll call by telling their favorite hat story. Minutes were read and approved.

The program "Hats, Hats, Hats" was presented by cancer survivor Marcie Lykken. Marcie started the HATS program as part of the Shane Brue Cancer Ministries to help patients dealing with their cancer treatment.

The name HATS stands for Hope After the Sadness and the only facility for this service in West Texas is located in the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring. HATS provides information, books, hats and wigs for people undergoing cancer treatments. HATS also offers "Look Good... Feel Better" as a free program in partnership with the American Cancer Society. "Look Good... Feel Better" provides a free make-up kit and teaches beauty techniques to cancer patients in active treatment to help them combat the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment. Donations of hats, wigs, scarves and books are accepted. Monetary donations are also welcomed and appreciated. The Mary Jane Club decided to send a gift of money to help with this much needed program for cancer patients. The meeting was then adjourned.

The Feb. 12 meeting was held at Moss Creek Ranch Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. with Carol Peterson and Sue Tindol hosting the event.

The meeting was called to order by Joyce Choate; roll was called; minutes and the treasury's report were read and approved.

Following the business meeting, a delicious lunch was served and enjoyed by all, and then members shared a "Sweetheart Valentine" story about their life. The meeting was then adjourned.

The next meeting will be March 12, and will be hosted by Joyce Choate and Eula Bell Fowler. The program will be Air Evac Lifeteam.

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump. North leads the queen of hearts, on which South plays the king, and you duck. When South returns the eight of hearts, you win with the ace and cash the A-K of diamonds, learning that South started with three to the jack. How would you continue?

West
♠ A J 10 9
♥ A 3
♦ 10 9 7 6
♣ A K 7

East
♠ Q 6
♥ 6 5 4 2
♦ A K Q 5 2
♣ 8 3

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts, South having overcalled your partner's opening one-diamond bid with one spade. North leads the queen of spades. How would you play the hand?

West
♥ 9 5 2
♠ K Q 6 4 2
♦ Q J 6 3
♣ A

East
♥ A 6 4
♠ J 7 3
♦ A K 10 7 4
♣ Q 10

1. It would be wrong to take a spade finesse at this point, because if it lost to North's king, you would go down one, losing four heart tricks and a spade. A far better plan is to lead a heart from dummy at trick five and discard a diamond! This allows you to eventually score five diamond tricks, which you can't do at this

stage because the suit is blocked.

The first two tricks disclosed that North started with at most five hearts, so there is no way you can lose more than four tricks on the suggested line of play.

2. There is a danger of losing an extra trump trick on top of the obvious two spade losers and the trump ace. Your best chance to make the contract lies in winning the spade queen with the ace and returning a low trump from dummy.

Let's assume South follows low and that you win the trump lead with the king, which is very likely in view of the bidding. The correct play now is the queen of trumps. If the trumps are divided 3-2, all your worries are over. South can take the ace of trumps and cash two spade tricks, but you will then have the rest of the tricks.

The key play is the queen of trumps at trick three, rather than leading a low trump to dummy's jack. Leading the queen guards against the possibility that South might have started with something like ♠ K J 10 8 3 ♥ A 8 ♦ 9 2 ♣ K 8 5 4, in which case he would take dummy's jack of trumps with the ace, cash two spade tricks and then lead another spade, promoting North's ten of hearts into the setting trick.

Tomorrow: A delicate situation.

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what I do. No one can
reverse my actions.

Isaiah 43:13

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great love for us by sending Christ
to die for us while we were
still sinners?"

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Ephesians 3:17-18

He chose us from the beginning,
and all things happen just
as he decided long ago.

Ephesians 1:11

The prevailing force of offense

In Luke 7:22-23, Jesus purposefully warned us to avoid the 'snares of offense' because He knew the dangers and pitfalls they bring into our lives. He didn't want any of us to miss the good life He had planned for us and He knew that offense would hinder our blessings.



JERRIE STOCKS

The dictionary defines offense as "an act of or cause of sin; an outrage against the physical senses, and corruption in high places; the breach of a moral or social code." In reality, offense can be the downfall, ruination,

or death of another. In 1 Peter 2:8, Peter referred to offense as, "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." Paul, in Philippians 1:10 say we are to "approve the things that are excellent, but be without offense till the day of Christ's coming."

When Jesus visited His home town of Nazareth, He taught in the synagogue. The people were amazed at His wisdom and power to heal the sick and do mighty miracles.

However, they scoffed and complained that He was just the son of a carpenter. They were envious since they knew His mother, Mary, and all His brothers and sisters. They reasoned with one another saying, "Where did He learn all these things?" They were deeply offended and, as a result, refused to believe in Him.

Offense is one of Satan's strongest tools. It can manifest itself as a spirit of heaviness, depression, or fear. We can become hard and callous to life and insensitive to others. In severe cases, we can even become insensitive to ourselves. When we are offended, we become our own worst enemy. Regardless of

what the problem may be, large or small, it can hinder the blessings in our lives. Offense has the power to prevent us from moving forward in our careers. Our families can suffer, we can become plagued with unexplained health problems, but most of all, our spiritual lives can suffer. What a staggering thought!

Fortunately, there is a much greater force that opens the door to God's blessings and makes them accessible to us. What is this force? It is forgiveness. We must confess our anger and hurts toward others and ask for God's grace. No other remedy is as effective as this simple act.

It is during the act of forgiveness that we are strongest and most powerful. Understand that in forgiving, you are not conceding that the offender was right in his action or that forgiveness was granted because it was deserved.

Rather, you are saying that you are releasing your offender from the sin that was committed against you, and that you are transferring the discipline necessary into the hands of God. In

doing so, you become a wall of strength within yourself. The stress and pressures of life become less of a problem, and you will see your life in a new perspective.

All of us have suffered wrongs and have been hurt from time to time, even from childhood into our adult lives.

But by the same token, we all hold in our hands the divine ability to release the offender from his lifelong prison — the guilt of the past, the shame of secrets, and the fear of being exposed and rejected.

In John 20:21-23, Jesus said to His disciples, "If you forgive others, they are forgiven, if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven," (NIV).

Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Forgiveness is not an occasional habit, it's a permanent attitude. If we are devoid of the power to forgive, we are devoid of the power to love."

Martin Luther King, Jr. experienced his share of injustices - certainly enough to rationalize harboring unforgiveness, but he chose to release and forgive every hurt and offense.

Many of the world's prob-

lems today could be greatly diminished if a prayer of forgiveness was offered on behalf of those who offended another. Forgiveness is in itself strength, courage, and passion, and it has the power to transform you into a happier, stronger, more Christ-like person.

Willingness to forgive is not a sign of weakness, but to the contrary, you become stronger.

You are not descending to a lower way of life; you are moving into an uncommon way of conduct. Your life will soar to new realms once the stress and weight of offense is released.

In Matthew 11:6 and Luke 7:23, Jesus Himself said, "Blessed is the one who is not offended in me." It can also be said, "Blessed is the one who is not offended by others" as well.

The degree to which someone shows a lack of offense is directly proportional to their maturity level.

May we all do as Paul said in 1 Corinthians 11:1, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ" for Jesus is our perfect example of taking offense to no man's actions.

God bless

Church News

Alive in Christ Lutheran LCMS

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

Our worship begins at 9 a.m. with Sunday school and adult Bible class following with coffee and goodies at 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Bob Boyce will be returning to the pulpit. Our scripture reader will be Bobby Roeber and our acolyte will be Breanna Conner. Angela Newton is our organist.

Wednesday, March 11, the youth confirmation classes led by Bobby Roeber will continue at 5:30 p.m. A simple meal will be served at 5:45 p.m., prior to our second Lenten service that will begin at 7 p.m.

The church is waiting in anticipation for Easter, the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

During Lent, each Wednesday evening will begin with a simple meal served at 5:45 p.m. with Lenten services following at 7 p.m.

Please feel free to join us during this time of fellowship and worship.

God bless you during this time of holiness and celebration.

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

The Session met Thursday.

The next Frolic, an evening of shared talent and fun, is Saturday, March 14. Prepare to bring your offering of music, poetry, stories, or whatever and bring a friend or two to share the fun. A light supper will accompany the talent.

The lectionary for the second Sunday in Lent is Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38. Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, so don't forget to spring forward on your clock before you go to bed Saturday night.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

Wednesday activities were Bible study at 5:17 p.m., choir practice and youth group at 6 p.m. Our church hosted the first of several Lenten lunches at noon on Wednesday, March 4. The meal was followed with a devotional.

Next week's lunch/devotional will be March 11 at First United Methodist Church at 400 Scurry. March 18, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, will offer lunch, devotional and communion. First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, will host the noon meeting March 25; and the April 1 event will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 508 North Aylford. Everyone is invited to come and share these services for Lent.

The Working Women's Bible Study will meet in the church parlor at 6

p.m. Tuesday to study Lesson 7, "The Oppressed Are Set Free," based on Luke 13:10-17, 18-21; 14:1-6 from the book "Jubilee!" by D. Lindsay Morgan.

Ethel Guthrie is in charge of "Take Ten" refreshments for Sunday.

Linda Hammond will be liturgist for March. We appreciate Linda's willingness to serve in this way. Communion servers for March are Patti and Joe Horton, Lane Reynolds, and Pat Fleming. Ushers for March are Louise Hitch, Sue Carter, Lynn and Helen Glass.

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

We appreciated Gregg Hagelstein, commissioned lay preacher from First Presbyterian, Odessa, preaching last Sunday on the subject "The Turning Point."

Sunday, the elementary children will begin a new rotational workshop unit in Sunday school. The unit is titled "Peter: Three Times 'No' and Three Times 'Yes.'" The students will become familiar with the events of Holy Week, as well as Peter's denial and later affirmation of Christ. Don and Christine Boling continue to lead the youth Sunday school class in a study called "Claim the Life-Journey," combining DVD presentations with hands-on activities, which meets upstairs in the youth room. The adult video class is exploring "Kings and Prophets," filmed in the Holy Land. The adult class, led by John Ferguson and Max Green, is beginning a study, "New Creation in Christ," based on Ezekiel and Ephesians. It focuses on the creative nature of Christ as it affects human life and the implications of His life for our world today.

The lectionary for the second Sunday in Lent is Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38. The sacrament of communion will be celebrated during worship; it is open to all believers. The choir will present "The Gift of Love," based on I Corinthians 13, in an arrangement by Hal Hopson, and "Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" by Richard Farant. Rev. Bert Bronaugh will preach on "What's In a Name?" from Genesis 17:5.

First United Methodist

Saturday, Church Women United will meet at First Methodist at 11 a.m. for a program titled "Seeking Shalom." This is a human rights celebration with emphasis on peace. Come and let us worship together.

Sunday's services of worship at both 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. will feature Brent Williams portraying Zacheus' encounter with Jesus based on Luke 19:1-8.

Monday at 6:30 p.m. there will be a meeting in Pathmaker's class to brainstorm plans for our Relay For Life team. Representatives from each Sunday school class and those interested in being on our "Hope for Amy" team are urged to be there.

Our church will be host for the com-

munity Lenten lunches Wednesday, March 11. Please join us for your noon meal and devotional in Garrett Hall.

Our new Web site is up and running, thanks to many hours of work by Muffett Bomar and Diane Murphy. Please have a look at this new site newsletterfumbcs@yahoo.com.

This is a great way to get all the event and activity information from the church; it's First Methodist where families grow in Christ.

Salem Baptist

Salem Baptist Church invites you to join us this Sunday for Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 6 p.m. A nursery is available at all Sunday services. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

Bro. David Garrett will be presenting the gospel in word and song March 22 at the morning and evening services. Please join us for this special event.

Salem is pastored by Bro. Monroe Teeters and is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway. For more information, call 394-4655.

Birdwell Lane Baptist

We welcome you to visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane, two blocks north up Birdwell Lane from FM 700 on the left. Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. There is choir practice at 4:30 p.m. Children's Church is during the morning worship for ages 3-12. There is a lesson, music and crafts for the children while you are in church. For a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. A nursery is provided for your little one also.

Our church is friendly, with good quartet singing, plain Bible preaching and Sunday school classes from Pre-K to adult. Midweek service is at 7 p.m. Wednesday. We would love for you to visit with us.

Tuesday, April 7, we will be hosting the Big Country Baptist Preachers Fellowship from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be special music, quartet singing, preaching and a fellowship afterwards. We invite you to plan now

to attend.

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

Chapel of Faith

You are invited to attend worship service at the Chapel of Faith each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. This week the message will be presented by Associate Pastor Scott Willis and will be taken from the Book of Mark.

Services are informal and somewhat traditional, making for a comfortable atmosphere in which to learn of God's love. The congregation is a group of caring, loving people who are ready to welcome you.

Chapel of Faith is located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad. Worship starts at 10:30 a.m. with a brief time for fellowship and refreshments before the service begins.

If you would like more information, call Pastor Joel Miller at 267-4082.

First Baptist

These are exciting days for First Baptist Church as we await the coming of our pastor, the Rev. Mark Lindsey. His first Sunday with us will be March 29.

The time is also somewhat sad as we say goodbye to the Rev. Ken Coffee, who has been serving First Baptist Church as the minister as we went through the intentional interim ministry. He has been a shepherd to us, and we are going to miss him. He has brought our church through a difficult time, loved us as his own and guided us through the steps that have brought us to this point. Brother Ken, we love you and pray God's best for you as you leave Big Spring.

The Rev. Coffee's sermon for the morning service is "A Bowl of BBs or a Tub of Butter?" That's intriguing, isn't it? "My Shepherd, My Task" is Sunday evening's sermon. March 15, his last Sunday with us, there will be a special luncheon for Brother Ken and his wife, Martha, after the morning service. That evening, Brother Ken will be bringing a concert of good,

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Orders will also be taken on Saturday, March 6 and March 14, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

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The biggest bailout

I'm confused. The news is always bad. I just don't know who to believe. Every day we're hounded with threats of unemployment, recession, inflation, and higher taxes. At the same time, we're being assured of tax cuts, bailouts, and larger stimulus packages.

While the politicians are arguing over who got us into this mess, the American people are caught in a boiling pot of uncertainty about our future. Regardless of who started the fire under the pot, the water seems to be getting hotter and the debates more heated. One political party wants us all to think like thick-skinned pachyderms, and the other is trying to make donkeys of all of us.

When the President speaks, the left-eared constituents hear one thing and the right-eared group hears something entirely different. The financial experts can't agree on how to fix the economy either. Some say we should cut back on spending, and others argue that we should spend our last dimes. While everybody agrees that pork-barrel spending should be taboo, nobody seems to be taking sausage off the menu. Even the conservative liberals and the liberal conservatives are having trouble shaking hands.

In this time of financial instability, we can be assured that God has already provided a bigger bailout plan than even Congress can imagine. The Bible says, *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 6:23 NASB).

None of us have to worry about being bailed out of an uncertain future. God has already provided a plan that is free to anyone who will accept it. All we have to do is ask.



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Have a good, safe Spring Break.

North Birdwell

United Methodist

Sunday morning worship service is held each week at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. This week's Sunday school discussion is taken from Ezekiel 34:23-31 on "New Leadership." Sheila Welch will be the discussion leader.

The administrative council met

Sunday and accepted the resignation of Lay Pastor Jacquelyn Mauch due to health issues. Wednesday night, Chris Rodriguez was welcomed as the new interim pastor.

Orders for the March 28 Angel Food delivery will be taken at 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, at the church, 2702 N. Birdwell. Orders will also be taken from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

Angel Food Ministry of Big Spring has formed a speaker's panel and welcomes any invitation to speak to interested groups. For more information, contact Madeline Boadle at 267-2203 or Bill Lovelace at 267-3241.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell and welcome all who wish to serve God by serving others.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship service at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school will not meet this Sunday.

St. Mary's will meet Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Our Lenten Soup Supper and Lesson is at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

Baptist Temple

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

We have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Our worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. We also have activities for all ages Wednesdays at 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Our 12-Step group meets Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 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

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Sunday evenings, we have an expository study on the Book of Revelation. Please come and join us.

The church is located north of I-20 and east of the Snyder Highway, 2305 Gatesville. Call 263-4883 or 264-1565 for more information and directions. Jim Mills is minister of the church.

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Jerusalem (II)

Should the U.S. Embassy be moved to the capital of Israel?

In a previous clarifying message we showed that before the Six-Day War in 1967, the claim that Jerusalem was a Muslim/Arab city had seldom been asserted and that such claim had come about only in modern times. The status of Jerusalem continues to be of great importance. The Arabs clamorously insist that at least the eastern part of the city should be yielded to them. The Israelis insist that Jerusalem continue as the indivisible capital of their country.

What are the facts?

Jerusalem – reunited and indivisible. Ever since the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, all American governments and Congress have confirmed their conviction that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and that, once reunited, it should remain indivisible.

Before the Six-Day War in 1967 the city was divided, the Jordanians having occupied the eastern part since the War of Liberation in 1948. During their 19-year reign, all Jewish residents were driven out and all Jewish places of worship closed or destroyed. The various Christian denominations operated under the strict control of Muslim authorities.

All this ended in 1967 with the liberation of all of Jerusalem by the Israel Defense Forces and with the reunification of the city. Access to all holy places became available to all. The many religious bodies in the holy city (and in all of Israel) are able to pursue their activities without any restrictions. Jerusalem is today truly a free and open city. Just as the whole world rejoiced when the ugly wall dividing Berlin was torn down, so do we rejoice that the wall, the barbed wire and the machine gun emplacements dividing the city were finally torn down.

U.S. Embassy not in Israel's capital. While the Palestinians lay claim to the eastern part of Jerusalem and wish it to become the capital of a hoped-for Palestinian state, nobody, not even the Arabs, questions the western part of the city to be Israeli. It is remarkable therefore that, despite this universal recognition, the United States has steadfastly insisted on placing and keeping its embassy in Tel Aviv, the major commercial city, instead of in Jerusalem, Israel's capital and the seat of the Knesset

(parliament), the Supreme Court, and of all government offices. It is as if a government accredited to the United States were to insist on keeping its embassy in, say, New York, rather than in Washington D.C.

With the U.S. in the lead, all other countries have also located their embassies in Tel Aviv. It is a bizarre situation.

All ambassadors and their staffs must make almost daily trips to Jerusalem because no government business is conducted in Tel Aviv. Our country maintains diplomatic relations with over 150 countries. In all of them, the U.S. Embassy is located in the respective nation's designated capital. The only exception is Israel where, so far, our government has insisted on locating its embassy in a city other than the capital.

Congress in favor of moving embassy to Jerusalem. Leaders of Congress – both Republicans and Democrats – have passed legislation by which the U.S. Embassy would have to be moved to Jerusalem. That legislation has been endorsed by 93 Senators. The President, however, may delay the transfer to Jerusalem if he deems that the national interest demands it. The U.S. has a lease on a 10-acre lot in Talpiot, a totally Jewish neighborhood in West Jerusalem. It is to be hoped, therefore that before too long, reality will prevail and that the U.S. Embassy will indeed be located in Jerusalem – the capital of one of its closest allies.

Prior to their election, both Presidents Bush and President Clinton assured the public that the U.S. Embassy would be moved to Jerusalem. But in the end, they blocked such action. We must hope that President Obama will, at long last, fulfill this wish of Congress, which is therefore also the wish of the American people, and that he will order that the U.S. Embassy be moved to Jerusalem.

The main reason given for not moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem is that it would violate "Arab sensitivities." That might indeed be the case. But while there would be some posturing, none of the Arab states could afford to do much else. Egypt would certainly not refuse its yearly multi-billion dollar subsidy from Washington. King Abdullah of Jordan would not jeopardize the political and financial lifeline that the U.S. has extended to him. Saudi Arabia would make some perfunctory noises, but that would be just about all. The status of Jerusalem goes to the heart of the Arab-Israeli conflict. To deny the status of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel questions the legitimacy of the state. The move of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem will signal once and for all that there will be no U.S. or world support for the division of Jerusalem and for the establishment – in any part of it – as the capital of a new Arab state.

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Howard College's Danielle Cota handles the ball in junior college basketball action from earlier this season at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks begin the Region V Tournament against Weatherford College at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Hawk women return to Region V tourney for second straight season

HC opens with Weatherford College at 2 p.m. Saturday

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

Four seasons ago, the likelihood of the Howard College women's basketball team finishing in the top four in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings to make the Region V Tournament was bleak.

This downfall came after the Howard women were considered one of the top programs in the nation during much of the 90s.

But the Hawks are back, following their 2007-2008 fourth-place finish in the WJCAC with an encore performance.

Howard (23-7) begins the 2009

Region V Tournament at 2 p.m. Saturday as the WJCAC's fourth seed, facing the top seed from the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference, Weatherford College (19-11), at Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center.

"We're going up there trying to win," said Howard Head Coach Earl Diddle. "Our expectations right away are to win the first game. Any time you go into a tournament, you've got to win the first game. That's our goal right now. We've got to survive and advance."

Diddle does see some potential problems from Weatherford, but is also confident the Hawks can pick up the all-important opening round

win. "I saw Weatherford play personally and we're certainly enthusiastic going in and capable of winning the ball game," said Diddle. "Right off the back, we've got to attack their 2-2-1 full court zone press. Coach Bob McKinley has been there for years. They've got a tradition established. I think the key to the game will be how we attack their zone press and if we can consistently score against it."

Last season, Howard fell in the semifinals to South Plains, 69-62, after winning its opening round game, 76-75, over McLennan

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Loaded field

Hawks face tough competition in Region V Tourney

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

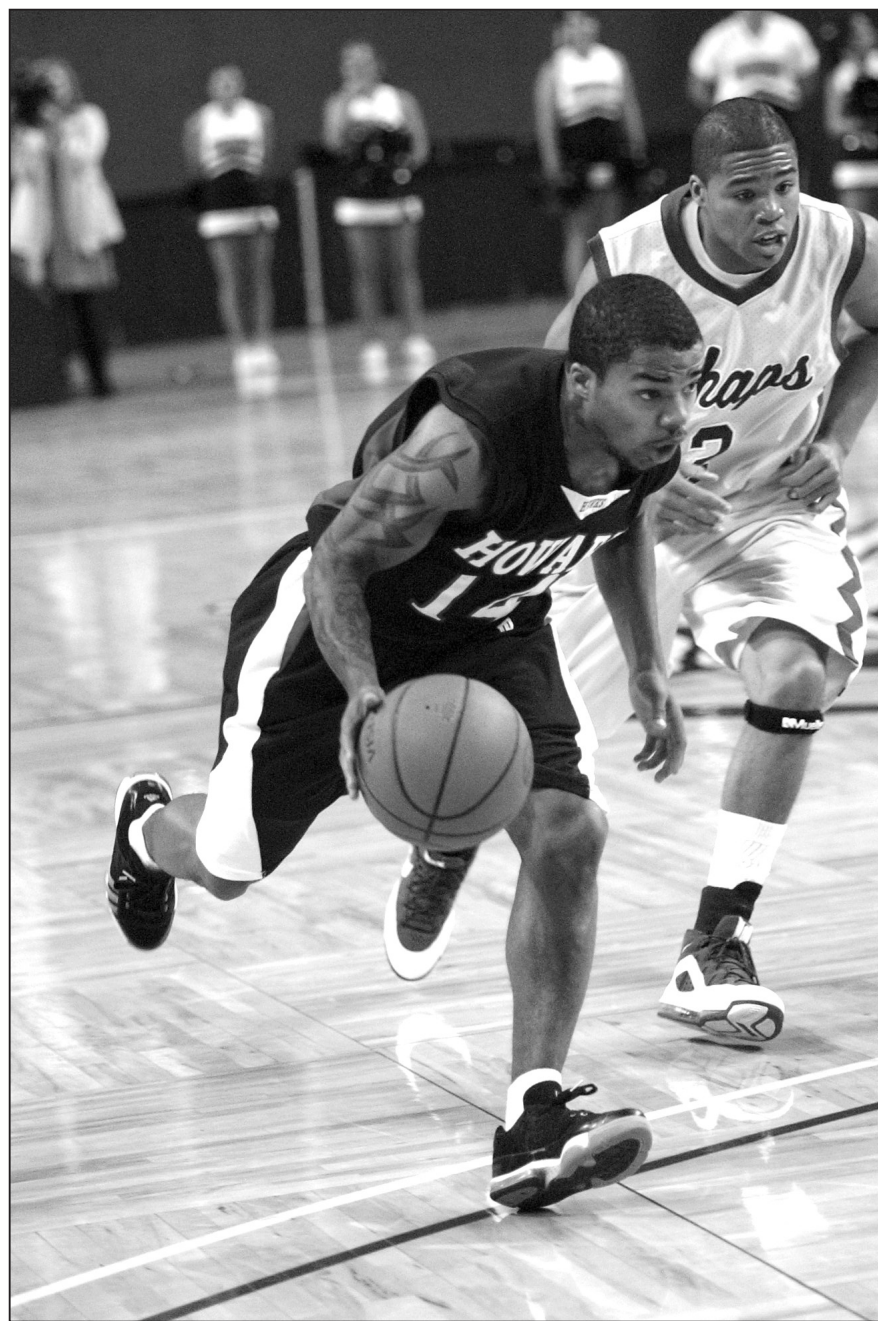
Nothing comes easy in the NJCAA's Region V Tournament.

That's what Howard College men's basketball coach Mark Adams preaches, at least.

"There are eight teams in this tournament and every one of them believes they have a chance to win it," Adams said. "It's a new season and we throw the records out the window."

Howard (22-7) finished third in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and opens the Region V

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Howard College point guard Denzel Barnes drives the lane in junior college basketball action against Midland College at the Chap Center in Midland earlier this season. Barnes and the Hawks play in the Region V Tournament at noon Sunday against McLennan Community College.

With T.O. gone, oxygen level in clubhouse rises

Forgive Terrell Owens for thinking that raising a ruckus in Dallas was the point.

Both he and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones knew what they were getting when they tied the contractual knot three years ago. A mirror would have confirmed that. And only one could afford to cause more trouble than he's worth.

The only surprising thing about Jones breaking his self-imposed gag order on all T.O.-related matters to announce Owens' release is that it came so soon after they renewed their vows with a four-year, \$34 million extension last summer.

Jones may be unsentimental. But as someone who made his fortune as an oil wildcatter, gambling is still second nature. Even so, taking on talented headaches such as Owens, considering the franchise hasn't won a postseason game in 13 years, increasingly looks like a bad bet.

So when you hear the Cowboys boss talking about taking the team in a "new direction," he's talking about risk management. Apparently, the football people he ignored all these years finally convinced Jones that fielding a winning team might be an even better way to push product, not to mention much easier on his checkbook and everybody else's nerves.

Jones hated closing down the local chapter of "Boys Town" in Dallas, and not just because of selfishness in T.O. — whose only crime is being himself — as well as Adam "Pacman" Jones and Tank Johnson was his idea.

But Jones is on the hook for close to \$800 million of the \$1.1 billion sunk into the stadium the Cowboys are bringing online next season, so apparently he's willing to give winning a try.

Letting Owens go now is a smart move, addition by subtraction. The Cowboys will miss his production, no doubt, but since T.O. has blown up the locker room of every other NFL team he played for,

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JIM LITKE

Steers drop first two at Snyder Tournament

Herald Staff Report

SNYDER — Big Spring's Steers dropped the first two games of the opening day of a baseball tournament in Snyder Thursday.

Big Spring fell to Canyon, 9-4, and then dropped a tight one to Pecos, 9-8.

Cade Hollandsworth took the loss in the opening game, surrendering three runs — all earned on five hits and two walks. Jacob Acosta

relieved him in the fourth and pitched two-and-two-thirds innings, giving up six runs — one earned.

Big Spring had an error that started a downward spiral while Acosta was on the mound and Canyon took advantage for five unearned runs.

Jeremy Solis finished the game, getting the final four outs without allowing a run.

Martin Yanez had three hits and two RBI to lead Big Spring at the

plate.

In the 9-8 loss to Pecos, Jon Benavides suffered defeat on the mound, giving up eight runs — six earned — on six hits and six walks while striking out four batters in five innings.

Solis once again finished the game, giving up an unearned run in the final two innings.

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Sports in brief

BSGSA registration continues Saturday

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

Subsequent sign up date is the following Saturday, 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.

Lady Steers boosters meeting March 16 at ATC

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club is meeting at 5:45 p.m. March 16 in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Lady Steers athletes in junior high or high school are encouraged to attend.

Moss Creek hosting ATV and side-by-side races

The Texas Crossroads Racing Circuit is having an event hosted by Moss Creek Lake March 22.

Events feature a variety of ATV and side-by-side vehicles. Registration starts at 7 a.m. with the first races

taking place at 8 a.m. A required \$15 for TCRC membership will be charged along with entrance fees for each individual race.

For more information or directions to to event, visit www.texasrcr.net.

BSCC hosting 3-person scramble April 4-5

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 3-person scramble tournament April 4-5 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome.

Entry includes barbecue on the course April 4 and practice rounds the day before.

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Tournament at noon Sunday against McLennan Community College at Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center.

McLennan (25-5) finished second behind Collin County Community College in the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference.

McLennan is regarded highly in the nation and is receiving some votes for the NJCAA polls.

However, facing highly regarded squads is nothing new for Howard. The Hawks posted two wins over teams — Midland and Odessa — that were ranked in the top 10 at the time they pulled off the upsets.

"I'm proud of the way we're playing. We're coming into the tournament as one of the hottest teams in the region," Adams noted. "We've won nine of our last 11 games. We feel good about our chances. We're playing against tough competition, but we've been doing that all season."

The Hawks opened conference play losing three of their first four games. However, the Hawks rallied to finish the WJCAC season 11-5. Both of Howard's losses in the last 11 games came to South Plains, which is currently ranked No. 8 in the nation.

The Hawks are ranked No. 1 in the nation in team defense, allowing an average of 52.6 points a game. Adams

says the collective team effort on the defensive end is one of several reasons Howard was able to turn the corner on its season.

"A lot of the turnaround this season is due to figuring out what we could and couldn't do," said Adams. "Everyone came to grips with and accepted their role. We're the No. 1 defense in the country, too. We have a patient offense and a tough defense that sees the value of getting stops."

"Scoring has been a challenge all year," he continued. "It doesn't come easy for this team. That's my biggest concern. We've got great sophomore leadership, though. I think the guys understand what it takes to win."

Adams is concerned with the way the Hawks match up with McLennan in the first round, but does believe they can do enough to pull out a win.

"It's not a good matchup for us," he admitted. "They have good quickness and a lot of depth. They have a lot of talented guards that shoot the three well and can put it on the floor. The teams with the best guards do well in this tournament. We have great guards as well, though. We are going up against a team that is going to challenge us."

A win and Howard could meet Midland College, which is the top seed out of the WJCAC and is playing NTJCCAC's fourth-seeded Temple. Howard beat Midland — ranked sixth in the nation — earlier this season.

Facing Temple could be just as challenging as it ranks fifth nationally in

scoring, averaging 95.8 points per game.

Last season, the Hawks escaped with a 73-71 win over Temple in the first round, then came from behind to take out top-seeded Odessa College, 63-57, advancing to the championship game.

The Hawks rallied from 10 points down late in the game to pull within four, but ultimately South Plains pulled out the victory to advance to the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.

South Plains ended up winning the national title last season, marking the second consecutive season the national champion came out of the WJCAC. Midland College won it all two seasons ago.

"Every game in this tournament is going to be difficult," Adams said. "No one is an easy out. It's the best league in the nation. Whoever comes out of it is going to be one of the favorites at the national tourney."

Men's bracket schedule

Sunday
Noon - Howard vs. McLennan
2 p.m. - South Plains vs. Hill
5 p.m. - Western Texas vs. Collin County
7 p.m. - Midland vs. Temple
Monday
5 p.m. - SPC/Hill winner vs. WTC/CCCC winner
7 p.m. - HC/MCC winner vs. MC/ Temple winner
Tuesday
7:30 p.m. - Championship game

5 CHS ballers honored by 7-2A

Herald Staff Report

COAHOMA — While the 2008-2009 boys basketball season was a bit disappointing for the Coahoma Bulldogs, five of the players received a nice consolation this week with the District 7-2A awards being handed out.

Senior Cody Sheppard and junior Josh Paniagua each made the first-team All-District.

On the second team was senior Braden Griffin, senior Jovi Paniagua and senior Mikey Mendoza.

District champion Jim Ned swept most of the awards with junior Blake Allen winning the league's Most Valuable Player honor.

Defensive MVP was Jim Ned senior Hayden Holson with Coach Hunter Cooler being named the district's top skipper.

The Bulldogs finished the season with a 20-12 mark, but went 2-8 in district play.

Coahoma started the district season ranked 18th in the state, according to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll.

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College.

A first-round win over Weatherford Saturday could potentially pit Howard against South Plains once again. The Lady Texans face Collin County Community College at noon Saturday, and if history repeats itself at the Region V tourney, the Hawks can expect to see South Plains in the semis Monday.

"South Plains is a tough matchup for us. I thought we played well against them in the season finale," said Diddle. "We just couldn't get enough buckets at the end to pick up the win."

Howard lost to SPC, 53-51, Feb. 23, but defeated the Lady Texans earlier in the year at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Regardless, Diddle fills fortunate to be opposite the WJCAC's top seed, Midland College.

Midland is ranked No. 3 in the nation and is heavily favored to run away with the Region V title and

advance to the NJCAA National Tournament to be played in Salina, Kan. March 17-21.

"Midland is a great team. They might be the best in the country," noted Diddle. "I think it's a great thing to be opposite of them in the bracket, so that the earliest we can face them is in the finals. We do some things that can bother Midland and can be a threat to upset them."

"We've got to look at this one game at a time, though," he continued. "We have to take care of things Saturday, then Monday, and then we can start thinking about Midland or whoever

we might face in the finals."

Women's Bracket Schedule

Saturday
10 a.m. - Odessa vs. Hill
Noon - South Plains vs. Collin County
2 p.m. - Howard vs. Weatherford
4 p.m. - Midland vs. Grayson
Monday
Noon - HC/WC winner vs. SPC/CCCC winner
2 p.m. - OC/Hill winner vs. MC/ Grayson winner
Tuesday
5 p.m. - Championship game

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Hollandsworth shined at the plate, hitting a double and triple along with two RBI. Matt Ritchey had three hits, including a double, and an RBI. Rance

Terry also doubled home two runs.

Forsan in championship game at Ralls Tourney

RALLS — Even without some key players who are still playing basketball, Forsan's baseball team has advanced to the championship game of the Ralls Tournament with two wins Thursday.

Forsan run-ruled Friona, 16-6, in the opening round, then routed Hale Center in the semifinals, 15-9.

Forsan scored in every inning against Friona with Rey Martinez picking up the win on the mound. Martinez gave up six runs — four earned — in five innings.

Zach Herrin led the Buffs at the plate, hitting two doubles and knocking in four RBI.

Freshman Payton Parker picked up the win in the semis against Hale Center. Parker pitched six innings, giving up nine runs — six earned — on

seven hits and one walk, while striking out eight batters.

Patrick Robles knocked in three runs, while Foster Burchett hit two doubles and two RBI.

Forsan plays in the championship game at 5 p.m. or 7 p.m. Saturday, depending on the results of the boys basketball regional tournament in Levelland beginning today.

If Forsan defeated Gruver in the semis of the Region I tourney today, then the baseball team will play at 7 p.m. Saturday. If the Buffs lose in the Levelland, then the baseball team will go at 5 p.m. Saturday.

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WP - Rey Martinez. Top batter: Zach Herrin - two 2B, four RBI.

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WP - Payton Parker. Top batters: Foster Burchett - two 2B, two RBI; Patrick Robles - one 2B, three RBI; Jake Rhoton - three hits.

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the collateral damage he'll cause somewhere else is a plus. Besides, the NFC East rivals the Cowboys worry about most already have had the pleasure of his company (Philadelphia), or gone on the record and said no thanks for the opportunity (New York Giants and Washington).

Those who think otherwise and point to Randy Moss' resurgence with New England miss two important points. T.O. is five years older than Moss; and there are only so many teams in the league with coaches powerful enough to lay down the law and a host of veterans just itching to back him up.

Tennessee gets mentioned as a possibility, perhaps even Indianapolis in the wake of Marvin Harrison's departure, and there's always Oakland. All are in the AFC, and none will cause Jones to lose any sleep.

A few weeks ago, Jones was asked whether he was worried about his team's chemistry. "Not at all," he said. "Not at all."

"And if y'all knew more about some of the things that you write about," he couldn't resist lecturing reporters a moment later, "you wouldn't be as concerned."

Apparently Jones was the one who needed a refresher course. His football people only had to remind him there are minimum oxygen requirements for every clubhouse, and T.O. was consuming much more than his share. With him gone,

quarterback Tony Romo not only will breathe better; he and the rest of the offense, as well as coordinator Jason Garrett and head coach Wade Phillips, will conserve plenty of energy by not having to look over their shoulders as much.

Besides, Jones himself took out an insurance policy on T.O. earlier this season by bringing receiver Roy Williams to Dallas from Detroit. He also happens to have three very good running backs — Marion Barber and second-year backups Felix Jones and Tashard Choice — to lessen the number of times Romo will be tempted to try something stupid.

Anybody who doesn't think Romo was trying to throw something in Owens' direction from the second he picked up a tube of toothpaste in the morning should remember what happened in a loss to the Washington Redskins earlier this season. Romo did that 18 times and even handed the ball off to Owens twice. That's more than a third of the 58 offensive plays the Cowboys ran.

Owens caught seven balls, but by midweek was trying to hand the rest back to Romo like so many hot potatoes. "Put on the screen all 18 passes that were thrown my way," T.O. said, "and you make the assessment of all those passes."

Jones will be doing just that, assuming he can take a break from counting his money. With Owens gone, Romo's name just moved onto the top line of every cost-benefit analysis. Signing veteran Jon Kitna as a backup would have looked like a smart move for most any team. Bringing him to the Cowboys, Jones also sent a message.

Based on early returns, this "new direction" is already paying dividends. In addition to releasing Owens, the Cowboys also announced they were parting with moody safety Roy Williams, who like Owens, caused problems in the locker room, but helped sell a lot of jerseys.

It's surely coincidental the two were famously linked in 2004, when Williams' horse-collar tackle of Owens sidelined the then-Eagles receiver for several weeks and set up his near-miraculous return in time for the Super Bowl.

Either way, it's not a bad start when you can shed two headaches at once.

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Lovely Venus teases us as she changes directions in Aries. She'll be flying backward until April 17, by which time we will see love in a new way. While Venus is retrograde in the youthful sign of the ram, puppy love and crushes will happen even to mature individuals. Intense feelings are likely to be kept private, and that's a good thing.



ARIES (March 21-April 19). Sure, you have a temper sometimes, but right now you're in a cool mood. You're downright calculating. As much as someone may try to rile you up, there is no chance of getting knocked off of your game. You're in it to win.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are getting plenty of nice comments these days and people want what you're selling, too. It's nice to know you're popular. Of course, it will be nicer when they put their money where their mouths are.

GEMINI (May 21-June

21). You're not ready to rest, even though it will be suggested often now. People can say "You deserve it," but you won't believe them until you feel in your heart you've really put in the right amount of work.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Something about your connection with a certain person makes you want to downplay your accomplishments, mute your joy and keep your good luck a secret. Consider whether this individual is really your friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The effect you have on others is not so obvious. Not everyone can be as expressive as you tend to be. Sensitive souls are all around, ready to receive your tender loving care.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Look at the little signals someone gives you. This person's behavior when the pressure is off is a fair indication of what can be expected in tougher times. You can count on the kindhearted to remain benevolent.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have much to offer, and now it helps to pinpoint, at least in your own mind, exactly what you bring to relationships. Your confidence soars when you realize the fabulous mix of benefits that comes with knowing you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Projects will go well. Everything is coming together nicely and very little discussion will be needed. When working with a partner, it's better to do things together instead of talking about things together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Make adjustments so that your home is not only a safe

haven but also a place of beauty and serenity. Moving furniture and/or changing your schedule may be a part of this domestic transformation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's not wise to go chasing after every lead that crosses your path. Well-meaning friends could have bad advice simply because they are uninformed about the nuances of your situation. Move only when you feel inspired.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It probably seems like you are making small decisions for a group of people, but it turns out all this adds up to a shared destiny. No pressure, though — you'll know a good idea when you hear it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People surprise you with their wares, wanting you to buy into their product and point of view. You vote for the one who has panache. It takes one to know one.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: The one who inspires you to be creative will win your heart. **TAURUS:** New places make you feel differently about yourself. Your environment favorably affects your self-esteem. **GEMINI:** A partner or potential partner will appreciate the romantic opening gambit you dream up.

CANCER: You will not be stopped from doing what you want to do at the pace you want to do it. **LEO:** You are a whirlwind of energy and only the most adventurous will dare to keep up with you.

VIRGO: Being supportive is so rewarding a feeling that you can't even fathom why anyone would give less to a relationship. **LIBRA:** You

want to make love last forever and will do the things that contribute to its longevity. **SCORPIO:** There is a degree of magic involved in people getting together, but there's also strategy and hard work involved.

SAGITTARIUS: You are comfortable to rest, relax and rejuvenate with your loved one. **CAPRICORN:** You'll make selfless adjustments in order to better understand a loved one. **AQUARIUS:** You alternate between revealing and concealing your emotions to create an intricate and effective seduction. **PISCES:** The depth of emotion you elicit may seem commonplace to you, but it's an unusual occurrence for someone else.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Aries and Leo are two fire signs who sometimes passionately combust — but not this weekend. These two are more likely to go for the slow burn now, fanning the flames of love to make them last. Aries has many stellar ideas about how to spend time together and Leo will be game for just about anything. Leo keeps Aries laughing and grateful. Aries could entertain a tantalizing proposal.

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New, Creative Kind of Midlife Crisis

Dear Margo: I am 43 years old, married to a man, 62. We've been together nine years and have a 7-year-old. Our sex life has always been great, but in the last several months my husband seems to need more.

He is requesting that I "hook up" with my best friend of 18 years. She is gay, but I am not and have zero desire for this. Of course, he wants to witness this without her knowledge.

We have fought quite a bit over this little brainchild of his. I have told him repeatedly that it's never going to happen. He will back off for a while, but then starts all over again.

Also, he now wants me to get completely dolled up every time we make love. I mean hair, makeup, dress, stilettos, all of it. He is also after me to go to a tanning salon. I have always taken great care of my skin, but now he says he prefers me darker. I don't know when I suddenly stopped being good enough.

Margo, we have a young child in school, which means I am not even free until 9 p.m.! This is after cleaning a 5,600-square-foot home, cooking meals from scratch at least three to four times per week, doing laundry galore, plus volunteer work. Oh, and we have three high-maintenance dogs.

Is he serious? Could you please shed some light on what is going on here? Otherwise, he is a terrific man: great father, wonderful provider, doesn't care what I spend ... and is always complimentary. This is bringing me way down. I don't know what to think. — *Bewildered*

Dear Be: My goodness, the old goat certainly has sex on the brain and a lot of new ideas, doesn't he? Perhaps he's feeling age creeping up on him and therefore wants to live out all his fantasies.

I would try something somewhat counterintuitive. Tell Don Juan you'll consider everything on his wish list (except the gay girlfriend) if he will, for one week, get all spiffed up (minus the stilettos), go to the tanning salon, clean the house, cook the meals, do the laundry, look after the dogs and do volunteer work.

That ought to calm him down. (And just for fun, one night wear the stilettos.) — *Margo, pragmatically*

When Your Parents Are Typecast

Dear Margo: I am an Asian-American teenager living in a predominately white area. Most of my non-Asian friends have bought into the stereotype of the controlling Asian parent and therefore feel bad for me.

One of my friends told me, "It must be hard living in American society with old-fashioned Asian parents," while another friend who was angry with me said I had "no right to treat other people the way your parents treat you," implying that my parents treat me poorly.

Like any other teen, I fight with my parents and sometimes complain about them to my friends, but I do love them and don't think they're bad parents. Even if I'm mad at my parents, I can't help but get offended when my friends

badmouth them in an attempt to sympathize. How do I respond to these well-meaning but offensive comments? — *Pitied for Being Asian*

Dear Pit: I would tell these friends, "You need some new stereotypes." Then, as a little instructive detour, I'd explain that your difficulties are really no different than theirs with their parents.

If your folks were born in this country, that strengthens the argument that they're quite "Americanized." If they immigrated here, you might say that they've made every effort to integrate their culture with the one in which they now live.

You are good to want to stick up for them, and in the bargain you will be educating your friends. — *Margo, enlighteningly*

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 given that she is older, religious and homophobic.

If it's impossible to stay in the house, try to make other living arrangements. — *Margo, regretfully*

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My son and his wife live in the apartment above mine. I wanted my 20-year-old grandson to be independent of his parents, so I let him move into my downstairs bedroom.

I told him his girlfriend would not be permitted in his bedroom nor would I allow them to behave as if they were married. He agreed to all this. My grandson now brings his 17-year-old girlfriend to my house in the mornings and then takes her to high school.

I found out the two of them are having sex in his bedroom and she leaves her clothes there. (I don't think her father is aware that she comes here since he leaves for work very early.)

I told my grandson the bedroom door was not to be closed or locked again, and that this girl is no longer allowed to come to the house in the mornings.

His younger brother, who is only 15, is right outside that room playing video games. I also packed up two full bags of his clothes and other toiletries and brought them upstairs to his parents' apartment.

Now my grandson thinks I was rude because the girl didn't stay overnight and she wasn't moving in. Did I do the right thing, or should I have just left them alone? — *A Concerned Grandmother*

Dear Grandmother: You get to set the rules in your home, and if you don't want them having sex, so be it.

Your grandson did not keep his end of the bargain. Allow a few months for him to think about it, and then,



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

if you still want to give him another chance, let him move back in, making it clear that there will be no sex on the premises.

If he doesn't like it, he can live elsewhere.

Dear Annie: My husband and I are expecting our third child. The problem is, my father keeps asking us to name the baby after him. He pressured us with the first two kids and now he is doing it again.

We have always found some polite way to say no, but he is really laying on the guilt this time. My father was physically and verbally abusive to me growing up.

He once held a gun to my head because he thought I was lying. I have forgiven him and we get along fine now, but not surprisingly, I have no desire to name a child after him.

Dad continues to mention how disappointed he is that neither of my children has his name.

He's even given my older son a "nickname," which is a derivative. How can I get him to stop without making him angry? — *Not Gonna Feel Guilty*

Dear Not: Be

diplomatically evasive. When Dad asks about the child's name, smile and shrug.

After you've named the child something else, if he is unhappy, smile and shrug. You can add "sorry" if you like. Who cares if he stewes about it?

If he gets nasty, leave. You are under no obligation to name your child after him or anyone else.

Dear Annie: I won't be able to sleep until I write to "Indiana," the lady whose husband repeats himself constantly and asks the same questions over and over.

We thought my husband was suffering from occasional dizziness and disorientation. Eventually, I noticed he was asking the same questions repeatedly and saying the same things over and over.

Our family physician suggested he see a neurologist for testing, which showed my husband had vascular dementia and had suffered a small stroke.

He is doing much better now. Please tell "Indiana" to make an appointment with a good neurologist.

She should also tell her hubby that she will walk this walk with him, and then smother him with love.

Fear of the unknown is what he's all about right now. I will pray for both of them. — *Baton Rouge, La.*

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10 :PM	News	News	Impacto	Raymond	News	Noticias	News	Movie: Nacho Libre, Héctor Jimenez	Smiley	Smiley	Smiley	Smiley	Smiley	Smiley	Smiley	Smiley	Smiley	Smiley	NBA
11 :PM	Nightline	Nightline	Noticiero	King-Hill	Late Show	Titulares	Tonight Show	Smiley	Smiley	Smiley	Smiley	Smiley	Smiley	Smiley	Smiley	Smiley	Smiley	Smiley	NBA
12 :AM	Insider	Jimmy Kim-mel Live	Extra	RENO 911	Late Late Show	Noticias	News	Update (Off Air)	Adrenaline	Adrenaline	Adrenaline	Adrenaline	Adrenaline	Adrenaline	Adrenaline	Adrenaline	Adrenaline	Adrenaline	NBA
1 :AM	Paid	Basco	Clasicos	Friends	Entertain	Paid	Paid	Movie: Clueless, Britany Murphy	American Loggers	Breaking Bad	MXC	MXC	MXC	MXC	MXC	MXC	MXC	MXC	NBA

DENNIS THE MENACE

"DO I LOOK LIKE I NEED COOKIES?"

"HOW ABOUT SOME THIN MINTS?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

DID GRANDMA HURT HERSELF AT YOUR WEDDING?...

"... 'cause she's cryin'."

HAGAR

I'M SICK AND TIRED OF YOU MESSING UP OUR HOUSE AND COMING HOME LATE AT NIGHT !!!

I WISH YOU WOULDN'T SHOUT, HELGA!

THE NEIGHBORS WILL THINK WE'RE NOT GETTING ALONG!

BC

MAY A FUNNEL-WEB SPIDER FIND YOUR PILLOWCASE AN IDEAL PLACE TO RAISE ITS YOUNG.

MAY YOUR COLONOSCOPY TECHNICIAN MISTAKE THE TUB OF PETROLEUM JELLY FOR A JAR OF TABASCO SAUCE.

BLONDIE

A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR JOBS!

HOW COME NOBODY IN MR. B.'S CARPOOL HAS GOTTEN FIRED YET?

PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY APPRECIATE THEIR JOBS!

I'M DREADING MY "IDIOT" CLIENT BRIEFING AT 9!

AT LEAST YOUR BOSS ISN'T A SAWEED-OFF, TIN-CAN NAPOLEON!

MINE MAKES ATTILA THE HUN LOOK LIKE MICKEY MOUSE!

ONLY 8 HOURS AND 49 MINUTES 'TIL QUITTIN' TIME!!

WIZARD OF ID

I THINK INFLATION IS OUT OF CONTROL

HOW SO?

THE TRAY BY THE CASH REGISTER SAYS "TAKE A DOLLAR, LEAVE A DOLLAR"

This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 6, the 65th day of 2009. There are 300 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On March 6, 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio fell to Mexican forces after a 13-day siege.
- On this date: In 1834, the city of York in Upper Canada was incorporated as Toronto.
- In 1857, the United States Supreme Court ruled in Dred Scott v. Sandford that Scott, a slave, was not an American citizen and could not sue for his freedom in federal court.
- In 1933, a nationwide bank holiday declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt went into effect.
- In 1935, retired Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., died in Washington.
- In 1944, U.S. heavy bombers staged the first full-scale American raid on Berlin during World War II.
- In 1957, the former British African colonies of the Gold Coast and Togoland became the independent state of Ghana.
- In 1967, the daughter of Josef Stalin, Svetlana Alliluyeva (ah-lee-loo-YAY'-vah), appeared at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi and declared her intention to defect to the West.
- In 1983, in a case that drew much notoriety, Cheryl Araujo was gang-raped atop a pool table in a tavern in New Bedford, Mass., called Big Dan's; four men were later convicted of the attack. (Araujo was killed in a car accident in 1986.)
- In 1987, 193 people died when the British ferry Herald of Free Enterprise capsized off the Belgian port of Zeebrugge (zay-BRUKH'-ah).

Today's Birthdays: Orchestra conductor Julius Rudel is 88. TV personality Ed McMahon is 86. Former FBI and CIA director William Webster is 85. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is 83. Author Gabriel Garcia Marquez is 82. Orchestra conductor Lorin Maazel is 79. Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova is 72. Country singer Doug Dillard is 72. Senator Christopher Bond, R-Mo., is 70.

Actress-writer Joanna Miles is 69. Actor Ben Murphy is 67. Opera singer Dame Kiri Te Kanawa is 65. Singer Mary Wilson (The Supremes) is 65. Rock musician Hugh Grundy (The Zombies) is 64. Rock singer-musician David Gilmour (Pink Floyd) is 63. Actor-director Rob Reiner is 62. Singer Kiki Dee is 62. Rock singer-musician Phil Alvin (The Blasters) is 56. Actor Tom Arnold is 50. Actor D.L. Hughley is 45. Country songwriter Skip Ewing is 45.

Thought for Today: "Learn by other's mistakes because you do not live long enough to make them all yourself." — Anonymous.

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AGNES

THE WORLD SYSTEM IS FAILING!

SO?

YOUR OPTIMISM RENEWS ME.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

Newsday Crossword

MATTER OVER MIND by Bruce Venzke
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HI AND LOIS

I'M PACKING YOU SOME HEALTHY FOOD

THEY WON'T LET ME BRING THAT IN.

WHAT'S THAT?

A NOTE FROM MY MOTHER

ACROSS

- Minor quarrel
- Full of chutzpah
- Greater part
- Mountains (Eurasian range)
- Submit paperless tax forms
- Geometry calculation
- Start of an observation
- Open, as a court document
- SALT subject
- "Red state" grp.
- Incantation opener
- Part 2 of observation
- Mulch material
- Hair protectors
- It sounds like "air"
- Parliamentary peers
- Chest protector
- Yogi Bear co-creator
- Italian article
- Titillating
- Move
- Part 3 of observation
- Bread-loaf part
- Suede feature
- Board a trolley, perhaps
- Boorish ones
- End of observation
- Japanese soup
- Full reversal
- Red muppet
- Developer's sites
- Tops out
- Hard to fathom

DOWN

- Garb at the barre
- Strong-willed
- Web-site help, briefly
- Sooty spot
- Make unclear
- 1960s Atty. Gen.
- Be out of sorts
- Roguish
- Mag magnate's nickname
- Where fizzes may be found
- Craving
- Fermentation residue
- Nicky of Boston Public
- Shakespearean villain
- 19 Forceful forward flow
- 23 Annual Honolulu contest
- 24 Sleek horse
- 25 Where to find 34 Across
- 26 Incomparable grade
- 27 Spanglish star
- 28 Erstwhile NFLer
- 29 "Jan. 1 to now" period
- 30 Far from fresh
- 31 Slowly, to a conductor
- 32 Bert's buddy
- 33 Cooks over high heat
- 38 Jennifer Lopez title role
- 41 Silvery gray
- 44 It may be toasted
- 45 Coloring needs
- 48 Illustrative material
- 49 Minor quarrel
- 52 Web computer language
- 53 Edison's birthplace
- 54 Water under the bridge
- 56 Got a move on
- 57 Impertinent look
- 58 Worrier's words
- 59 Knock it off
- 61 Latin American export
- 62 Zeta follower
- 63 Prom duds
- 64 Valuable rock

THE OTHER COAST

I MUST WARN YOU, VICKY. ALL YACHT CLUBS HAVE A STRICT DECORUM. IT'S BASED ON OLD ROYAL NAVY TRADITIONS.

SO WHICH ONE IS THE COMMODORE? THE GUY WHO LOOKS HOMELESS OR THE BABBLING DRUNK?

SNUFFY SMITH

IT'S AWFUL LATE !! AIN'T YOU A-FEARED ELVINEY'S GONNA BE VEXED ?

NOPE !! LAST NIGHT I HID ALL HER FRYIN' PANS !!

GOOD IDEA, BUT...

MAYBE YA SHOULDN'T HAVE STOPPED THAR !!

BEEBLE BAILEY

I AM NOT FAT!

YOU'RE SO FAT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN YOUR FEET FOR YEARS!

HI! GOOD TO SEE YOU! HOW ARE THE TOES?

HE MAY BE FAT, BUT HE'S SURE FLEXIBLE

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