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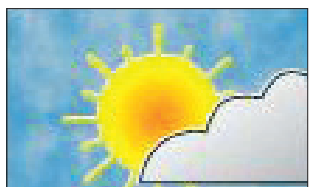


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Salvation Army to take applications for food baskets

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

The Salvation Army will be taking applications Tuesday from people who will need a food basket for Christmas. "We've already got almost 800 people that will be fed through this project already," explained Salvation Army Capt. Terrie Cheshire, "but we want to make sure that if people are in need, we can help out. Cheshire said those processing applications will need a picture ID for

the applicant, Social Security cards for everyone living in the home, proof of all household income and all household bills. This includes all expenses incurred during the month such as car insurance, credit cards and loans. Applications will be taken from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Salvation Army Corps Building, located at 811 W. Fifth St. Cheshire noted that Maurices has joined forces with the Salvation Army to help meet the community's needs this holiday season, helping collect

canned goods for the food baskets that will go to families registered for the Angel Tree project. Saturday the project will have a grand finale with a collection of canned goods on the sidewalk in front of the store. Store officials said anyone can donate three cans of food and receive a 20 percent off coupon for use on regularly priced items. Maurices will also have an Angel Tree located in the store beginning Nov. 23. In addition, Cheshire noted that the Salvation Army has funding for Tex-

as military personnel now serving or that have served in Iraq or Afghanistan. Military personnel who've served in Iraq or Afghanistan or their family members may apply at the Corps building or call 267-8239. Money for that military personnel aid program is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation. *Contact Managing Editor John A. Moseley at 263-7331, ext. 230, or by e-mail at editor@bigspringherald.com*

Get ready

School district trustees lay groundwork for one more go at bond issue

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

It is almost certain that a bond election is in Big Spring Independent School District's near future. School trustees are laying the groundwork for another go at a bond election to update and/or renovate the school district's aging infrastructure. Voters rejected a \$34 million bond issue in 2007. At their regular meeting Thursday, trustees approved a contract with Specialized Public Finance Inc. to provide financial advice for any upcoming bond issue. While school officials have never made secret their ultimate intention to call for a bond election, the issue has been on the back burner for more than a year. The urgency and need for a bond is still there, however, officials said. "The simple fact is that our school buildings, if you take out the junior high, average 55 years of age," said Dr. Michael Stevens, special advisor to the superintendent. Building age and condition have been a concern for school officials for years. Studies commissioned by the district have shown that almost every campus is in need

of some form of renovation and some are in need of out-right closure. The time is right, officials believe, for another bond election. "It's going to take a lot of work on our part, but we think it's worthwhile," Superintendent Steven Saldivar said. "We're going to put out the facts and show people what we have and what we need, then let them decide." Existing options for exactly how much the district is requesting from voters ranges widely in preliminary estimates. Among the projects the district is considering is the replacement of Washington and Marcy elementaries, currently estimated to cost around \$23 million. But it's not just new buildings that trustees are considering. "We do want to stress that we're not talking just about replacement, but renovation, as well," School Board President Mike Dawson noted. Other campuses — with the exception of Bauer Elementary, which is targeted for closure — have some form of renovation under consideration.

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Katie Wash, a fifth-grader in Goliad Intermediate School's gifted and talented program, shows off her natural science project during Thursday's meeting of the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees.

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County enrollment figures a mixed bag

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Enrollment figures at Howard County public school districts are going in different directions — up in Big Spring, down in Coahoma and rock-steady in Forsan. Overall enrollment figures for the county as a whole are relatively unchanged — 5,349 students in the three schools districts, as compared to 5,352 this time last year — but there's been quite a bit of shuffling between the individual district.

Big Spring ISD showed a notable increase with an enrollment figure of 3,880 as of Nov. 6. That figure represents an increase of 76 students from the same time in 2008. That almost exactly mirrors a 73-student drop in enrollment at Coahoma ISD, which reported 770 students as of Oct. 31, compared to 843 this time last year. The biggest difference in Coahoma's figures is at the elementary level, which reported a drop of 47 students, while the junior high and high school noted only minor de-

creases. The island of calm, figuratively speaking, is at Forsan, which reported 699 students enrolled, a drop of just six students from the same time in 2008. Forsan ISD Superintendent Randy Johnson said he was pleased with the district's relatively unchanged figures. "Stable enrollment is important for a small school district like us,"

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Obituaries

Johnnie Perry

Johnnie Perry, 76, of Big Spring died on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009, at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church in Big Spring with the Rev. William Vaughn, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Johnnie was born Nov. 6, 1933, in Waco, and married Leroy Perry Feb. 23, 1993, in Big Spring.

She worked as a cook at the Big Spring Country Club, the Big Spring State Hospital for five years and at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for 17 years. Mrs. Perry was an active member of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir for many years and served as a deaconess.

Survivors include her husband, Leroy Perry of Big Spring; his son, Kenneth Perry of San Antonio; a son, Gregg Jones and wife, Patricia, of Fort Worth; six grandchildren, Pamela Palmer of Big Spring, Christa Tucker of Midland, Dawn Michelle Harris and husband, Kerwin, of Angier, N.C., Dwight Goodman and wife, Monique, of Kansas, and Brian Jones and Gregory Jones Jr., both of Fort Worth; 10 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; two dear friends, Etheleane Jean-Louis and Thelma Reed; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Claude Tucker Jr. and Mike Jones; two sisters; and a brother.

The family suggests memorials be made to Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, 630 Sgt. Paredez St., Big Spring 79720.

The family would like to say a special thanks to all staff of Compass Hospice for the loving care they provided our 'Mama Johnnie.'

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

Paid obituary

Dorothy Sue Rowe Hart

Dorothy Sue Rowe Hart, 83, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, in North Richland Hills.

Memorial service will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16, 2009, in Greenwood Chapel. Interment will be at 3 p.m. Monday in Eastview Memorial Park in Vernon. Visitation will be 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at Greenwood Funeral Home.

Dorothy Sue was born Dec. 24, 1925, in Denton to the late H.M. Rowe and Sue Maurine Tabor Rowe, and was reared in Big Spring. She graduated in 1947 from Texas Wesleyan College with a degree in speech and English. Dorothy Sue received her master of arts degree in education from Texas Wesleyan and an Ed.S. (education specialist degree) from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Hart spent over 33 years teaching in public school systems in Fort Worth, Birdville and Falls Church, Va. Most of her time was spent in elementary education. She loved to teach and was always the teacher.

She married the late Dana Rhea Hart of Odell in August 1950 and they raised their family in Fort Worth, Houston and Arlington, Va.

Survivors include sons, Larry Hart of Odell, Stacy Hart and wife, Vicky, of Hurst and Rodney Hart and wife, Susan, of Colleyville; grandchildren, Melissa Sue Hart of Watauga, Alissa Hart of Houston and Steven Hart of Hurst; sister, Lillian Steele of Arlington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Paid obituary

Ellen Christine Reeves

Ellen Christine Reeves, 87, of San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, died Nov. 11, 2009. Graveside funeral services will be Monday, Nov. 16, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with Bill Bates officiating.

Family visitation will be Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009, from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 22, 1922, in Sterling City to Thomas Alexander and Olive Isabel (Anglin) Ellett, and married Edward Leo Reeves Jan. 27, 1940, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Jan. 10, 2006.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Coahoma.

She is survived by her son, Ed Reeves and his wife, Helen; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to one's favorite charity.

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

Jonnie 'Granny' Cypert

Jonnie "Granny" Cypert, 96, of Garden City died Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009, at the Hospice House of Odessa. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Don Mitchell and Doyle Maynard officiating. Interment will follow at Garden City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

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

Tommie Johnson

Tommie Johnson, 63, of Big Spring died Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009, at his residence. No services are planned.

He was born Oct. 25, 1946, to Irene Edith May and John Franklin Johnson in Ft. Myers, Fla. He was a truck driver.

He is survived by one daughter, Kayla King of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

Ernest Grubaugh

Ernest Grubaugh, 90, of Big Spring died Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009, at Laumun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- ROBERT COBLE, 21, of 2710 Anderson, was arrested Thursday on a charge of terroristic threat.
- MANUEL SOSA, 67, of 901 Sgt. Paredez, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of Apron.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1800 block of Hearn.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1700 block of Young.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1000 block of Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1200 block of Lloyd.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

- ALFONSO BACA III, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- ROBERT RAY COBLE, 21, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a contempt charge for terroristic threat.
- RAFAEL ALEJANDRO DOMINGUEZ, 17, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and a Midland County warrant for kidnapping.
- LUIS HERNANDEZ, 49, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- BRANDON ANTHONY MORAN, 19, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- MANUEL OCHOTORENA SOSA, 67, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a probation revocation for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of Coronado Apartments. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of N.W. Ninth Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of Austin. Service refused.

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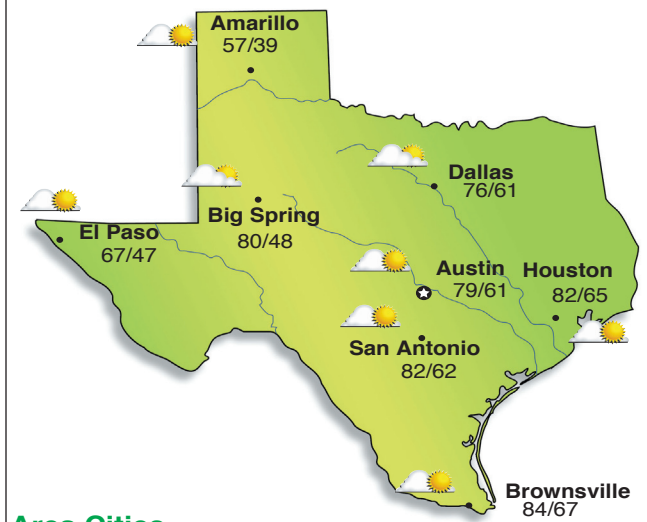
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

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Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 5:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 5:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 5:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 5:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 5:44 PM

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Amarillo	57	39	pt sunny	Livingston	82	61	pt sunny
Austin	79	61	pt sunny	Longview	75	60	cloudy
Beaumont	80	62	pt sunny	Lubbock	76	45	pt sunny
Brownsville	84	67	pt sunny	Lufkin	80	61	pt sunny
Brownwood	80	58	pt sunny	Midland	80	51	cloudy
Corpus Christi	83	68	pt sunny	Raymondville	86	66	pt sunny
Corsicana	76	60	cloudy	Rosenberg	82	64	pt sunny
Dallas	76	61	cloudy	San Antonio	82	62	pt sunny
Del Rio	79	58	pt sunny	San Marcos	80	60	pt sunny
El Paso	67	47	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	73	61	cloudy
Fort Stockton	78	51	pt sunny	Sweetwater	80	52	pt sunny
Gainesville	74	58	cloudy	Tyler	75	60	cloudy
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2-2-5. Sum It Up: 9.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday afternoon, in order:
0-7-6-6. Sum It Up: 19.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday afternoon, in order:
0-2-6. Sum It Up: 8.

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Family hurt in pipeline explosion files suit



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Flames blazed more than 400 feet high above a natural gas line explosion that rocked Bushland Nov. 5. The roaring sound of the leaking gas could be heard and seen from Amarillo more than 10 miles away. The gas line explosion was located about two miles north of Interstate 40 and one mile east of Bushland Road. A nearby structure is seen burning on the right of the photo and a high power utility pole is seen smoldering to the left of the blaze. A nearby rural neighborhood was evacuated by Potter County sheriff's deputies.

BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — A family whose members suffered burns when a natural gas pipeline exploded last week in the Texas Panhandle filed a negligence lawsuit Thursday against the companies that own and operate it.

The Torres family filed the suit in Potter County against the pipeline's owner, El Paso Natural Gas Co.; its parent company, Houston-based El Paso Corp.; and the pipeline operator, Atmos Energy Corp.

Company spokesman declined to comment.

Kevin Glasheen, the Lubbock attorney representing the family, said the suit was filed so soon after the explosion to ensure that evidence at the blast site is preserved.

"There are issues there with maintenance and pipelines don't blow up if they're maintained," he said.

The 24-inch pipeline exploded near Bushland, 15 miles west of Amarillo, about 1 a.m. on Nov. 5. The blast shook homes, melted window blinds and shot flames hundreds of feet into the air that were seen 20 miles away. The blast left a hole about 30 yards by 20 yards and close to 15 feet deep.

Federal pipeline investigators con-

tinued to look into the cause of the explosion.

According to a statement from Glasheen's firm, the Torres home was about 100 yards from where the pipeline exploded. Three members of the family were injured.

The family's mother and father, Alfredo and Agnieszka Torres, have been released from an Amarillo hospital.

Franczeska Torres, 15, remained in a Lubbock hospital's burn unit Thursday with serious burns to 30 percent of her body, Glasheen said. She suffered burns to her face, legs and hands, the release said.

In 2007, El Paso Natural Gas agreed to a \$15.5 million fine as part of a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice and pipeline safety regulators involving an explosion near Carlsbad, N.M., in 2000 that killed 12 members of a family who were camped near the pipeline.

The corporation also committed to spending \$86 million to modify the 10,000-mile pipeline system.

A civil trial involving emotional distress claims by first responders to the Carlsbad blast is under way in Roswell, N.M. and was expected to last several more weeks.

Governor becomes very frequent traveler in 2009

KELLEY SHANNON

AP Political Writer

AUSTIN — Republican Gov. Rick Perry, seeking re-election with a down-home Texas message, took on the role of world traveler this year, making a dozen cross-country or international trips and ringing up tens of thousands of dollars in taxpayer-funded security costs.

Perry's travels — a meeting with film executives in Los Angeles, a gathering with GOP leaders in Aspen, Colo., a visit to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan — were outlined in interviews with his aides and in documents examined by The Associated Press. But a detailed financial accounting of each trip is not easily accessible, and is in some cases off limits.

Out-of-state travel is part of Perry's job, his aides say.

"As governor and CEO



AP photo/Zef Nikolla/Nasdaq

In this Oct. 26 file provided by Nasdaq, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, center, waves with other guests while taking part in the closing bell ceremony at the Nasdaq Market Site in New York. Perry, seeking re-election with a down-home Texas message, took on the role of world traveler this year.

of a state that's the 12th-largest economy in the world, it's important that he continue to pro-

mote Texas as the best place for business, both nationally and internationally," said Perry

spokeswoman Allison Castle.

Perry visited Iraq on

U.S. Defense Department trips in January and July. In August, he

went to Israel on a trip organized and partially paid for by one of his campaign donors and by the investment firm Doheny Global Group. He also visited California, New York, Washington, D.C., Las Vegas, Colorado, Florida and Mississippi in 2009.

Perry isn't alone among big-state governors in his far-flung travel. Florida Gov. Charlie Crist and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger frequently jet around the country and the world. And, Perry has traveled plenty before this year, having taken assorted national and international trips since becoming governor in December 2000. Former Texas governors George W. Bush and Ann Richards also earned their

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Any construction estimates are, officials warned, highly preliminary and will be firmed up in the coming weeks.

"If we're going to have a bond election in May, we have to call for it by March 1," Stevens said. "If we decide to go forth on this, when you come back from Christmas break, you'll see us working in the community a lot."

Garnering public support will be critical, officials admitted.

"The plan has to come from us because we know what the needs

are," Saldivar said. "But different people from different sections of the community have come up to me and asked, 'When are we going to do something about the schools?'" Then, they ask what they can do to help.

"We have a good idea of what's needed," he added. "It's our job now to educated the public on those needs."

In other business Thursday, trustees approved:

- Vendors' lists for maintenance and transportation and food service bids.
- Approved the annual financial report and district improvement plan.
- Policy updates.

• \$15,000 to purchase a new scoreboard for the baseball field.

• Purchase of student response systems.

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SCHOOLS

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he said. "It makes it easier to plan staffing and supply levels and it certainly helps us when we're planning the budget."

In fact, Johnson noted, a slight decrease in Forsan's enrollment figures wouldn't be unwelcome.

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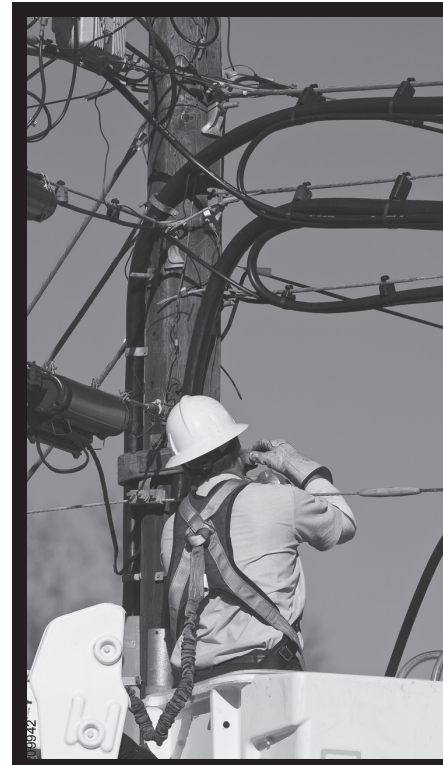
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OUR VIEW

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:

- Big Spring High School Speech and Debate team members Jessica Rubio, Shermila Kher, Andrew Lewis, Danielle Freeman, Bianca Mancha, Shawn Adams, Caleb Pirkel and Opal Gonzales, who took top places in contests in Midland, which allowed the team to take a pair of second-place finishes.

- All those who took part in Wednesday's Veteran's Day ceremony at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

- Michelle Fryar and Lori Kirby, both of Big Spring, who took part in the Breast Cancer Three-Day in Dallas that benefitted Susan G. Komen for the Cure, walking a total of 57 miles.

- Marcy Elementary School students who celebrated Veteran's Day Wednesday by participating in the school's third annual Freedom Walk.

- Coahoma High School seniors Katie Dunn and Sean Boren, who were named as the 2009 Coahoma Band Sweetheart and Band Beau last week.

- All those who took part in last week's 30th anniversary celebration for Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May our vast ambitions, Lord, include You.
Amen

Yes, definitely going up!

I didn't know how really country we were when I was little — but we were. My great-grandfather lived nearby, who we lovingly called "Pa," and who would lovingly thrash us with his cane if we got out of hand. A maternal grandparent, Pa was not a native of Texas. He was an old moonshine whiskey runner from the hills of Tennessee and ornery as they come. Pa was already in his 80s in the late 1970s and well set in his ideas about, well, just about everything.

For example, he didn't believe man had gone to the moon and my Uncle Ronny tried to show him NASA's live TV broadcast. "Why hell, son," he cursed while smoking his pipe, "Them fellers are out in Arizonesomewhere." and then he laughed as if my uncle, a scientist himself, was stupid.

I loved Pa.
Pa is long since gone and I hate to argue with my elders but I

think it's safe to assume people have really gone that far in vertical travel.

A LONG WAY FROM DOWN

If that's not high enough for you, try this. Scientists from the National Research Laboratory in Los Alamos, N.M., according to an Associated Press story that I am not making up, are proposing to build an elevator that would be 62,000 miles high from something called nano-tube technology.

That's right: 62,000 miles! These brothers who apparently smoke crack on their off time, want to use the elevator to launch stuff into space. One of them is quoted as saying, "The first country that owns the space elevator will own space."

Oh sure, we laugh now but someday your great grandkids may be hitting all the buttons between the 31st millionth and 32nd millionth floors.

GET YOUR UPGRADE

I think the whole idea of going up is a God idea. In the Kingdom, we learn to live life from upgrade to upgrade, moving in constant transition into better and better. Ascension and up-

ward mobility is a basic theme of living life more abundantly. It's all about hope and dreaming and tapping into destiny way before you assume room temperature.

Believe it or not, people are going up these days and not just faking it for the cameras as my great-grandfather feared.

I am bound and determined to be one of them. I am not going back into the things God has brought me out of and I will not settle and rest on any success I have already achieved.

While most Christians would agree it's bad to fall backward, most also would fail to realize its just as bad to not go forward.

God is counting on you to launch off into the next great place.

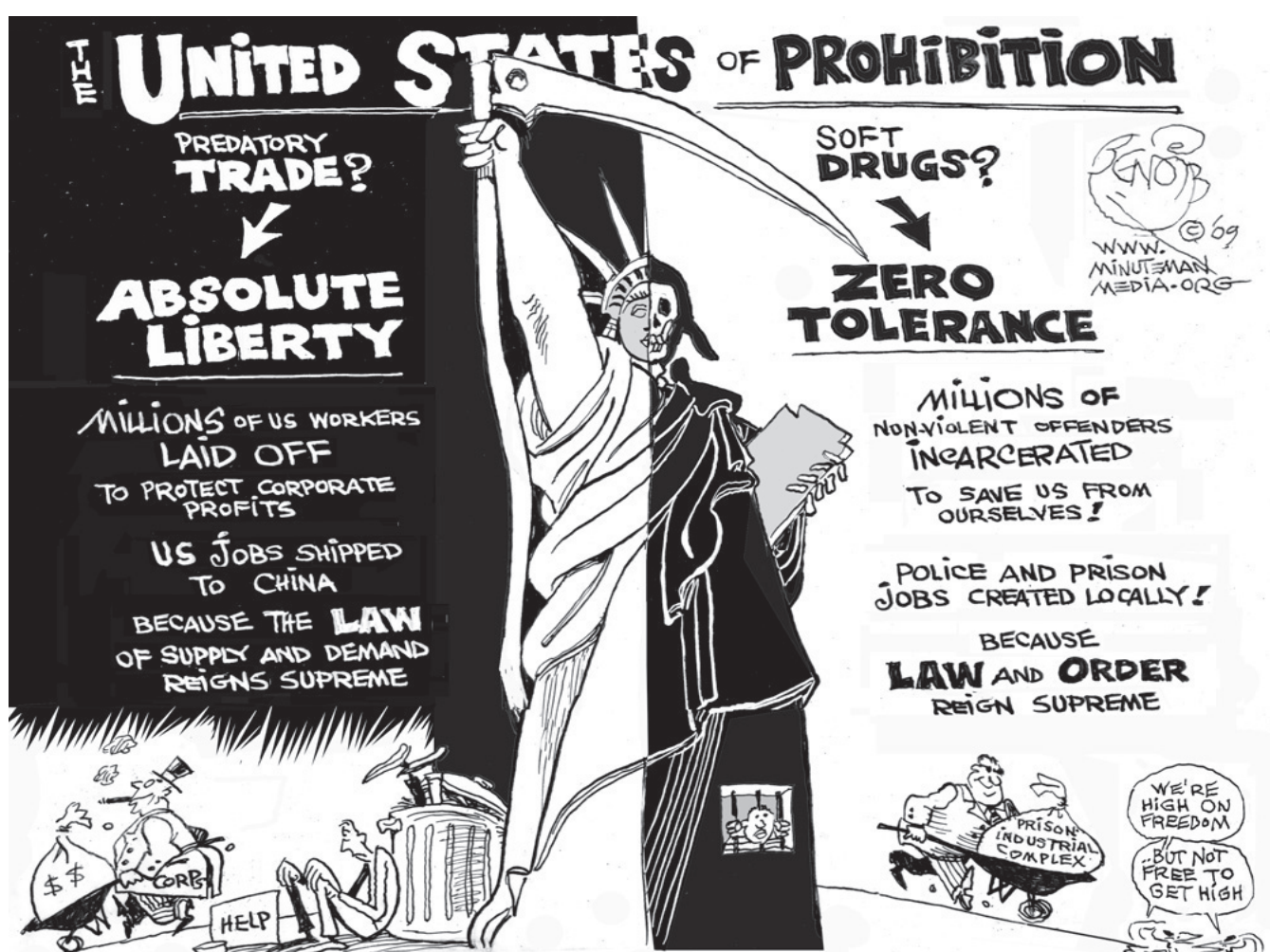
You might not have the approval of some but you surely have the Lord's. So what are you waiting for?

.. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little." Isaiah 28:10

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Motivation for the masses

Few programs are preceded by such anticipatory fanfare. Full-page ads in major newspapers are lobbed repeatedly at readers leading up to the "Big Event." The ads are howitzers of heavy hype promoting a line-up of speakers at day-long "Get Motivated!" seminars.

Sold-out arenas are common, and it is little wonder that the event's name is followed by an exclamation point.

Attendees of all ages and from all walks of life gather to seek light in an ever-darkening world.

One such recent rally at the Fort Worth Convention Center Arena drew 11,000 people.

It was on a Monday morning, cold and dreary — the kind when many retirees remember that they don't have to be any place and stay in bed.

Such moments are sweet, with but fleeting thoughts of working stiff in bumper-to-bumper traffic en route to work. Fluffing my pillow, I dialed up "medium" on my electric blanket, figuring to awaken at the crack of 9:30 — or so.

In the immortal utterance of Charlie Brown: "Arrrgghhh!" In a flash I remembered accepting an invitation from my friend Mike to attend the rally.

Praying that my limbs would respond in the proper sequence with minimal creaking, I hurriedly dressed.

With good luck in traffic, maybe I could make the 16-mile trip downtown in a half-hour or so.

In seeking the right mind-set

for the day, I should have been listening to motivational tapes instead of freeway traffic reports.

Worst fears were realized; gridlock loomed. Teeth in gritting mode and hands gripping the steering wheel, I felt my hair parting — on the wrong side of my head!

One hour and 40 minutes later, I plopped down in my rally chair, hopeful for "motivation" once I got my teeth unclenched.

Don't jump to conclusions! Though tardy, I arrived in time to hear — former Secretary of State Colin Powell, NFL legend Terry Bradshaw, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, President George W. Bush and motivational maestro Zig Ziglar.

They lifted spirits; none disappointed.

Ziglar, 82 and slowed by a fall sustained two years ago, spoke briefly, drawing thunderous applause. His trademark quotation tied a ribbon on the day: "You can have everything you want in life if you'll just help enough other people get what they want."

One of the greatest moments was unanticipated. During the noon break, 45 high school students paraded across the arena. They were well-groomed and well-dressed; the guys even had on white shirts and ties.

There was quiet speculation about their identity.

They were Breckenridge High School students who had assembled at 4:15 a.m. to board "yellow dogs" for the 100-mile trip to Fort Worth. Theirs was a long day, ending back home around 9:15 p.m. No doubt they'll tell their children and grandchildren about the day-long seminar. They'll describe being directed from their seats during the luncheon break to an unannounced, undisclosed meeting room.

There, they met, shook hands and had photographs made with a U.S. president.

Hearing the speakers and seeing these students warmed my heart.

Watching the arena empty, I reflected on the day. I was thankful for the great seat my friend had saved, for a renewed spirit warmed by grand speakers and for high school students whose presence inspired. I am glad that their teachers, Jay Clack and Vince Moore, sacrificed many extra hours and logged many extra miles to provide them with a memorable off-campus experience.

"They were quoting several of the speakers verbatim the next day," Clack said of these students who were the "talk of the campus."

Little wonder that this veteran teacher was named "Texas Humanities Teacher of the Year for 2009."

Breckenridge High School Principal Bryan D. Dieterich said it well: "Life is about opportunities and not wasting them, and we didn't want to allow this one to go by without some of our students taking advantage of it."

It was still raining as I drove home, but traffic was light. I smiled at Gen. Powell's remembrance of a long-ago military instructor's admonition: "You know you are a good leader when troops will follow you, if only out of curiosity."

The sun stayed in bed throughout the day; I'm so glad that I didn't.

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► Church News

Baptist Temple Church

On Sunday mornings, we have been discussing "Building Spiritual Muscle." We are discussing habits and disciplines we need to develop to hear God and allow ourselves to be used by God. This Sunday morning we will be discussing "Building by Self-Examination" from Psalm 139:23-24. It's about taking a good hard look at ourselves and seeing what we need to confess to God and allow him to change in us.

Of course, no matter who we are or what we do ever alters the reality that God loves us. During the Sunday evening service, Cal Westerhof, director of the Hospitality House, will be speaking.

Our Financial Peace class meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. The course has already started but we will be offering this course again in the spring for anyone interested.

Our weight-loss support group SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Baptist Temple fellowship hall. There is no cost and it is open to anyone interested in attending.

We are temporarily postponing our 12-Step Recovery group that meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. due to Dean Thomas' (director of the group) upcoming surgery.

Our Ladies Ministry has filled 52 shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child which will be sent overseas to underprivileged children. The Ladies Ministry is also working on putting together and delivering Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in the community.

We have Sunday School classes for all ages and they meet at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday. Our worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday. We also have activities for all ages on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

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

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

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

Tom continues to lead a Bible study, along with Big Spring's new pastor, Craig Holstedt, on the week's lectionary in the library of First Presbyterian, Big Spring, every Wednesday at 5:17 p.m.

Session meeting this month was on Thursday in the church social hall. The Rev. Ed Wegele, pastor of First Presbyterian, Seminole, and chair of the presbytery Church Development Committee, met with the session.

For this year's Miller Lecture Series, Flynn V. Long, pastor emeritus of First Presbyter-

ian Church, Big Spring, will present "An Evening with John Calvin" beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21, in the social hall. A light supper will be provided.

The lectionary for the 33rd Sunday in ordinary time is I Samuel 1:4-20, I Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-25; and Mark 13:1-8.

First United Methodist Church

Saturday morning at 7:15 the vans leave for Midland for those attending "Focus on Parenting." This is an all-day seminar and simulcast being held at the First Baptist Church.

Our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will be preaching at both the 8:30 and 10:50 services of worship. She will continue the sermon series entitled "Dreams, Nightmares and God's Word" from Proverbs 21.

Following the last service our youth will be serving their annual Thanksgiving Luncheon, their primary fund-raiser for summer camp. There will be a full meal with turkey, dressing and all the trimmings plus the drawing for the lovely quilt made by Dorothy Galbraith, as well as two Dallas Cowboy watches. Be sure to get your donations in before the drawing which will be held at the close of Sunday's meal.

At 3 p.m. Sunday the vans will leave for a District Charge Conference to be held in Colorado City. All Ad Council Members and other interested persons are urged to attend.

The Children's Day Out program will observe the Thanksgiving holiday season with a "Stone Soup Dinner" on Friday, Nov. 20. The event will be held in Youth Hall.

Saturday, Nov. 21, our church will be serving a Thanksgiving dinner for our northside brothers and sisters at Bauer Elementary beginning at 5:30 p.m. Help is needed in serving and just being there at dinner to greet and welcome our guests. This event is a great opportunity to show that our church truly cares about our community. Please contact Joyce Willis or Faron Bell if you would be willing to help.

Living Christmas Tree rehearsals continue with both choir and actors practicing several times a week and looking forward to the day they actually begin practicing together. The tree set up is planned for Sunday afternoon, Nov. 22. We can use lots of help erecting that Christmas tree.

As this holiday season approaches, we at First Methodist make plans to worship God and remember the reason for the season; Christ's birth. Please join us down at Fourth and Scurry, where families grow in Christ.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study meets on Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. Choir practice is at 6 p.m.

Pat Fleming will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday morning. Janie Conley is liturgist for worship for the month.

The November Session Meeting will be Monday at 6 p.m. in the library.

Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 2 p.m. in the library for Bible study. Afterward, they invite everyone to come to help with the annual Hanging of the Greens to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season.

On the second Sunday in Advent, Dec. 6, we will meet at 3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to make tabletop nativity scenes, then go caroling at 5 and return to the church for soup and cornbread. Please put this activity on your December calendar.

The lectionary for the 33rd Sunday in ordinary time is I Samuel 1:4-20; I Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; and Mark 13:1-8. The Chancel Choir will sing "Bless the Lord" by Ippolitoff-Ivanoff; the offertory anthem is Charles Stanford's "When in Our Music God Is Glorified."

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org

Signal Mountain Emmaus Comm.

The Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at the Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2000 W FM 700, on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Babe Chick Meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

At this month's meeting we will celebrate the 1998 Walks 8, 9, 10 and 11. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a pot luck fellowship.

On Jan. 14 we will honor the 1999 Walks 12, 13, 14 and 15. Please plan to attend. Signal Mountain Emmaus Community will meet at Spring Creek Fellowship in 2010.

For more information see our website www.signal-emmaus.org

First Church of the Nazarene

Love God, Love Others, Love Community!

There are classes for all ages that not only feed you spiritually but also allow you to kick back and relax.

We hope you will join us for coffee and donuts at 9:30 for Sunday Morning Fellowship followed by worship service at 10 a.m.

Ahoy, mates! "Adventure Bay!" sets sail on Sunday mornings at 10

for ages 4 to 11.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. our Nazarene Family have Wednesday edition of Sunday School with options and choices for all ages.

The Coffee Class is studying "Joy Comes in the Morning" from Max Lucado's book, "He Still Moves Stones."

Another option is the study of the Nazarene Holiness movement and how it relates to our lives today. Or, you may be a part of a study of "The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith" by Timothy Keller.

Can't come on Wednesday nights? Our solution is Life Groups. Thursday nights at 7 ladies meet for fellowship, study and prayer. Also on Thursday at 7 the College and Young Adults Life Group meets at Pastor Cal's house. Sunday evenings at 6:30 are Young Families Life Group (you may bring the kids) and Financial Peace University at 6 in the Fellowship Hall.

On Wednesday nights at 6:30, NazKidz (ages 4 through third grade) meets in the north classrooms of the fellowship hall for Bible class. NazWhiz (fourth grade through sixth grade) meets in the fellowship hall to become Bible "whizzes!" Youth, grades seven through 12, have Youth Explosion on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. with Pastor Cal.

We wish you an awesomely blessed week.

If you have any questions about the Church of the Nazarene, call at 267-7015 or e-mail us at church@nazfamily.org. Also look us up on our Facebook page under Big Spring First Church of the Nazarene. Calvary Baptist Church

Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. and Bible study is set for 5 p.m. Wednesdays. All are welcome.

Our motive in inviting you to church is that you may come to know God for yourself through Jesus Christ the Savior. Missing a little sleep or a golf game is a small price to pay that your soul might be saved. Think about it!

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Our church is in the community to help you in the spiritual needs that you may have. We would count it a privilege to be acquainted with you, to be able to help you when and where the need should arise. We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane.

Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children's church is during the morning worship for ages 4-12. A nursery is provided for your little ones. Midweek service is at 7 p.m. Wednesday. If you need a ride, you can call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

The youth are planning a skit to be shown on Sunday, Nov. 22, during the morning service. The youth meet once a month for visitation, a movie and banana splits.

We are a Bible believing, Bible preaching, Bible teaching, missionary-minded Baptist Church — for the winning of souls to Christ, to the edifying of the saints and for the Glory of God — where you are always welcome.

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

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

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

We are located at 2805 Lynn Street in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. Follow Birdwell Street south until 25th Street, turning left (east) onto 25th. Go three blocks east until Lynn Street, turning right (south) onto Lynn Street, and follow Lynn Street until the very end. Our church is on the left side of the last block of Lynn. Our church phone number is 264-7818. Our website is www.lutheranonline.com/aliveinchriststx. We would love to have you join us for church on Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday School following around 10:15.

Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching this Sunday on the Gospel lesson from Mark that deals with the "signs of the end of the age" and Jesus' admonition to be on our guard and to be faithful even to the end.

Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Jonathan Byrd. Our elders for this week are Bobby Roever and Darren Byrd. The flowers this week are given by Jane and John O'Brien in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary. Congratulations.

This week, the liturgy will be read by Bobby Roever. The readings

for this week are Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16, Hebrews 10:11-25 and Mark 13:1-13.

Anyone interested in reading, please contact Doline Budke. This is a small service to God that is very important to our service.

If you are interested in beginning or attending a new men's or women's Bible study, please contact any member of the Board of Education. These Bible studies could be any day or evening of the week and could be held either at church or in a home.

A Bible study at church during the noon hour on Thursdays, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., is being well attended and enjoyed by all participants. If interested in this particular Bible study, receiving God's goodness, please contact Shyrlee Reid. The next meeting will be Nov. 19th. A light meal will be available. You do not need to be a member of our congregation in order to attend any of our Bible studies.

Upcoming events this week include: on Wednesday, the meal at 5:30 p.m. with Mid Week School, Confirmation and Christmas Program practice at 6 p.m.; the lunch and Bible study on Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; and the Voters' Meeting Nov. 22 at 1:30 p.m.

A new website offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available. The site, www.jcplayzone.com, promises fun and Christian educational based games and videos. Fun for all ages and offered in several languages, this SAFE internet site is something you might want to check out.

Mid Week School is being held on Wednesday evenings with a light meal to be served between 5:30 and 6 with both Mid Week School classes and confirmation classes. Thank you, Jaunell Roever, for preparing the meal.

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St. Andrew's Day celebration to feature top musicians

By LINDA HILL
Special to the Herald

One of Big Spring's most popular events will take place this year 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at when St. Mary's Episcopal Church presents its eighth annual St. Andrew's Day Celebration and Scottish Music Festival.

The celebration consists of an evening prayer service that contains numerous selections for pipes and drums, choral anthems and the singing of hymns, patriotic songs and national anthems.

The celebration features professional guest musicians and gives area residents a chance to hear some of the country's finest pipers and drummers.

Guest artists will be E.J. Jones, highland bagpipes; Lyric Todkill, highland bagpipes; and Dean Atkinson, Scottish snare drums.

This year's pipers and drummer all share ties to the St. Thomas' Episcopal School Pipe Band in Houston, one of the world's most respected pipe bands. Jones began his career in the traditional Scottish style of piping at St. Thomas', Atkinson began playing drums at St. Thomas' and Todkill is now a director of the pipe band at St. Thomas'.

This year will be Todkill's first appearance at the St. Andrew's Day

Celebration. He is only the second person in the world to receive a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in music performance on the bagpipes.

His BFA degree is from Carnegie Mellon University, and he has earned a graduate teacher certificate from the Institute of Piping in Glasgow, Scotland. He turned professional in 2003. He is a member of the Scottish Lion 78th Fraser Highlanders, and in 2005 began teaching piping full-time at St. Thomas'. Under his direction, the band won the Juvenile World Pipe Band Championships in 2006.

Atkinson began playing drums at St. Thomas' in the fourth grade and was a member of the band when it won its World Championship in 2006. He is currently a member of the St. Thomas' Alumni Band and is very active as a drummer throughout Texas and surrounding states. He is a senior at the University of Houston, majoring in psychology and premedical studies with a minor in biology. This is his first appearance at the St. Andrew's Day Celebration.

This year marks the fourth year that Jones, a resident of Asheville, N.C., will play the bagpipes at St. Mary's Celebration. He continues to study traditional piping and recently won the



Courtesy photo

Guests enjoyed a number of delicious Scottish specialties during the 2008 St. Mary's Episcopal Church's St. Andrew's Day Celebration and Scottish Music Festival. This year's event is set for 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at St. Mary's, 10th and Goliad in Big Spring. There is no admission charge for the event.

Professional Strathspey and Reel competition at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. He is a member of and tours continually with the non-traditional Celtic bands Clandestine and Teribus. He is also internationally known

as an instrument maker and there is high demand for his handmade sets of Scottish Small-pipes.

He is in demand as a teacher and performer at seminars and festivals throughout the country.



Courtesy photo

E.J. Jones, a resident of Asheville, N.C., will return for his fourth consecutive time to play bagpipes at St. Mary's Episcopal eighth annual St. Andrew's Day Celebration and Scottish Music Festival. Jones is in demand as a teacher and performer at seminars and festivals throughout the country.

Following the service, the members of the parish will have prepared delicious Scottish specialties to be served at a reception in the courtyard. Music by the pipes and drums is also featured during the reception.

The public is invited

to come and enjoy a beautiful service, the stirring music of the pipes and drums and delicious Scottish food.

St. Mary's is located at 10th and Goliad Streets in Big Spring.

There is no admission charge for the St. Andrew's Day Celebration.

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this past meeting. The next Wednesday meal will be prepared by Shirley Reid. There will be no Mid Week school or meal on Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving. On Dec. 2, Wednesday's meal, confirmation classes and Mid Week school will resume.

If interested in attending/teaching a Mid Week School class, please contact the church or a member of the Board of Education. We will need a count for the meal preparation as well as curriculum supplies. If you would like to help prepare a light meal on Wednesday evenings, please contact Jaunell Roever. A free-will offering is helping offset the cost of the meal.

We need someone to volunteer to maintain our church Web site. If interested, contact Dana Byrd and she will give you the particulars. Training will be provided. Any one with a computer, internet access and a willing spirit can volunteer.

The Board of Education met Tuesday and Christmas activities have been finalized. The Christmas Children and Congregational Program will be Dec. 20; the times for the Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day services will be announced later. Please plan on joining us for

this special time in celebration for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The LWML met Thursday and had a very enjoyable time. Our Mission Project for this year is the "Home Town Project" to help needy families have a very special Christmas. Members were encouraged to bring either an unwrapped toy or clothing. If you are interested in donating to this special project, either bring your donation to the church or take it to Jeanie Knocke at Wells Fargo.

Angela Lingnau also presented a program on "Scrap Booking and Family Memories." Wonderful fellowship and brain-storming ideas made this a meeting not to be missed.

The Board of Evangelism is asking for help with recording short messages for our radio spots. If you are interested, please contact Kent Ivey. A short message from you about Alive in Christ or about our doctrine would be most beneficial. Remember, we are all ambassadors for Jesus Christ.

The Board of Evangelism is also beginning "visitation calls" on members, prospective members, etc. Names, addresses and phone numbers of those wanting/need a visit from this group should be given to Richard Knocke. If you would like to help this group with visitation, contact Richard. Remember,

we are all witnesses for God and His grace and love through our daily lives and with those we come in contact.

Mark your calendars for the next Voters' Meeting set for Nov. 22 at 1:30 p.m. Boards will need to prepare their 2010 budgets prior to this meeting.

Upcoming events include: a Thanksgiving service and meal; Christmas service; and other fall activities.

Thanksgiving services will be held on Thursday, Nov. 26, at 9 a.m. Our Thanksgiving meal will follow.

On Sunday, Nov. 29, Advent services will begin at 7 p.m. The next Advent service will be Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. Mark your calendars and please come join us.

Our traditional Christmas Children and Congregational program will be held Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Music for the

children's and congregational pageant will begin this Wednesday, Nov. 18, during Mid Week School and parts will be assigned on Dec. 2. Please check your calendars if you are interested in being part of this holiday celebration.

Members of our AIC Youth Group are selling "Alive in Christ" window stickers for \$7 for the smaller size or \$10 for the larger size. The stickers include our logo with the outline of Jesus with his arms outstretched, our name and our credo. Please contact any member of the youth group. They will look great either on your car windshield or on your windows at home.

Youth Ministry 2010 Symposium has been scheduled for Jan. 8-10, 2010, at the J.W. Marriott Hotel at the Galleria in Houston. Mark our calendars to attend

this very challenging growth opportunity to help youth develop a Christian worldview.

Scheduled meetings for December include: The Board of Education will meet the second Tuesday (Dec. 8) at 7 p.m. at the church; the LWML will also meet on the second Thursday (Dec. 10) at 7 p.m. at the church; also on the second Monday (Dec. 14) of the month, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA; the Elders meet the third Thursday (Dec. 17) at 7 p.m. at the church.

Other boards and groups are continuing to meet and make plans for the various activities of the church.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

The Lord is truly blessing us with beautiful fall weather. The trees in our area are turning such vibrant colors. Hope all are enjoying this time of year.

We will be having our church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner Fellowship on Sunday, Nov. 22, following the morning service. The Sunday evening service and the Wednesday evening service of that week have been cancelled.

We want to thank everyone who has donated a Christmas Tree for the Celebration of Hanging

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Seven Clubs, and North leads the jack of hearts. How would you play the hand?

West
♠ A K 9 7
♥ K 5
♦ 10
♣ A Q 10 9 4 3

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades. North leads the K-Q of diamonds and then the jack, which you ruff. You play the A-K of trumps, both opponents following suit. How would you continue?

West
♠ K Q J 9 4
♥ K J
♦ 8 5
♣ Q 9 3 2

East
♠ J 10 8
♥ A 6 3
♦ A Q J 9
♣ K J 5

1. Win the heart lead with the king, draw all the missing trumps and cash the A-K of spades, hoping to catch the singleton or doubleton queen. If the queen does not fall, lead the ten of diamonds to the ace and return the queen from dummy, planning to discard a spade if South follows low. The overall chance of success with this method of play is about 60 percent.

If you were to stake the outcome strictly on either a finesse in spades or diamonds, you would have little more than a 50 percent chance for the grand slam.

Note that it is far better to play South for the king of diamonds than North. This is because you can trap South's hypothetical king regardless of how many diamonds he was dealt, while if you finessed successfully against North by overtaking the ten of diamonds with the jack, you could not catch his king (by cashing the ace and ruffing a diamond) if he started with more than three diamonds. With eight diamonds in the opposing hands, the chance of felling the king in this way is significantly against the odds.

2. The only danger is the possibility of losing two club tricks. This can't happen if the adverse clubs are divided 3-2, so all your thoughts should be concentrated on dealing with a possible 4-1 or 5-0 club division.

To assure the contract, cash the A-K of hearts and lead a low club to dummy's jack. If South wins with the king, he must return a club or yield a ruff-and-discard. Either way, you're sure to score the rest of the tricks.

If dummy's jack wins the first club trick, you should next return a low club from dummy toward your remaining Q-9-3! If South shows out on the trick, you can play any club from your hand to assure the contract. North wins but is endplayed. If South follows suit on the second club lead, you are equally sure of losing no more than one club trick.

Tomorrow: Fancy doings.
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Club News

Big Spring Area Retired Teachers

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday at the Howard College Cactus Room at 11:30 a.m. Members will share a Dutch treat lunch followed by a business meeting.

Iva Jo Hanslik, public relations director for the Big Spring Veterans Administration Hospital, will present an update on the latest veterans' news.

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association meets the third Monday of every month except December, when our meeting will be Dec. 14, due to the early dismissal of classes at Howard College. Any person interested in our organization is welcome

and invited to attend our meetings, especially retired school personnel. Our meetings are brief and informative.

TOPS Club No. 0021

TOPS No. 0021 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) club met Monday in their annual open house meeting, welcoming 12 visitors and 13 regular members. Leader Laura Sickles conducted the meeting calling for the TOPS cheer. The TOPS pledge was led by Carol Smith, and the KOPS pledge was led by Area Captain Clara Cleghorn. The TOPS welcome song was led by Linda Stapel.

A reading was presented by Carol Smith entitled, "Habit." Habits can be a help or a hindrance in our lives. Re-en-

forcing good habits can help us in our pursuit to lose extra weight. We all need to learn constructive habit.

Roll call revealed Frank Sickles and Pam Klaus as weekly best losers in a tie with each losing 1.5 pounds.

The program for this special meeting began with a skit entitled, "The Scales," featuring Mary Churchwell as the scales, Pam Klaus as the cheater, Linda Stapel as the stripper, Laura Sickles as the prayer, Dennis Stapel as the strangler and Leola Newton as the hugger. The audience could recognize themselves in the characters and it brought many laughs to the program.

Frank Sickles then spoke to the group about his success in losing

130 pounds, TOPS club rules, the magazine and TOPS registration and dues.

Carol Smith then spoke to the group about her battle with controlling her appetite, keeping track of her losses of nearly 100 pounds in her TOPS bankbook and recognizing that for some, weight loss is a lifelong effort. Self-control is a real struggle, but worth every effort to achieve.

The meeting concluded with refreshment and time for socializing and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

For more information about TOPS Club, call Frank Sickles at 432-213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819. All visitors are welcome.

Come and see, TOPS does help.

PERRY

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share of frequent flier miles.

But an open government advocate questions whether there's enough information available about the Texas governor's trips.

"Are we getting the full story?" said Keith Elkins, executive director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. "Any time you have the head of government, especially the governor ... taxpayers and voters are interested in that."

Texans should be able to easily find out what business the governor is doing and whom he's doing it with, Elkins said. He cited a recent KTVT television report revealing details that weren't known to the public when Perry's Israel trip was announced: that he

took family members along; that he traveled with other state officials who oversee energy policy; and that the state paid \$17,000 for security officers' rooms at the swanky King David Hotel.

Perry's travel is typically paid by a patchwork of sources including his campaign, private donors and the economic development non-profit group TexasOne. Much of his 2009 travel cannot yet be viewed on state disclosure reports.

State-paid Department of Public Safety officers travel with Perry to provide security, but specifics of those costs are closed to the public, thanks to a bill passed in this year's legislative session. Only summaries of the security costs can be obtained. A summary by DPS showed that security for the Israel trip cost \$58,775 for the officers' air fare, lodging, meals, etc.

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of the Greens. We've had a wonderful response to our need. We want to invite the public to come and participate in this event on the evening of Dec. 6, starting at 6 p.m. We will combine our Lottie Moon Mission Offering with this event.

Order forms for the poinsettias will be in your church bulletins. Please fill them out and turn in to Jerry Oliphant, Bobbie Nix or any member of the Flower Committee by Wednesday, Dec 2.

We invite you to come worship with us this Sunday. Our Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship at 11; and evening service (Fellowship Hall) at 6. On Wednesday, Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study; Youth and Children (practicing on their Christmas Presentation) are all at 7 p.m.; and on Saturdays, a Men's Bible Study at 7 a.m.

Our Church is located at 401 E. 4th Street. Keith Weaver, pastor. For more information, call the church office at 267-2291.

First Baptist Church

Today is our pastor's birthday, and we want him to know that we love him and thank God for him. Happy birthday, Mark.

In addition to it being our pastor's birthday, First Baptist Church celebrates its 123rd anniversary. For the faithfulness of those who have gone before us, we say, "Thanks" to you and to our God for His never ceasing watch care and blessings to us.

If you have taken a shoe box for "Operation Christmas Child," be sure you bring it

with you Sunday morning. We will be dedicating the boxes during our morning worship service.

Sunday, Nov. 22, we will celebrate our "Love Feast" at 5 p.m.

First Baptist Church invites any who are without a church home to come and visit with us. For information, call 267-8223.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. We have Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m.

The St. Andrews' Brotherhood will hold its meeting his Sunday at 8 a.m.

Needlepoint class will be Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

St. Mary's noon Holy Eucharist Service is every Wednesday in the chapel.

Confirm Not Conform Class is 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

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

St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church, located at 801 Scurry, welcomes you to join us every Sunday for worship at 9 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 10:15 a.m. We are led in worship by our pastor, the Rev. Wayne K. Frost.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Nov. 21, at 8 a.m. and plan to stop by St. Paul to shop at our garage and bake sale. It's a good time to pick up a few presents for Christmas and buy your

Thanksgiving goodies and deserts. Come early for the best selections and don't miss out. Proceeds will benefit the Howard County Bible classes taught at our area high schools. The money helps to purchase much needed study materials for the students.

Bible study opportunities are available for anyone interested in joining. You do not need to be a member of St. Paul to attend. There are several classes to choose from, including a noon class on Wednesdays in the church parish hall led by Pastor Frost. For more information, contact the church office at 267-7163, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For any concerns or prayer requests, contact the church office or e-mail to stpaulc@sbc-global.net.

Remember to include our military men and women in your daily prayers. They face dangerous combat situations every day.

Spring Creek Fellowship

The world is a perilous place and life is so unsettled these days. It is easy to live in fear. But that is not what God wants for us. He promises us His love and His peace. He gives both freely and wants to be involved in your life. He loved you enough to give His one and only Son for you and His peace is a gift He offers you.

Spring Creek Fellowship is a church where we can introduce you to God and help you to grow in Him. We want to connect with you and your family and make you a part of our family.

Come and join us on Sunday for Sunday School Connection Time at 9:30 a.m. and

worship at 10:45 a.m. If you come around 9 a.m., you can visit with our friendly family and enjoy a doughnut and coffee, and we'll connect you and your family with just the right group Bible study.

Our pastor is Dennis teeters and is preaching a series of sermons entitled, "God's Treasure Box..." with this week's treasure "A Smooth Stone," based on Ezekiel 36:22-38. Come and see how this treasure is for you.

Wednesday is a special day for Spring Creek Fel-

lowship, as we celebrate our third anniversary at 6 p.m. We will celebrate with a meal and a time of dedication at the church building.

We will have a Thanksgiving feast and thank God for all He has done and is doing for us. We will welcome you and your family with open arms. Come just as you are and experience God's love at Spring Creek Fellowship.

Check us out on the internet at springcreek-fellowship.org. SCF is located in the College Park Shopping Center.

We'll be looking for you.

Circuit Riders Cowboy Church

Circuit Riders Cowboy Church, located at the Big Spring Livestock Auction Barn, 500 N. Birdwell Lane, is celebrating our annual Thanksgiving Dinner this Sunday at 2 p.m. Please come and enjoy celebrating and rejoicing in our Lord.

Saturday Study Group is at 7 p.m. and Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. Come early for doughnuts and coffee.

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Longhorns learned lessons from '05 season

Associated Press

AUSTIN — As their undefeated season rolls on, the Texas Longhorns are hearing a lot of comparisons to the 2005 championship season when Colt McCoy and a handful of other fifth-year seniors were redshirt freshmen. McCoy and the others watched a team that had come off an 12-1 season and BCS bowl win in 2004 return with a hunger for a title.

"They knew how good they became," coach Mack Brown said of the transition from 2004 to 2005. "They knew they got in the mix, they kind of smelled it and felt it."

The biggest lesson the current team could take from 2005 is how to finish the season, Brown said. For the 2005 squad, winning the Big 12 South and the league title to get the BCS championship were big goals — but they weren't enough.

"You have to finish," Brown said this week as No. 2 Texas (9-0, 5-0 Big

12) prepares for Saturday's game at Baylor (4-5, 1-4). "You can't just get there and feel proud of yourself."

Texas this season has been ranked No. 2 or 3 all season. In 2005, the Longhorns were No. 2 all the way to the Rose Bowl.

"The (2005) thing worked perfectly for us because as much as you could run under the radar for No. 2 all year," Brown said.

In 2005, quarterback Vince Young was a top Heisman contender just like McCoy is this season. After a tough 25-22 win over Ohio State, Texas rolled through the rest of the regular season.

Texas' closest game this season has been a 16-13 win over Oklahoma. The next four have been blowouts.

McCoy, who stays in regular contact with Young, was the scout team quarterback in 2005. He said that team laid the "foundation" for how to pursue a championship.

"You learn a lot from Vince in how

to handle the pressures from week to week. It's hard to win games every week. To be a part of that, to see how they did it, to see how focused they were ... you've got to do it every day, especially on Saturday," McCoy said.

Texas' lineup is peppered with starters who were redshirt freshmen in 2005.

Offensive linemen Chris Hall and Charlie Tanner and linebacker Roddrick Muckelroy, Texas' leading tackler this season, all were part of the 2005 freshman class that had only 13 players and remains the smallest Brown has signed in 12 seasons.

"We're the best class, too," McCoy said. "Sometimes in the locker room we joke about the few and the proud. When we came in, nobody was talking about us."

Also on the sideline that season was wide receiver Jordan Shipley, who was taking a medical redshirt season and is now a sixth-year senior.

"We'll claim him," McCoy said.



AP photo/Harry Cabluck
Texas QB Colt McCoy looks for a receiver in a 38-14 win over Colorado in Austin on Oct. 10.



AP Photo/Sue Ogrocky
Shattuck High School football players take the field prior to their game against Goodwell, Okla., in Shattuck, Okla., Oct. 30. Shattuck has won an eight-man record 92 straight games.

Okla. team on historic win streak

Associated Press

SHATTUCK, Okla. — It's the night before one of the biggest days in the history of this little Oklahoma town and the Shattuck High football team is busy chowing down on plate-sized steaks at Ed's Cafe.

There's football memorabilia on the walls, red-and-white balloons and a "Go Big Red" sign. But there's a different level of excitement for these young players — a radio station is in town for a remote broadcast and so is a television crew and other reporters, all because of a national record seven years in

the making.

"Football is everything," said Kyle Jones, the restaurant's owner. "That's all people talk about when they come in, is football."

Understandably so.

Entering its first-round playoff game Friday night against Thackerville, Shattuck has won 92 straight games. That's the longest winning streak ever among schools that play 8-man football and the third-longest by a prep team at any level.

Shattuck's last loss? It came in the 2002 state semifinals to Pond Creek-Hunter, and the Indians have rarely been threatened

since. Only one of their wins during the streak has come by fewer than 10 points and they've posted 30 shutouts in winning six state titles.

Located about 170 miles northwest of Oklahoma City and just seven miles from the Texas state line, Shattuck — outside of football — might be best known for its outdoor windmill museum.

With 1,200 residents, Shattuck boasts a grocery store, a Pizza Hut, a variety store and a hospital that is the town's largest employer. Braum's, a popular regional ice cream and dairy

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K-State buying into 'Bill Snyder effect'

Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Every Monday, win or lose, Kansas State splits practice, going over the previous game during the second.

Once the last game has been dissected, there's no looking back.

Just the way Bill Snyder likes it.

The wily coach has never worn his emotions on the sleeve of his purple windbreaker and has imprinted his second stint at Kansas State with a stay-in-the-moment ideology. Don't dwell on the past, learn from it, get better now, worry about the future when it happens — simple, straightforward.

Now, don't confuse this with a coach getting soft in his later years. The 70-year-old Snyder is still demanding and still breathes fire when players make mistakes. It's just that he refuses to let things linger, good or bad.

So far, with the Wildcats (6-4, 4-2 Big 12) hosting Missouri (5-4, 1-4) on Saturday, it's working.

After some rough early patches, the Wildcats are one win away from becoming bowl eligible and two from reaching their first Big 12 title game since 2003, during Snyder's first go-round in the Little Apple. This from a program that won just five combined conference games the past two seasons.

Call it The Snyder Effect.

"It starts with him," Kansas State center Wade Weibert said. "He's our foundation to taking that approach to

the season, every week coming in and just recollecting your thoughts. He does a very good job of keeping us focused on the task at hand."

When Snyder left the first part, preparing for the next opponent in the second, even among Kansas State supporters, was whether he'd be able to relate to his players. He leaves tweeting to the sparrows and certainly doesn't have Birdman's "Money to Blow" on his iPod.

What he does have is respect.

Snyder orchestrated one of the great turn-arounds in college football history, transforming the first team to lose 500 games into a national title contender, one that went to 11 straight bowl games. Even after three years of retirement, his resume still holds cache with the players. Doesn't hurt that his name's on the stadium, either.

"He's been through every situation imaginable as a coach," Kansas State quarterback Grant Gregory said. "He's won all these games, won Big 12 Championship games, been on bowl teams, he's had every type of kid — there's no situation he hasn't been through. If you can't play for coach Snyder, there's not many people you can listen to."

Gregory is proof that Snyder's even-keel method works.

The senior lost a tight preseason quarterback battle with Carson Coffman and spent the first four games on the sideline. After five years of watching at three different schools, Gregory

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Wade's 36 not enough to top James, Cavs

Associated Press

MIAMI — Ninety minutes before tipoff, LeBron James stood at his locker with a pair of scissors, trimming loose threads from the front of his jersey.

He wanted to look good in his showdown with Dwyane Wade, and he did, scoring 34 points to help the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Miami Heat 111-104 on Thursday night.

Wade scored 36 points but couldn't rally the Heat from an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter. Instead, James had Cleveland's final eight points over the last 2:42.

"He closed the game with a killer instinct in the right way on both ends of the floor," Cavaliers coach Mike Brown said. "Man, for me that was so fun to watch. It's indescribable almost. He willed



AP Photo/Lynne Sladky
Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James, left, jokes with Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade in the second quarter in Miami on Thursday.

Sports in brief

Howard College women's hoops puts on Hawk Buddies program

The Lady Hawk basketball team is hosting a basketball clinic for girls in grades kindergarten through eighth grade as part of the Hawk Buddies program.

The program begins Dec. 5 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 9-11 a.m. The fee is \$20, including a t-shirt and a pizza party after the clinic.

For more information or to register, call head coach Earl Diddle or assistant coach Jamie Fisher at 264-5043 or 264-5155.

Youth basketball signups under way

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association sign ups are underway at the YMCA and will continue through Nov. 25.

Ages pre-kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome. The cost is \$60 per child.

To sign up, go by the YMCA at 801 Owens. For more information call 267-8234.

Area Football Playoff Matchups

Big Spring vs. Canyon High, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

Stanton vs. Van Horn, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Ft. Stockton

Sands vs. Dawson, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Klondike

Garden City vs. Spur, 6 p.m. Saturday, Borden County

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was running out of time to get his shot at starting. He never let it get to him. Taking cues from a coach he had just met over the summer, Gregory never complained and kept working until he got his chance.

It came against Iowa State on Oct. 3 and Kansas State has won four of six since, surprising nearly everyone by marching to the top of the Big 12 North. “He was the same as he is today,” Snyder said of Gregory. “Was he disappointed? I’m sure he was, but he went to the practice field, went to the meeting room, worked as

hard as he could in both. He supported Carson all the time, they communicated well, he still tried to provide for his evolution of leadership.” Just like Snyder. When he returned, there was an adjustment period between the new/old coach and his players, most of them left from the Ron Prince era. Snyder had to recall

the nuances of coaching, all those little details he had forgotten about in three years away from the game. The players had to adapt to Snyder’s calm-but-intense style, the demands of a coach with near-perfection expectations. The relationship started to click with the win over Iowa State, took a step back with a blowout

loss to Texas Tech the next week and has — with some ups and downs, of course — grown more symbiotic as the season progressed. No matter what happened, through the disappointing losses, the program-building wins, Snyder hasn’t changed. He still treats every game if it were the only one on the schedule, and begins

preparing for the next one almost as soon as the final whistle blows. “I really haven’t gotten too excited about it,” he said. “That doesn’t mean that I don’t appreciate the success that we have had recently. When we do well, I’m happy about it, but I try to stay on an even keel.” His team is following suit.

STREAK

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store chain, has a large calf operation north of Shattuck, and the roots here are clearly agricultural. Like so many other small towns, Shattuck is centered around its lone school. And when the Indians are playing football, the town virtually shuts down. For road games, “you might as well roll up the sidewalks,” Jones said. That same sense of loyalty inspires some to return as adults. Jones, now 25, played football for Shattuck before the streak began, then left town for a year and a half. He decided to buy when the restaurant he now owns came up for sale, a double blessing to him: He could come home and pursue an interest in restaurants. Football coach Troy Bullard also came home. Now 35, Bullard played for Shattuck’s 1991 team that won the school’s

only state football title before the Indians’ current run. He became the head coach in 2001, and they’ve known nothing but success since. Locals say it’s been almost two decades since Shattuck produced an athlete who received an athletic scholarship to an NCAA Division I school. Those around the program say it’s not uncommon for opposing teams to be bigger, stronger or faster than the Indians. So what gives the Indians their edge? Discipline — in maintaining assignments on the field, in respecting each opponent, in doing the little things necessary to win. Players have heard Bullard preach time and again about the subject. “One play at a time, one quarter at a time, one half at a time,” junior quarterback Kade Young said. On a recent Friday, a day after that steak dinner and less than five hours before kickoff,

most of Shattuck’s players and coaches gather in Bullard’s classroom to watch film on the opponent, a 2-6 team from Goodwell that doesn’t figure to pose much of a challenge. But don’t tell that to anyone in that room. Bullard breaks down Goodwell’s tendencies, then gives his pre-pre-game talk. After not discussing the winning streak for most of the season, he’s finally doing so. He wants his players to embrace the hoopla surrounding the streak. “Go out there and put on a show, seniors. You couldn’t dream of a better senior night,” he says. “You’re playing for a lot of people, guys, to put the town of Shattuck on the history map.” “Yes, sir,” comes the response from the players, in unison. There is little doubt players and coaches feel a sense of responsibility for keeping the winning streak going and appreciate being on the team

that receives the glory for setting the national record. The team’s three captains — Brent Starbuck, Mitch Henson and Lincoln Gaisford — each served as a waterboy for the team while growing up. Many players had brothers or cousins who played on earlier teams during the streak. “We’re playing for everyone who’s played in this streak, not just us,” Gaisford said. They’re also playing for fans like Louise Rankin and Ruth Molloy, 60-ish sisters who are fixtures at the games. The sisters, wearing jackets proclaiming themselves as Shattuck’s top fans, are among the first to arrive at Indian Field, where longtime supporters have reserved parking spots just a few feet from the playing surface. The sisters also have what amount to reserved seats in the bleachers. “After the game, we have to go hug the coaches,” Louise says.

Over in the concession stand, Mary Hamilton and her crew knock out dozens of onion burgers, the smell wafting out into a cool, fall breeze. Elementary schoolchildren play on the field even as the teams go through their warmups. A group of alumni band members gather in the stands to play a tune that would be quite familiar to fans of the Florida State Seminoles. Then comes the kickoff, and the Indians — down to their third-team quarterback because of injuries — run roughshod over Goodwell. That quarterback, Connor Babcock, and Starbuck both score three touchdowns in a 40-14 win. Fireworks go off after the game as the scoreboard reads “91-0.” As former players join the current squad on the field, local politicians line up to read proclamations praising the team. In a few minutes, across the highway at the elementary school,

the team gathers again to revel in what they’ve accomplished for their little town. Six gold trophies are lined up on a table, along with pictures of the teams that won the titles. Assuming they win out this season, Shattuck would need one more perfect season to move past Charlotte (N.C.) Independence for second place on the overall winning-streak list. They would need three more perfect seasons beyond that to pass De La Salle of Concord, Calif., which won 151 in a row from 1992 to 2003 for the all-time mark. For now, folks just want to enjoy the moment before moving on to the next challenge. “There are a lot of people (here) who do realize this is a once-in-a-lifetime deal,” Jones said. “It’s just not going to happen every day. ... But these guys are not going to stop. They’re going to work for their next big championship. They’re not done.”

CAVALIERS

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the end of the game to go the way it did. It was flat-out beautiful, like Picasso.” James finished with seven assists and went 16 for 18 from the free-throw line, while Wade was just as good for the Heat. His baskets included a dunk that James said might make the NBA’s all-time top-10 list. “I like playing against LeBron more than anybody else in the league,” Wade said. “He brings out the best in me, and I bring out the best in him.” The All-Star duel took place amid speculation James and Wade might become teammates next

season. “We knew because of D-Wade it was going to be a high-energy game,” said the Cavs’ Shaquille O’Neal, who scored 14 points in a return to his former home court. “It’s very, very exciting watching him and LeBron going back and forth.” Mo Williams made five 3-pointers and scored 25 points for the Cavs. J.J. Hickson, making his third consecutive start, had a career-high 18 points. The Cavs’ point total was a season high, and it came against a team ranked third in the NBA in scoring defense. “Giving up 111 points, that’s not our style and that’s not our identity,” Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said. “We

won’t win many games like that.” Michael Beasley scored a season-high 24 points for the Heat, who lost for only the second time. Cleveland won in Florida for the second time in as many nights after beating Orlando on Wednesday. James and Wade shared a long embrace just before tipoff, and they joked during a timeout near the end of the first half. They can opt out of their contracts next year, and on Wednesday, Wade said the pair have talked about going to the same team. James then said he won’t discuss free agency with reporters any more until the end of the season. For now, at least, the two good friends

entertain as opponents. “It’s like being out back with your big brother or little brother,” James said. “You don’t want him to get the upper edge. You don’t want them bragging and talking about it all week. Me and D-Wade are always competing. We’re friends and everything, but when we’re out on the court we’re fierce rivals.” Wade made a 3-pointer, blocked a shot and sank another shot to cut the margin to 103-99 with three minutes left, but the Heat got no closer. James answered with a 3-pointer, then hit five free throws to make it 111-102 with 57 seconds to go as the arena quickly emptied. “It starts with me — closing the games out,”

James said. “If I’m being lax, if I’m not being aggressive and putting pressure on the defense, the rest of the team is not going to do the same. I just tried to put as much pressure as we could offensively, tried to get as many stops as possible, and come out with a win. We had played so well for most of the game, you don’t want to let a game like this get away.” Wade made the first highlight-footage contribution with a driving dunk over 6-foot-11 Anderson Varejao. “It was great, probably top 10 all-time,” James said. “That was an unbelievable play by a great player.” Wade and Varejao drew a double technical moments later for a

heated exchange. Wade sank a 3-pointer over James with 4 seconds left in the first quarter. James then hit a running 22-footer at the buzzer to put the Cavs up 35-33. James missed his first five shots but still scored 15 points in the quarter. Williams made seven consecutive shots during one stretch, and his 3-pointers helped the Cavs take a 92-84 lead into the final period. NOTES: Michael Jordan watched sitting next to Heat president Pat Riley. They were two rows behind Scottie Pippen, who sat court-side. The crowd also included Dara Torres. ... Wade scored at least 20 points for the 21st consecutive time, tying his franchise record.

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Sometimes it seems as though life is not inherently fair by human standards, but during the Libra moon, things do have a way of pleasantly balancing out. Tables will turn, ironies will play out, the meek will get their inheritance, and the powerful will bend in humble deference. A bit of poetic justice could have you smiling through the entire day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Children get so engrossed in whatever it is they're doing that they completely forget about everything else around them. Most of us lose this ability as we get older, but not you. Wherever you are, you are there, entirely.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When a friend tells you a secret, you'll keep it forever. Seriously, forever. It's like light to a black hole -- once it goes in it never comes out again. Your friends recognize this, which is why you know so much about them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're a rebel in the coolest way. Go out and buy a belt buckle that says 'Rock Star' in all caps. Then saunter around like a cowboy looking for trouble. Actually, you don't need to. It's all in your attitude.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll receive a message from a friend. It's nothing urgent, though your timely reply will bring some unexpected good fortune. Continue to believe that there are no accidents in life, and things will shape up in an interesting way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). They say you can't please everyone all the time, but then again, "they" never met you when you're on your game. Today, without really trying, you seem to make most everyone happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're blessed with so

many material possessions that you don't have time to employ them all. You're trying to, though. You will finally figure out how to use a certain piece of equipment and with highly successful results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're looking for someone who can help you, but the only problem is, you're not really sure what needs doing just yet. The time you spend thinking, planning and brainstorming will be well spent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be up to a bit of mischief. Whatever the rules are, you'll investigate their flexibility. You'll enjoy testing the accepted codes of behavior to see how far they will stretch to accommodate your intentions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Most people can't wait to get home from work. But you will find yourself staying late without realizing it. You'll just get swept away in the current of accomplishment. Float on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). From reality television to video blogs, you've had about enough of this era of over-sharing. You long for the days of discretion and decorum. Well, bring 'em back. Your classy, contained style will influence those around you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Greek pillars are not perfectly straight. They swell at the bottom and taper at the top, so as to give a sense of the organic curve of nature. Your strength is like this: powerful and sturdy, but with a soft, gentle grace.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even if you're not normally a runner, you'll benefit from this type of movement now. The lilting clip of a steady jog will work out your angst. You'll be light on your feet and in your spirit.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 13). You've always been the favorite friend who makes everyone laugh and have a good time. However, this year you are even more clever and quick-witted. You'll meet your match in December. A professional alliance helps you make more money in 2010. You'll do what's right and help your family in August. Cancer and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 4, 33 and 47.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Note that whatever style a person uses when relating to you he or she will likely also use when relating to others. TAURUS: Pursue your interests, even when the one you like doesn't share them. GEMINI: You'll be magnificently attractive when you highlight your so-called "flaw." CANCER: You deserve to be around people who "get" you. Seek them. LEO: A relationship will feel like young love, no matter what your age is. VIRGO: Don't shy away from a potential partner just because this person has had a bad marriage or a hard time with relationships. You'll look terrific by comparison. LIBRA: Give a massage or get one -- or both. The exchange will be healing. SCORPIO: It's time to talk money, and you'll have just the right words. SAGITTARIUS: You'll benefit from making someone dear to you more of a priority in your life. CAPRICORN: You'll want to spend time with the person who makes you laugh. All others are pale contenders. AQUARIUS: Be who you want to be, not who someone else wants you to be. PISCES: The one who keeps asking for your opinion and insight has a crush on you.

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"LET ME GUESS. YOU GUYS ARE GOIN' OUT, AND I'M STUCK HERE WITH A SITTER, RIGHT?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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"PJ did it. I only made a suggestion."

HAGAR

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MOTHER IS PLANNING A VISIT... BUT SHE'S MADE ONE SMALL STIPULATION... WHAT'S THAT? YOU MUST BE GONE DURING HER VISIT

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BLIND DATE DIDN'T GO SO WELL, HUH? WHEN YOU TOLD ME HE KEPT MOST OF HIS HAIR, YOU DIDN'T SAY IT WAS IN A BOX!

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I HATE FRIDAY THE 13TH, IT'S BEEN A HORRIBLE DAY! I WAS LATE FOR WORK, MY BOSS YELLED AT ME, I CAN'T STAY AWAKE, AND I EVEN CRASHED INTO THE MAILMAN THIS MORNING! SO WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH FRIDAY THE 13TH?

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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Nov. 13, the 317th day of 2009. There are 48 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 13, 1909, 259 men and boys were killed when fire erupted inside a coal mine in Cherry, Ill. (Nearly as many miners survived the disaster).

On this date:

In 1789, Benjamin Franklin wrote in a letter to a friend, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

In 1927, the Holland Tunnel opened to the public, providing access between lower Manhattan and New Jersey beneath the Hudson River.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure lowering the minimum draft age from 21 to 18.

In 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down laws calling for racial segregation on public city and state buses.

In 1969, speaking in Des Moines, Iowa, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew accused network TV news departments of bias and distortion, and urged viewers to lodge complaints.

In 1971, the U.S. space probe Mariner 9 went into orbit around Mars.

In 1974, Karen Silkwood, a technician and union activist at the Kerr-McGee Cimarron plutonium plant near Crescent, Okla., died in a car crash while on her way to meet a reporter.

In 1979, former California Gov. Ronald Reagan announced in New York his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination.

In 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated on the National Mall in Washington.

In 1985, some 23,000 residents of Armero, Colombia, died when a volcanic mudslide buried the city.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Madeleine Sherwood is 87. Journalist-author Peter Arnett is 75. Producer-director Garry Marshall is 75. Country singer-songwriter Ray Wylie Hubbard is 63. Actor Joe Mantegna is 62. Musician Andrew Ranken (The Pogues) is 56. Actress Tracy Scoggins is 56. Actress-comedian Whoopi Goldberg is 54. Actor Rex Linn ("CSI: Miami") is 53. Actress Caroline Goodall is 50. Actor Neil Flynn ("Scrubs") is 49. Former NFL quarterback Vinny Testaverde is 46. Rock musician Walter Kibby (Fishbone) is 45. Actor Steve Zahn is 42. Writer-activist Ayaan Hirsi Ali is 40. Actress Aisha Hinds is 34. Rock musician Nikolai Fraiture is 31. Los Angeles Lakers forward Ron Artest is 30. Actress Monique Coleman is 29.

Thought for Today: "What is politics but persuading the public to vote for this and support that and endure these for the promise of those?" — Gilbert Highet, Scottish-born American author and educator (1906-1978).

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AGNES

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ARE YOU STILL GOING TO BE A HOT, SULTRY SALSA DANCER? NO... TURNS OUT I'M NOT THE GENOTYPE FOR HOT OR SULTRY. COUPLE THAT WITH MY HOPELESS INABILITY TO DANCE IN RECOGNIZABLE FORMS, AND IT BECOMES A RECIPE FOR SEVERE AND PROFOUND FAILURE. I SEE YOU LEFT THE SLIT IN YOUR DANCING SKIRT. WELL, I DO HAVE AMAZING THIGHS.

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HI AND LOIS

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I KNOW IT SOUNDS VAIN AND SHALLOW... BUT I WISH I COULD BE "HOT" FOR JUST ONE DAY. THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE PLOT TO ANOTHER ROMANTIC COMEDY.

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THE OTHER COAST

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RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE ALL THINKING: "I PAID FIFTEEN BUCKS TO SEE THIS CLOWN?"

SNUFFY SMITH

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NOPE--TEACHER'S WORKSHOP !!

BEEBLE BAILEY

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MAYBE I SHOULD LEARN TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT YEAH, A BLOW-HARD LIKE YOU COULD PLAY A GREAT TUBA

BAM! BAM! BAM! BOP!

OR BEAT A MEAN DRUM!