

Courtesy photo

Aryssa Garcia and Mikayla Hernandez were among the Marcy Elementary third grade students who attended the I Can Too program recently at Howard College. The students were taught fun math lessons using higher level thinking skills. In the program, hird graders are paired with a college student for the morning and actually attend a class with a Howard College student.

Races for city rep to draw candidates

Filing period opens Monday around Crossroads

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Residents aspiring to municipal political seats will have the chance to file their candidacy beginning Monday morning, as elections in Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and



According to officials with the city of Big Spring, two seats will be up

Three seats are up for the taking in Coahoma, as at-large posts held by Linda Luce, R.L. Coates and Brandon Atkins will be on the May ballot.

Luce and Coates have not announced whether they will run for re-election, while Atkins has indicated he will not seek another term in the office. In Forsan, three seats will be on the ballot this year, with Mayor Roger Hudgens and council members Allie Lansford and Dianna

Rain brings smiles

Runoff benefits CRMWD reseviors

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Wednesday's soaking rain left a lot of people in this area smiling.

A large upper-level storm system that basically blanketed Texas and portions



of Mexico brought plenty of rainfall to this area, said Alec Lyster, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service office in Midland.

Rainfall amounts received between late Tuesday and early Thursday ranged between 1 and 2.5 inches across Howard

County. McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark reported 1.31 inches of precipitation during that time, while the Big Spring wastewater treatment plant received more than 2.3 inches of rain, Lyster said.

"An upper-level trough moved into the area Tuesday ... and the combination of the slow-moving system and plenty of Gulf moisture resulted in us receiving those rain totals," Lyster said. "It pretty much rained across the state those two days."

The gentle, soaking nature of the rain was an added benefit. For farmers, it meant their fields were able to retain the maximum amount of moisture, which might give crops an added boost later in the year.

Stanton prepare to get under way.

Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan elections will be handled by the Howard County Elections Administrator's office, while the Stanton election will be the responsibility of the Martin County Elections Administrator.

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| McEwen | Tompkins | on | their |
| | | city | coun- |

cil — those held by Mayor Russ McEwen and District 5 Councilman Troy Tompkins. Both McEwen and Tompkins have indicated they plan to run for re-election.

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Perhaps the biggest beneficiary of this week's rain, however, was Colorado River

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Don't let special needs stop you from voting, administrator says

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

As local election officials prepare to open early voting polls for the political party primaries in less than two weeks, Howard County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom said voters with special needs is one of her office's biggest concerns.

"We want to assure every voter that their vote counts," said Bloom firmly. "If a voter has a special need, we want them to contact our office so we can accommodate them."

Bloom said mail-in ballots can ease the voting process for many area residents, as "We strive to meet the needs of the voters whenever it's possible and want to encourage every registered voter to cast their ballots."



-Saundra Bloom, elections administrator

long as they meet the crite- st ria.

"We offer ballots by mail to those voters who are home bound or temporarily out of town," said Bloom. "The requirements for a mail-in ballot is you must be 65 years or older, on disability, or will be out of town during the voting period. This includes college

students.

"The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is Feb. 23, and all they need to do is call our office to get the process started. It's that simple."

Bloom said her office will also offer special services for those unable to make the trip up to the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse. "For those who like to vote in person, but feel they are unable to get into the polling location — during early voting and on election day — we offer curbside voting," said Bloom. "We'll bring the ballot to you and you can vote in the privacy of your own vehicle. Also, if a voter has a special need, they are allowed to bring an assistant of their choice, or they can request assistance from a poll worker.

"We strive to meet the needs of the voters whenever it's possible and want to encourage every registered voter to

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Obituaries

Conley Cook

Conley Cook, 54, of Spartanburg, S.C., and formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, in Spartanburg.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday at First cation. Baptist Church of Odessa.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Kay Cook of Spartanburg, S.C.; parents, the Rev. Bill and Dorothy Cook of Odessa; and sister, Karon Cook of Houston.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 60 inmates at the time of this report.

• GUADALUPE MORENO, 42, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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• ALEXANDER BURCIAGA, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

• TAMMIE L. DICKSON, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of probation from Callahan County.

• DOMONIQUE XAVIER WILLIAMS, 21, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespass, violation of a protective order and possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

• SANTIAGO ALVEAR, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for bail jumping and failure to appear.

• ALBERTO CARLOS GONZALES JR., 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license.

• JONATHON JOEL GUTIERREZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less

• DALE ROBERT SCHENCK, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• JAMES WENDELL TUBBS, 31, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct.



Police blotter

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

GUADALUPE MORENO, 42, of 807 Creighton, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxi-

• DAVID RIOS, 23, of 905 E. 16th St., was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.

• DANIEL RIOS, 23, of 905 E. 16th St., was arrested Thursday on three local warrants.

BENJAMIN DOMINGUEZ, 48, of 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 154, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• DOMONIQUE WILLIAMS, 21, of 800 S. Nolan, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants and a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

ALEXANDER BURCIAGA, 20, of 1309 S. Bell, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• TAMMIE LA'SHELL DICKSON, 26, of 2615 Ent, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency

• THEFT was reported in the 700 block of 11th Street.

 POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE • BENJAMIN DOMINGUEZ, 48, was transferred IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in the 800

> • CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of Creighton.

> BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1700 block of Fourth Street.

> ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 80.

> ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium.

> • ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Fire/EMS

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of S. Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of 11th Place. Service refused.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Abrams. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

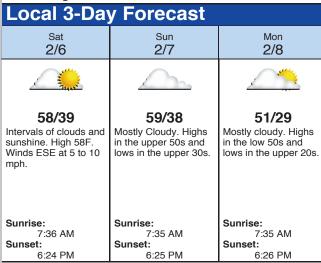
• MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

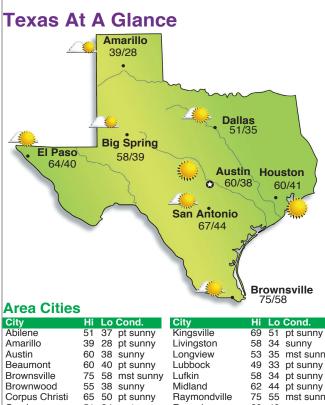
• MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Grace. Service refused.



Today's Weather





| Abilene | 51 | 37 | pt sunny | Kingsville | 69 | 51 | pt sunny |
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| Amarillo | 39 | 28 | pt sunny | Livingston | 58 | 34 | sunny |
| Austin | 60 | 38 | sunny | Longview | 53 | 35 | mst sunny |
| Beaumont | 60 | 40 | pt sunny | Lubbock | 49 | 33 | pt sunny |
| Brownsville | 75 | 58 | mst sunny | Lufkin | 58 | 34 | pt sunny |
| Brownwood | 55 | 38 | sunny | Midland | 62 | 44 | pt sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 65 | 50 | pt sunny | Raymondville | 75 | 55 | mst sunny |
| Corsicana | 51 | 34 | mst sunny | Rosenberg | 60 | 40 | sunny |
| Dallas | 51 | 35 | mst sunny | San Antonio | 67 | 44 | mst sunny |
| Del Rio | 67 | 49 | mst sunny | San Marcos | 61 | 38 | sunny |
| El Paso | 64 | 40 | mst sunny | Sulphur Springs | 48 | 35 | mst sunny |
| Fort Stockton | 66 | 44 | sunny | Sweetwater | 54 | 38 | pt sunny |
| Gainesville | 47 | 31 | mst sunny | Tyler | 52 | 34 | mst sunny |
| Greenville | 48 | 32 | mst sunny | Weatherford | 49 | 32 | mst sunny |
| Houston | 60 | 41 | sunny | Wichita Falls | 48 | 31 | pt sunny |
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National Cities

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| Atlanta | 44 | 31 | cloudy | Minneapolis | 24 | 18 | flurries |
| Boston | 26 | 16 | cloudy | New York | 28 | 18 | snow |
| Chicago | 28 | 15 | sn shower | Phoenix | 65 | 50 | pt sunny |
| Dallas | 51 | 35 | mst sunny | San Francisco | 55 | 44 | rain |
| Denver | 48 | 30 | pt sunny | Seattle | 54 | 41 | cloudy |
| Houston | 60 | 41 | sunny | St. Louis | 33 | 24 | cloudy |
| Los Angeles | 60 | 45 | rain | Washington, DC | 32 | 17 | snow |
| Miami | 73 | 52 | pt sunny | | | | |
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Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 10-19-28-32. Bonus Ball: 3.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-11-17-24-27. Number matching five of five: 0.



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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-7-5. Sum It Up: 17.

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Houston mom held after girl, 8, starved to death

HOUSTON (AP) - A Houston woman is accused of starving her 8-year-old daughter, who weighed just 15 pounds when she died in January 2009, Child Protective Services said.

CPS spokeswoman Estella Olguin says Almita Nicole Lockhart, 34, is accused of neglecting Halle Smith, who was unresponsive when she was taken to a hospital.

The girl, who was born prematurely, suffered a stroke and had other health issues that required her to be fed through a tube, said Olguin.

Harris County Sheriff's Office electronic records showed Lockhart was jailed Friday on a charge of injury to a child by omission. Bail was \$30,000 for Lockhart, who was booked Tuesday.

Jail records had no listing of an attorney for Lockhart. Her next court date is Feb. 24.

The Harris County Medical Examiner's Office ruled the girl's death a homicide. Lockhart was arrested this week once an autopsy and further investigation led authorities to believe the girl's condition was intentionally inflicted, according to Olguin.

Prison for man over 2008 body in Galveston Bay

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) A man who admitted his role in a 2008 torture slaying in which the victim was bound and dumped in Galveston Bay must serve 41 years in prison.

A judge on Thursday sen-

Water

28-year-old Brian tenced O'Neal Richardson, who had pleaded guilty to murder.

A co-defendant, 50-year-old William Henry Perry, was sentenced in October to 40 years in prison for his conviction in the killing of 39-yearold Gary Wayne Bell of Santa Fe.

Investigators say Bell was beaten, hogtied and asphyxiated in a hotel room and dumped into the bay in a dispute over treatment of a woman identified as Richardson's girlfriend.

Officers kill man suspected of 2 deaths in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) - A chase in Houston led to deputies fatally shooting a man suspected of killing two people and wounding two others.

The Harris County Sheriff's Department says the motive for the quadruple shootings is sought.

Spokeswoman Christina Garza says two deputies who chased the suspect opened fire after he allegedly pointed a gun at them. Neither deputy was hurt.

The incident began late Thursday with a report of four people shot at a home. Investigators say two people were dead in the house. The two wounded people were transported to a hospital. Their conditions were not immediately available.

Investigators say one survivor gave deputies a description of an SUV used by the fleeing suspect. Garza says deputies chased the vehicle, which wrecked, and the suspect was shot when he emerged with a gun and threatened them.

Woman gets prison over Irving teachers ID theft

DALLAS (AP) — A Bedford woman apologized as she was sentenced to 34 years in prison in an identity theft scam targeting educators in Irving.

Sharon Denise Seeley pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 30 years for fraudulent use or possession of identifying information. She was sentenced to two years on each of two counts of credit card abuse.

The 40-year-old woman will serve the sentences concurrently.

About a dozen victims were in court Thursday. Several testified about how ID theft had destroyed their credit ratings and left their lives in turmoil.

Thieves were blamed for getting the data of more than 3,000 Irving teachers and other district employees from an old benefits report. Seeley, who was arrested in 2009 at a mall, says the information she used came from a binder thrown in a trash bin.

Man gets 18 months over beheading of Mr. Buck

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge in Houston has ordered 18 months in state jail for a man convicted over the 2008 killing of a tame deer known as Mr. Buck.

Brandon Eugene Gregory in August pleaded guilty to taking a wildlife resource without landowner consent in an incident involving the

friendly deer in a sanctuary.

The remains of Mr. Buck were located on Nov. 25, 2008, at Bear Creek Pioneers Park. A tip led to Gregory.

Defense attorney Connie Williams sought probation for Gregory.

The deer's skull, which was displayed in court Thursday, was found in Gregory's freezer.

Mistrial in alleged cartel hit man's Texas case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) Cocaine bundled in bricks, stacks of cash, bloody corpses and braggart hit men.

The evidence presented during a rare public trial of an alleged hit man for the Mexican Gulf Cartel offered what seemed like damning evidence of a drug cartel conspiracy.

But Texas prosecutors offered only the word of two confessed killers and a grainy surveillance photo to link Gerardo Castillo Chavez, nicknamed "Cachetes" or "Cheeks" in Spanish, directly to a ruthless hit squad that kidnapped and killed people in Laredo in 2005 and 2006.

That evidence wasn't enough for jurors, who on Thursday acquitted Castillo of a gun charge and deadlocked on two others, leading U.S. District Judge Micaela Alvarez to declare a mistrial. A new trial was ordered to begin Feb. 19.

"The case brought a lot of publicity. The courthouse was surrounded by armed guards with machine guns, and there was a lot of pressure to convict. But this jury, they focused on the evidence

in the case," said Roberto Balli, Castillo's attorney. "We feel that they can bring this case back to 20 juries and the result is going to be same."

Balli said his client was delighted and that they planned to look at their options, including possibly requesting a change of venue.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate calls ad racist

McALLEN(AP) - A haircare magnate running for the Texas Democratic gubernatorial nomination said the ads from his opponent take a backhanded swipe at his ethnic roots.

Farouk Shami, a Houston businessman born a Palestinian outside Jerusalem, said Thursday that his Democratic opponent, former Houston Mayor Bill White, was stoking discrimination when he talked about being born in San Antonio in his advertising.

"I take that as a racist comment," Shami said during a campaign stop in south Texas that drew about 100 people.

Shami began his stump speech with the story of how he arrived in the U.S. with \$71 in his pocket.

"It doesn't matter where we're from," he said. "I'm a better Texan than he could ever be."

Katy Bacon, a spokeswoman for White's campaign, called Shami's comment "ridiculous."

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Spring, has received 500 acre-feet of water this week, raising lake levels by a quarter-foot. Lake E.V. Spence, close to Robert Lee, received 700 acre-feet of water, which raised lake level by three-tenths of a foot. The largest water-cap-

ture levels, however,

cated northeast of Big in perspective, we received only 14,000 acrefeet of water all of last year," Grant said. "So, basically, we received half as much water in

two days this week as we received in 2009." Those totals are a welcome surprise this time

of year, he noted. "Late January and

While the rain did not alleviate low lake level problems in the district, "we'll definitely take it," Grant said. "Out here in West Texas, anything helps."

The NWS is not expecting a reprise of Wednesday's rain anytime soon, Lyster said. Skies should be clear to

reservoirs have received 7,500 acre-feet of water since Wednesday, with more coming in today.

Lake J.B. Thomas, lo-

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District, which had had

to contend with dry con-

John Grant, general

manager for CRMWD,

said the district's three

ditions the past year.

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Walker all facing the question whether to run for another term.

Hudgens has indicated that he will run for re-election, but the two remaining candidates have not made an announcement as to their intentions at this time, according to Forsan officials.

In the city of Stanton, Mayor Lester Baker's seat on the coun-

were reported at Lake early February are not 6,300 acre-feet of water, Grant said.

"To put those totals

kins (District 3).

the third floor.

Early voting in both municipal

and educational board elections

is slated for April 26 through

May 4. All Big Spring, Coahoma

and Forsan early voting will take

place at the county courthouse

in the elections office, located on

The deadline for political hope-

O.H. Ivie near Ball- the time of the year inger, which received you're usually expecting runoff," Grant said. "We hope it's a sign of things to come."

partly cloudy through Saturday, while experts are predicting a 30 percent chance of rain Sunday evening. Temperatures should cool in

fuls to file their candidacy is cil will be on the ballot, along with council members Ronnie March 8, according to Howard Christian (District 1), Michelle **County Elections Administrator** Kidd (District 2) and James Jen-Saundra Bloom.

Election day is May 8. For more information on the election or voter registration, contact the Howard County Elections Office at 264-2273.

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

NEEDS

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cast their ballots. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask. The poll workers and staff are here to help the voters of Howard County in any way they can."

Bloom said early voting in the Republican and Democratic primaries is set to begin Feb. 16 and continue through Feb. 26 at the Howard County Courthouse.

"The early voting polls

elections office, which is on the third floor of the courthouse," said Bloom. "They will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. We'll have extended-hour voting Feb. 23 and 25, when the polls will be open until 7 p.m. We've had a lot of success with these hours in the past because a lot of people have to work until after 5 p.m., and don't have the opportunity to cast their ballots early.

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will be located in the remember you can vote in either the Republican primary or the Democratic primary, but you can not vote in both," she added. "The primaries act as a nominating process to decide who will be on the ballot in the November election. However, you don't have to vote in the primaries to be eligible to

vote in the November election."

Bloom said anyone with questions regarding the election can contact her office at 264-2273 for more information.

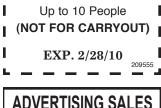
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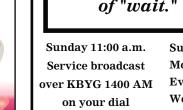
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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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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:

• AARP Tax-Aide program coordinator Gloria Hopkins and her band of volunteers that have begun filing tax returns at the Big Spring Senior Center. The AARP program provides free federal tax preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those that don't speak English and people with low-to-moderate incomes. The program will continue each Monday through April 12.

· Howard College officials, who announced preliminary enrollment figures for the spring 2010 semester show the college is continuing to have record enrollment.

• All those who took part in the Big Spring VA Medical Center's Four Chaplains Memorial Service on Wednesday at First Baptist Church.

• Members of the Scenic Mountain Quilter's Guild, who have crafted a number of quilts currently on display at the Heritage Museum of Big Spring.

The students and staff at Coahoma Elementa-

He was more than just a mentor

orn of respected teacher parents, imbued with a work ethic honed by the Great Depression and awarded the Bronze Star for World War II service, Bob Wright passed many of life's

toughest tests while still a teen. It's little wonder that he touched many lives during a 40-year career in education.

Retiring in 1990, he was ill for several years prior to his death at age 84 on the final day of 2009.

It was standingroom-only at **College Station**

memorial services. Friends and loved ones ran the gamut from tears to laughter — the very way this man met life daily.

Junction-born and Ballingerschooled, Wright cleared a bar set high. After all, he wanted to please his father, Felton (Pooch) Wright, who coached him in both high school and college.

A first sergeant in the European Theatre at age 19, Bob filtered life through a prism of hard work and service to others, convinced that rules of the game and life are parallel.

Someone mentioned that he laughed whether a hat dropped or not. And tears flowed just as quickly.

He was passionate about bringing out the best in others; this was a common theme at his service.

"He was as good a big brother as a little brother could hope for," said Donald (Bud) Wright of Del Rio. "He taught discipline, and we quickly learned he didn't like sideline players to sit on their helmets," recalled Cleburne's Darrell Miles. He shared that Wright treated all players equally and that his love for them was never doubted.

Another former player was Jim Slaughter, now head football coach at A&M Consolidated High School. "He's the reason I'm in coaching," Slaughter said. "I learned so much from him while a student at Ballinger High School. That it's okay to cry. That it's fully acceptable to say 'I love you' to others who aren't in the spouse/girl friend/ mom category. And when he said 'son' — or even 'son, son' it was an expression of respect and endearment." Slaughter remembered that Wright also sometimes broke into song. One night, following a hard-fought win over nearby Coleman, Wright's solo of "That Lucky Old Sun" wafted down the bus aisle on the ride home.

Whether hyping a game before kick-off, addressing an athletic banquet, or teaching gangling freshmen in a college PE class, Wright's emotions were never hidden.

Yep, even in PE classes. I was one of those "ganglers" more than 50 years ago who never doubted his sincerity, passion and belief in others.

He was assistant executive director of the Texas High School Coaches Association for five years, later inducted into its Hall of Honor. (He started coaching at Olney High School in 1949. Other stops were at Ballinger, Brownwood, Cleburne and at his alma mater, Howard Payne University.)

His 18 years at Texas A&M included seven as recruiting director for Coach Emory Bellard whose teams went to four bowl games.

The 11 years prior to his 1990 retirement were spent in the teacher education program. An early A&M friend was then

assistant coach R.C. Slocum, later a decorated head coach there. Theirs was an unending friendship that grew across the vears. Slocum was a eulogist at the service.

He recalled a memorable recruiting trip. They were in Slocum's hometown, Lake Charles, La., where he had played football and later coached at McNeese State.

They visited Slocum's former college football teammate, Deputy Sheriff Theos Duhon. Duhon soon got an emergency call and off he went.

Slocum and Wright left in their car, with Slocum at the wheel. He remembered that most downtown streets were one-way, but didn't know that during the two years he'd been away, directions were reversed.

You can guess the rest. They collided head-on with Deputy Duhon. Both cars were totaled, as was a third parked car hit by the patrol car.

"This was almost 40 years ago, long before seat belt laws," Slocum said. "But thankfully, we both were belted in.³

Wright, peering through the driver's window, was sure his friend was dead, then promptly fainted when Slocum regained consciousness.

For years, other staffers asked them regularly if they had run into any deputies lately. (And this is no Aggie joke.)

Wright fought the good fight. He never had an agent and never was a big fish in a big pond. But, oh the ripples he made en route to a starry crown.

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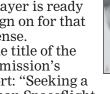


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Keep all us humans out of space?

resident Barack Obama deserves credit for ordering a new study of NASA. The findings of his Augustine Commission review of our plans for human spaceflight are impressive as

well. We needed to seriously question our financial will to send humans to Mars. Not every taxpayer is ready to sign on for that expense.



The title of the commission's report: "Seeking a Human Spaceflight **Program Worthy** of a Great Nation," suggests the

With our sundry wars, eco-

woes, and rogue banking system,

Americans are already grappling

nomic meltdown, health-care

with the concept that we may

not be quite as great a nation as

we once thought. Larding onto

those self-doubts, a pullback in

human space exploration might

be too big a pill for our national

Unfortunately the facts are

time now, on both manned and

results have been slim. The dol-

lar costs, conversely, have been

Meanwhile, heroes and hero-

unmanned missions, but the

stark. We've been in space a long

psyche to swallow.

dilemma.

have died and thousands of PR flacks have made a comfortable living. In addition, the Smithsonian has gained splendid exhibits while tens of thousands of young people have been inspired to achieve. These are indeed major successes.

And now there's a good new niche business of carting very rich people into orbit and back.

Still, when we famously roared off to the moon and back home again it was a magnificent but largely pointless feat. Our astronauts haven't gone back since 1972, for good reason. And now there's an ever-growing space station whose only visible mission is providing employment for the shuttle system taking astronauts to and fro.

But even those mighty shuttles will be shut down this year. It's lucky the Russians still want to organize the trip.

The problem is that all this investment and hype has produced bupkis, in terms of return on investment. No minerals are flowing in from the moon, no resorts have blossomed and the Augustine Commission seems pretty well agreed that Mars is out of reach for any amount of money that we seem likely to spend.

True, the booming satellite industry has exploded at the same time, but that was all done from Earth. We didn't need to send up warm bodies to create it.

Nor should we bother to do so

again for any presently known purpose. At least not until we have our financial, environmental and social house in order. The commission had its head on straight when citing those constraints, as did President Obama in ordering the whole investigation.

While curtailing manned space travel will also reduce flights of fancy among young astrodreamers, this course surely seems the right path.

But there's still plenty of work for robots to do. Their adventures are where our serious scientific discoveries come from. Unmanned probes, while not cheap, cost peanuts compared to sending out people. Robots just don't provide the same P.R. bonanza that heroic photos generate for industry lobbyists.

And NASA aside, other huge bucks support the Air Force program aimed at ruling the world from orbit. But that venture hides in the Pentagon's "black budget." We don't get to comment on it; we just get to pay for it.

Let's stop. If such a spasm of thriftiness suddenly deprives America of the power to destroy any target on Earth, the whole world will rest easier. That's not all bad.

Minuteman Media columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we give our past to You, Lord, it doesn't enormous. affect our future. ines have emerged, martyrs Amen



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Church News

Church Women United World Day of Prayer

Women of all faiths will be celebrating this world wide event Saturday at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Campus of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn St.

Celebrants will gather at 11 a.m. in Father Beasley Hall. All women of Big Spring are invited to join us.

Anyone with questions may call Lupe Ortiz at 263-4631.

Chapel of Faith

You are invited to attend Chapel of Faith church, located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad streets, as we learn more about God's Word and His love for each of us.

Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. each week. Pastor Scott Willis will be preaching this Sunday. His message will be "God's Vision for You and I," based on scripture from Isaiah 6:1-13.

Consider this. "God hath promised strength for the day, rest for the labor, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love." — Annie Johnson Flint

We encourage you to attend the church of your choice. However, if you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit the Chapel of Faith. You will be warmly welcomed.

Remember, God loves each of us with a love so great He sent His son to die for our sins that we might live for Him now and with Him eternally.

First United Methodist

This Sunday our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will be preaching at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. services of worship. Her topic this week is "Worshipping Jesus," relating stories of David in the Old Testament. Our worship should be bathed in prayer, intense and intentional.

Sunday afternoon music director Eddie Vandewalker will direct the chancel choir rehearsal beginning at 3. The praise team, Crown of Thorns, will rehearse at 4:30. Watch for the beginning of children's choor which is in the works and will be meeting on Sunday nights during the Family Fun Activities.

Snack Supper begins at 5:30 p.m. in Garrett Hall, there will be no Youth or GIG meetings; adults will continue their study "Fruit of the Spirit." Beginning Sunday, Feb. 21, Mark Barr will be leading a study, "What You Want to Know About Being a Method ist," a four-week series a 6 p.m. On the weekend of Feb. 19-20, youth, grades 6 through 12 will go on an overnight trip to Midland. They will be at Planet Wisdom at First Methodist Church to take part in "A Walk With Christ to the Cross," highlighting the last 14 hours in Christ's life. Cost is \$10 each. For more information, contact Stacy Barr. Other dates to remember: Men's Walk to Emmaus on Feb. 11 and Women's Walk in March. Ash Wednesday service at noon in Garrett Hall on Feb. 17. Lunch will be served. Scout Sunday is Feb. 21, looking at the first 100 years of Scouting and its history at First Methodist. On Feb. 24 we will begin a Wednesday night Lenten study "Cultivating Fruitfulness." This is a devotional series concentrating on spiritual renewal. And be sure to mark your calendar for the Mark Putnam's Dayspring Ministries bringing a renewal series in March. That is just a quick look at the activities and events. For a complete look at what's happening at Fourth and Scurry, go to our website www. fumcbs.com. It's all about First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

The emergent season

The emergent season is here. Up in Pennsylvania, Punxsutawney Phil has already emerged from his hole to announce six more weeks of winter and his cousins around the nation have made their



Bonnie Wheat

parking lots everywhere stacks of potting soil, fertilizer, and pre-emergent weed killer are growing taller every day.

around us.

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Beyond the city limits, more changes are taking

is \$100, which includes course materials and shipping and handling cost of the materials. You can register by calling the church office or online at daveramsey.com and enter your information.

Our weight-loss support-group SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) has resumed and is meeting Tuesdays at the church at 6 p.m.

Our 12-Step Recovery group, led by Dean Thomas, has also resumed and meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

February 14 will be our Everybody Birthday Party at 6 p.m. in our fellowship hall. We will celebrate everybody's birthday with one big party. Don and Judy Earley of Fort Worth will be our entertainment for the evening.

You are always welcome here. Sundays, we have classes for all ages starting at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesdays, we have groups for all ages starting at 7 p.m.

We are at 400 E. 11th Place. For more information, call us at 267-8287 or check us out on the Web at btcbigspring.org.

place. Farmers are talking less about last year's harvest. Around their coffee pots, discussions about this year's planting season already are emerging. Estimations are being made about how much seed will be needed and calculations about the cost of putting another crop in the ground are being jotted down.

On a smaller scale, the backyard gardeners also are making plans.

Some of them have already started laying out their vegetable beds and enriching the soil. They have drawn out diagrams with a pencil or printed out computerized designs for their gardens. Many have read books and attended classes to perfect their growing skills. Others have learned from experience what will grow in their yards and what will not. Away from the soil, in classrooms across the nation, students and teachers are counting the weeks until spring break. In most cases, Punxsutawney Phil was right. All those plans that are emerging will have to wait another six weeks.

In the retail world, there is even more evidence of the emergent season. As racks of winter bargains disappear, crates of new arrivals are being opened. Shelves are being cleared to make room for spring merchandise, and shoppers, eager for a change, have started buying summer clothing long before it is needed.

As followers of Christ, we are also in the emergent season.

The apostle Paul gave this advice to his spiritual son, Timothy: "Preach the word; be ready in season

ca and the Church." Brad currently

serves as director of Focus Press and

co-editor of Think magazine. After

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Tennessee Medical School, he earned

a doctorate in anatomy and nuerobi-

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in the Rough," "The Truth About Hu-

man Origins," "Matters of Life and

Death," and investigating Christian

Evidences. He has just recently had

his book "Conficted," about Christian

Brad will be speaking at 7 p.m. Fri-

day, Feb. 12; at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 13; and at 9 a.m. and

10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. Brad's topics

evidences, published.

and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths" (2 Timothy 4:2 NASB).

In an emergent society where traditional values are being challenged and new ideologies are surfacing every day, shouldn't we know what the Scripture says and be ready to take a stand for our beliefs regardless of the season.

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are: Can We Prove God Exists?, Man: Product of Intelligent or Cosmic Accident?, Jesus on Trial in 2010, Is the Bible Full or Errors? and What About Evil, Pain and Suffering?

Although being held at the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, the lesson will be directed toward all who are interested in Biblical truth concerning creation, Biblical accuracy and the reality of god's existence. Why and how is Christianity being discriminated against? Does the Bible contain errors? Can a Christian be an evolutionist? Why does God allow bad

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Baptist Temple

This Sunday morning's message will be "Practicing Reconciliation" from Hosea. One of the things that makes Christ-followers different from the world is that we have reconciliation with God and have the capability to reconcile with one another. Sunday evening, we will have a Super Bowl Outreach Party in our fellowship hall starting at 5 p.m. At halftime we will watch a video of Chad Pennington (quarterback of the Miami Dolphins) and Carson Palmer (quarterback of the Cincinnati Bengals) tell about their faith. You are invited to attend.

We will be restarting our Financial Peace University class with Dave Ramsey on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 15. The cost of the course

Midway Baptist

A Celebration of Love, dinner and a play, will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at our church.

We hope your family can join the celebration of God's awesome love by attending the dinner and wonderful play provided by the youth. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., with the play to follow.

We look forward to sharing this evening with you!

Please let us know if you will be attending by e-mailing midwaybap-tist@gmail.com or calling (432) 263-6274.

Trinity Baptist

Evangelist Tim Lee will be preaching at Trinity Baptist Church during Sunday's 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. services and a 6 p.m. service Monday. The public is invited.

Lee was a rebellious teen and son of a Baptist minister. He was an angry youth who protested authority in the home, church and school. To escape the world around him, he joined the Marine Corps in 1969. In March of 1971, his life changed forever when a land mine exploded on a trail in Quang Nam Province, Vietham, and severed his legs. He was called to preach in 1973 and eventually settled as pastor for five years in southern Illinois before surrendering to the fulltime ministry of evangelism in 1979. He began to stir and challenge people through his ministry with a clear, ujncompromising message grounded deep in old-fashioned patriotism, righteous living and biblical revival.

You are invited to join us during this special time at Trinity Baptist Church.

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

February 12-14, we will be hosting a seminar with Brand Harrub, Ph.D., called "Atheism's Attack on AmeriFeature your Loved One in a Valentine Design on our Special Valentine's Section Publish Date: Sunday, Feb. 14th Deadline: Tuesday, Feb. 9th - 3 pm

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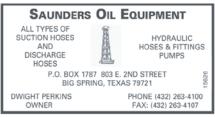
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things to happen? Most of us at one time or another have asked ourselves or others these questions.

Why not join us for a few hours of study, discussion and Biblical answers concerning these great questions of faith? The lessions will be about an hour of teaching, followed by an open question and answer period. You would be our welcomed guest. For more information, call our office at (432) 267-2132.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study met Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. Choir practice was at 6 p.m.

Give yourself a special Valentine

Since February is the month for Valentine's, most of us

turn our thoughts to relationships love, and marriage. We think of tender

moments, gestures of flirting, and intimate times shared

with our beloved. Solid relationships rarely grow apart, but rather grow stronger as the years come and go. This occurs when the couple is respectful of one another and holds their relationship in highest esteem.

Have you ever given thought to the true definition of love? It is so powerful that there is not a single particular word which adequately defines it. Yet it is not so much special words as it is actions that express love. When we truly love another, taking care of that person's needs is never a burden. as giving of oneself is the definition of caring for and loving another.

It is a blessing and a privilege to have some one to love. When we truly love, we become aware of. sensitive to. and involved in meeting that person's reasonable needs. Dr. Laura Schlesinger says, "People don't actually 'grow apart' in relationships; they simply stop taking care of each other's needs." It is when you stop seeing your spouse with gratitude and awe, when you stop looking for ways to make that special person happy, when you no longer seek new ways to be kind and loving to that person until their dying day that you are no longer the kind of person you yourself want to come home to. When you have that special someone to love, it is important to focus on being a good partner. This means truly treating that person as kindly and respectfully as you would want them to treat you. We all need the bonding of loved ones. Getting through tough times in life can make one especially selfcentered when we do not have someone with whom to share our love. We should never allow ourselves to wallow in resentment or old hurts, always looking for ways to get even. Life is too short for that and it undermines productivity on every level. Don't be a fairweather spouse as that is not true love. Keep

your heart open to the warmth of your loved one. Be willing to go the

extra mile without ever mentioning the deed, even at times when you feel you have nothing left to give. It is then that you find new and interesting ways to bless your beloved.

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When I think of true love, I am often reminded of the love Jesus Christ has for us; a love so pure, the Bible refers to it as agape love. This means an unconditional, unending love without measure. God is the only one who understands this kind of love, or is capable of loving on this level. It is not an earthly love, but a heavenly attribute.

When we endeavor to compare earthly love to God's love, we reach an impasse. Nothing in this life compares to the heavenly love that God possesses. God's love goes beyond our understanding. While He loves us even in our sin. He never loves the act of sin. He is always ready and willing to forgive us, but He cannot embrace its evil. God tells us to love one another. When we do, love becomes a deciding factor in our choices and the motivating power behind our actions. When we listen to love we are. in essence, listening to the voice of God. This Valentine's Day, show love not only to your beloved, your friends, and your family members. Show love to another special valentine, as well. Yourself. Only by loving and treating yourself with respect are you equipped to do so unto others.

Religion

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), through our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance organization, has already sent \$200,000 to Haiti and is working with our ecumenical partners to provide food, water, shelter and medical supplies. We can help by praying for the victims and the organizations and individuals providing aid and relief.

Our children have been assembling health kits to send. You may check the PDA Web site: http:// www.pcusa.org/pda to find resources and ways to help. Checks may be mailed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Kay Kennemur will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday morning. Mark Morgan is liturgist. Ushers for the month are Rip Patterson, Claudie Patterson, Todd Patterson and Ann Sinclair. Communion servers are Paschal and Lucy Odom, Karen Schadel and Mike Robinson.

Our youth are attending the Tres Rios Youth Connection retreat at Prude Ranch this weekend. Deborah Jones is one of the leaders for this event, which expects 120 young people from all over our presbytery.

The next meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery will be at First Presbyterian in Midland, on Friday, Feb. 19. That evening and Saturday, Feb. 20, there will be a conference on living the gospel "Living Letters for a New World" at the same location. The keynote speaker is Dr. Darrell Guder, with workshop and worship leaders from around the presbytery.

The lectionary for the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time is Isaiah 6:1-8(9-13); Psalm 138; I Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11. The chancel choir will present "Come to the Table of the Lord," words by Sally Albrecht, music by Jay Althouse. "Rejoice in the Lord Alway" by Henry Purcell is the offertory anthem. Communion will be celebrated during worship.

Anyone who missed the presentation of the program "Reading the Bible in 90 Days" may call the church office or contact any member for more information.

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

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane, on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

Our next meeting is Feb. 11.

At this month's meeting we will honor the 2000 Walks; Women's Walk 18 LD Sheree Moates, Men's Walk 19 LD Jim Campbell, Women's Walk 20 LD Lynda Walker, Women's Walk 21 LD Marilyn Clark, and Men's Walk 22 LD Steve Herren. Please plan to attend. Bring a dish and join us at p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger. Tom, along with Big Spring Pastor Craig Holstedt, continues to have a Bible study on the week's lectionary in the library of First Presbyterian, Big Spring, on Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. Everyone from both churches, and anyone else who is interested, is invited to this informal study. Mike Robinson will preach Sunday when Tom is at Prude Ranch with the presbytery youth for the annual Tres Rios Youth Connection Retreat. We will not observe communion that Sunday, but the regular First Sunday Covered Dish Meal will follow the worship service. The Session will meet at 5:57 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in the church social hall. The lectionary for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time is Isaiah 6:1-8(9-13); Psalm 138; I Corinthians15:1-11; Luke 5:1-13.

The Voters' Meeting that has been scheduled Sunday after Sunday school.

Monday, the LWML will serve coffee and donuts at the VA.

The Board of Education is scheduled to meet Tuesday. Prepartions for the Second Annual Easter Festival are in the planning. This fun-filled morning has been scheduled for Saturday, April 3. Games, egg decorating, cookie decorating and an egg walk are just a few of the activities for all ages.

This past Wednesday, work on the new banners began. Join us at 6 p.m. each Wednesday and learn how to make banners for our church.

Mark your calendars for the Ash Wednesday and Lenten services. They will be held Wednesdays at 7 p.m. beginning February the 17th. Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching for these services.

Mid Week School is being held on Wednesday evenings with a light meal to be served at 5:30 p.m.

The LWML will have its Prayer Pal salad supper on the 11th. Prayer Pals for 2009-2010 will be identified and Prayer Pals for 2010-2011 will be drawn. Bring your favorite salad or dessert. Join us at Kathy Laning's home for this Christian fellowship.

The LWML will meet Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Elders meet Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. at the church.

East Fourth Street Baptist

Our congregation wishes to thank everyone who participated in the fifth Sunday singing and were proud to have all the visitors.

East Fourth is giving toward the Haiti disaster through the Texas Baptist Men Water Filtration. Thirty dollars will provide water for five people for six months. Please give what you can.

Don't forget the Association Senior Adult Valentine Banquet today at College Baptist starting at 6:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please bring a vegetable dish, salad or dessert. This will be fun evening.

Hope everyone is preparing to attend the Men's Rally (ladies are invited, too) at Circle 6 on Monday 8. There will be a tour and dinner from 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m.. Dr. Bill Tolar & the Singing Men of West Texas will be the

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Happy Valentine's Day God bless

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Alive in Christ Lutheran LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Str. Our church phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our Web site is www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx. We would love to have you join us for church Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15.

Pastor Don Rosentreter will be preaching Sunday. The theme for the sermon is taken from the text of Luke 5:1-11: "Fishers of Men," which is one of Pastor Don's favorite subjects. Communion will be observed.

Angela Newton is our organist. Acolyte will be MaKayla Overton. Elders for this week are Bobby Roever and Darren Byrd. The liturgy will be read by Richard Knocke. Readings are Isaiah 6:1-18 (9-13), Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20, and Luke 5:1-11.

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By Steve Becker **Test Your Defensive Play**

Assume you're East and that South opens Four Spades, which everyone passes.

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Partner leads the king of clubs. You overtake with the ace and return the five to West's ten, declarer following low. Your partner then leads the queen of clubs, ruffed by declarer as you discard a diamond. South now plays the A-K of spades, West following low to both, and next leads the jack of spades, on which West discards the diamond deuce. After you win with the queen, your side's third trick, what would you play next? (Assume your partner is a firstrate defender.)

It is known that declarer started with exactly eight spades and two clubs, so your only problem is to contend with the possible distributions of South's three red cards. You dismiss the possibility that South has the K-Q-x of hearts, because the contract cannot be defeated in that case. You also ignore those cases where South has two hearts and a diamond or two diamonds and a heart (or even all three diamonds), because the contract will fail whether you cash the ace of diamonds at this point or return a heart instead.

The only case that matters, therefore, is when declarer has three hearts (not including the K-Q) and no diamonds, so all your thoughts should be focused on this one possibility. A diamond return in that case would hand declarer the contract, so you should conclude that a heart return is the only correct play.

return is the only correct play. **But which heart** should you lead? It would be fatal if you led a low one and it turned out that South had the K-9-x. After playing low from his hand, he would take your partner's queen with the ace and then finesse against your jack, thus obliterating your side's potential heart trick. It would also prove fatal to lead a low heart if South had Q-9-x and played low from his hand.

The only play that caters to all cases where the contract can be defeated is to lead the jack of hearts! This succeeds whenever your partner has the Q-x-x-x of hearts and also when he has K-x-x- and does not cover when South plays the queen on your jack. It would not be difficult for him to duck the queen because, as we said at the start, he is a very good player. He knows almost as much about declarer's hand as you do, and he can therefore be expected to do the right thing.

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Blanketing Texas with Bibles Baptists plan to flood Lone Star State with Bible CDs by Easter

LINDA STEWART BALL

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Associated Press Writer DALLAS — The largest state Baptist group in the nation wants Christ's message of hope heard in every home in Texas — about 9 million of them — by Easter.

That's a challenge in a state as big and diverse as Texas. where more than a third of households speak a language other than English. Besides Spanish, Hindi, Tagalog and Chinese are increasingly heard.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas is promoting a multilingual, multimedia CD that allows folks to listen to key biblical passages in their native language.

It's part of a three-pronged campaign dubbed Texas Hope 2010 to convey what "we really believe; that there's hope in Christ," said Randel Everett, the Baptist group's executive director.

Pop one in a car CD player or load it onto an MP3 device and hear the third chapter of John explain how "God so loved the world" in English or Spanish.

Slip it into a computer and download the entire New Testament in one of more than 400 languages, complete with dramatic pauses, sound effects and background music. Organizers say they're not snubbing the Old Testament; the audio is not yet available in all those languages.

"I really think that people need to hear the Gospel in their heart language, whether they read and understand English or not, people need to know that God speaks their language," Everett said.

The CD includes a toll-free

2-minute video testimonies of black, white and Hispanic Texans sharing their personal stories, some in Spanish.

"They're not celebrities, just ordinary people throughout Texas who have been rescued through Christ," Everett said, recalling one woman on the video who said she thought about killing her kids and herself before she found the Lord.

Proselytizing is nothing new, with modern examples being the 1979 Campus Crusade for Christ's Jesus Film, which used video to tell Christ's life story and has been seen around the world, to the door-to-door approach used by Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses.

"CDs are just an upgrade of communication methodology instead of giving them a tract or booklet," said Elaine Heath, assistant professor of Evangelism at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology.

In Alpharetta, Ga., the North American Mission Board, which is tied to the Southern Baptist Convention, recently launched an initiative to share the Gospel with everyone in North America, but they're taking 10 years to do it and it's not CD-centric.

Because the U.S. and many Texas cities are now so global, Heath said local Christians must think and act more like missionaries who are going into a different culture. The CD is a good start, but relationships are still the key.

"When people ask the big questions in life, when they're hurting and in trouble," Heath said, "they need

telephone number and six a friend who will put an arm around them and say 'How can I help you when you're struggling?' and an 800 number is not going to do that."

> Scholars say the Baptist group is well positioned to reach every household by its April 4 deadline.

"The hope of Christ doesn't come with any catch. You don't have to keep paying for it, it's already been paid for."

"I think realistically they could do it, the delivery system can be very effective if they can convince Baptist churches around the state to participate," said David Mills, assistant professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Baptist group is relying on its 5,700 congregations and 2.3 million affiliated members to purchase and distribute the CDs, which cost them \$1 each. Because each Baptist church is autonomous, none are required to participate and several have opted out, saying they're too busy with their own programs.

Still, the group has found volunteer distribution leaders in 242 of Texas' 254 counties so far, each designing a CD dispersal plan that fits their region.

Believers are handing out CDs at block parties, festivals, food pantries, health fairs and door-to-door. They're mailing them to hard-to-reach places. A few doorbell-ringing churches are delivering homemade cookies and pies with every CD.

"The hot apple pie opens the door," said Mitch Wilson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Shallowater. "We let the DVD do the talking. We don't stay at their home or try to pressure them."

In East Texas, some residents without CD players or computers are getting real Bibles instead.

Sam Silva, director of Community Ministries with Park Cities Baptist in Dallas and Buckner International, said the church's men's Sunday school class bought and mailed about 20,000 CDs to a neighborhood of immigrants.

Members of the church's bilingual service followed up face-to-face, asking people if they received the CD and telling them about their church. Silva said the CD went out about 10 weeks ago and families are starting to show up at the church, professing a belief in Christ, as a result.

But what's to keep these CDs from being tossed in the trash like so many junkmailed AOL CD-ROMs before them?

"The AOL CD came with a catch, after 30 days you had to start paying for AOL," said Andy Pittman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Lufkin. "The hope of Christ doesn't come with any catch. You don't have to keep paying for it, it's already been paid for."

Only time will tell how effective the CD is.

"It would be good to look back 10 years from now to see how many people became fire-breathing Christians who truly gave their lives to God because of that CD," Heath said.

String of Texas church arsons worry congregations

TYLER (AP) — Eight Texas churches barely 150 miles apart have caught fire since New Year's Day, putting pastors and congregations on edge and on guard wondering whether theirs is next.

Authorities determined seven of those fires were intentionally set and they are investigating one that broke out Thursday as a possible arson. There have been no reported injuries or arrests, and federal officials aren't saying whether there's a connection.

Most people in these parts can't help but think they are.

"I think everybody is expecting more of these, to tell you the truth," said pastor David Mahfood, whose Baptist church in Tyler was destroyed in a Jan. 16 fire. "I think the worst is probably behind Tyler, but I'd worry about other cities."

Six of the seven arsons were just nine days apart, sending many congregations in east Texas scurrying to install security systems and prompting volunteers to keep close eyes on church properties from dusk to dawn. Federal and local authorities have released scant details and say they need more information.

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featured intertainment. The cost is \$7 per person.

We invite you to come and share with us this Sunday in worship. Chris Liebrum from the BGCT will be bringing the message at our morning worship service and C.G. Evans will be our messenger for the evening service. Sunday services begin with Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11 and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, we have adult, youth and children Bible study at 7 p.m. There is a men's bible study Saturday mornings.

Club News

1941 Study Club of Coahoma

The 1941 Study Club of Coahoma met Feb. 1 in the home

Room.

We are in need of a full-time nursery worker. If you are interested, call the office at 267-2291.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell Lane, invites you to join our congregation at Sunday school and worship services each week.

Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. and worship services begin at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Sunday.

Ben Boadle will be leading our Sunday school lesson this week. Billy C. Bates, certified lay minister, will fill the pulpit. This is communion Sunday and all who believe in our Lord Jesus Christ are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us.

We are a small congregation with a big, loving heart. Our church is two miles across the railroad tracks past Hubbard Packing on N. Birdwell Lane. We hope to see you this Sunday. Remember, God loves you and there is nothing you can do about it!

of Sue Riddle. Co-hostess was Myrtie Lee. President Betsy Land presided. Fifteen members were present.

Local genealogist Christine Horn presented an interesting and entertaining program. She stressed to members that even though your research seems blocked, do not give up ... just go in another direction.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for the club's consideration; president -Betsy Land, vice president — Myrtie Lee and secretary/ treasurer — Sue Riddle.

It was decided that the installation of officers will be held at Moss Creek Ranch.

Members were reminded of a change in the March meeting. It will be in the home of Bo Fryar with Sandy Cox as co-hostess. Coahoma Mayor Warren Wallace will be the guest speaker.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday in the Howard College Cactus Room. After opening the meeting, President JoAnn Staulcup called on Walter Ward to offer the invocation.

After minutes and financials were approved, Staulcup presented ideas for a new project encouraging more business participation with the group. We would sponsor a monthly award for the best business appearance and the result would culminate in a calendar for the year that features monthly winners. She received approval to pursue the project.

Pat Simmons stated the 15th Street effort will be ongoing. Ward reported that park improvements have been ordered and should arrive soon. This will feature the park benches with business logos and domes for trash cans.

The next FM 700 cleanup will be Saturday. Our whole group is encouraged to take part. Meet at the west end of the county fairgrounds at 9 a.m.

Frank Salinas was greeted as a new member. Janell Davis is making contacts to open the applications for the Jim Conley Summer Internship Grant.

The group's next meeting will be March 1 at the Cactus

TOPS

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) met Monday evening in the fellowship hall of First Christian Church. Leader Laura Sickles brought the meeting to order by calling for the TOPS cheer. Raymond Churchwell then led the members in the TOPS pledge and Frank Sickles led the group in the TOPS welcome song.

Minutes of the Jan. 25 meeting were read by Linda Stapel and approved by all present.

Carol Smith gave a reading entitled, "Motivation," spelling out motivation with good ideas about eating properly for good health and maintaining a healthy attitude.

Roll call was led by Hughetta Roberts and 11 members answered with a total loss of 11 pounds and one turtle (a turtle reports no weight gained or lost). The best weekly loser was Pam Klaus with a loss of three pounds. She was awarded \$1 and a certificate. Dennis Stapel was recognized as the best loser for January with a loss of six pounds. He was awarded \$2.50 and given a charm and certificate.

Members were informed that monthly club dues will increase from \$3 to \$5 beginning in February. This will be used to cover club operating expenses, as well as travel fees for members to attend area Fun Days throughout the year. The next Fun Day will be in Corpus Christi April 9 and April 10. The theme will be, "TOPS goes surfing the Texas weigh."

Pam Klaus presented the evening's program, entitled, "What does it mean," concerning the subject of inspiration. The word "inspire" means to "influence, guide or encourage others or yourself." We need to find ways to inspire ourselves to learn about healthy eating habits and healthy foods. Reference was made to Jack LaLane and his good health at age 95, which he attributes to proper eating habits, exercise and a health-conscious attitude.

For more information about TOPS, please call Frank Sickles at (432) 213-1342 or Olnee Menges at (432) 263-6819. Visitors are welcome. If you have a weight problem, please come meet with TOPS. TOPS does work.



News in brief

Toyota says CEO will hold first news conference since massive recalls

TOKYO (AP) — Toyota President Akio Toyoda will speak about quality control Friday in his first — and long awaited — news conference since the automaker announced massive global recalls last month.

Criticism has been growing that Toyoda, grandson of the company's founder, has largely been invisible amid the automaker's worst crisis since it was founded.

Toyota Motor Corp. said Toyoda and Shinichi Sasaki, the executive overseeing quality, will speak to reporters at the automaker's Nagoya office Friday evening. Other details were not immediately available.

The only media comment so far from Toyoda was a brief, impromptu interview last week with Japanese broadcaster NHK on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. He said he was sorry for the worries he had caused customers and insisted that Toyota cars were safe.

Toyota said this week it is considering a recall in the U.S. and Japan for its Prius gas-electric hybrid, which has been plagued with braking problems.

World stocks tumble amid concern about global economic weakness

BEIJING (AP) — World stocks tumbled Friday as ballooning European debt and a rise in U.S. unemployment claims added to fears the global economy could slip back into recession.

Markets from Tokyo to Hong Kong to Seoul dropped about 3 percent or more after Wall Street was hurt by data showing U.S. unemployment claims rose last week. Wobbly government finances in several European countries also dented buying appetite.

European markets posted smaller losses in early trading Friday after suffering big falls the day before. Oil prices dropped below \$73 a barrel, adding to a big slide overnight, while the dollar continued to gain against the euro and also rose against the yen.

Investors were pulling money out of riskier assets such as emerging market stocks and commodities amid concern about the fiscal health of deeply indebted Greece, Spain and Portugal and their ability to borrow

return to anything like normal.

"It's going to take a long time to dig out of this hole," said Julia Coronado, senior U.S. economist at BNP Paribas.

Wall Street economists expect the January report will show a tiny increase of 5,000 jobs. That would be only the second monthly gain since the recession began. But it probably wouldn't be enough to hold down the unemployment rate, which is forecast to rise to 10.1 percent. That would match October's 26-year high. And it would be the fourth-straight month of double-digit joblessness.

Iraqi police say car bomb blast kills 20 Shiite pilgrims near Karbala

BAGHDAD (AP) — An Iraqi police official says a car bomb explosion on the outskirts of the southern holy city of Karbala has killed at least 20 Shiite pilgrims.

The official says the blast occurred Friday at about 12:15 p.m. just east of Karbala.

He says dozens have been wounded in the blast. A second police official confirmed the casualty toll.

Assailants have targeted Shiite pilgrims in several bomb attacks in recent days.

The latest blast comes during the culmination of a pilgrimage to the city south of Baghdad to mark a Shiite holy day.

Bomb in southern Pakistan hits bus, 11 confirmed dead

KARACHI, Pakistan(AP)—Officials say a motorcycle bomb struck a bus carrying Shiite Muslim worshippers in the southern Pakistani city of Karachi, killing at least 11 people.

Karachi has seen a number of blasts aimed at minority Shiites in recent weeks, including one that killed dozens at a procession and sparked riots. Extremists belonging to Pakistan's Sunni Muslim majority have been blamed.

Senior police official Javed Akbar said the bus targeted Friday carried mainly young and female Shiite worshippers heading to a religious gathering.

Dr. Simi Jamali said at least 11 bodies were brought to a local hospital.

Fearing sectarian unrest, police chief Waseem Ahmad appealed to Shiites in the city to remain calm. holding cells where they have been held since Saturday. Haitians left homeless by the Jan. 12 earthquake sat idly under tarps in the parking lot, smoke rising from a cooking fire.

Silsby had expressed optimism before the hearing. "We expect God's will be done. And we will be released," she told reporters.

People urged to stay home as storm moves toward DC area

WASHINGTON (AP) — The threat of up to 2 feet of snow in parts of the Mid-Atlantic caused airline cancellations Friday, school closures and emptied Virginia's Statehouse.

Those who can work from home should do so, said Joan Morris, a spokeswoman for the Virginia Department of Transportation. Across the region, state officials were deploying thousands of trucks and employees and had hundreds of thousands of tons of salt at the ready.

"This is not a good mix," Morris said. "Heavy, wet snow with gusting winds is going to make it a very tough storm for us. I expect visibility will be very poor in spots, and we'll have to deal with drifting snow."

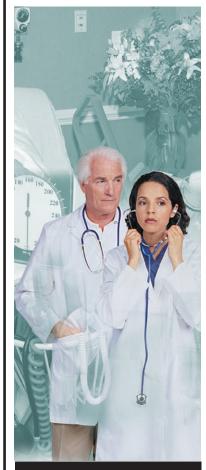
The National Weather Service issued a warning stretching from Baltimore to northern Virginia and parts of West Virginia. Total accumulations of 16 inches to 24 inches are expected.

The weather service warns that the mix of heavy snow and strong winds would make travel Friday night "very hazardous or nearly impossible."

Brown's centrist course could invite conservative criticism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scott Brown says he's a different kind of Republican, a centrist willing to work with Senate Democrats to fix health care and the ailing economy.

But his independent bent is likely to be sorely tested in a bitterly divid-



ed Senate where party loyalty is often at a premium.

As it is, Brown was sworn in Thursday a week earlier than he had planned. He spent his earliest minutes as a senator facing questions on whether he will stick with the GOP in the partisan fight over President Barack Obama's choice of a union attorney, Craig Becker, for a top labor job.

Brown tried to maintain a middle-ofthe-road posture. "I'm going to look at everybody's qualifications and make my own decision," he said.

Brown can expect more tough balancing acts like that as he seeks to put his own stamp on a Senate seat held for nearly a half-century by the late liberal lion Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts. For New England Republicans in Congress, whose ranks have thinned in recent years, it is the only way to survive.

Lawyer: Michael Jackson's doctor plans surrender Friday

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson's doctor plans to seek his day in court Friday — whether or not he's been charged in the singer's death.

After waiting all week to face a likely charge of manslaughter, Dr. Conrad Murray and his frustrated legal team plan to surrender at a Los Angeles courthouse.

"We are going to be at the courthouse at 1:30 (p.m.) for his surrender," said Miranda Sevcik, spokeswoman for Murray's legal team. "We see no reason to perpetuate the arbitrary situation any longer."

The legal gamesmanship follows several days of negotiations in which Murray's lawyers tried to arrange with prosecutors for the Houston doctor to surrender for booking and arraignment.

Those plans were derailed by haggling between prosecutors and law enforcement officials over whether the physician should be arrested or allowed to turn himself in.



more money.

"We are getting into a situation where stimulus is needed to sustain growth but governments may not be able to finance it," said Dariusz Kowalczyk, chief investment strategist for SJS Markets in Hong Kong.

Recession job losses about to get worse, government data shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Job losses during the Great Recession have been huge and they're about to get bigger.

When the Labor Department releases the January unemployment report Friday, it will also update its estimate of jobs lost in the year that ended in March 2009. The number is expected to rise by roughly 800,000, raising the number of jobs shed during the recession to around 8 million.

The new data will help illustrate the scope of the jobs crisis. Analysts think the economy might generate 1 million to 2 million jobs this year. And they say it will take at least three to four years for the job market to

Lawyer puts blame on group leader for kidnapping charges

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Ten Baptist missionaries are facing kidnapping charges in Haiti for trying to take 33 children out of the country, and the lawyer for all the defendants is putting the blame on the group's leader.

Attorney Edwin Coq said Laura Silsby knew the group couldn't remove the youngsters without proper paperwork, while he characterized the other nine missionaries as unknowingly being caught up in actions they didn't understand.

"I'm going to do everything I can to get the nine out. They were naive. They had no idea what was going on and they did not know that they needed official papers to cross the border. But Silsby did," Coq said Thursday after a magistrate charged the 10 at a closed hearing.

Silsby waved to reporters but declined to answer questions as the missionaries were taken back to the

Danish forces free ship from pirates

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Danish special forces stormed a ship captured by armed Somali pirates Friday and freed the 25 crew on board, an EU naval spokesman said, marking the first time a warship has intervened during a hijacking.

After the vessel Ariella sent out a distress signal early Friday, the Danish warship Absalon sent a helicopter to confirm the presence of pirates, and communicated with the crew to ensure they were in a safe location, said Cmdr. John Harbour, spokesman

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)for the European Unionfirst where a warship- Danish special forcesNaval Force.has been able to send

Then Danish special forces aboard the Absalon approached the Ariella in inflatable dinghies.

The forces scaled the side of the ship and freed the 25 crew, who had locked themselves in a secure room, Harbour said.

"There's been many instances where there's been excellent cooperation and three, four or even five nations have helped deter a pirate attack," he said. But, he added: "This is the

first where a warship has been able to send forces to stop a hijacking while it was in progress."

Warships typically do not intervene in hijackings because of the danger that crews may be hit by crossfire. Forces were able to intervene in this case because the ship had registered with naval authorities, was traveling along a recommended transit corridor and was part of a group transit, ensuring the ships had a helicopter within 30 minutes' reaction time, Harbour

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Howard can't complete comeback vs. SPC



HERALD PHOTO/Joe Zigtema Asia Reid pulls up in the lane Thursday. The Hawks' comeback effort fell short in a 54-47 loss.

By JOE ZIGTEMA

Sports Editor

The Howard Hawk women ran out of luck Thursday night.

The Hawks couldn't pull off a second straight come-from-behind victory, falling just short as the team lost to South Plains 54-47 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawks fell behind by as many as 17 in the second half and then cut the lead to as small as three, but South Plains (16-7, 5-1) was able to hold off the women for its fifth straight win while snapping Howard's (18-5, 3-4) streak at three.

"I thought a lot of it was a tribute to South Plains' defense," Howard coach Earl Diddle said. "They were very good (Thursday, and) I thought that we did not react very well to their switching defense. They're a team good enough to win a conference title, and they proved it here."

South Plains post Kelsey Canavan posted a double-double for the Lady Texans with 12 points and 12 rebounds. She had 10 and 10 against Howard in Levelland.

"She was huge," Lady Texans coach Michelle Wyatt said. "She's so big inside and she's gotten so much better as the season has gone on."

Sajoyia Griffin and Christen McLee scored 11 points apiece for the Lady Texans, but when it came down to it, South Plains was better in the paint.

"We had a very difficult time inside," Diddle said. "We're more ball-oriented than man-oriented. That's been the story all year."

Kenyatta Colbert and Tasha Tubbs scored 11 and 10 points, respectively. They were the only Hawks in double figures.

"I don't think we got very good shots," Diddle said. We weren't energized offensively ... We hit some shots

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FOUR AND COUNTING

Hawks hold on for sweep of S. Plains

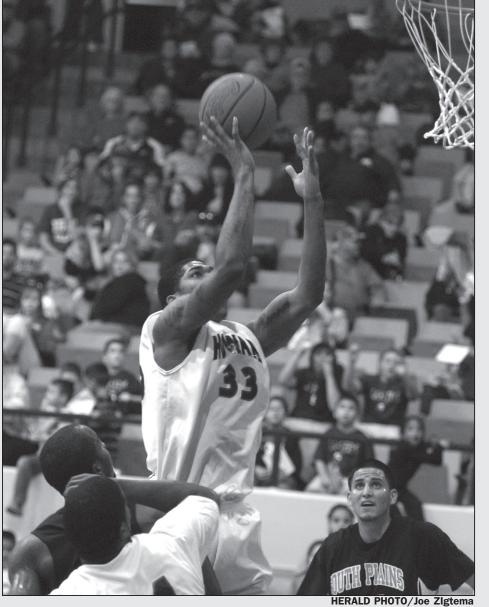
BY JOE ZIGTEMA Sports Editor

The latter moments of Thursday's game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum looked more like a football pile than a basketball play.

There were 13 seconds left on the clock, and South Plains had the ball down 61-60 with a chance to score.

Tramar Sutherland's 18-footer clanked off the iron and fell off the basket just to the left of the paint, where eight players dove on the floor like linebackers chasing a loose fumble.

When the dust settled, Howard freshman Carlos Emory had come up with the tied ball, the possession arrow went to the Hawks with two seconds left on the game clock and Howard preserved its fourth straight WJCAC win and its 20th overall. The game was a physical, slug-it-out affair that turned sloppy at times but was close the whole way and came down to a thrilling finish. Howard never led by more than five points, and none were scored over the last



Payton's emotional style pays for Saints

Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Sean Payton can look downright possessed during games, shooting fiery glares at players, assistant coaches and officials.

His eyes seem to be saying: "Don't you dare disappointment me."

"We've all seen that look," New Orleans Saints linebackers coach Joe Vitt said. "That look has served him very, very well.

"You can definitely get a picture of him on game day, the look in his eyes, the way he purses his lips, the way he sets his jaw," Vitt said.

For Payton, the next game day happens to be this Sunday in Miami. It's a Super Bowl matchup with an even more famous Peyton - quarterback Peyton Manning — and the Indianapolis Colts.

The Saints are hoping the game's result produces a little more positive publicity for the other Payton — their Payton — a coach they see as an offensive innovator and master motivator. "I marvel at the way he is able to say the perfect thing at the perfect moment, whatever it might be, whether it's a motivational word or an inspirational story," Saints quarterback Drew Brees said. "He is able to always have his See **PAYTON**, Page 16

finger on the pulse of the team and know this is the time to press forward and work or this is the time to back off and have a little fun. He has a knack and ability to use humor or a joke to challenge you or motivate you."

Examples of when Payton poked fun at a player and saw results are sprinkled throughout his four seasons as a head coach, all in New Orleans.

One came during practice between the first and second games of this season. Veteran safety Darren Sharper had intercepted Detroit rookie Matt Stafford twice in Week 1, but was unable to take either back the other way for a score.

Payton lightheartedly reminded the entire defense that Sharper, in his 13th season, was nearly over the hill, and that everyone would have to make a block if he was to return an interception for score. Payton even told Sharper he'd

Carlos Emory shoots Thursday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Emory only scored four points, but he came up with a game-sealing rebound.

2:11.

"Before the game the officials said they were going to let them play, and I think that was to (South Plains') advantage," head coach Mark Adams said. "I give a lot of credit to our guys for

hanging in. We had a way for the Hawks lot of chances to quit, we got frustrated, calls didn't go our way and we could have just dropped our guard ... but this team battles and they know how to win."

Jae Crowder led the

with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Moses Sundufu scored 15 big points for Howard, 11 of which were in the first half when the Hawks shot under 40

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buy him dinner if he managed to do it.

During the next game at Philadelphia, Sharper intercepted Kevin Kolb at the New Orleans 3 and ran it back 97 yards for a score.

Sometimes Payton's approach is more solemn. Players find inspirational messages or

Texas sports hall expands with history of Southwest Conference

Associated Press

WACO - The gapingholes in Earl Campbell's No. 20 Texas Longhorns jersey are reminders of futile attempts by defenders trying to tackle the Heisman Trophy winner.

Seeing that tear-away jersey won by Campbell is sure to stir up memories of how he ran. So only a few steps away

from that display is a video monitor where highlights of Campbell bulling over would-be tacklers can be viewed instantly.

The jersey and highlights are in the Longhorns section of the new Southwest Conference wing at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, which reopens Saturday after a 15-month project that

has more than doubled its size to 35,000 square feet.

"We have an appropriate size building now," said Jay Black, the museum's curator since it opened in 1993. "We like to brag on our sports. Now we have something our sports fans can be proud of."

The gem of the expansion is a nearly 10,000-square-foot room dedicated to the history of the Cotton Bowl and nine universities that were part of the Southwest Conference, which existed from 1914-96.

Entry into the new room is through an overwhelming facade of historic Cotton Bowl Stadium. Once inside, there are separate and equal-sized display areas for each of the nine SWC

schools — Arkansas, Baylor, Houston, Rice, SMU, Texas, Texas A&M, TCU and Texas Tech.

In the forefront of each area is a display of the school's mascot and its history. Then there are six 8-by-8-foot cases filled with jerseys, helmets, game programs, photos, trophies and any number of unique and sometimes rare memorabilia from that school. Each section includes its own on-demand video.

"We had quite a few things that were in storage that we just didn't have room to exhibit," Black said. "For a while I was on the world's biggest sports scavenger hunt trying to track down key people, ex-coaches and play-

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Sports in brief

Area scoreboard

See Sunday's Herald for results

- Coahoma vs. Wall, 6:30/8 p.m. Forsan vs. McCamey, 6:30/8 p.m. Stanton at Iraan, 6:30/8 p.m. Sands at Loop, 6:30/8 p.m.
- Garden City at Sterling City, 6:30/8 p.m. Sat.
- Grady at Dawson, 6:30/8 p.m.
- All are district games*

Big spring softball tourney needs community support

Lady Steer softball parents and the city of Big Spring Parks and Recreation Department are hosting a 22-team high school softball tournament March 4-6.

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Call John Sparks for information at 270-2711.

Hawk baseball cancels weekend series

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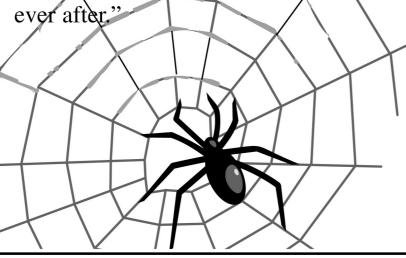
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The Scorpio moon is an intense fellow and a bit of a poet, too. He'll brood and sulk, which would be annoying if it weren't for the fact that all of his internal drama leads to moments of beautiful inspiration and art. So if you're feeling melancholy yourself, be sure to chase the feeling until it blossoms into a creative impulse worth following.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Enjoy a quiet day. You need this after all the craziness of

the past few weeks. If you can stay home, do. Warming foods and soft fabrics the are order of the hour. And maybe

little

а indulgence. TAURUS

(April 20-May 20). Unlike a lot of people you know, you tend to make your goals quietly and let your actions speak for themselves. There will be some considerable quiet successes with one of your latest resolutions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You finally managed to get off the rollercoaster ride you were on, so when the invitation comes for another unpredictable thrill, right to youíre be cautious. Reflect and regroup. Youill know your direction shortly.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Turning out quality work consistently is not an act: Itís a lifestyle. Lately, youíve been trying to tighten up your work regimen, and youire starting to see results. Keep at it and the rewards will come.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Tomorrow's Horoscope

You just got home, so youíre not anticipating another trip. But you might have to adjust your activity forecast when an invitation interesting arrives. When have you ever turned down a new adventure?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some people are like tidal wave. They а surprise you and then sweep you away. You are more like the rising tide. Less dramatic, but more inevitable. You are set to enjoy a quiet victory.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). They need to invent a new word. Something bigger than amazing, ingenious or exquisite. What you feel today is like a new color or a new sound. Itis perfect. Itis better than perfect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are usually the cheerleader in your circle, but lately youive needed someone else to do the cheering. This is when you know who your friends really are. You will be surprised at how loved you are and by how many.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Taking the long way home is a great way to start seeing things from a new perspective. Really, any disruption from routine will do wonders. You have been bored with your groove, and now you'll do something about it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are faced with a situation in which you once would have said exactly what you thought, filter off. Now you know better. The edge of that sharp wit is being slowly softened, and you are a more successful person for it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Even though you judgment on people with are posing a question to different values, you still feel uneasy around a new acquaintance. Donít doubt your intuition. Itis OK to be kind and cautious at the same time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The holidays were great for your spirits. For your pocketbook, not so much. You're just now getting caught up. That's what makes this an excellent time to do some financial planning for the year ahead.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 5). Your popularity is on the rise this year. You find ways to create fun. Friends flock to you, and you have just the kind of romantic ties you've always wanted. You make a game out of the more tedious aspects of work, and because of this, your colleagues have a blast being around you. Invest in education in May. Pisces and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 42, 10, 24 and 20.

WEEKEND LOVE ARIES: FORECAST: Forgive yourself first, and you'll easily gain the forgiveness you seek from someone else. TAURUS: Someone who has taken a ride on the roller coaster of love will be able to appreciate your impressive emotional evenness. GEMINI: A trendy restaurant or activity will inject a tired relationship with a big of excitement. dose CANCER: For а relationship to work, you'll need to overlook a few of your minor grievances. LEO: The solution to a lifestyle problem will bring you closer to your loved ones, as well. VIRGO: You have answers, but only give donít usually pronounce them if your loved ones

you. LIBRA: You make better choices when a certain someone is there to encourage and support you. SCORPIO: Flirty fun is in store, and you'll come across as bold and adventuresome.

SAGITTARIUS: You'll grow in confidence as the weekend progresses. Keep talking yourself up. CAPRICORN: To stav close with your nearest and dearest, you may have to draw boundaries to keep outsiders from infringing. AQUARIUS: Don't get so swept up in nurturing someone else that you forget to take care of yourself. PISCES: Like hot chicken broth on a bitterly cold day, the love you feel in your heart warms vou from head to toe.

COUPLE OF THE **WEEKEND:** Sagittarius and Scorpio will be big players in the romance scene as they take turns being empowered by the The charisma moon. charge is applied to Scorpio first, and this sign puffs up with pride at all the attention, capturing the interest of Sagittarius. Then, when Sagittarius grows in charm through Saturday and Sunday, Scorpio returns the interest and surrenders to Sagittarian enchantments.

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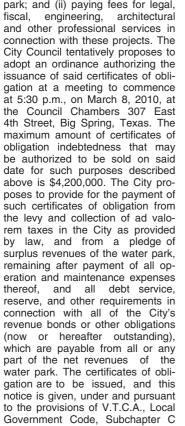
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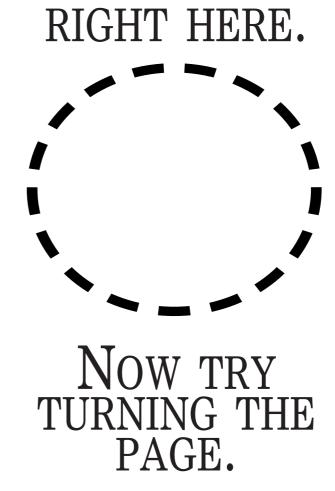
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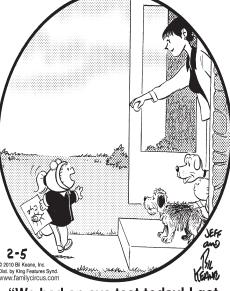
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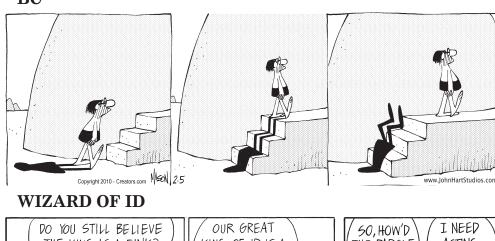
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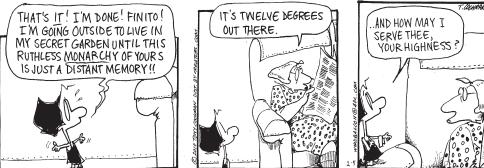
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 2010. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 5, 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed a Judiciary Reorganization Bill that would have increased the number of Supreme Court justices; critics accused Roosevelt of attempting to "pack" the court.(The measure failed in Congress.)

On this date:

In 1631, the co-founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife, Mary, arrived in Boston from England.

In 1783, Sweden recognized the independence of the United States. In 1811, George, Prince of Wales, was named the Prince Regent due to the insanity of

his father, Britain's King George III. In 1887, Verdi's opera "Otello"

President Woodrow over Wilson's veto, an immigration act severely curtailing the influx of Asians. Mexico's constitution was adopted.

In 1940, Glenn Miller and his orchestra recorded "Tuxedo Junction" for RCA Victor's Bluebird label.

In 1958, Gamal Abdel Nasser was formally nominated to become the first president of the new United Arab Republic (a union of Syria and Egypt).

In 1973, services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for Army Lt. Col. William B. Nolde, the last official American combat casualty before the Vietnam cease-fire.

In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that all but a small rear-guard contingent of its troops had left Afghanistan.

In 1994, white separatist Byron De La Beckwith was convicted in Jackson, Miss. of murdering civil rights leader Medgar Evers in 1963, and was immediately sentenced to life in prison. (Beckwith died Jan. 21, 2001 at age 80.)

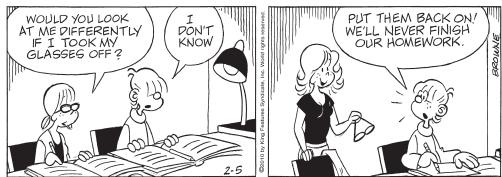
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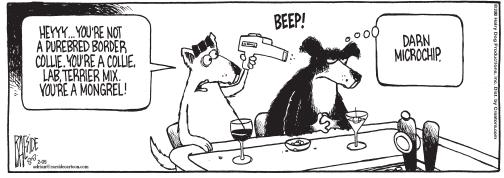
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Injury games always a part of Super Bowl

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Dwight is if a team lists a player Freeney headed for the elevator in the team hotel, trailed by a few intrepid members of the media.

One focused a camera on his ailing right ankle. Another snapped pictures. Yet another jotted down notes.

No sign of anyone in a trench coat, but that wouldn't have been too far-fetched.

NFL teams are downright cloak-and-dagger when it comes to injuries, giving medical reports a significance roughly akin to state secrets. Everyone else tries to figure out what's really going on inside the human body, looking for the slightest hints.

The biggest question of Super Bowl week: Will Freeney, the Colts' star defensive end, be on the field Sunday night when Indianapolistakesonthe New Orleans Saints?

This is about all you'll get out of Freeney: "I'm feeling better."

Late in the AFC championship game, he landed awkwardly on his right ankle and tore a ligament. Now here he is, less than two weeks later, desperately hoping that he'll be recovered enough to play in an even bigger game.

Freeney hasn't practiced since his injury. So he's not playing, right? The Colts weren't saying. They don't have to. NFL rules merely require that teams on Wednesday and Thursday disclose which of three categories their players fall into: didn't practice, had limited participation or went through the entire workout.

Come Friday, the report gets a little more detailed, with coaches required to assess whether a player is doubtful (25 percent chance of playing), questionable (50 percent) or likely (75 percent). About the only way an opponent — and all the rest of us

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- really know for sure as out.

While commissioner Roger Goodell has tried to crack down on teams that abuse the injury report, there's little incentive for a team to be totally forthcoming. Just say doubtful and you're largely covered if the star player doesn't dress. Hey, a team can say, we gave him only a 25 percent chance of playing.

In early December, Saints coach Sean Payton said cornerback Jabari Greer was getting better after being hobbled by a hernia.

What the coach failed to mention was Greer had surgery one day earlier. Then again, he probably was doing better the next day, so maybe Payton gets by on a technicality.

Freeney acknowledged there's plenty of subterfuge and deception when teams talks about injuries, especially to key players. Knowing that someone is out can make it easier for an opponent to work on its game plan. Plus, a banged-up player has reason to worry about providing too much information to those guys on the other side on the line. A player with a sore right ankle, let's say, might be vulnerable to re-injuring himself on certain plays. There could even be an opponent with more sinister motives, looking to deliver a little extra blow to the ailing body part.

So, Mr. Freeney, even if you knew for sure whether or not you're playing Sunday, would vou tell us?

"Probably not," he said with a sly grin.

As Freeney headed to the elevator, he hobbled along with a noticeable limp.



Then again, maybe it was all a ruse, designed make everyone to believe he's not playing. The Saints aren't taking any chances.

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from the Southwest Conference."

One of the cases in the Houston Cougars section features memorabilia from the "Phi Slama Jama" years of Clyde Drexler and Hakeem Olajuwon. In the TCU section, there are rare video highlights of Davey O'Brien, who led the Horned Frogs to an undefeated championship season in 1938 while winning the Heisman Trophy.

Rice player Dicky Maegle's All-America sweater is on display. There is also video of Alabama fullback Tommy Lewis coming off the sideline to tackle Maegle, who was breaking free toward a 95-yard run during the 1954 Cotton Bowl. Officials credited him with a TD,

one of three that day while running for 265 yards.

Black said the museum now has a way to show a rare black-and-white film in which coach Bear Bryant narrates a review of the 1956 Texas A&M football season.

"I'd see these big cases, and I was worried about not having enough stuff," Black said. "Then once you start getting stuff out and putting it in them, wow, there are a lot of people that are not included even yet. It's tough to put 75-80 years of history in an 8-by-8 case."

Different items will be rotated for display. Black also anticipates visitors will have additional memorabilia they want to lend or donate, such as the former Texas trainer who had the jersey Campbell wore during the 1978 Cotton Bowl.

Besides the new SWC

wing, the \$4 million renovation includes an expanded and modernized great hall entry that can be used for banquets or receptions. There is a new Health, Fitness & Education Center geared toward schoolaged children and the Dave Campbell Research Library.

There were also renovations to the existing gallery areas, with new carpet and paint.

"Considering where we were, barely able to survive in Waco, Texas, to where we are now, it's a dream come true," said Steve Fallon, who was already the museum's fourth executive director when hired in 1997.

in me kind of attitude about it, and I think that kind of exemplifies what sports is all about," he said. "That's why people who love sports are going to love this."

PAYTON

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Sometimes Payton's approach is more solemn. Players find inspirational messages or poems in their lockers. Other times, he uses props. He's been known

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that were kind of questionable that got us back in the game, we just didn't have enough juice to finish it out."

The Hawks traded baskets with South Plains for the first 17 minutes of the first half, with "I've never lost the kid neither team leading by more than four. A 6-0 run in the last three minutes gave South Plains a 26-17 advantage at halftime, with four of those points coming on Canavan putbacks.

MEN

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percent from the floor. Sundufu was 3-of-5 from the 3-point line in the first 20 minutes.

"Jae gave us some key buckets and Moses kept us in the game the first half," Adams said. "Anytime you can win a close ball game it gives you confidence the next time you play, and it makes your team focus in possession by possession. We had to do that and I'm sure that's the way South Plains wanted it to be. In the long run, it's going to help us become a better team."

to strategically place rat traps around the club's training headquarters before the Saints play teams they are expected to handle easily — warnings of a trap game. During this postsea-

son, he's given players wooden baseball bats as a way to inspire his team

South Plains came out of the locker room with another 6-0 run to open the second half, giving the Lady Texans a 17-point lead with as many minutes to go. However, the Hawks made a 9-0 run of their own at the 13 minute mark and a 6-0 run with five minutes left to trim the lead to three with three minutes remaining.

From there, the South Plains defense clamped down, allowing just one bucket the remainder of the game, which came with six minutes left and

After a game against

Frank Phillips in which Howard couldn't seem to miss from the floor, the Hawks couldn't seem to put the ball in the basket with any regularity in the first half. Instead, Howard had to rely on its No. 1 scoring defense to hold South Plains to 29 points, even though the Texans shot almost 60 percent in the first half.

And when the game came down to the wire, it was Howard's defense that prevailed time and again.

"We made a lot of individual mistakes, but our team defense and overall team play won us the

to "bring the wood" to its opponents.

Friday, February 5, 2010

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"I wouldn't want to play for anyone else," Brees said. "I get a proud feeling when I think of him and the road he has traveled to get to where he's at right now and all he has invested and how hard he has worked.'

Howard down 10 points.

"It's tough to lose at home," Diddle said. "I thought it would be a good game, but it's tough to lose this one."

The Hawks will try to get back on track in Hobbs, N.M., on Monday as they take on New Mexico JC.

Notes: Shayla Lassien and MaKayla Grahn were back in action for the first time since the season's early-going, returning from injuries. Lassien played just more than one minute, and Grahn played almost four minutes.

game," Adams said.

The Hawks opened the second half on a 6-0 run that gave them their largest lead of the ball game. But every time Howard threatened to pull away, South Plains came up with a bucket to close the margin.

Bo Ingram led the Texans with 16 points before fouling out with 2:11 to go. After his departure, South Plains would not score another point. Tramar Sutherland scored 15 as the only other Texan in double figures.

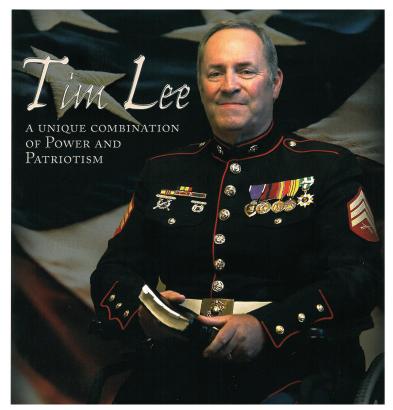
Howard will look to continue its roll as the team plays New Mexico JC on Monday.

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