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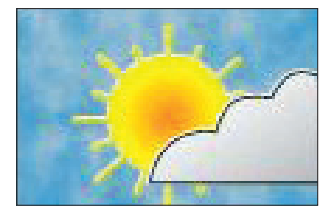
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A work crew paints stripes on Gregg Street at the 15<sup>th</sup> Street intersection Saturday morning.

## Council to be briefed on lawsuit

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A lawsuit brought against the city of Big Spring by a group of citizens last week will likely be the topic of discussion Tuesday night when the City Council meets with City Attorney Linda Sjogren in executive session to go over its quarterly report.

The lawsuit — which was filed in 118<sup>th</sup> District Court Thursday on behalf of the Concerned Citizens Council with local residents Shannon Thomason, Steve Campbell, Thomas Tafuro, John Huckabee, Joe Hernandez and Mary Musik named as plaintiffs — alleges an emergency meeting of the Big Spring City Council held Jan. 7 violated the act, which requires 72 hours notice of meetings.

“What happened in this particular case is the city of Big Spring officials waited until the very last minute to take any action on a citizen request,” said Keith Elkins, executive director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, which is helping to provide funding for the lawsuit. “They had 20 days to do so and they waited until the very last hour, then they posted an emergency posting for a meeting that, by law, requires at least 72 hours notice. They gave the taxpayers six hours notice. That, in and of itself, is unacceptable.”

At the heart of the issue for the Concerned Citizens Council is a proposal to replace the city pool, which was closed earlier this year because it didn't conform to federal standards. The revenue garnered from an adopted tax rate was to bring an estimated \$331,400 above the effective rate. The bulk of that money — \$243,579 — was to be earmarked for the pool project.

Had a rollback petition been successful, the tax rate would have fallen back to 97.9398 cents per \$100 property value — the roll back rate set by the state of Texas. The

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## Chaplains Corps steps in when tragedy occurs

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

When tragedy strikes, law enforcement and emergency responders don't always have the time or resources to lend a shoulder. That's where the local Emergency Services Chaplains Corps comes in.

And, according to Chaplain Joel Miller, the local group is looking for men and women willing to volunteer their time for what he and



Miller

other chaplains see as a very worthy cause.

“The program is carried out by volunteers and works off grants and local donations,” said Miller. “We hold a school for chaplains as needed, and we're always needing more volunteers. We have held the classes in March in the past, however, because of a seminar in mid-March

this year, we may have to put them off until April.”

Miller said chaplains with the program often help fill a very tough void in the lives of people who find their lives shaken by tragedy.

“All of us are religious men. Most of us are pastors,” said Miller. “We're prepared to do whatever we can to help the families. We make telephone calls for them, help them

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## Local mayor's race contested

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The race for Big Spring mayor grew by two last week as incumbent Russ McEwen and challenger Oscar Velasco

both filed their candidacy for the seat.

The two filings are the only ones received by the city of Big Spring at this time, according to city officials, as the posts held by McEwen

and District 5 Councilman Troy Tompkins will both be on the May ballot. Tompkins has indicated he plans to run for re-election.

Velasco, who retired from Big Spring Independent

School District in 2004, owns a pair of local businesses.

“I own Texas Lawn Service, which serves Big Spring, Midland, Odessa and other

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## Filing continues at area ISDs

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Candidate filings have perked up a bit for area school board races.

Both incumbents and challengers are emerging, although filings throughout the area continue to be sporadic at best, officials said.

Area school board races will be decided May 8.

The most recent candidates to toss their hats into the political ring are running for seats on the Big Spring Independent School District school board.

BSISD Business Manager Debbie Green said incumbents Phil Furqueron (Dis-

trict 7) and Jeff Borman (District 6) are officially seeking new terms on the board. No challengers have filed for those positions.

In District 5, where incumbent Mike Dawson is stepping down after four terms as a trustee, two challengers have emerged — Chad Wash, owner of CWOC Inc., and Mi-

chelle Hamby, a registered nurse at Big Spring State Hospital.

In other area school board races:

- No candidates have announced at Coahoma ISD. At-large seats currently held by James White and Sissy

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## Obituaries

## Allen Ray Young

Allen Ray Young, 50, of Big Spring died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Robert Turner, minister, officiating. Private family interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock.

Allen was born May 22, 1959, in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident and attended Big Spring schools. He had worked as a journeyman electrician for Bailey Electric for 20 years and then for the last 11 years he worked in the maintenance department for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Survivors include his mother, Elizabeth Young of Big Spring; one sister, Brenda Martin of Lubbock; one brother, Bruce Young of Lubbock; numerous nieces and nephews; numerous great-nieces and great-nephews; three aunts; seven uncles, and many friends.

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

## Marvin L. Standefer Sr.

Marvin L. Standefer Sr., 80, of Lenorah died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, at Evergreen Cemetery with Jim Standefer and Jody Nix officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, at the funeral home.

He was born Jan. 3, 1930, in Martin County and married Jewel Golden on March 25, 1950, in Martin County.

Marvin was a lifelong resident of Martin County and graduated from Stanton High School in 1948. He served in the United States Navy and returned to Martin County and farmed in the Lenorah Community. He served as president of the Class of 1948 Exes Association, served on the Grady Independent School Board, the Martin County ASCS Committee and was as a board member for Wes-Tex Telephone for more than 20 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was a 32nd Degree Mason. He was a member of the RLDS.

Survivors include his wife, Jewel Standefer of Lenorah; one daughter, Paula Dillard of Midland; two sons, David Standefer of Lenorah, and Bubba Standefer and wife Ami of Lamesa; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Deborah Standefer of Temecula, Calif.; and two sisters, Sue Riddings and husband Max of Independence, Mo., and Gene Zemom of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Oradell Standefer; one brother, Morris Glen Standefer; a nephew; and a great-granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720; or to the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

## Support Groups

## MONDAY

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

• Diabetes Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. Medical lectures and information for Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetics and caregivers. Call 267-3806 for information.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- BILLY ALVARADO, 31, of 1407 Virginia, was arrested Sunday on a Howard County warrant.
- GONZALO GONZALEZ, 31, of 2900 Cherokee, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants and a Midland County warrant.
- ELEUTERIO TORRES PADRON, 61, of 407 Lancaster, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CRYSTAL NICOLE LOPEZ, 23, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 68, was arrested Sunday on three local warrants.
- DAVID FIERRO, 37, of 4204 Muir, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERT GARCIA RIOS, 38, of 603 Steakley, was arrested Saturday on two local warrants.
- ANDREW WILLIAM SMITH, 24, of 4207 Dixon, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant.
- JOHN M. NAU, 45, of 1600 Lancaster Apt. 111, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANTONIO GARCIA JR., 21, of 1208 Wood, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 1200 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Place.  
In the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 200 block of Washington.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY – FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1900 block of Simler.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:  
In the 900 block of Sixth Street.  
In the 800 block of 18<sup>th</sup> Street.  
In the 4100 block of Parkway.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 600 block of Holbert.






## Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 54 inmates at the time of this report.
- SHAQUITA B. SNEED, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a vehicle (two counts).
- JESUS MANUEL RAMIREZ, 52, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- HOLSTON BANKS, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, evading arrest or detention, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, possession of a controlled substance and dangerous drugs.
- TYLER D. PAYNE, 44, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- FRED ALLEN PERRY, 45, was arrested Friday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of aggravated assault of a date/family/house with a weapon.
- CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ, 27, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- ELDA MELINA BERNAL, 39, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
- JUDY ANN MATA, 41, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of parent contributing to the non-attendance of a minor.
- FRANK CASTILLO, 47, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- ROBERT G. RIOS, 38, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- ANDREW WILLIAM SMITH, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of unrestrained child passenger under the age of four years.
- JOHN MICHAEL NAU, 44, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANTONIO GARCIA JR., 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- GONZALO GONZALES, 31, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of failure to appear – child support, failure to appear and speeding.
- BILLY BOB ALVARADO, 31, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a city charge

## Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 2/23	Wed 2/24	Thu 2/25	Fri 2/26	Sat 2/27
				
<b>54/29</b> A mix of clouds and sun in the morning followed by cloudy skies during the .	<b>34/22</b> Snow likely. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the low 20s.	<b>52/33</b> Sunshine. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.	<b>59/34</b> Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	<b>61/39</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:21 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:38 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:20 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:39 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:19 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:40 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:18 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:17 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:41 PM

## Take Note

• The Junior Class of 2011 will be fund-raising at Pizza Inn tonight. Please come out and support the junior class. Donations are accepted. All proceeds go toward Big Spring Junior/Senior Prom. Prom is April 24 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

• Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the church. The cook books can be purchased by calling Pat Steen at (432) 263-3035.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

of hindering an officer.

• CRYSTAL NICOLE LOPEZ, 23, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for unrestrained child under five years of age, failure to change address within 30 days and no driver's license.

• DAVID FIERRO, 37, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• ELEUTERIO PADRON-TORRES, 61, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

## Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Scurry. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of 10<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of Holbert. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of Holbert. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Randolph and Wasson. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3400 block of Victor. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Randolph and Wasson Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2500 block of Ent. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3600 block of Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1500 block of W. Second Street.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3600 block of Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
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# News briefs

## Civilian death toll in NATO airstrike at least 33

KABUL (AP) — The Afghan Cabinet says at least 33 civilians are dead as the result of NATO airstrike in southern Afghanistan — an incident that is inflaming already heightened sensitivities over non-combatant casualties in the war.

In a statement released on Monday, the Afghanistan Council of Ministers strongly condemned the airstrike, saying it was “unjustifiable.”

The Cabinet says initial reports indicate that NATO fired Sunday on a convoy of three vehicles killing at least 33 civilians, including four women and one child. The ministers say 12 others were injured while they were on their way to Kandahar.

NATO has confirmed that its planes fired on what it believed was a group of insurgents in southern Uruzgan province, but later discovered that women and children were hurt.

## Obama to unveil latest health care proposal days before bipartisan summit on the issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking the fight to insurance companies, President Barack Obama is trying to revive his stalled health care overhaul.

Obama will propose giving federal authorities the power to limit rate hikes by health insurers — part of a new blueprint for remaking the health care system that the White House will unveil Monday. Days before a health care summit with congressional leaders of both parties, it may be Obama’s last chance to salvage his signature issue.

The insurance rate proposal would give the federal Health and Human Services Department — in conjunction with state authorities — the power to deny egregious premium increases, roll them back, or demand rebates for consumers, said a White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity because details have not yet been officially released.

Recent premium hikes of as much as 39 percent sought by Anthem Blue Cross in California have given Obama a new argument for his sweeping health care remake.

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make funeral arrangements. We’ve also presided over funerals for the families that don’t have pastors of their own. Most of all, we try to show them the love of God and that whatever has happened to them isn’t the end of the world. That’s one of our main goals.

“Also, law enforcement can’t always stay there, but we can. We can stay there until other members of the family arrive. One of my chaplains stayed up until 12:30 a.m. at the hospital with a woman that had just lost her husband in a traffic accident. The next morning, he got up and went back to the hospital to stay with her until her family arrived from Nebraska.”

Miller said the chaplains work alongside emergency services personnel in many different circumstances.

“The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps was formed about four-and-a-half years ago,” said Miller. “We now have chaplains trained and serving law enforcement, the fire department, emergency medical services, the hospital emer-

gency room and Victim Services, just to name a few.

“We give comfort and contact to those who need it. We help with any of the planning and other things that need to go on in people’s lives after something tragic happens. We go with law enforcement officers when they have to deliver death notices or critical incidents to family members.”

Miller said the emergency responders are as much a part of the training process as the men and women who volunteer their time.

“We invite representatives from all of the different agencies we serve, and they come in and talk to us about what they expect from us as chaplains,” he said. “We also serve as counselors for the members of the different agencies we serve. When a policeman has to see a small child that’s had his head crushed by a car, he needs to be able to relieve himself of that. There are two of us who are trained as counselors.”

Those interested in being a chaplain in the program had best brace themselves when getting the details from Miller, as the local pastor said he doesn’t sugarcoat the ups and downs

of what he and the other chaplains do.

“I never pull any punches when I talk to people interested in participating in the program. I always give them the worst scenarios I’ve seen in three-and-a-half years, that way they will have an idea of what to expect. It can be pretty rough at times.

“They have to be approved by the program’s board of directors and undergo an extensive background search. If they are not already a pastor, they have to have a recommendation from their pastor pertaining to their character.

“It’s a calling from God,” he added firmly. “And it very definitely has to be a calling, because you can’t go through some of the things we’ve had to see and do if you’re not supported by God.”

Anyone interested in learning more about the program can do so by contacting Miller at 432-213-1221.

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

## COUNCIL

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rollback would have left the city’s current budget with a shortfall of about \$180,000, according to officials.

The council recently agreed to move forward with a \$4.2 million aquatics center to replace the Municipal Swimming Pool.

Thomason agreed,

saying Big Spring taxpayers should have a say in how the pool issue — and the tax rate — are handled.

“We’ve felt all along that on a project of this size the citizens should have a vote,” said Thomason. “Had the city followed the Texas Open Meetings Act it wouldn’t be an issue. However, they decided to violate the law to take away the right of the citizens to

have a vote on this issue. This is the only response we have.”

City Attorney Linda Sjogren said Mayor Russ McEwen was served with the lawsuit late Friday afternoon.

“I’ve looked over the lawsuit over the weekend,” Sjogren said this morning. “I plan to meet with the mayor later today to discuss the matter and the possibility of releasing a statement on

the matter, but until I’ve had a chance to discuss it with him I really can’t make any comments on the matter.”

Sjogren said the executive session planned for Tuesday’s meeting was set long before the lawsuit was announced or filed.

“This is something we do on a quarterly basis,” she said. “Of course this lawsuit will be part of that report, but it’s not

the only thing we’ll be discussing during the executive session. I’ll bring the council up to speed on the filing, but it’s going to take some time to go over the lawsuit.”

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St.

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areas,” said Velasco. “I also own Oscarella, which I’ve had for about two years now. We follow rigs carrying oversized loads.”

Velasco said he decided to toss his political hat in the ring because he feels the city isn’t being fiscally responsible with taxpayer money.

“We need some change. There is too much spending going on that is not helping the community at large,” said Velasco.

Three seats will be up for grabs in the city of Coahoma. At-large seats held by Linda Luce, R.L. Coates and Brandon Atkins will be on the May

ballot. Luce and Coates have not yet announced whether they will run for re-election, while Atkins has indicated he will not seek another term in the office.

The Coahoma race has only drawn one filing at this time, according to city officials. Howard County resident Zach Johnson, a firefighter with the county’s volunteer fire department, has tossed his political hat in the ring.

In the city of Forsan three seats will be on the ballot this year. Mayor Roger Hudgens and council members Allie Lansford and Dianna Walker have all filed to run for re-election. According to Hudgens, no challengers have filed to run at this time.

In Stanton, Mayor

Lester Baker’s seat on the council will be on the ballot, along with council members Ronnie Christian (District 1), Michelle Kidd (District 2) and James Jenkins (District 3). Baker recently announced he will not be seeking re-election after 19 years as the town’s mayor. At-large councilman Tommy Haislip, an AT&T employee, has filed for the mayor’s post.

According to Stanton officials, if Haislip is elected mayor, his councilman’s seat will be vacated and will need to be filled, either with a special election or by appointment.

Christian, Kidd and Jenkins have all filed to seek another term and have yet to draw challengers.

According to officials with the city of Ackery, no municipal seats are up for election this year.

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 third floor.

The deadline for political hopefuls to file their candidacy is March 8, according to Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom.

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

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## ISDS

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Franklin are up for election.

• Incumbents Tom Bill Kuykendall and Chris Evans have filed for re-election to the Forsan ISD board. No challengers have filed for the at-large posts.

• Incumbents Daniel Ramos (District 1) and Darren Patrick (District 5) have filed election papers at Stanton ISD, said Superintendent David Carr.

• At Sands CISD, Three-year, at-large seats currently held by Stan Blagrove and Michelle Zant will be decided, although no filings have been announced as of Friday, Superintendent Wayne Blount said.

• Incumbent Howard College trustees Murray Murphy (District 2), Larry McLellan (District 3 unexpired term)

and Maxwell Barr (District 4 unexpired term) have filed election papers, Executive Assistant Julie Bailey said. No candidates have emerged for the District 1 seat, currently held by Michael Flores.

Persons interested in running for school board positions have until March 8 to file papers, officials said.

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# EDITORIAL

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## OTHER VIEWS

# Democrat White needs challenge in primary race

In the 1990 Democratic gubernatorial primary, then state Treasurer Ann Richards and Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox were formidable foes in the contest to see who would represent their party against the Republicans in November.

Mattox served as a mean-spirited yet useful warm-up act for what Richards faced in the general election against Clayton Williams. With the benefit of the primary contest as a valuable learning experience, Richards narrowly bested the Republican oilman and rancher, in no small part because Williams' mouth ran afoul of what should have been better judgment.

Students of Texas political history who watched Feb. 8's debate between gubernatorial candidates Bill White and Farouk Shami can't be faulted for asking something like, "Where's Tom Schieffer when the Democratic Party needs him?"

If Schieffer, a former Texas legislator, businessman and U.S. ambassador, had not dropped out of the primary, he might have served in the Mattox role for White, but without the abrasiveness. Experienced ambassadors aren't known for being obnoxious. Alas, Schieffer exited the race, leaving Shami as a weak sparring partner to prepare White for the general election.

Democrats were oh-so-wise to talk White into switching from the U.S. Senate race to the governor's contest. He brings business experience and political savvy that is not present among the six other candidates.

The former mayor of Houston handled questions in his thoughtful if understated manner, exhibiting a firm grasp of the issues facing Texas as well as knowledge of the balance of power in Austin and how the legislative process works.

Shami, who used part of the millions he made in the hair-care business to buy the public recognition he needed to qualify for inclusion in the debate, was long on enthusiasm but woefully short of reality in many of his answers.

In response to a question about whether he'd support a moratorium on capital punishment, Shami repeatedly stated as fact that Texas had "killed lots of innocent people." In truth, there isn't a single verified case that the state put an innocent person to death.

It's a puzzlement why White didn't correct him. Let that serve as a lesson to voters: Fact-checking the candidates' campaign statements is crucial.

If Shami is the second-most-qualified candidate in the March 2 Democratic primary — and that must have the five challengers who weren't standing in the CBS-11 studio Feb. 8 shaking their heads — he has several days left to show potential voters he has an understanding of how state government operates. It wasn't readily apparent Feb. 8 ...

But if Shami's overriding motivation in running for elected office, as he has said, is to serve the people by providing more jobs, he's already doing that in the private sector.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, always give us a second chance. Thank You.

Amen

# Celebrating 100 years of Scouting

This month, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America.

When a boy takes the Scout Oath, he promises on his honor to do his best, to do his duty to God and his country and to obey the Scout Law.

For 100 years, Scouting has prepared young boys to become leaders to give them the tools to become good citizens of this great nation. Many Boy Scouts have gone on to become great national leaders, including 18 presidents of the United States who have been involved in Boy Scouts.

In Congress today, 212 members were involved in Scouting, either as a youth or as an adult Scout leader.

As a former Girl Scout, I know the values and traditions of Scouting helped me gain confidence and develop leadership skills. And now both my children are involved in Scouting as well. My son, Houston, is a proud member of Cub Scouts and my daughter, Bailey, is a Brownie.

Scouting prepares our youngsters to become principled and accomplished adults in whatever their chosen field.

Boy Scouts and patriotism also go hand-in-hand. Service to country and honor are hallmarks of Scouting, and we can

see many Scouting "alumni" serving in today's military.

As a matter of fact, more than 35 percent of the cadets at West Point were once Boy Scouts. More than 30 percent of the Air Force Academy cadets were Boy Scouts, as were more than 25 percent of the Naval Academy midshipmen. And more than 57 percent of America's astronauts were once Boy Scouts. And I have had many former Eagle Scouts serve on my staff in both my Capitol and state offices.

All across Texas, the Scouting tradition continues to be passed from one generation to another. For more than 100 years, parents have shared with their sons the Boy Scout lessons of being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. These are the attributes that not only do we want our sons to aspire to, but we, too, should make our goal in our daily lives.

The Boy Scouts of America have stood strong for these core American values for 100 years. Scouting has made a positive and enduring impression on its members.

Scouting is not easy. The boys work hard for their merit badges. A badge is not given; it is earned.

Boy Scouts are taught to handle failure as well as success. They learn that true achievement is not reached by a glide path, but often requires an arduous trek over rough terrain. Boy Scouts test their individual limits and strengths; but they



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# All deserve a presidential letter

One of the things I love about this country is how so many citizens feel not only entitled but also obligated to weigh in on the issues of the day.

These are Americans who, at their core, feel a personal responsibility to participate in this wild adventure we call a democracy.

As a columnist, I've been on the receiving end of a lot of their unsolicited wisdom over the years. Often a note or a phone message forces me to stop all of my busyness and pick up the phone.

Last Wednesday, a stream of messages about stupid Super Bowl ads was interrupted by the soft but determined voice of Steve Sass.

"It's not right," Sass said. "I heard on the radio that the president doesn't send letters of condolence to the families of soldiers who commit suicide in Iraq and Afghanistan. They're all casualties of war. The president needs to send letters to their families, too."

Sass was washing dinner dishes in his kitchen, when he heard the story on public radio about the unwritten White House practice that began during the Clinton administration.

Routinely, the president signs condolence letters to families of those who die in combat or in noncombat incidents in war zones. But when a man or woman in the service commits suicide, the White House is silent.

The stigma of suicide is great, and survivors' anguish is compounded when a loved one's

death is regarded as something less than a devastating loss. The only shame in these suicides, which are increasing in every branch of the military, is the way we respond to them. A growing number of Americans, including many mental health experts, are imploring the president to put pen to paper and let survivors of wartime suicides know their loved ones mattered to their country.

Bonnie Carroll — who founded the veterans advocacy group Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors after her husband, U.S. Army Gen. Tom Carroll, was killed in a 1992 military plane crash — wrote President Barack Obama last month urging him to change policy.

"Every military family pays a price when a loved one serves in the military," she wrote. "Their loved ones stand ready to go into harm's way to protect our country. Their deaths are painful to their surviving family members, regardless of the circumstances or location of the death."

"War does things to people," Sass told me after I called.

Sass is a 60-year-old custodian for a church in Ashtabula, Ohio, who also works as a substitute teacher.

The son of a mechanic and a homemaker, he served in the Peace Corps in the early '70s, helping farmers in Nepal increase their productivity. He came of age during the war in Vietnam, lost several friends there and saw others come back irreparably changed.

Sass is the father of five grown children, including two sons in the military, one of whom served in Iraq.

Becoming a father affected his view of war.

"I remember all the kids sitting down for dinner in 1991 when the news broke ... (about)

also develop strong teamwork camaraderie. They forge friendships; they are mentored and they mentor. They always strive to do their best.

Boy Scouts not only work to better themselves, they also work to better their community. Service has always been a major component of Scouting. Community service is an integral part of the Boy Scout mission.

In 2008, 2.8 million Boy Scouts members and adult volunteers provided more than 35 million service hours. Scouts provide countless hours of service to the U.S. Forest Service helping preserve our national forests. Scouts are at the forefront of local litter clean-up and beautification projects in their communities, as well as the collection and distribution of food for the needy.

More than 112 million boys have been involved in Boy Scouts of America during its first 100 years. As we celebrate their second century of service, let us remember that these young boys will help shape the future of this nation. The values they are learning in Scouting today will make them better men and better leaders.

Congratulations to the Boy Scouts of America on their centennial. We join you to celebrate your past — and your future.

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the first Gulf War," he said. "I told them, 'Just think of all the families that are going to be losing their fathers, sons and brothers today. On both sides.'"

Sass wanted to raise Americans who understood the human sacrifice of war.

"No matter how our men and women die, they're still human beings," he told me. "And if they die during the war, their parents should hear from the president."

Not everyone agrees. In a recent op-ed for The New York Times, psychiatrist Paul Steinberg cautioned against "glorifying" suicide.

"Certainly, a presidential condolence letter after one's death is not exactly the same encouragement for suicide as the purported Muslim promise of a gift of 72 virgins after death," he wrote. "But the increasing number of suicides in the military suggests that we need to find the right balance between concern for the spouses, children and parents left behind, and any efforts to prevent subsequent suicides in the military."

I suspect Steinberg's good intentions bring little comfort to those who did everything they could to keep their loved ones alive and lost them anyway.

"Every death in this war is a human casualty, including those who kill themselves," Steve Sass said. "Instead of losing a limb, it's like something blew up inside of them."

Like every fallen hero, they served their country — until they couldn't do it anymore.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

An upcoming conjunction of the Pisces sun and Jupiter will be felt for most of this week, magnifying the sensitivity that is already turned up as the sun transits through Pisces. And with the moon in Gemini, the sign that rules our nervous system, many people will need frequent breaks. Silence soothes, and so does meditation.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Show yourself a little more love today. You are what you are. Once you accept that, you will start to notice how absolutely, stunningly beautiful it is to be you. And others notice, too.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Every other age you've been is still somewhere inside you. You'll be reminded of this as you connect with very youthful, if not immature, feelings. It's nice to remember how

things were and also to note your growth.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll be reminded of how fickle people can be. Instead of complaining about human nature, you make it work to your advantage. You'll invent new reasons for people to like and follow you.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). This is a new stage, and there is much you have given up in order to get where you are. It was worth it. Willingness to sacrifice is a strength of yours. And you have many other places to go.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be meeting new prospects. Who should you choose? You can't tell what a person is going to do based on what he or she says. You'll be wise to judge by actions alone.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A wild suggestion will be offered to you. To follow through with this would be very daring. You'll really change things up if you do this, and that wouldn't be such a bad thing.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're willing to

take risks with your physical image. After all, hair usually grows back. And you can always change your clothes. You might purchase a treatment or product to amplify your natural beauty.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't feel like you have to speak up and be heard all of the time. Being quiet is often the smartest move. But if you're too quiet, someone will think you're hiding. Chime in every once in a while to strike a balance.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may be at a loss when it comes to figuring out what you're supposed to do with your day. There's so much to tackle, and it's obvious that you won't be able to get it all done in 24 hours. Let a soft voice inside guide you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are people you didn't get a chance to connect with over the holidays, and now you'll have some time to reach out. Make the effort. Don't let these relationships slip away.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Clean out the closets again. It's time to realize what you have. You'll find something you lost, and you'll also prevent yourself from buying what you totally do not need. And there's a bonus, too: You'll clear your head.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You know that you can't make yourself bigger by making someone else smaller. So you do the hard work — the kind that requires you to humble yourself, dig in and find your true grit.

**T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 22). You'll heal and strengthen relationships this year. Your priorities shift over the next six weeks. You will give up chasing symbols of success and devote yourself to attaining true contentment. In June, the wild ideas are actually good ones. Invest in your business in July. You'll be repaid and then some in December. Cancer and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 1, 22, 9 and 48.

ASTROLOGICAL

**QUESTIONS:** "My mother is a Leo, and I'm a Cancer. We love each other very much, but we often don't understand how the other ticks. Can you help?"

You are astrological opposites, fire and water, and you're both very strong willed but in totally different ways. Fire signs are extroverts; they always have a full social calendar. They like to spend lavishly and are attracted to anything bright and glittery — be it baubles, people or the limelight. Water signs are introverts, just the reverse. They prefer to cozy up at home and pursue quieter activities. Socializing often leaves them tongue-tied and exhausted, and they're generally quite frugal. But there is hope for you both! The key here is to not douse your mother's fire with your frequent mood swings, while your mother must be careful not to dissipate your mellow vibe with her manic energy. Fire turns water to steam, after all. When things start to heat up, put a little distance

between you so as not to smother. With practice, you'll find you can be like sunlight on mist, adding a beautiful rainbow of color to each other's lives.

**C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES:** This film producer, director and Golden Globe-winning actress has enlarged her idea of family to include the entire entertainment industry of artists. Hollywood royalty Drew Barrymore grew up in the spotlight — a difficult proposition for highly sensitive Pisces people. However, her trials have only served to deepen her understanding of the connections between people.

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**BIG SPRING HERALD**

## Hawks to host streaking Odessa

BY JOE ZIGTEMA  
Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks face a pair of important games on sophomore night tonight against Odessa at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The third-ranked men are coming off a road win at Western Texas College to host an Odessa team that is playing its best basketball of the season. The Wranglers are coming off wins at South Plains and against New Mexico JC as they roll into town tonight at 7:45 p.m.

"Odessa is maybe the hottest team out there right now," head coach Mark Adams said after beating WTC on Thursday. "They've learned how to win on the road, and I'm sure they're going to come in to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum with the same intensity."

The Hawks pummeled the Wranglers 67-50 in Odessa earlier this year, which kicked off Howard's current eight-game win streak. Howard (24-2, 11-1) kept Odessa (22-6, 7-5) off the scoreboard for the first six and a half minutes of the game as it got out to a 12-0 lead. The Hawks' No. 1 ranked defense held Odessa's offense in check for the most part, largely by limiting second-chance opportunities off the glass. Joe Bright had 11 rebounds to go with his 10 points.

Howard has locked up at least a No. 2 seed for the Region 5 tournament in Lubbock at season's end. The Hawks are tied with Midland atop the WJCAC standings with an 11-1 mark.



HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton

**D.J. Fountain shoots over a Western Texas defender Thursday in Snyder. Fountain and the Hawks must win tonight against Odessa to keep their playoff hopes alive. Tipoff is 5:45 p.m. tonight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.**

### Hawk women need win tonight

The women's basketball team must win tonight to keep its playoff hopes alive against the Lady Wranglers as they trail Odessa (21-6, 5-5) by two games with two to play.

The Hawks (18-8, 3-7) are trying to snap a four-game skid tonight after falling 65-49 to WJCAC cellar-dweller Western Texas on Thursday.

Turnovers doomed the Hawks as they committed 22 of them for 25

Lady Westerner points on the other end.

"We're playing to win 20 games this year," head coach Earl Diddle said after Thursday's game. "Thursday's nine is a pretty good year. We're certainly not happy with the way we competed this year in the conference, but our goal is to win these next two games."

The Hawks will need a big game from post Jackie Bartelson tonight, who has become the team's go-to scorer in the absence of start-

ers Asia Reid, Tasha Tubbs and Kenyatta Colbert. Bartelson had 15 on Thursday.

The Hawks pulled off an impressive win over the then-No. 20 Lady Wranglers in Odessa earlier this year. Howard sank six 3-pointers as it rallied from three down at half for the win. Should the Hawks pull off a win tonight, they will need to beat Frank Phillips on Thursday in addition to an Odessa loss at home to No. 4 Midland to get the conference No. 4 seed.

## Lady Steers softball picks up first 2 wins

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring Lady Steers rode Kenzie Hunt's right arm to a pair of wins over the weekend against Monahans and at home against Grape Creek.

Hunt struck out 13 Lady Loboes and shut out Monahans en route to a 7-0 win on the road Friday.

At the plate for the Lady Steers, catcher Jessica Womack went 3-for-4 in the game and Logan Yarbar, Jillian Valle and Hunt all notched two hits.

"Everyone contributed to the game," head coach John Sparks said. "As young as we are, all we can do is continue to look better. I was very excited with the outcome of our first game together."

The Lady Steers kept it rolling at home Saturday against Grape Creek as another dominant pitch-

ing performance carried Big Spring to an 11-1 win. Hunt and Yarbar combined for 15 strikeouts in the game.

The bats came alive as well for the Lady Steers as Hunt and senior Linzee Yarbar notched three hits apiece. Logan Yarbar and Macy Briggs each tallied two.

"Kenzie is doing a great job in the circle for us," Sparks said. "Logan came in for her first appearance as a varsity pitcher and did a great job. We had some mental mistakes during the bases, but those kinds of things will take care of themselves as we play more games."

The Lady Steers are now 2-1 on the season as they get ready for the Midland Classic starting Thursday.

"I am excited about the future of this team," Sparks said. "It looks very bright."

## Newcomers highlight 2010 Steer baseball

Herald Staff Report

It's a new year and a new Big Spring baseball team this season.

With seven starters gone off last year's squad, the Steers will

look to a crop of seniors stepping into new roles and two impact freshmen to lead the way in 2010.

"I wouldn't say we're

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HERALD FILE PHOTO/Tony Claxton

**Senior Martin Yanez, shown sliding home last season, will return in center field for the Steers.**

## Fans at Olympic curling far from stone silent

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Like an NFL quarterback preparing for a playoff game on the road, Denmark's Madeleine Dupont has been working on hand signals to help communicate with her teammates.

Dupont's sport of choice is curling. But the crowd is so loud you could easily mistake these matches for football games.

They're chanting and doing the wave inside the curling venue at the Vancouver Olympics, and the players are having to adjust. Although the sport is one of Canada's favorite pas-

times, the raucous crowds packing the cozy arena are raising eyebrows. Like golf, curling has an understated tradition and an etiquette that might be unfamiliar to some fans.

Dupont says at one point recently, she was about to shoot but decided to try to wait until things quieted down.

"The problem is probably that not everyone who's here is used to watching curling," Dupont said. "They just kept on going, and I stood up to be like, 'Can we please just ...?'"

There's plenty of curling on television during these Olympics, with MSNBC, CNBC and

USA airing it Monday. In prime time that night, NBC will show ice dancing, another event where there's a time to cheer and a time to be quiet.

NBC also plans to show aerials skiing and ski jumping in prime time.

The curling crowd Sunday morning wasn't too rowdy — fans have been asked by the public address announcer not to yell when players are shooting. In curling, players slide stones down the ice toward the "house" or scoring area, and lack of precision can be costly.

On Saturday night, the crowd broke into a spontaneous rendition of "O

Canada" toward the end of Canada's men's match against Britain. Members of both teams agreed it was a great moment.

Still, curling is not hockey, and these crowds have been unusually loud. That can make it hard for players to communicate. As the Canadian women closed out a decisive win over the United States on Sunday, the home fans began doing the wave. When the match ended, a loud cheer rumbled through the 5,600-seat field house.

On another sheet of ice about 20 feet away, Britain's Eve Muirhead tried to play through the din, like a golfer try-

ing to putt after a great shot by somebody on an adjacent hole.

"The first few days you're a bit shocked hearing it, but definitely now you adjust to it and you get used to the noise out there," Muirhead said. "The crowds are fantastic out there and make a racket. It's good for the sport in a way to have all these supporters, but you're expecting that in Canada."

Muirhead had complained about the crowd noise earlier in the weekend, and Dupont has had problems with it, too. After a win over Denmark on Friday, Canada's Cheryl Bernard said fans needed to be a little quieter.

Dupont is only 22, which could explain some of her struggles. American Allison Pottinger, who has competed in Canada before, says her team was prepared for the noise. She defended the fans, saying they shouldn't be expected to time their cheering perfectly with four games taking place simultaneously in the same building.

"The problem is, somebody on Sheet C is making a great shot while someone's in their backswing on Sheet B," she said.

Then she mimicked an arm-waving move familiar to basketball

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## Sports in brief

### Game time set for Steers playoff game vs. Canyon

The Big Spring Steers will start their postseason campaign in Levelland Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. against Canyon, weather permitting.

Wintry weather is expected to move into the area tonight and Tuesday. The game, as well as the Steers' baseball opener at Monahans, is set to take place as planned but is subject to change.

Check the *Herald* for the latest in Steer sports.

### Youth baseball league signups to start

The Big Spring Youth Baseball League has scheduled signups for the upcoming summer season for Saturdays in February.

Children 5-15 can sign up for the league at Big Spring Mall. Registration fee is \$65 and \$60 for additional siblings. Birth certificate required. Weekday signups are at Gartman Refrigeration, 3206 E. FM 700, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Howard softball wraps up 5-game weekend

The Howard Hawks softball team went 2-3 in the Midland Classic over the weekend.

The Hawks beat Division II's No. 15 team Pratt 10-2 in the opener, then fell 12-4 to Navarro, 4-3 to No. 6 Seminole State College and 6-0 to Otero before beating Luna 8-0.

The Hawks are scheduled to participate in the Odessa round robin this weekend.

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### DENNIS THE MENACE

"Mrs. Wilson says it's easy to drive you crazy 'cause it's a short drive for you!"

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"It's a TV set. He wanted to watch the Olympics."

### HAGAR

"I just bought a boat from a little old lady who only sailed it on Sunday..."

"Of course, her son sailed it for the rest of the week"

### BLONDIE

"Whoa! You missed that putt by a mile!"

"Looks like your carpet breaks to the right"

"Yeah, I see that"

"Honey, what do you think about getting some new carpet?"

### BC

"This is just ridiculous."

### WIZARD OF ID

"Are you ready for dinner with my mother?"

"Gimme a sec!"

"FLAMINA JIMINA!"

"I AM NOW!"

### AGNES

"I am going to be a radio talk show host and make BUZZILLIONS OF DOLLARS."

"Well! Thank you for that giant vote of confidence! I will treasure it always."

"Oh! You're welcome."

"I was being sarcastic, you nitwit."

"A good talk show host does not have to point that out."

### HI AND LOIS

"How long do you think it would take to repaint this kitchen?"

"About 3 hours to put on the paint..."

"...and about 3 months to decide on the color."

### THE OTHER COAST

"The first bankruptcy: EXTINCTION INSURANCE"

### SNUFFY SMITH

"I checked into all them GUVMINT programs..."

"It didn't even qualify fer 'CASH-FER-SCRAP METAL'!!"

### BEETLE BAILEY

"I am not one to give up on my dreams!"

"I think he means he's going back to sleep"

## This Date In History

Today is Monday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2010. There are 312 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Feb. 22, 1980, the "Miracle on Ice" occurred in Lake Placid, N.Y. as the United States Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets, 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

On this date:

In 1732 (New Style date), the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born in Westmoreland County in the Virginia Colony.

In 1784, a U.S. merchant ship, the Empress of China, left New York for the Far East to trade goods with China.

In 1810, according to some sources, Polish composer Frederic Chopin was born. (Chopin, however, claimed March 1 as his birthday.)

In 1862, Jefferson Davis, already the provisional president of the Confederacy, was inaugurated for a six-year term following his election in Nov. 1861.

In 1909, the Great White Fleet, a naval task force sent on a round-the-world voyage by President Theodore Roosevelt, returned after more than a year at sea.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge delivered the first radio broadcast from the White House as he addressed the country over 42 stations.

In 1940, the 14th Dalai Lama (Tenzin Gyatso) was enthroned at age four in Lhasa, Tibet.

In 1959, the inaugural Daytona 500 race was held in Daytona Beach, Fla.; although Johnny Beauchamp was initially declared the winner, the victory was later awarded to Lee Petty.

In 1973, the United States and China agreed to establish liaison offices.

In 1984, 12-year-old David Vetter, who'd spent most of his life in a plastic bubble because he had no immunity to disease, died 15 days after being removed from the bubble for a bone-marrow transplant.

**Today's Birthdays:**  
Announcer Don Pardo is 92. Actor Paul Dooley is 82. Hollywood "ghost singer" Marni Nixon is 80. Baseball Hall of Fame manager Sparky Anderson is 76. Movie director Jonathan Demme (DEH-mee) is 66. Actor John Ashton is 62. Actress Miou-Miou is 60. Actress Julie Walters is 60. Basketball Hall of Famer Julius Erving is 60. Actress Ellen Greene is 59. Former Sen. Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) is 58. White House adviser David Axelrod is 55. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 51. World Golf Hall of Famer Vijay Singh is 47. Actress-comedian Rachel Dratch is 44. Actress Jeri Ryan is 42. Actor Thomas Jane is 41. Actress Tamara Mello is 40. Actress-singer Lea Salonga (LAY'-uh suh-LONG'-guh) is 39. Actor Jose Solano is 39.

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## Newsday Crossword

**PRESIDENTS' DAY** by Billie Truitt  
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**ACROSS**

1 Back talk

5 Wise ones

10 He's no gentleman

13 Leg joint

14 Over yonder

15 Frog's home

16 List-ending abbr.

17 Spooky

18 Tiny bit

19 President on the \$500 bill

22 "For shame!"

23 Weep aloud

24 Tend to an overgrown fern

27 Atlas page

30 Bother persistently

34 Contented sigh

35 Signaled to, as a taxi

38 Misplace

39 The 22nd and 24th President

42 Suffix for major facts

43 Unimportant facts

44 Young chap

45 Ocean's edge

47 Small bill

48 Hoarse-sounding

50 Nile cobra

52 Explosive initials

53 First son of a President to become President

62 Mimicked

63 Girl Scout group

64 Unit of land

65 Aloe \_\_\_

**DOWN**

66 From head \_\_\_

67 Lion tamer's need

68 Furthermore

69 Cuts with scissors

70 Bird's abode

9 Looks for

10 Refrigerate

11 Poker stake

12 WWII turning point

15 Arcade game

20 "This \_\_\_ life!"

21 Charged particle

24 Fits of temper

25 Solid ground

26 Snapshot

27 Prefix for wave or scope

28 Exhausted

29 "Pet" annoyance

31 Aspirations

32 "Piece of cake!"

33 Stuffed bear

36 Gallery display

37 506, in old Rome

40 Open porch

41 \_\_\_ promotion (do well at work)

46 Abbr. after a lawyer's name

49 When the sun rises

51 Short golf strokes

52 Kinds

53 Coffee, slangily

54 Ready for business

55 Crowd of cattle

56 Press, as a shirt

57 "Don't look at me!"

58 Henhouse

59 Dull pain

60 Some med. scans

61 Back-to-school mo.

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**STEERS**

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young, because we have about eight or nine seniors on the roster, but we're just inexperienced because a lot of seniors didn't see time in the field last year," Otto said. "A lot of them played JV, but we're expecting some big things out of them."

The group is led in part by Michael Felton, who Otto said has played well in pre-

season scrimmages.

"His bat seems to be coming along pretty well," Otto said. "We're trying to get him ready to go, but he has been looking really good."

Joining Felton in the outfield is returning senior center fielder Martin Yanez. Yanez also figures to see some time on the mound this season, Otto said.

"It's hard to take him out of center field, because he can pretty much cover the outfield by himself," Otto said. "When you have

that good of a center fielder, it's hard to put him on the mound, but he's shown us a lot in the scrimmages by throwing strikes."

Last year's ace, Cade Hollandsworth, is gone for the Steers, but Otto said it's not leaving him with a bare cupboard. The team will take a pitching-by-committee approach, including freshmen Gunner Kennedy and Max Papajohn. They join the Steers after playing select team baseball in junior high. The two

should also fill in the infield, Otto said.

"We do have several quality arms and we may have to pitch three innings, three innings and one inning," he said. "If that's how we have to do it to win the game, that's what we'll do."

Several Steers, including pitcher Matt Ritchey and Parnell twins Xavian and Tevian, are still on the hardcourt and won't be joining Big Spring as it kicks off its season tonight in Monahans.

For Otto, it's a chance to create some competition when the cagers make it to the diamond.

"We hope they get to play for a long time in basketball," Otto said. "All it does is allow us to evaluate who we've got and open up some battles."

Win or lose tonight, the early season schedule Otto has set up — which includes games with what Otto called quality teams like Andrews, Snyder and Fort Stockton — will

give the Steers a good idea of where they need to get before district play starts.

"When we play Monahans, I'd just like to see where we're at," Otto said. "In our last scrimmage against Greenwood, we had a couple of timely hits, and that was the first time it had happened in a while. I think it's just the inexperience. The kids haven't been in those kinds of situations, and we're just trying to get better."

**CURLING**

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fans everywhere:

"It's not like someone's throwing a free throw and we're all going like this behind them."

With medals at stake in a few days, the noise

is something the players will simply have to get used to.

"It's a louder crowd than what I've ever seen before. ... Sometimes it's a little loud maybe when you don't want it to be, but it's Olympics and people are having the best time and they're cheering on their coun-

try," Bernard said. "The younger players, probably it's a little bit new, but what an experience for them to be getting. They're never going to ever have a crowd probably like that again, and so nothing will bother them from this point on. ... I think I'd panic if it got quiet now."

**No. 15 Texas hangs on over Tech**

LUBBOCK (AP) — Gary Johnson knows No. 15 Texas fares best if it gets the ball inside to its big men, like the Longhorns did in their 71-67 win over Texas Tech on Saturday.

"That's what got us to a point in the season where we were undefeated," said Johnson, who scored a career-high 22 points. "We just got to get back to that point."

The Longhorns (21-6, 7-5 Big 12) led by 13 points in the second half then held off a late-game surge by Nick Okorie, who scored 11 straight points for the Red Raiders to pull them within 69-67 with 58 seconds remaining in the game.

J'Covan Brown made two free throws with 4 seconds remaining to seal the win.

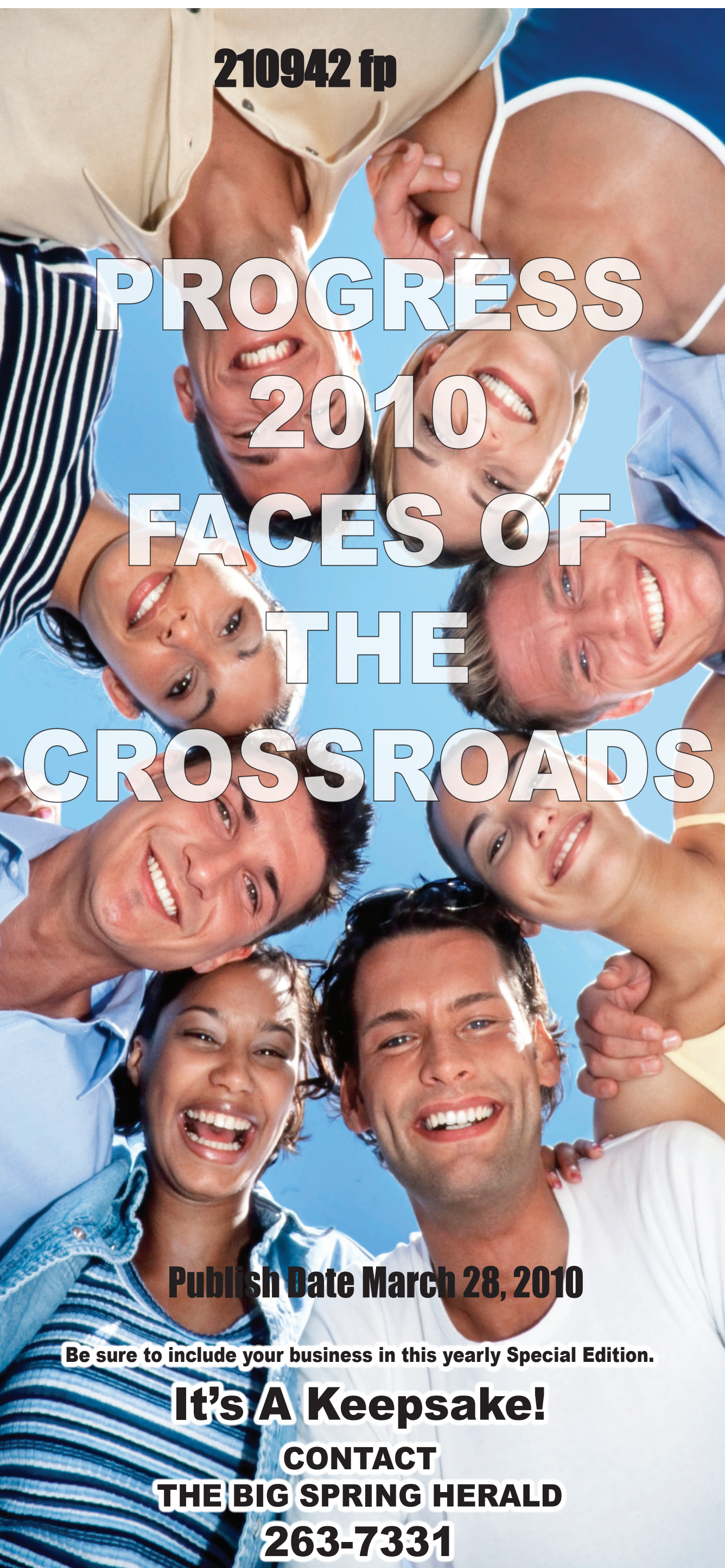
Okorie finished with 21 points for the Red

Raiders (16-10, 4-8).

Damion James added 12 points and 10 rebounds for Texas, which had lost six of its last nine games since moving to No. 1 for the first time in school history.

Texas coach Rick Barnes said Johnson's play was key, especially going 8 of 10 from the free throw line.

"It was huge today and we really survived here against a team that showed a lot of heart," he said. "Even at the end of the game we were wanting to go to him because he's doing the things that at the end of the game that you want."



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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Famous Hand**

North dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**

- ♠ J 9
- ♥ A 2
- ♦ A Q 5 4 3 2
- ♣ 7 5 2

**WEST**

- ♠ K 10 7 3 2
- ♥ 8
- ♦ K J 10 8 6
- ♣ K 4

**EAST**

- ♠ 6 5
- ♥ 10 6 5
- ♦ 9 7
- ♣ A Q J 9 6 3

**SOUTH**

- ♠ A Q 8 4
- ♥ K Q J 9 7 4 3
- ♦ —
- ♣ 10 8

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

Not all deals played in tournaments are models of efficiency. The plain fact is that some deals serve better as examples of inefficiency, as demonstrated by this case from the World Pair Championship in 1966.

The final contract at most tables was four hearts, which was virtually a laydown. But our story concerns itself with the table where — believe it or not — the bidding went as

shown, and South got to six hearts.

Luckily for declarer, West's opening lead was the ten of diamonds rather than a club. Seizing this golden opportunity, South played dummy's queen, which won, and continued with the ace, discarding the 10-8 of clubs from his hand. Declarer now could have made the slam, but he fell from grace when he led the jack of spades from dummy and finessed.

West won with the king and returned the king of diamonds, allowing East to shed his remaining spade, and there was now no way for declarer to make the slam. When South ruffed the diamond return and played the ace of spades, planning to trump the eight of spades with the ace on the next round, East ruffed to put the contract down one.

Perhaps justice was served by the outcome, but it is nevertheless clear that South should have made the slam after the opening diamond lead. The spade finesse at trick three was totally unnecessary. Instead, declarer should have led the nine of spades to the ace and returned a low spade to dummy's jack. West would win with the king, but regardless of his return, declarer could not be stopped from roughing a spade with dummy's ace and scoring the rest of the tricks.

Tomorrow: Eliminating the luck factor.

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