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BSISD trustees call for election in May

By STEVE REAGAN

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Staff Writer

Now comes the hard part. Big Spring Independent School District trustees unanimously voted to hold an election May 8 to ask district taxpayers to approve \$60 million in facility improvements during a brief special meeting Thursday evening.

Calling for an election is one thing. Officials know the major test will be selling the public on the idea.

"We realize taxes going up will be tough," Trustee Tony Kennedy said. "But you go to any community in our area ... and they have newer schools or have renovated or remodeled their buildings within the last few years. It's time for Big Spring students to get the same kind of learning centers that those other communities

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that those other commu-

—Tony Kennedy, BSISD trustee

for the bond were on display Thursday.

Local resident Tommy Duncan spoke against the bond, saying it was too much for taxpayers to bear.

"I'd like to remind all of you that Howard County and Howard College recently passed bonds and the city ... will



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan From left, Big Spring Independent School District officials Dr. Michael Stevens, Assistant Superintendent Danny Ferrell and Superintendent Steven Saldivar talk after school trustees unanimously voted Thursday to hold a \$60 million bond election May 8.

Early voting slow, ends today

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Local election officials say early voting during this year's political party primaries has been slow, with today the last day to cast early ballots before election day Tuesday.

"At the end of the day Thursday we had a total of 1,493 ballots turned in during early voting," said County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom. "We had 1,267 cast in person and 226 early ballots cast by mail-in ballot, which is a total of 8.86 percent of the registered voters eligible to participate in the election.

"I have to admit, I was a little surprised by the turnout during early voting. I had really thought it would be higher, especially with the governor race pushing things along. However, we're still hoping for a good

turnout Tuesday."

Early voting will continue through 5 p.m. today at the Howard County Election Office, located on the third floor of the county courthouse, according to Bloom.

"It's very important to remember you can vote in either the Republican primary or the Democratic primary, but you cannot 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."

With more than a dozen local residents vying for their party's nomination going into the November election, area voters have plenty of decisions to make.

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ON THE BALLOT

Early voting in this year's political party primaries continues until 5 p.m. today. Polls are set up at the Howard County Elections Administrator's office, on the third floor of the county courthouse. The election is slated for March 2.

Justice of the Peace

Precinct 1, Place 2 Democrat: Ricky Hughes. Republican: David Baird, Kathryn Wiseman (I).

Howard County Commissioners Court

Precinct 2

Democrat: Richard Belew, Jim Sinclair. Republican: Donnie Baker, Melanie

Gambrell. Jerry Kilgore (I).

Precinct 4 Democrat: Gary Simer (I). Republican: Roy Beauchamp, John

118th District Judge

Democrat: None. Republican: Mike Thomas, Tim Yeats.

Texas House District 85

Democrat: Joe Heflin (I). Republican: David Andrews, Jim Landtroop.

Libetarian: Robyn L. Burwell.

U.S. Representative 19th District

Democrat: Andy Wilson. Republican: Randy Neugebauer (I).

Libertarian: Richard "Chip" Peterson.

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City addressing water quality; no threat to residents, officials say

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Big Spring residents may have recently received a rather confusing and alarming — notice from the city concerning the quality and safety of drinking water in the Crossroads area, but city officials say the problems pose no dangers to consumers.

ronmental Quality (TCEQ) sets minimum water quality standards for public drinking water," reads the notice, which was mailed out to city water customers. "These standards include enforceable treatment technique requirements for drinking water. Inadequately treated drink-

"The Texas Commission on Envi-

ing water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches. "The city of Big Spring Water

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Obituaries

Leslie McCurtain

Leslie McCurtain, 49, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, at his residence. A private family service will be held at a later date.



Leslie was born April 12, 1960, in Midland County. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, having served from 1977 until 1980. He lived most of his life in Big Spring and had worked in the oil field. He was a

He is survived by one son, Brandon Jones and wife Stacey of Abilene; one granddaughter; father and step-mother, Jim and Lazell McCurtain of Big Spring; compan-

ion, Shirleen Knox of Big Spring; two sisters, Sheryl McCurtain and Sheila Shanks, both of Loveland, Colo.; and three brothers, J.T. McCurtain of McAlister, Okla., Wesley McCurtain of Tucson, Ariz., and Gary McCurtain of Stephenville.

Leslie was preceded in death by his mother, Edna

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

Frank Bustamante Jr.

Frank Bustamante Jr., 49, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 26, 2010, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Thomas Myles

Thomas Myles, 86, formerly of Big Spring and Brownwood, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2010. Services are pending with Davis-Morris Funeral Home.

Support Groups

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

 Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.
- •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Correction

In the obituary for H.L. Eason that appeared in the Feb. 14 issue of the *Herald*, Judy Gardner was incorrectly listed as Mr. Eason's wife.

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Police blotter

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

- HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON, 25, of 1511 Scurry, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MARCUS JOE ANDERSON, 29, of 4109 Hamilton, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- MARK RICHARD COKER, 53, of Davenport, Ind., was arrested Thursday on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct – language.
- STANLEY MARCUS O'NEAL, 22, of 1425 E. Sixth St. Apt. 133, was arrested Thursday on a charge of unlawful restraint.
- FREDDIE RAMOS, 24, of 1610 Avion, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication. CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY NELSON, 26, of 1204
- State, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated. UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT was reported in the
- 1400 block of Sixth Street. THEFT was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 2900 block of Eighth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2300 block of Scurry. ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was
- reported in the 1500 block of Tucson. • ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported:
- In the 800 block of 15th Street.

In the 1400 block of Sixth Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 56 inmates at the time of this report.

• ABEL H. HINOJOS, 37, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense. ALLISON REDDING EDMONDSON, 38, was

arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated. • HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON, 25, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on

a charge of possession of a controlled substance. MARCUS JOE ANDERSON, 29, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and no fine resolu-

 XAVIER GONZALES, 20, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court - nonpayment of child support.

• DANIELLE AMBER FRIETAG, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of running a stop sign (two counts) and no

 STANLEY MARCUS O'NEAL, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of unlawful restraint. JOSEPH ALTON MURLEY, 30, was arrested

Friday by the HCSO on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license invalid.

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the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct – vulgar language. • DAVID ANTHONY LOPEZ, 24, was arrested

Friday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid (two counts), violation of a promise to appear and speeding.

• CRYSTAL NICOLE RAMIREZ, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court - disobedience of a court order.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Tulane. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of
- Lancaster. Service refused. \bullet TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of E. $15^{\rm th}$
- Street. Service refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of E. 15th Street. Service refused.



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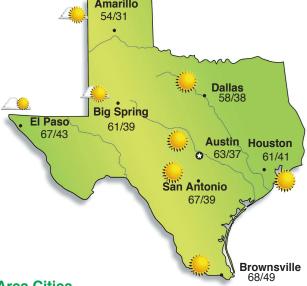
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Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-20-22-25. Bonus Ball: 4.

matching Number four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-9-13-23-25.

Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-0-0-5. Sum It Up: 11.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-5-9. Sum It Up: 20.

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ALL CITY CHOIR



Vocalists with the Big Spring All-City Choir lift their voices during Thursday night's performance at Big Spring High School. The choir is made up of students from every Big Spring ISD elementary and intermediate campus.

BSISD

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take in at least 8 percent more in taxes this year," Duncan said. "I just think the citizens of Big Spring are ill-equipped to handle a \$60 million tax bond at this time."

While no one in the audience spoke directly in support of the bond, several people applauded after trustees voted for the issue.

Board President Mike Dawson, who will step down this year after 12 years as a trustee, believes that voters will support the measure once they are fully briefed on how officials intend to spend the money.

"The major concerns I've received are more toward the

specific wording of the (ballot measure), in other words, exactly how will the \$60 million be spent?" Dawson said. "We've studied this issue for more than two years and it is the board's responsibility to put forth to the voters what we believe is in the best interest of the school district."

BSISD officials plan to use the bond money in the following manner: • \$43 million will be used

to construct new elementary campuses at the current sites of Washington, Marcy and Goliad schools, demolish those existing buildings along with Bauer Elementary, add a classroom wing and physical education gym to Moss Elementary and renovate Kentwood Elementary.

• \$2.7 million will be spent

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Darden said one of the

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to construct new classrooms at Big Spring Junior High to house BSISD sixth-graders, making BSJH a three-year

• \$12 million in improvements are planned at the high school, including installation of a new roof and fire suppression system and upgrading the building's science labs.

 An additional \$2.5 million is being asked for improvement to campus grounds, parking lots and driveways.

To finance the new bond, BSISD officials estimate the district's tax rate - currently \$1.12 per \$100 valuation will increase by 35 cents for the life of the 20-year bond. That would raise taxes on a median-priced home in Howard County (\$42,000) by approximately \$70 a year.

VOTE

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On the Republican ticket, the Precinct 2 seat on the county commissioners court features a trio of political hopefuls, including incumbent candidate Jerry Kilgore, who has held the seat for more than a decade now. Kilgore is facing Donnie Baker and Melanie Gambrell.

The race for the Precinct 2 seat on the Commissioners Court has also drawn a contest on the Democratic ticket, as Alon USA employee Richard Belew takes on business owner Jim Sin-Precinct 4 Commissioner

Gary Simer, a Democrat, is unopposed in the party primary. On the Republican ticket, however, business owners John Cline and Roy Beauchamp are on the ticket, with the winner to challenge Simer in November.

The seat of Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 2 is also be up for grabs. Incum-

Owners of a home valued at

\$100,000 would see their taxes

This election is coming two

years after voters rejected a

\$34 million bond to construct

a central elementary campus

and renovate the high school.

from last time," Kennedy

said. "We were trying to build

just one large elementary (in

2008) and we weren't serving

the entire district. We found

that the neighborhood school

concept was what we had to

get back to. It's a better plan.

And in addition to the new

buildings, we're going to

renovate other campuses as

"We just feel that this

will work better all the way

around," he added. "We know

taxpayers have concerns, but

"There's a big difference

rise by about \$240 a year.

bent Kathryn Wiseman is being challenged by David Baird in the Republican primary. On the Democratic ticket, business owner Ricky Hughes is unopposed and will face the winner of the Republican race in November.

Also facing off in the Republican primary are attorneys Mike Thomas and Tim Yeats, who are running for 118th District Court Judge. 19th District U.S. Rep. Ran-

dy Neugebauer (R-Lubbock) drew a pair of challengers. Lubbock's Andy Wilson is unopposed on the Democratic ticket and Richard "Chip" Peterson, Lubbock, is alone on the Libertarian ticket, sending the contest to the November election.

District 85 Texas Rep. Joe Heflin (D-Crosbyton) unopposed on the Democratic ticket, will have to face a Republican challenger, Jim Landtroop or David Andrews, in November. Heflin has also a Libertarian challenger — Robyn L. Burwell of Abilene.

are our kids worth that extra money? We believe they are."

The job now for bond supporters is to educate voters on the need for the planned improvements, BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar said.

"We've heard some comments about the bond and they are not accurate," Saldivar said. "We want the public to know the facts. We're not doing something just to do it. We've planned this out very carefully ... We're going to meet with people, talk to them, take them on tours of campuses ... Above all, our goal is to provide the best possible education for students at Big Spring ISD. That's what we're focusing on and this is the time that we need to take that next step."

WATER

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Treatment Plant failed to meet the minimum treatment technique requirements for the month of December 2009. Specifically, our water system allowed the turbidity of the filtered water to exceed 0.3 Nephelometric Turbidity Units in more than 5 percent of the measurements made during the month. This violation is classified as a non-acute violation. The city is addressing the issues that contributed to the cause of the violation and will continue to work toward providing you the best quality product possi-

According to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, the language used in the notices is dictated by the state and is designed to cover a number of situations that don't apply to the problems currently identified with the Big Spring water supply.

"The language we have to put in the notice is mandated by the state, and it's across

the board for any entity the Colorado River Municipal Water District that violates the quality issue for the treatment having switched to E.V. of water," said Darden. Spence Reservoir in De-"There are certain concember. stituents that could be

"I think a big part of so low. There are two times each year that water turns over in the lakes, and that's in the winter and in the summer," said Darden. "And it can happen more than once in the summer. You'll notice there's an odor associated with this problem, which is connected to the amount of algae in the water. Because the levels in the lakes are so low it's more predomi-

"We've talked to the water district and we're trying some new water treatment techniques utilizing their facilities to help with the problem, and we feel like the sludge removal will help with the problem. The district has also talked about possibly switching our water sources to see if it might help, but right now they are in their winter maintenance activities, which has them limited to where they can get us water from. We're working on issues to get it addressed."

well.

The city recently approved a \$300,000 contract to have sludge treatment plant, action Darden said he feels will help improve the quality of the water. In the meantime, however, he said he's confident the water is safe for consumption.

"I can confidently say our water is safe to drink. I know the language (contained in the mail-out notices) is kind of harsh and makes it appear it's harmful, but based on what we're sampling and what we're testing, we feel confident in saying it's a quality issue and not a health issue associated with this violation," he said. "It is a violation,

however, and that's why we have to send out the notices. If it were health related we would have to do a whole lot more created by the water related to notification harmful, but the con- it is the lake levels are removed from the water of the public and trying to get word out if there were health and safety issues associated with the water. In this case, however, it's simply quality."

The notices call for customers and citizens with questions regarding the violations and the quality of city water

2501, or Kenny Scott at 264-2393. **MYERS & SMITH**

to contact Darden at 264-

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24th & Johnson 267-8288 Leslie McCurtain, 49, died Wednesday. A private family service will be held at a later date.

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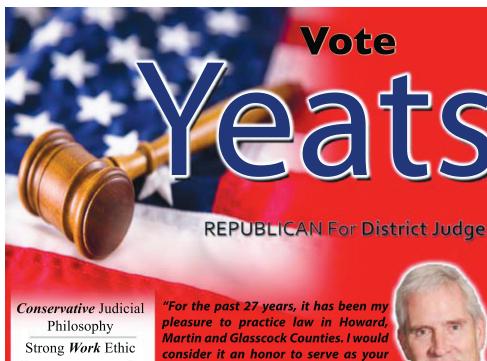
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Editorial

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> **Ron Midkiff** Publisher

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Our View

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals people wrong. I don't blame 'em. 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:

- Howard Stewart of Big Spring, who was honored by the local Staked Plains Masonic Lodge with the Golden Trowel Award, presented in recognition of outstanding service to the lodge and community.
- All those who took part in and attended the Big Spring Symphony's third concert of the 2009-2010 season, entitled "Symphony in Motion," held Saturday night in the Big Spring High School Auditorium.
- All those who took part in the second presentation of Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman series at the Dora Roberts Civic Center.
- Dealon Stanley, who was honored as the Hangar 25 Air Museum's Veteran of the Month for February on Thursday. Stanley served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was an infantryman in the 25th Division, 35th Regiment stationed in the Philippines.
- Michael Starr, Dillon Walker and Brady Weber, all of Big Spring, who were recognized by the Boy Scouts' Buffalo Trail Council annual report for having attained the rank of Eagle Scout dur-

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

How to contact us

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opin-

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, are our needed companionship when from the content. we most need it.

It's just naturally supernatural

n Texas, we have a history of getting to the point in a way that is about as subtle as a meat cleaver. Not known for being wildly diplomatic, our fast fading and wonderful culture

has been more on the side of bold and less on the side of timid. We say things

like, "put up or shut up." A big part of the idea of earned respect has to do with the ability to actually deliver on a person's solid word. In another words,



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if you say you can do it, then you

WHERE'S THE BEEF?

For 2000 years the followers of Jesus Christ have been more famous for preaching the Gospel than for demonstrating the gospel, and it just plain rubs some

We are the only people in the world who carry a message of love no matter what, power over everything and limitless possibilities, yet we are world wide known for judgment, weakness and going after people's money. A lot of it is just plain bogus

bad press because the world hates us, but some of it is sadly undeniable.

Sometimes I look over my coffee cup and think, "no wonder we get such bad press."

MIXED SIGNALS What would you think if you lived 1,200 years ago, stepped into a church and saw that most church leaders were unbelievers? If you looked around and saw the bible — that they claimed was so important — was written in a language people couldn't understand and was chained to the pulpit where it couldn't be read. If you had any sense at all you would think, at the very least, Christianity was ran by a bunch of bipolar manic depressives.

What would you think if today you stepped into a church that preached liberty in the Holy Spirit while demonstrating stuffiness and restriction on anything non churchy? We have a long way to go when it comes to being Jesus with skin on. We need to put up or shut up and not be willing to substitute anything for the love of God and the power only He can offer.

Power outage

Legend has it that when Francis of Assisi was given an audience with Pope Innocent III, the pope brought Francis into his throne room and proudly displayed his gold and jewels.

"Do you see, Francis," he boasted. "The church can no longer say as Peter once did, 'silver and gold have I none.'

"Yes, your Holiness, but neither can the church say 'In the name of Jesus, rise up and walk," Francis replied.

Now, the Brewer has not taken on a vow of poverty, but I refuse to live a powerless life. In fact, I want to be a mean motor scooter when it comes to dominion, and I invite you to jump in because

the water is warm.

WHAT THE HEAVEN?

Believe it or not, there are still Christians out here who believe a church service should be all about an encounter with God and equipping and edifying the

We also do not believe that our whole lives should be about church services. There is just as much power from God in learning how to throw a curve ball as there is in learning to have good church.

We also believe that to preach life without loving life is hypocrisy. To preach the Power of God without demonstrating the power of God is ludicrous. To say that God is giving and loving without we, as a church, being giving and loving is unthinkable and to teach and study about God without personally knowing God in intimacy is tragedy and a

So dad-gum-it, let's be people who are naturally supernatural in how we love and live life more abundantly.

The world really needs us to put up or shut and for a motor mouth like me, the later is never an option.

"And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." 1 Corinthians 2:4

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Some prayers to be remembered

he importance of prayer is at, or very near, the center of all things Christian. Most of us could recite the "God is great" mealtime prayer, as well as the

"Now I lay me down to sleep" beddy-bye petition, before we could count to 10 or say the "A-B-C's.

We've pondered the "pray without ceasing" admonition and Jesus' teaching His followers to spend much time in prayerful commu-



DR. Don Newbury

The Lord's Prayer, a model for Christians, has been repeated by millions across the centuries.

Many prayers surpass, or at least equal, the world's most beautiful literature. Hebrews 11:1 is a classic example: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Decorated wordsmith Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote of prayer with wondrous lines. among them: "Battering the gates of heaven with storms of prayer...her eyes are homes of silent prayer...more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

"Goofs" from church bulletins

Amen feed on preachers' prayerful

It is noted, however, that words from mortal mouths do not always come out neatly packaged. Recalled are preachers, and others with microphones in hand, who become tongue entangled or fail to engage brain "Make us fumble." before speaking. We can but trust that God has a sense of humor, easily gleaning the intent

found himself nodding in affir-

pratfalls, and fleeting thoughts suggest that "there but by the Grace of God go I.

Two legends are Texas A&M's R.C. Slocum, head coach of the Aggies for 14 seasons, and Baylor's Grant Teaff, who held the head position for 21 years. They still chuckle at recollections of pre-game invocations voiced a few years apart at Baylor Stadium.

Teaff remembers the 1975 season opener that followed Baylor's 1974 Southwest Conference championship season, the Bears' second in a half-century of trying. That miracle-on-the-Brazos season was still much on the minds of the Green and Gold when the next season rolled

A well-known Texas pastor, groaning for years when the Bears' won only the coin toss, enthusiastically prayed for the Almighty to "make us humble."

Humble? Baylor? During 57 years of Baylor football prior to Teaff's arrival, maintaining humility was seldom considered. For the record, in 32 of those seasons, BU finished in the half of the conference that made the top half possible. Teaff wasn't sure that he heard

the words correctly, but he was sure that the Bears turned the ball over via fumbles six times that day. At the post-game interview,

Teaff lightened the moment with reference to the prayer. "God's getting' on up there in years and maybe not hearing quite as well," Teaff teased. "He obviously thought the preacher said,

The prayer Slocum most remembers was during the Aggies' visit to Waco a few years later. Slocum, himself a churchman,

mation of the preacher's peti-

tions. He wilted a bit, though, when it occurred to him that the man praying was his pastor from Bryan!

The men were model coaching gentlemen, passionate mentors who were committed first to building lives, then football teams. Teaff brought respectability to Baylor football, and Slocum remains the winningest coach in school history. Both have received highest professional awards and have come great distances from their places of birth, Teaff in Hermleigh, Texas, and Slocum in Oakdale,

They are "as good as it gets," and they "keep on keeping on." Teaff is now executive director of the American Football Coaches Association, and Slocum is special advisor to the A&M president and works with the A&M Foundation.

Slocum also is the current president of the AFCA Foundation. In the words of the old cowboy trail riders, "they'll do to ride the river with.

Recalled is a story about a fellow who said to another, "I'm praying for you." "Good," the other answered,

"'Cause I need the prayer, and you need the practice." Sometimes, prayer lists are

shortened. Uncle Mort, noting that Ken-

neth Starr has been named president at the world's largest Baptist university, says Bill Clinton can put to rest any prayers he may have had for an honorary doctorate from Baylor.

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Church News

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 "Triumphant Song of Confidence," based on scripture from Psalms 27. Consider this: "My friends are not perfect, no

more than I, and so we suit each other admirably. ...perfection is not essential to friendship." — Alexander Smith 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 senior pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will continue her Lenten sermon series "It Came From Within the Heart" with a lesson titled "Defeat the Monsters; Guilt and Anger." Services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes for all ages are at 9:45 a.m.

Following the last service of the morning, parents of GIG (that's third, fourth and fifth graders) will meet in Garrett Hall for pizza and a planning session. The GIG activites will begin following the snack supper and will be held in youth hall.

Music Director Eddie Vandewalker is attending Southwest American Choral Director's Convention in Denver, Colo. Traveling with him are soprano Jane Jones and alto Joan Biel who will be singing in the community and church honor choir. Also attending and singing in the college honor choir is First Methodist scholarship singer baritone Kevin Porras, in addition to Howard College soprano Stephanie Williams. All these singers were selected by the association through a nominating process. Noon Bible study and luncheon will be held in Gar-

rett Hall on Wednesday as scheduled, and Thursday the Lenten service and meal will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Ken McIntire speaker. Paul and Ann Townsend are heading up the Re-

lay For Life teams for First Methodist and are hoping for at least two full teams. If you are interested in being a part of this fun and worthy cause, please contact them. And the fund-raisers are in full progress. You can still get your favorite recipes into the Pathmaker's Relay Recipe Book. Leave your recipe copies at the church office or contact Karen Cor-

And last year's hit, Al's Barbeque's Brown Bag Special, is coming back Sunday, March 7. Your sack lunch will include Al's famous sandwich, chips and a drink. This, too, is being sponsored by the Pathmaker's class. Mark your calendars for Dr. Wesley Putnam and

Dayspring Ministries coming March 21-24. This will be a true time of renewal in the church with laughter, learning and spiritual refreshment.

Make plans to attend; it's at First Methodist in downtown Big Spring, where families grow in

Baptist Temple

This Sunday morning's message will be "Allowing God to Have Control" from Matthew 6:10. Ever since the fall of humanity in the Garden of Eden, there has been an ongoing clash of wills with God. We will never experience joy until we submit to what God wants because that is how he designed us. Sunday evening's message will be from 1 Corinthians 9:19-27. We will begin 40 Days of Community on April

11. The theme of 40 Days of Community is "We're Better Together." We will emphasize our Sunday school groups and getting involved in one becoming like the early church in Acts 2. We should share life together and grow together. A community like that will be magnetic to others.

15. If you are still interested, it is not too late. You may register by coming by the church office and pay the \$100 for your course materials. The class meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in our fellowship

Our Financial Peace University class started Feb.

Our weight-loss support-group SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) meets 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. 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. For more information, call us at 267-8287 or check

us out on the Web at btcbigspring.org.

First Presbyterian, Coahoma The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church,

Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger. Tom, along with Big Spring's pastor Craig Holst-

edt, continue to have a Bible study on the week's

Church on March 4.

lectionary in the library of First Presbyterian, Big Spring at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone from both churches, and anyone else who is interested, is invited to this informal study. Our congregation is invited to a series of Lenten

devotionals and luncheons, which began Thursday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. The next Thursday event will be at St. Mary's Episcopal

Finding the right tool

t's snowing! As I write the trees and bushes in my Lneighborhood are white. Yesterday's brown grass is buried somewhere under a white blanket, and our usually busy street

is quite. It is as if someone pushed a giant-sized pause button and temporarily stopped all activity. The rare occur-

rence of snow brings a delightful memory to my mind. When our older daughter was a toddler, my husband asked her if she wanted to go

outside and build a snowman. Although Brenda had never seen a snowman, she was eager to check out that white stuff called snow that she had been watching through the window

of our small apartment.

When I got her bundled up in as many clothes as I could layer under her coat and still get it zipped, I tied her hood, stuffed

her feet into a pair of rubber boots, and put mittens on her hands.

As soon as I released her, she ran through the living room and found her daddy waiting by the door. "Are you ready to build a snowman?" he asked again.

"I'll get the hammer," she replied, clapping her hands.

Needless to say, the snowman story followed Brenda through her childhood and into her adult years. However, her lack of experience in the area of construction is not a whole lot different from mine. If I were called on to build a house, I wouldn't know whether to start with a sledge hammer or a chain saw. I would need someone much stronger and more knowledgeable than I to supervise the endeavor. All those hours that I have logged up watching Home and Garden TV have not produced any carpentry skills. As an observer of life, I have

noticed that many people try to build success with the wrong tools. Wealth cannot be acquired by overspending or

gambling. Physical fitness cannot be achieved by sitting on the couch. Knowledge cannot be obtained by shunning instruction, and shyness cannot be overcome by avoiding people.

When it comes to building a balanced life, there is no better tool than God's Word for creating success. A young pastor named Timothy received this endorsement of the value of Scripture from his mentor, Paul: "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Although a hammer is not useful for building a snowman, the Bible ought to be the most often-used tool in any of our toolboxes.

Bonnie Wheat is an author and a minister's wife. She can be contacted at brwheat@suddenlink.net.

The Session will meet in the church social hall at 5:57 p.m. Thursday, March 4, for our monthly meet-The lectionary for the second Sunday in Lent is

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Genesis 15:1-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring The Lectionary Bible study met Wednesday at

5:17 p.m. Choir practice was at 6.

Presbyterian Women Bible study at 2 p.m. Tuesday was called off because of inclement weather. The Working Women's Bible Study group met in the church parlor at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The Video Sunday School Class began the "Read

the Bible in 90 Days" program Feb. 21, the first Sunday in Lent. For anyone who is interested in doing this program and not able to be there on Sunday mornings, another class will be offered Thursday evenings. Please call the church office (264-4211) for

The first of a series of Lenten devotionals and luncheons was held Thursday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, with the devotional led by the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris, pastor of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. The March 4 luncheon will be at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. On March 11, First United Methodist Church will be host; March 18, First Presbyterian; March 25, First Christian

Karen Shaedel will provide refreshments for 'Take Ten" Sunday morning. Mark Morgan is liturgist for the month.

The lectionary for the second Sunday in Lent is Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 14:31-35. The chancel choir will present "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley," an American spiritual. "Fairest Lord Jesus," arranged by Elizabeth Campbell, is the offertory anthem. The Noisy Offering, used to feed those in hunger and in need, will be taken during the service.

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. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our Web site: www.fpcbs.org. There, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt.

East Fourth Street Baptist Our church is making plans for the mission trip

to Mancos, Colo. We will be helping First Baptist Church Mancos with VBS. The dates for the trip are June 5-12. This is a very important mission for our church to be involved in. FBC is the only church in the area that is holding a VBS this summer. Not only will we be holding VBS, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, we will be having a block party for the town. This will be a time of one on one witnessing, games, food and fun. Along with that, we will have a gospel concert. The VBS Convention/Training will be held this

Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at College Baptist Church. All those working with VBS this year, whether it be in Colorado or here at East Fourth in July, need to attend. We welcome you to visit with us at any or all our services. Sundays we begin with Sunday school (for

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Also, the youth have LBible study and music and children first through sixth grade have Bible study, all at 7 p.m. There is a men's Bible study at 7 a.m. Saturdays.

East Fourth Street Baptist is located at 401 E Fourth St. Our phone number is 267-2291. You'll find a friend in East Fourth.

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Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching this Sunday. The sermon text is "Dual Citizenship," based on a compilation of the three lessons.

This week's acolyte will be Klarissa Franco. Elders for this week are Richard von Hassell and Richard Knocke.

The liturgy will be read by Bo Vizcaino. The readings are Jeremiah 26:8-15, Psalm 4, Phillipians 3:17-4:1 and Luke 13:31-35.

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. join us and work on our new banners. We hope to make several banners for the upcoming seasons of the church year.

Mark your calendars for Lenten services. They will be held Wednesdays at 7 p.m. until March 24. Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching for these services.

Wednesday Pastor Kohl will be preaching on The Faithful Word: "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?" from Matthew 27:46.

On Good Friday, April 2, there will be combination Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service.

The Board of Education has scheduled the Second Annual Easter Festival for Saturday, April 3. Games, egg decorating, cookie decorating and egg walk are just a few of the activities for all ages.

Mid Week School classes and conformation classes are held at 6 p.m. Wednesdays. A light meal is

Next month's LWML will be held at church March 11 at 7 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Kim Parker, the special education director at Big Spring ISD.

March 8, the LWML will serve refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet March 9 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Elders meet March 18 at 7 p.m. at the church.

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Club News

Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association met Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, at the Howard County Library for its monthly meeting. A business meeting was held, with reports about the upcoming Area-Wide Art Show to be held in May of this year, and about art shows and festivals in surrounding areas in Texas.

Tom Kelly, and his son, Hunter, were special guests again this month. Tom is the chef at the Moss Creek Ranch, and talked with us again about local artists dis-



playing their art at the ranch. Kay Smith and Sue Bagwell have their art hanging until April, and then two more artists will be displaying there. Most art will be for sale. Sue Bagwell also has a show at the Howard College Center

for the Arts until April of this

Tipping of the Brush votes were counted, and artists will have their artwork on display for the next month in different businesses. We would like to thank these businesses for letting us display our artwork: Citizen's FCU; Compass Bank; the Courthouse Annex; Al's Barbeque; Chamber of Commerce; 1st Bank of West Texas: American State Bank; Posey's Crop Insurance and Brushwork's Art Gallery. We also would like to thank the Heritage Museum for letting our "Artist of the Month" display work each

month. Our subject for Tipping of the Brush in March will be "clouds."

Linda Rupard Irvin presented our program ton acrylic painting. Linda is a member of different art clubs, including BSAA. She owns Touch of Color Gallery in Sand Springs, and is a member of and displays her art at the Studio Twenty art gallery in Colorado City. For more information about Linda, you can contact her at happyartist67@yahoo.com

Linda presented an excellent program on acrylic painting and demonstrated her techniques. She explained her color choices and gave us information on keeping paint soft and usable for a long time. Linda discussed her choice of brands of paints, and why, and encouraged us to paint a few strokes on her painting to see the difference in the paint. It was a very in-

formative program. Our next BSAA meeting will be March 16 at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library basement. All artists/photographers and those interested in art are invited to visit with us. A program will be presented and refreshments will be served. We'll see you there!

Peace and protection in troubled times

f there was ever a time we need to know how to enter into God's protection and peace, it is now. With the violence we see in our country today, we must know what to do for protec-

tion. Wars are now commonplace. Drug wars take the lives of thousands each year. There are seemingly insurmountable problems in the Middle East. Our children and



grandchildren are not safe in the confines

of their own homes. Everywhere we turn, peril is staring us in the face. People react to the dangers

around them in different ways. Some become calloused while others try to ignore it or simply moan and ring their hands, but this will not make it go away. The evil one, the devil, creates conflict on the outside so that he can gain access to us on

the inside. He knows that if the conflict remains outside us, it will not accomplish his objective so he deceives us into opening our hearts and minds to let the fear and worry in. If we allow him to, he will use the media, the newspaper, and other methods to keep us in fear and worry.

Matthew 24:4-6 says, "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ: and shall deceive many. And you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: but see that you be not troubled." Jesus Christ said we should not be troubled during dangerous times.

It is of great comfort to me knowing that God always makes a way of safety for His family, and He will do so in these turbulent times, as well. The one thing we must do is focus our attention on God's help in times such as we face today.

Can you imagine for a moment God worrying? Can you visualize Him pacing around heaven with perspiration

running down His face wondering what He should do next? It sound humorous, but I sometimes think we forget who God really is. We forget that He spoke the world into existence using only the word of His power. He healed lepers, the crippled, and the blind. He rolled back the Red Sea for the children of Israel to walk across on dry land. He spared Daniel's life when he was thrown into the lion's den. The miracles He performed are too numerous to mention here, but the Bible is filled with His wondrous power.

We must choose to settle in our hearts and minds that we are winners and victors, not losers. The battle is not ours to fight, it is the Lord's. Victory is ours, even if we do come out with a few scrapes and bruises. It is imperative that we do whatever we must do to get this truth embedded deep within our spirit and soul (mind).

Psalm 91 is our contract for protection 24/7, regardless of the problems we face in this life. If you have never read

Psalm 91, it would be of great encouragement to see how exact God is in His protection plan for us. He covers it

A young serviceman asked for prayer from his church the evening before he left on his second deployment to Iraq. After the service, the pastor gave him three plastic cards, one each to be worn in his helmet, left breast pocket, and right combat boot. The scripture printed on the cards was Psalm 91:7. "A thousand shall fall at my side, and ten thousand at my right hand; but it shall not come nigh me." He encouraged him to read or quote this scripture every day and believe that God would honor His word.

After two years of fighting in unbelievable danger all around him, he returned home. The first Sunday he was back, he attended church and the pastor asked him to share a few minutes of his testimony. He spoke of the many times he came close to death while in heavy combat, but each time the

enemy began to close in, he repeated Psalm 91:7. He said he was positive that his faith and knowing God's Word were the things that saved his life.

The Bible contains the most powerful promises of protection on the face of the earth, and it carries within itself the power to fulfill those promises. However it will do nothing in our lives until we believe it and make it the foundation of our faith.

Our faith will carry us through the worst of difficulties if we refuse to allow these circumstances to trouble us. We must settle in our own hearts that God is on our side and that we are the victors. All He asks of us is to trust Him.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, Hebrews 11:1. When we put God's words into practice and believe it as absolutely as we believe our own identity, we can live in peace and protection during these troubled times.

God bless.

CHURCH NEWS

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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.

Next meeting is March 11.

At this month's meeting we will honor the 2001 Walks; Women's Walk 23 LD Kim McAnally, Men's Walk 24 LD Rory Worthan, Women's Walk 25 LD Angie Brown, Women's Walk 26 LD Terry McDaniel. Plan to attend. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship. For more information, see our Web site: www.

signal-emmaus.org

Coahoma United Methodist

Coahoma United Methodist Church, 401 N. Main, invites all to join us weekly as we praise and worship our Lord. We have Sunday school for all ages beginning at 10 a.m. each week followed by our traditional worship service at 11 a.m. The special Lenten season is upon us and we in-

vite you to join us in worship service Sunday as we study the Sabbath in an "Ancient Practices" series of services focusing on the season.

Our pastor is Cameron Burton. For more information call (432) 394-4432 or 270-1602 or e-mail coahomaumc@gmail.com.

North Birdwell United Methodist North Birdwell United Methodist Church meet

each Sunday for worship at 10:30 with Sunday school at 9:30. This week's Sunday school discussion will be on "Anointed by a Woman in Bethany" taken from Matthew 26:6-13 and will be led by Guy Teague. North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is

located at 2702 N. Birdwell and welcomes all who wish to be the hands and feet of the Lord. Each worship service is led by certified local Lay

Pastor Billy Bates. Evening service is at 5 p.m. and Bible study is each first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Angel Food delivery for March is this coming Sat-

urday, from noon until 1 p.m. Orders for April can also be made at this time. For more information, please call 267-2203 or 263-2536. Please leave a message if no one answers.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Birdwell Lane invites you to visit with us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Our evening service this Sunday will be at Canterbury South at 4 p.m. Come and worship with the retired of the community. Children's church is during the morning worship for ages 4-12. A nursery is provided for your little ones. For a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. Midweek service is at 6:30 p.m. We need an organ player. Call 267-7157 if inter-

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

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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

St. Mary's noon Holy Eucharist Service is every Wednesday in the Chapel. St. Mary's Lenten Soup and Studies continue Wednesday, March 3, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Our Inquirer's Class, for those interested in learning about the Episcopal Church is Thursday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The deacons of St. Mary's will lead Friday noon "Station of the Cross" in the church through March

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

First Church of the Nazarene

Free Admittance: God and First Church of the Nazarene welcome you just as you are. Join us for Sunday morning fellowship at 9:30

with coffee and donuts, followed by worship service at 10. Children's Church services, for ages 4-11, are in the fellowship hall, also at 10. On Wednesdays, our Naz Family classes begin at

6:30 p.m. for all ages. NazKidz (ages 4 years through third grade) meets in the classrooms at the north end of the fellowship hall for Bible class. The fourth through sixth grade pre-teens have their own "gender focused" classes as they learn to grow into Christian men and ladies. The boys meet under the "Salt Shaker" in the gym and the girls meet in the east classroom under the "Salt Shaker." Youth Ex-

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plosion with Pastor Cal. for seventh through 12th graders, is also Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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Can't come Wednesday nights? Our solution is Life Groups. Thursdays at 7, the College and Young Adults Life Group meets with Pastor Cal. Sunday evenings at 6:30 is the Harvest Life Group and Financial Peace University at 6 in the fellowship

Coming Soon:

Awakening Tour with Dan Bohi on March 11 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

2nd Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 3 at Comanche Trail Park.

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

Lenten Luncheons

The first of a series of Big Spring Ecumenical Lenten Devotional Luncheons was held at Immaculate Heart Catholic Church on Thursday. The Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris, of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, delivered the devotional.

Next Thursday, March 4, Rev. Ken McIntosh, pastor of First Christian Church, will speak at the lunch, which will be at St. Mary's Episcopal.

The Rev. Craig Holstedt, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will lead the devotional during the lunch at First United Methodist Church at noon March 11.

March 18, First Presbyterian Church will host the lunch, and the Rev. Sharon Wiese, pastor of First United Methodist, will be the devotional leader.

The concluding noon meeting will be at First Christian Church, with Father Bernard Gully serving as devotional leader. Anyone who wishes to make this a part of his

Lenten practice is invited to attend.

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Do you have an interesting sports item or

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Hunt, Lady Steers win two at Midland tourney

BY JOE ZIGTEMA

Sports Editor

MIDLAND — Pitcher Kenzie Hunt is the Lady Steers' stopper.

She showed that Thursday in the opening rounds of the Midland Classic in the Lady Steers' repeat wins over first Monahans and then Grape Creek.

Hunt tossed all seven innings of a 5-1 win over the Maidens and came on in relief to pitch the last two of an 8-3 victory over the Lady Eagles. In all, Hunt struck out 15 batters in nine innings of work while allowing just one unearned run on five hits.

"I was very proud of Kenzie's performance," Lady Steers coach John Sparks said of Hunt, who beat Monahans 7-0 last Friday. "I know when she's on the rubber, she is always going to do what it takes to win a game."

The Lady Steers' bats got off to a slow start against Monahans, not plating a run until the fifth inning to break a 1-0 Lady Loboes lead. Jessica Womack got things started with a single to center field, followed by a Macy Briggs walk and a Haley Dimidjian single to right field to load the bases.

Carson Riebe got the RBI by drawing a walk to tie the game, followed

by a Linzee Yarbar infield single that drove in another run. Logan Yarbar added another infield single one batter later to drive in the Lady Steers' third run of the game, which was all they would need.

Big Spring added to its lead in the seventh and final inning as Linzee Yarbar drove in a run with a triple to to the center field fence. Yarbar would score on a Jillian Valle RBI groundout as the Lady Steers earned their second victory over Monahans on the season.

In the Lady Steers' nightcap against

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HERALD PHOTO/Joe Zigtema

Senior Kenzie Hunt pitches Thursday against Monahans in Midland.

HOOP DREAMS

Steers hope to continue playoff run vs. EP Austin

Herald Staff Report

ALPINE Spring coach Marcus Morris called it after his team's 65-45 win over Canyon High School on Wednesday South Plains College.

"The fun thing about basketball season is the next round is even more fun and more pressure packed, and the next opponent is that much better."

The Steers face an opponent tonight in El Paso Austin that is much better — the Panthers are the No. 16-ranked team in the state — heading into tonight's matchup at Sul Ross State University in Alpine. Tipoff is 7 p.m.

Austin is fueled by guard Timothy Bell, who is averaging 20 points per game this season. Against EP Riverside in the bidistrict round, Bell dropped 26 points, including four buckets from behind the arc. Bell is also efficient — he's shooting 57 percent from inside the 3-point line and 36 percent beyond it. He also shoots 80 percent from the free-throw line.

Posts Devarre Wright and Tony Baker are



Senior guard Jerrell Williams goes up for a shot over a Canyon High defender Wednesday at the Texan Dome in Levelland. The Steers will try to topple the state's 16th-ranked team, El Paso Austin, tonight in Alpine.

Austin's weapons on the inside. Baker is averaging 17 points per contest, Wright averages 11 and guard Isaac Spencer also averages double figures with 10.

The Steers counter with senior guard Jerrell Williams, who leads the team in steals and is Big Spring's best on-ball defender.

Junior guard Luke Adams shouldered the load offensively for the Steers against Canyon, scoring nine of his 20 points at the free-throw line. Matt Ritchey also stepped up his game, scoring 10 points in the second half. Xavian Parnell grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Steers on the glass,

Canyon 36-22.

Stanton hopes to avenge gridiron loss

The No. 24 Stanton Buffs will take on Olton tonight at 7 p.m. at Slaton High school. Olton defeated Plains in the bidistrict round 47-39.

The matchup is a rematch of the football playoffs, where

where they pounded See **HOOPS**, Page 13

Howard wins WJCAC with victory over FPC

Herald Staff Report

BORGER The Howard Hawks are WJCAC champions.

The No. 2 Hawks outlasted Frank Phillips 89-80 Thursday night in Borger 89-80 to clinch at least a share of the title. But they got much more than that.

Howard (26-1, 13-1) got an outright WJCAC title thanks to the Odessa Wranglers, who upset No. 1 Midland 74-67 to earn a spot in the WJCAC tournament.

Josh Watkins scored 27 points and dished four

assists for the Hawks. Jae Crowder scored 22 with six rebounds, and Carlos Emory chipped in 10 with a 14-rebound effort.

With the No. 1 seed, the Hawks will open with NTJCAC No. 4 seed Southwestern Christian in the Region 5 tournament in Lubbock next week.

South Plains earned the No. 4 seed in the WJCAC thanks to its 80-50 win over New Mexico JC. Odessa has the No. 3 seed from its head-to-head edge over the Texans.

Bearkats fall to Valley in deciding 3rd frame

Herald Staff Report

LUBBOCK — The Garden City Bearkats were looking good at halftime Thursday night against Turkey Valley in the area playoffs at Lubbock Cooper High School.

It was in the third quarter that things turned nightmarish.

Down just three at halftime against the state's No. 25 team, Garden City's leading scorer, Brett Chudej, went down with an ankle injury in the third quarter, and Valley would go on to score 24 points in the frame to break open a 49-35 lead.

"We were right where we wanted to be when (Chudej was injured), and between turnovers See BEARKATS, 13

and Brett going down we found ourselves in a position we were struggling to get out of," Garden City coach Koby Abney said.

Chudej had scored 23 points in 20 minutes before his injury. He finished as Garden City's leading scorer.

Due to Garden City's long football playoff run to a state title, the Bearkats didn't get as many games in the regular season to hone their skills, Abney noted. It's both a blessing and a

"It's frustrating as a coach because you see several (games) that got away," Abney said. "We weren't playoff-ready yet because we only

Steers fall behind, come back but drop 13-11 decision to Trinity

BY JOE ZIGTEMA

Sports Editor

ANDREWS — The Big Spring Steers showed one thing to Lubbock Trinity on Thursday in the opening round of the Best of the West baseball tournament in Andrews — don't count them out.

The Steers fell behind Trinity 10-1 through put up an eight-spot in the fifth and added one in the sixth to tie it at 10. Unfortunately for the Steers, three late runs for Trinity handed Big Spring a 13-11 defeat, its first of the

Martin Yanez started for the Steers, giving up seven runs in three innings. Mike Enriquez

five innings before they relieved him, giving up four runs in two 2/3 innings as the Steers tied the game and then lost the lead. Freshman Max Papajohn tossed the last 1 1/3 innings, giving up two runs.

> Nine walks and three errors proved costly for Big Spring, as was a late wild pitch in the seventh that allowed a run to score. But coach

Burt Otto was happy with the way his team came back from nine runs down.

"You look up at the scoreboard and see yourself down 10-1 trying to rally the troops, and then you see 10-10 and you feel pretty good about yourself," Otto said. "We showed a lot yesterday. We've been talking about how we're an inexperienced team, and we were never out of it."

The Steers' bats were hot in the fifth inning as they kept the base paths moving to get them back into the game.

"We just put a lot of hits together," Otto said. "They finally on defense made some miscues, and we put several hits together back to back. One through nine was hitting and getting on base and we were making consistent contact with the baseball."

The Steers play host Andrews today at 7 p.m. Big Spring will play Snyder at 10 a.m. Saturday and Fort Stockton at 4 p.m.

Check Sunday's Herald for results from the tournament.

Sports in brief

Crossroads sports on tap today Check Sunday's Herald for results

Baseball Big Spring at Andrews, 7 p.m.

Coahoma vs. Monahans at Shallowater, 3:30 p.m.

Softball Coahoma at Midland Classic, 10 a.m., 3, 7 p.m.

Big Spring at Midland Classic 1 p.m., 7 p.m.

Big Spring vs. EP Austin, Alpine, 7 p.m.

Stanton vs. Olton, Slaton 7 p.m.

Softball signups under way

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association is holding signups for the upcoming 2010 season for girls ages 4-14 as of Jan. 1.

Signups will be held each Saturday through March 13 at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration fee is \$75, including a full uniform. Late registration after March 13 will cost \$10 extra. For more info, contact Lucy Ramirez at 466-3670.

Youth baseball league signups to go until March 6

March 6 is the last chance to sign up for the Big

Spring Youth Baseball League.

Signups will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. all week next week. Children 5-15 can sign up for the league at Big Spring Mall on March 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration fee is \$65 and \$60 for additional siblings. Birth certificate required. Children 8-12 must participate in a tryout session March 8-10.

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Dear Margo: I'm in a perplexing situation. I'm a single mom with a full-time "protected" job where I make pretty decent money with exceptional health ben-

Because it is a "protected" job, there is no chance I can be laid off, no matter how bad the economy gets.

Ι have savings put away for retirement. I also have two wonderful young sons who will be going



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ly, so in addition to saving for my retirement, I am also saving for college.

What is the problem, you ask? Well, I hate going to work. It's not the job, but I

work for the most condescending micromanagers you could imagbelittle me They

almost every day, and every morning in the parking lot I get a knot in my stomach and spend the day with nagging nausea and heartburn (for which I now take medication).

I am not the only one who is treated poorly, so I know I'm not being singled out. All of this is affecting

my health. I'm having trouble eating, I've lost weight, and I am sometimes short with my sons, who are really good kids and don't deserve it. I'm on the verge of

depression. I know I should be thankful for having a job that pays the bills in this economy, but is my health worth it?

Should I look for another job, with less pay and "unprotected" status, or stay where I am? – LuckyUnlucky?

Dear Luck: If the country were not in the economic shape it's in, I might answer differently, but given the situation we're in, I would encourage you to stay within your safety net and find a way to ameliorate your distress.

Because of the health benefits you describe, I would see a therapist who might prescribe antidepressants or talk it through with you so you could get the tools to either ignore these bullies or confront them.

An example would be to respond, the next time one of them comes at

you, "Let's talk about this. Why, exactly, are you making an effort to belittle me?

If there is a constructive criticism, I'd like to hear it, but perhaps in a more mature, less bullying way."

The shock of your counteroffensive just might induce ... well, awe. Good luck. Margo, realistically

When the Motivator Cannot Be the Mother

Dear Margo: I'm worried about my 16-yearold daughter. Over the past several

years, she has gained a lot of weight. While she is not morbidly obese yet, I'm afraid she is heading in that direc-

She is 5 feet 3 inches tall and 183 pounds. She is on medication that increases her hunger, so I know that is part of the problem. She says she's happy the way she is. I would applaud her saying that, but I'm worried about her health.

I've recently begun exercising and eating healthfully myself, by way of example, but she's not interested. Whenever I mention

going for a walk or eating less, she shows complete disinterest. I don't want to bruise her ego, but I'm not sure what to do here. — Baffled

Dear Baf: She's 16? That's an unusual age to be indifferent to a weight problem — if only because of the dating and social aspect. Perhaps she feels the

drug is going to make her fat no matter what she does. I think your best bet is

to be in touch with the doc who prescribed her medication and ask him to work with her on ways she can counteract the increased appetite, and on supplying information about how carrying too much weight can stress other organs and bones. Perhaps a nutritionist

is the answer. I suspect she would be more receptive to what her doctor has to say, as opposed to her mother. Good luck. - Margo, interventionally

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don't work one way,

change your approach

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1/2cup seasoned Italian bread crumbs

tablespoons olive oil, divided 24-ounce jar

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Cut eggplant into 1/2-inch-thick slices. Beat eggs in bowl. Place bread crumbs in separate bowl. Dip eggplant slices in eggs to coat; dip into bread crumbs



to coat well on both sides. Heat 1 tablespoon

olive oil in 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat; add eggplant slices and cook until lightly browned on both sides. Repeat with remaining eggplant slices and olive oil.

Grease a 2 1/2-quart baking dish. Spoon 1/3 of marinara sauce on bottom of dish. Arrange half of frozen pierogies

on sauce. Top with half of eggplant slices, 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese and half of remaining sauce. Repeat with remaining ingredients, finishing with sauce and mozzarella cheese. Bake 30 minutes or until mixture is hot and bubbly.

Optional: Add one pound crumbled, cooked sausage meat to marinara sauce.

<u> Tomorrow's Horoscope</u> can for you to get the lesson. delegate?

you Common excuses for not delegating include, "In the time it takes to teach this, I could have done it myself." This excuse doesn't hold water if you are teaching the right person for the task.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're an inventor. Even if you are not exactly creating software or machines that will improve man's lot, you are creating something special in your lifetime. Others will reflect this to you

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Being sensitive is at once a blessing and a curse. Your highly organized nervous system will pick up on the slightest imbalances or bad vibes. And it will also carry you to great emotional and artistic heights.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The usual methods won't work. Hopefully, you have a few tricks up your sleeve. Try doing things backward, upside down and any way other than the normal way. The spoils will go to the flexible one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be competing. Whether or not you win depends on the field you choose. Size up your competition. Keep in mind that in order to be noticed, you will have to greatly surpass what the others are doing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you feel it. do it. Don't hesitate, or the feeling, and the opportunity, will be lost. When your inner grace is expressed, people not only become endeared to you, they fall in love a little bit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Uncomfortable scenarios must play out in order Annie's Mailbox ®

As much as you'd like to skip ahead a chapter, sometimes the only way to get to the other side is to go through. **PISCES** (Feb.

19-March 20). You have a way of bridging the gaps between people. You relate to every generation, all cultures and both genders. Your humor will be entertainment for the whole fam-O D A Y '

BIRTHDAY (Feb. 26). You will be a beloved leader this year. Your constructive approach will be admired and emulated. You have high standards, but you know when to let up on demands. You encourage others to strive for their full potential. In the process of guiding them, you'll reach yours. Finances take a turn for the better in June. Leo and Taurus people adore you. Lucky numbers are: 3, 18, 5, 43 and 20.

WEEKEND **FORECAST:** ARIES: Give specific compliments — others thrill to hear your approval. TAURUS: Be thoughtful and considerate, or something in a relationwill be lost. ship GEMINI: You will validate others through your agreement and support. Kindness comes naturally to you. CANCER: Though you often love to stay in and be comfortable at home, you'll look beautiful in the glow of a foreign light. So go adventuring! LEO: You are growing in popularity this weekend. Enjoy it, but don't let it go to your head. VIRGO: Walk with grace, as though you're on the catwalk and everyone is watching. More people are watching you than you think! LIBRA: Remember, you're looking for some-

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one to add to your life, not take it over. SCORPIO: Any work you do to create an atmosphere around you will reflect well on you. SAGITTARIUS: You have a special brilliance. Believe it, and do some investigative work to understand the nature of your particuintelligence. CAPRICORN: You are the only one who can assess where you are in life. Review, and decide that who you are is good enough. AQUARIUS: You feel in some ways overlooked, though you'll remedy that this weekend, capturing the attention you crave. PISCES: You are in alignment with those around you. You will serve them while still attending to your own

needs. COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Leo and Pisces are both associated with the arts and entertainment, though in a different way. Leo has an instinct about how to capture attention and keep it. Pisces can slip into the mood and spirit of another person and explore it, which is for all fascinating involved. This weekend, Leo and Pisces benefit by checking out the local artistic scene and discussing what they've experienced together.

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Dear Annie: I adore

my husband of 20 years, and we have the best kids on earth. The problem? My parents. My older sister is divorced and has several small children. She is also an alcoholic and a horribly toxic person.

In the past few years, "Hettie" has pulled several stunts where her drinking has put herself and her children in extreme danger.

She insists she is sober, but I know from several reliable sources that she is not. She won't admit that her cheating and drinking drove her husband away, and she has my parents snowed into thinking it was all his fault. She swindled her ex

and my parents out of enough money to net her a nice income, yet she twists everything so that she comes out the victim.

I do not allow my teenagers to baby-sit for her or get in her car because she allows strange men in her home and drives drunk.

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She only calls when she wants something, and if I don't drop everything (I work full time), she screams at me. My parents believe I

am a horrible person because I don't buy in to Hettie's lies or give her money. I've tried to help in the past, and it brought

nothing but trouble. She is a mean, lying drunk. My parents say I need to look past this because

she is "family." I cannot deal with the drama anymore. I am cordial to Hettie, but won't make her our charity

poster child like my parents do. I have done my best, but I am still the "disappointing daughter."

Last year, their intense

disapproval sent me into the hospital with a major anxiety attack. Talking to them doesn't help. This is breaking my heart. — Refuse to be an Enabler Dear Refuse: Your

parents have blinders on when it comes to Hettie. Accepting that she is a "mean, lying drunk"

makes them fear it's their fault, and that is why they blame you instead. You cannot change the

Dear Annie: I have

repeatedly told my

It is prohibitively way they think, but you expensive to ship boxes can change how you of books to her. What do deal with it. If you need we do? — Out-of-Space help, get some counsel-Moming to learn better coping skills.

Dear Mom: Notify your daughter that you will pack up her things

age facility for six months or until her next visit, whichever comes first. After that, you will

stop paying storage fees. She can then decide whether she wants to keep paying the fees herself, ship the items to her current location, sell them or make other arrangements that don't involve you. The important thing

is that you stick to your guns. Baha'i To our

Readers: Happy Ayyam-Annie's Mailbox is

written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. and put them in a stor-

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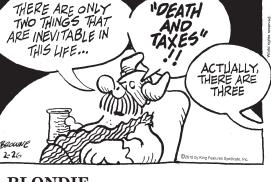
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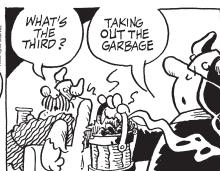
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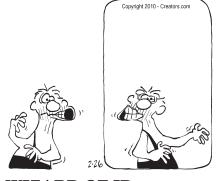




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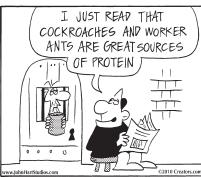
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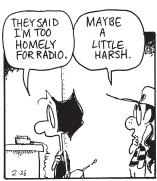




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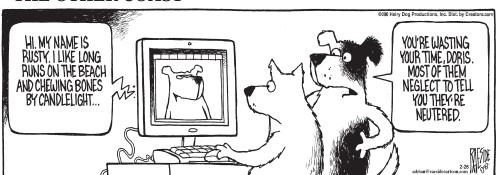


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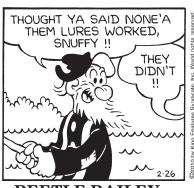




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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2010. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On Feb. 26, 1940, the United States Air Defense Command was created.

On this date:

In 1802, French literary giant Victor Hugo was born in Besancon (buhz-an-SOHN').

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from exile on the Island of Elba.

In 1870, an experimental airdriven subway, the Beach Pneumatic Transit, opened in New York City for public demonstrations.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure establishing Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

In 1929, President Calvin Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

In 1945, a midnight curfew on night clubs, bars and other places of entertainment was set to go into effect across the nation. In 1952, Prime Minister

Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb. In 1979, a total solar eclipse

cast a moving shadow 175 miles wide from Oregon to North Dakota before moving into Canada. In 1987, the Tower

Commission, which probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued its report, which rebuked President Ronald Reagan for failing to control his national security staff. In 1993, a bomb built by

Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others. One year ago: President

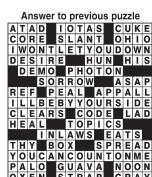
Barack Obama laid out his first budget plan, predicting a federal deficit of \$1.75 trillion. Today's Birthdays: Singer

Fats Domino is 82. Countryrock musician Paul Cotton (Poco) is 67. Singer Mitch Ryder is 65. Rock musician Jonathan Cain (Journey) is 60. Singer Michael Bolton is 57. Democratic National Chairman

Tim Kaine is 52. Bandleader John McDaniel is 49. Actress Jennifer Grant is 44. Rock musician Tim Commerford (Audioslave) is 42. Singer Erykah (EHR'-ih-kah) Badu is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rico Wade (Society of Soul) is 38. Olympic gold medal swimmer Jenny Thompson is 37. Rock musician Chris Culos (O.A.R.) is 31. Rhythm-andblues singer Corinne Bailey Rae is 31. Country singer Rodney Hayden is 30. Actress Taylor Dooley is 17.

Thought for Today: "There is one thing more powerful than the armies of the world, and that is an idea whose time has come." - Victor Hugo (1802-1885).

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Environmentalists protest Olympic building in Sochi

SOCHI, Russia (AP) – As Russia's Black Sea resort of Sochi prepares to take the Winter Olympics torch from Vancouver, activists are warning that construction has caused environmental dam-

The southern city, surrounded by the pristine forests and rivers of the North Caucasus mountains, is hosting the 2014 games. But as the four-year countdown begins, the World Wildlife Fund and Greenpeace say unique habitats have been destroyed, spring water has been contaminated by heavy metal waste and the construction of the facilities is hazard-

ously amateur.

Their protests have had trouble gaining ground, and the groups say they are no longer working with organizers. The two environmental organizations have withdrawn from a government-led oversight commission and are instead appealing to the United Nations in the hope of shaming authorities into action.

"Ecologists aren't washing their hands of the issue, but the opportunity to work in constructive cooperation with the authorities has vanished," Igor Chestin, head of the Russian branch of WWF, said during a tour Friday of Olympic construction sites.

The WWF announced

last week it was suspending cooperation with the Sochi Olympic Committee and has already cut all ties with Olympstroi, the state agency overseeing Olympic construction. No one at either organization could be reached for immediate comment Friday. Andrei Petrov, World Heritage program coordinator at Greenpeace Russia, told The Associated Press that the organization had also ceased

government. The Sochi games will be held in two clusters outside the city itself. Ice rink-based events will be held at a coastal cluster, while a mountain cluster will feature

consultations with the

the skiing, snowboarding and bobsledding, among other sports.

Activists say the chief environmental threat is to the Mzymta River, which connects the two clusters. Thousands of beech trees have been felled to clear the path for a road and rail link that skirts the river.

"The river will die completely," Chestin said during a car ride up the valley toward the mountain cluster in the village of Krasnaya Polyana.

Petrov said Russian legislation has been changed to allow the clearing of endangered trees to accommodate the Olympic construction.

of thing that is utterly unacceptable in a normal country," he said. "Laws are being changed overnight to suit somebody's interests."

The WWF has made its concerns known in writing to the UNESCO World Heritage Center and the United Nations Environment Program, and is hoping international pressure will force Russia to address them.

"We are changing tactics," Chestin said.

The activists also decried what they called the arbitrary redrawing of the boundaries of national nature reserves to justify further commercial build-"This is the kind ing. Contaminants are

dumped into rivers and the habitats of bears and birds are destroyed runs, they said.

to clear the way for ski "During construction of the buildings and roads, hazardous waste such as heavy metals

enter the river and kills

all life," Chestin said. Asked whether he hoped Russia would reengage with the green movement before the games, Chestin said the ball was in the officials'

"Russia is playing first violin in the Olympics," he said. "But the games are an international event. Global organizations like the U.N. play a huge role, and their voice should be heard."

Cowboys, Bengals to play HOF exhibition

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys will play the Cincinnati Bengals in the 2010 Hall ofFameexhibitiongame, one day after Cowboys star Emmitt Smith and longtime Bengals coach Dick LeBeau are induct-

The game will be played on Aug. 8 in Canton, Ohio, marking the beginning of the NFL's preseason sched-

Induction ceremonies will be held on Aug. 7. Smith, the NFL's career leader in yards rushing, was elected along with six other players, including Jerry Rice, John Randle, Rickey Jackson, Russ Grimm and Floyd Little.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones issued a statement calling it "an honor" to play in the game.

SOFTBALL

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Grape Creek, freshman Logan Yarbar made her second varsity start against the same team she beat Saturday at

Yarbar threw four innings in the game, allowing three runs, two of which were earned, striking out four and walking five. Yarbar went 3-for-4 at the plate in the game with three bunt singles, two stolen bases and one run scored.

"Logan is going to have to get more confidence, but that's OK," Sparks said. "I'm OK with it. We made a lot of young mistakes, but that's where we need to be, and that's what these tournaments are for."

Valerie Ross knocked in three runs in the game on three hits, including a double. The Lady Steers improved to 4-1 on the season as they

take on Pecos today at 1 p.m. and Midland Lee tonight at 7 p.m.

Coahoma loses

The Coahoma Bulldogettes fell to Abilene High Thursday despite 15 strikeouts from pitcher Heather Newton.

The Bulldogettes toook a 1-0 lead through three innings, but defensive miscues cost the Bulldogettes all three of Abilene High's runs.

Coahoma will play three games today against Abilene Cooper, Odessa Permian at 3 p.m. and Marfa at 7 p.m. Check Sunday's Herald for tournament results.

Thursday's scores Thursday's scores 5 p.m. games- Andrews 7, El Paso El Dorado 0; Midland High 15, Kermit 0; Odessa High 13, El Paso Hanks 0; Big Spring 5, Monahans 1; Lee 21, Crane 0; Lee 21, Crane 0; Pecos 5, Grape Creek 1; Odesa Permian 7, Abilano Coaper 0:

7, Abilene Cooper 0; 7 p.m. games- Midland High JV 8, Frenship JV 0; Midland Christian 3, Canyon 2; Seminole 6, Odessa 4; Lubbock Cooper Andrews 0; Big Spring 8, Grape Creek 3; Abilene High 3, Coahoma 1; Odessa Permian 2, Greenwood 0

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came away with a 35-21

"They're a very quick basketball team," Stanton coach Kenny VanCuren said. "They're not real big, but they like to switch their defense so you don't know what you're going to see. And we're very quick, so that nullifies us a little bit. But they can't match up with us inside."

The Buffs will look to Stanton big man Tyler Fulton, who is leading the Buffs in scoring this year. Fulton scored 10 points in the Buffs' last regular season game against Forsan on Feb.

BEARKATS

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played 20 games. It's frustrating that we didn't get a chance to mature as a team."

Valley will move on to face either Grady or Northside, which play tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Floydada.

"They're probably the best team in the region that didn't win district,"

Abney said. "They've got good players."

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Turkey Valley (22-5): Garcia 16, Hancock 15, Sherman 14, Smith 9, Allen 8, Mendoza 2.

Garden City (13-7): Brett Chudej 23, Reggie Halfmann 9, Hayden Halfmann 6, Brian Hirt 5, Jesse Montes 2, Aaron Long 2, Peyton Schaefer 1.

Free throws -- Valley 20-26, Garden City 15-25. 3-point goals -- Valley 4 (Garcia 3, Smith 1), Garden City 3 (R. Halfmann). Total fouls -- Valley 20, Garden City 22. Fouled out -- None.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Canadian women, Korean win gold

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Gold was the only option for both Canada's women's hockey team and South Korean figure skater Kim Yu-na. For the U.S. Nordic combined squad, any medal in any color would do.

All of them were quite pleased with the way things turned out.

The Canadian women beat the United States 2-0 for their third straight Olympic title, this one even sweeter because it was on home ice — and in front of a who's who list of fans that included Wayne Gretzky, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, actor Michael J. Fox and several members of the men's hockey team, including captain Scott Niedermayer.

Up in the mountains, Billy Demong Johnny Spillane finished 1-2 in a Nordic combined race, a surprising medal haul in a sport that's been part of the Winter Olympics since 1924 but never had an American medalist until these games.

Demong's victory is the first gold and his second of these games.

Spillane became the first medalist on Sunday, and now he has three, all silver.

Add silvers by the hockey women and Jeret "Speedy" Peterson in men's aerials, and the U.S. medal count is up to eight golds and 32 overall. The Americans are closing in on their record hauls of 10 gold of 34 total, both set at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games.

Canadian women celebrate gold

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — The women of the Canadian hockey team politely accepted their gold medals and waved to an adoring crowd. And then the real celebration began.

More than half an hour after they beat the United States 2-0 on Thursday, the players came back from the locker room and staged a party on ice — swigging from bottles of champagne, guzzling beer and smoking cigars.

The IOC said it would look into the matter. Informed of the antics by The Associated Press, Gilbert Felli, the IOC's executive director of the Olympic Games, said it was "not what we want to see."

Villegas leads at Pheonix Open

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The memory of a missed 3-foot putt did nothing to diminish Camilo Villegas's game in the Phoenix Open.

The 28-year-old Colombian tied tournament first-round record with a 9-under 62 to take a one-shot lead over former Florida teammate Matt Every.

Villegas regrouped with a bogey-free round after making the semifinals of the Match Play Championship last weekend, but missing the short putt that would have put him in the final. He beat Sergio Garcia in the third-place match.

Justin Rose, Mark Wilson, Ryuji Imada, Rickie Fowler and Pat Perez were three strokes back at 65 in near-perfect conditions at TPC Scottsdale.

Phil Mickelson and champion defending Kenny Perry were in a large group at 68. Match Play champion Ian Poulter struggled to a

Venus comes back to win in Mexican Open

ACAPULCO, Mexico Top-seeded Fernando Verdasco was knocked out of the quarterfinals of the Mexican Open by Juan Monaco, and women's No. 1 seed Venus Williams fought back from 1-5 down in the final set to survive.

Monaco of Argentina beat top-seeded Verdasco of Spain 7-5, 6-3.

Williams had a harderthan-expected struggle against Spanish qualifier Laura Pous Tio, finally winning 4-6, 6-3, 7-5. Pous Tios is ranked No. 399 and Williams is No. 5.

Verdasco, who defeated Andy Roddick in an ATP final two weeks ago in San Jose, California, said he had not adjusted to clay after not having played on the surface in seven months.

Gonzalez Fernando of Chile rallied to beat Eduardo Schwank of Argentina 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, while third-seeded David Ferrer of Spain defeated Uruguay's Pablo Cuevas 7-5, 6-4.

Williams got herself into several holes with loose ground strokes and showed this is her first tournament of the season on clay — her weakest surface.

Williams, who won here last year, was cheered on by thousands

"I really have never had that kind of support, everinmylife," Williams added. "Never, never at home, never anywhere. ... Never Fed Cup, never even the Olympics. ... It was just really amazing. I thought, OK, yeah, I can do this."

Rangers P Feldman settling into new role

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — In less than a year, Scott Feldman has progressed from afterthought to anchor of the Texas Rangers' starting rotation.

Winning 17 games in five months last season and entering the closing weeks with a chance to reach the coveted 20-victory mark — will do that for a pitcher.

"I thought it would have been cool if I could have gotten 20," Feldman said. "Just to get 17 was a pretty cool thing. We had a good team."

Feldman was a large part of that success, posting a 17-8 record and 4.08 ERA in 31 starts. Despite not joining the rotation until late April, the right-hander was second on the club with 189 2/3 innings pitched.

Though he has just 56 career starts under his belt, the 27-year-old has become an elder statesman in a rotation that this year adds oft-injured veteran Rich Harden. It's a role that Feldman didn't necessarily expect but has embraced since the departure of Kevin Millwood.

"The pecking order was Millwood and Feldman," Rangers manager Ron Washington said Thursday. "Millwood disappeared, Feldman was successful. It's only right he moves up in the pecking order."

What helped Feldman succeed both personally and now as a leader,

Washington said, is his "impeccable work ethic.

"It's about your work ethic around here. He's a great guy to model. You can't put leadership on people. Your teammates draw it out of you. And he's got the work ethic."

The professionalism he learned from Millwood, who often was the first pitcher on the field for drills in spring training, helped Feldman cope with disappointment last spring.

After going 6-8 in 25 starts for Texas in 2008 following two-plus seasons in the bullpen, Feldman found himself the odd man out of the rotation when the Rangers brought in free agent Kris Benson midway through spring

"It didn't take long before there was a need for a starter in the rotation and he stepped in," Washington said. "It gives him an opportunity to use all his pitches and he took to it."

Feldman said he knew the nature of the game was such that a chance to return to the rotation would come.

"At the beginning I just tried to stay focused, not get frustrated that I got moved to the bullpen, and wait for an opportunity," Feldman said. "Once I got the opportunity, I pitched pretty well, kept working hard and just had a lot of

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Puzzles by Pappocom

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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East

♠ A 10 6 ♥A 10 8 5 ♦ 7 4 **♥** K Q J 9 6 3 **♦** 10 **♣**K 6 5 ♣AJ42

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Clubs, and North leads the two of hearts. You win with the queen and lead the four of trumps to dummy's queen, North following with the three and South the two. How would you continue?

West **♠** K 5 **♥**A Q 10

♠ A J 8 3 2 ♥KJ **♦** A J 7

1. Draw the missing trumps, cash the K-A of clubs and, if the club jack is not yet a trick, lead a diamond. The defender who wins the diamond cannot return a spade or a club without establishing a 10th trick for you, so

let's assume he leads another diamond. In that case, you discard your six of clubs! Again the defender on lead cannot

play a spade or a club without allowing you to make the contract, nor can he afford a diamond continuation, which would hand you a ruff-anddiscard. You are certain to make 10 tricks whatever he returns, but note that at no point were you in danger of losing the contract.

2. The only real danger is the possibility of losing two trump tricks. This can occur only if the trumps are divided 4-1, so the question is how to guard against this eventuality.

If you were to cash dummy's ace of clubs at this point, you would go down if North started with the K-10-7-3. The best way to guard against this is to return to your hand by overtaking dummy's king of hearts with the ace and lead the nine of trumps.

If North produces the ten or king, you win with the ace and have the contract firmly in tow. If North produces the seven, you play low from dummy to assure the contract. At worst, you lose one trump trick by adopting this method of play.

Of course, North might show out when you lead the nine of trumps at trick two. In that case, you can assure the slam by putting up the ace and returning the five toward your J-8-6.

trick four. This would occur if South, holding the K-10-7-2 originally, ducked dummy's queen of clubs at

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