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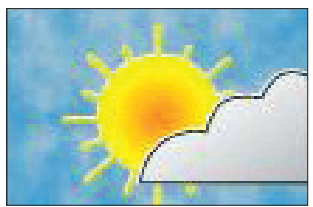


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Weaver fired

Investigation into tampering continues

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A county employee recently placed on administrative leave pending an investigation into possible records tampering had her employment terminated Thursday, according to County Judge Mark Barr.

Jamie Weaver, who was employed as the secretary for Barr's office, recently became the focus of an investigation alleging tampering with government records and theft from the county's hot check fund, which is administered and supervised by County Attorney Joshua Hamby's office.

According to Barr, he met with Weaver Thursday morning to discuss the situation, and, as a result, terminated her employment.

"There haven't been any new developments in the investigation that I'm aware of," said Barr. "However, I met with her (Weaver) and decided the best course of action was to terminate her employment. I really can't say anything more about it since the investigation is ongoing.

"The money came up missing from the county's hot check fund and there are some circumstances that are be-

Clerk simply low man on totem pole, attorney says

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Local attorney and former Howard County attorney Mike Thomas says county officials are using an employee fired Thursday amid allegations of theft and tampering with records as a scapegoat to cover up a lack of internal controls in the current county attorney's office.

Former county employee Jamie Weaver, who served as the

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ing looked into. The investigation is in the hands of the District Attorney's office and we're still waiting on

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring High School's Logan Yarbar fires a pitch toward home plate during the Lady Steers' game with Odessa High School's junior varsity at the Crossroads Softball Tournament being held through Saturday at Roy Anderson Sports Complex. See Page 1B.

What's up in Big Spring

March 6-7
41st Annual Gem & Mineral Show, Howard County Fair Barn

March 9
West Texas Energy Summit with State Rep. Joe Heflin, Dora Roberts Community Center (432) 684-6345

March 27-28
United Way Golf Tournament Three-Person Scramble, Call 267-5201 for information

March 27-28
Rattlesnake Roundup, Howard County Fair Grounds

For information on upcoming events call the Big Spring CVB at 263-8235.

Howard County to join in statewide warrant roundup

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Crossroads residents with outstanding warrants beware, as law enforcement agencies from Howard County and the surrounding areas prepare to join forces Saturday for a warrant roundup.

Part of a statewide effort to help municipalities and other govern-



Green

ment agencies tackle the growing number of arrest warrants being issued, Big Spring Municipal Judge Tim Green said every effort has been made to contact those with warrants and get the matters cleared up before the handcuffs

get slapped on. "The unique thing about this is, this roundup is going to be happening in just about every city in the state of Texas," said Green. "What we've initially done is send out letters. Wayne (Wright, BSPD officer) has been doing a lot of work with

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Gem of a show coming

Prospector Club to host annual event Saturday, Sunday

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The best this area's rock hounds have to offer will be on display when the Big Spring Prospector Club holds its 41st annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show this weekend.

The show will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Howard County Fair building. Admission is free.

Club Secretary Lola Lamb said the show will feature between 30 and 40 displays from club members and others that spotlight different aspects of ama-



Lamb

teur geology. "Those displays are both educational and fun to look at," Lamb said, "because they show just what an individual can collect."

Also at the show, several demonstrations will be held. Club members will inform visitors about faceting stones, working with cabochons (stones that have been shaped and polished as opposed to faceted) and bead making.

Special demonstrations will be held for wire wrapping and silver smithing, Lamb added.

Another annual feature of the show will be displays highlighting several rock and gem-related items for sale. Lamb said 13 dealers from across Texas and New Mexico —

and one from Michigan — will be manning booths this weekend.

"Most of the items for sale are jewelry, rough stones you can shape or polish on your own or finished stones you can buy and have mounted," Lamb said. "They'll also have mineral specimens ... and gems ranging in price from fairly cheap to quite expensive."

A spinning wheel for children — Lamb guarantees a prize every spin — will be available, as will a snack bar.

For more information, contact Lamb at 263-3340.

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

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Lady Steers open Crossroads Tourney 3-0



HERALD PHOTO/Steve Reagan

Logan Yarbar pitches Thursday at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

BY MATT PRICE
Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Lady Steers took their first three games of the inaugural Crossroads Tournament held Thursday at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

Thursday's action on the four diamonds consisted of five four-team divisions that saw each of the schools play three "pool-play" games within those divisions. The games were a tune-up for most of the

schools that have not had a lot of playing time because of the weather.

"This year we have 24 teams," Lady Steer coach John Sparks said. "We should have another field ready to go next year, and then we hope to go up to 36 teams. We'll be playing from morning till late at night."

All of the pool-play games were limited to one hour and none of the games went the regulation seven innings. Big Spring

beat both the Merkel and Odessa High School JV squads 3-0 and bested Colorado City 5-3 under the lights in the last game of the day. Kenzie Hunt picked up wins in games one and three, and Logan Yarbar earned the win in game two.

"Kenzie did a fantastic job, throwing hard and making things happen," Sparks said. "Logan did well, too. She's going to be our future."

The Lady Buffaloes of See **SOFTBALL**, Page 2B

Forsan went 2-1 in their pool games. They first defeated Levelland High School 5-2 but lost their second game of the day 7-6 to Midland High School's junior varsity squad. In Forsan's last game of the day, it topped Lubbock Roosevelt 6-0.

The official tournament started today with locals Forsan playing Lee at 9 a.m. and Big Spring playing Pecos at noon. Win or

TWO EASY

Watkins leads Hawks to win in Region V tourney

BY JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — The Howard Hawks breathed a sigh of relief after Thursday night's game.

The Hawks let a 19-point lead midway through the second half dwindle to six in the final minutes, but they held off the late Ram charge for an 82-71 win in the first round of the Region V tournament at Lubbock Christian University.

The Hawks picked up their 11th straight win and advanced to the semifinal game Saturday at 2 p.m. against Collin County, which defeated Odessa 58-49 Thursday.

"It's hard to play a team like Southwestern Christian," coach Mark Adams said. "They make a game ugly, and they're so unpredictable that it's hard to prepare for them. It's kind of an organized pickup game. But I thought when we had to bear down and play, we did."

Josh Watkins paced Howard with 30 points in the game, his second straight 30-point



HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton

Howard's Josh Watkins goes for two of his 30 points Thursday at the Rip Griffin Center at Lubbock Christian University. The Hawks won their opening game 82-71 over Southwestern Christian for their 11th straight.

effort. Jae Crowder finished with 13 of his 19 points coming in the second half. Joe Bright and Carlos Emory each finished with double-doubles — Bright went for 11 points and 10 boards and Emory finished with 10 and 12.

With Crowder picking up his third foul midway through the first half, Howard had

to look elsewhere for its offense. The Hawks found it in Watkins' dribble-drive ability.

"Jae is a such a big part of our offense," Watkins said. "When he went out, that's when I had to step my game up. It's playoffs. You can't hold anything back."

Watkins stayed in the game despite a hard foul early in the

second half that had him icing his midsection during short rests on the bench.

"The thing is, I'm a warrior," Watkins said. "Adams has me ready for any defense there is, and bruised ribs aren't going to stop me from anything. This is my goal. We're trying to get to

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Steers split first day of Snyder tournament

Herald Staff Report

SNYDER — The Big Spring Steers earned a split through the first day of the Snyder tournament Thursday, picking up a 6-4 win over Greenwood before falling to Llano in extra innings.

The Steers put a four-spot on the board in the first against Greenwood and relied on the arm of Max Papajohn to stymie the Rangers' bats. Papajohn tossed the full seven innings in the win, allowing four runs, three earned, five hits, two walks and striking out five. Papajohn also singled in a run to help his cause.

Martin Yanez, Gunnar Kennedy and Papajohn opened the game with three singles, the last scoring Yanez. Jacob Acosta followed with a sacrifice fly, and Steven Islas doubled next. The Greenwood catcher overthrew second base trying to get Islas, who scored on the two-base error.

Big Spring would pick up two more in the sixth to preserve the win for Papajohn.

**Llano 6
Big Spring 5, F/8**

The Steers jumped out to an early lead in their second game against Llano as well. Mike Enriquez started the top of the second with a single followed by an Islas triple, scoring Enriquez. Michael Felton walked,

and Anthony Saracho and Xavian Parnell followed him with back-to-back doubles. Yanez singled in Parnell for the Steers' fourth run of the inning. Big Spring added another in the third when Papajohn scored on an Enriquez hit.

Llano would come back with three in the third and two in the seventh to tie it up. The Yellow Jackets got back-to-back singles, followed by a ground-out that scored a run. The Steers intentionally walked the bases loaded to set up a double play, and a sacrifice fly tied the score.

Llano won the game in the eighth inning on a misplayed bunt, the Steers' only error of the game.

Mike Enriquez tossed seven innings for the Steers, allowing five runs, four of which were earned, on six hits, three strikeouts and five walks. Hensley was credited for a third of an inning in the eighth.

Big Spring will be in action today at 12:30 p.m. against Perryton. Check the Herald for results.

Big Spring 6, Greenwood 4
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BS 400 002 0 -- 6 7 2

Papajohn and Acosta;
W-Papajohn

Llano 6, Big Spring 5, F/8
BS 041 000 00 -- 5 9 1
LHS 003 000 21 -- 6 7 2

Enriquez, Hensley and Acosta;
L-Hensley

Bulldogs fall to Presidio; Bulldogettes split games in San Angelo

Herald Staff Report

MONAHANS — The Coahoma Bulldogs dropped a 4-3 affair to Presidio on Thursday in the first games of the Monahans Sandhills Tournament.

Coahoma coach Shane Fuller said the Bulldogs were hitting the ball hard, but it wasn't fall-

ing in the right spot.

"We hit the ball solid, but we hit right at at them," Fuller said.

Rey Gutierrez tossed six innings in a game shortened by time limit, allowing one earned run on five hits with 11 strikeouts.

"He was on," Fuller said. "He pitched good enough to win, but we

couldn't make enough plays behind him."

Coahoma played at 10 a.m. against El Paso Burgess today. Results were unavailable at press time.

Bulldogettes split two

SAN ANGELO — The Coahoma Bulldogettes split their opening two games of the San Angelo

tournament Thursday, falling to San Angelo Central in nine innings before beating Keller Fossil Ridge.

Heather Newton struck out 15 batters in a 4-3 loss to Central. After giving up two unearned runs in the first inning, Newton settled in and didn't allow a run until two unearned came

across in the ninth.

The Bulldogettes picked up a win in their second game 7-5 over Fossil Ridge. Joanna Gonzales knocked in three runs with three RBI singles, and Kylie Gee notched a triple and a double in the game.

Katie Dunn pitched three innings, allowing five runs, two of which

were earned. Newton came in and struck out six in three innings of shutout baseball, allowing just one hit. In 55 innings this season, Newton has 105 strikeouts.

The Bulldogettes will be in action with three games today. They will

See **COAHOMA**, 2B

Sports in brief

Golf Association to host membership drive

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is hosting a four-man scramble tournament Sunday in the group's membership drive.

The event will be in ABCD format at Comanche Trail Golf Course, located at Comanche Trail State Park.

Registration will take place from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., with teams teeing off at 10 a.m.

Youth baseball league signups to go until Saturday

Saturday is the last chance to sign up for the Big Spring Youth Baseball League.

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

Grady to take on Ira in Abilene

The Grady High School boys hope to advance to the region final at 1 p.m. as they take on Ira in region semifinal action at Abilene Christian University.

Grady defeated Turkey Valley on Monday 59-33 to advance to the semifinals for the first time in four years.

The Wildcats are 26-4 on the season, facing an Ira squad that is 29-2 on the year and ranked No. 3.

Police blotter

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

- AARON HENDERSON, 25, of 3708 Calvin, was arrested Thursday on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- ROSENDO YANEZ, 40, of 811 Creighton, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.
- DUSTINA WITHRODER, 34, of 1106 Stanford, was arrested Thursday on eight local warrants.
- JAMES CANTU, 39, of 205 W. 18th St., was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.
- MARIANO GRANADOS, 35, of 434 Dallas, was arrested Thursday on charges of driving while license invalid and no insurance.
- BOBBY KLUG, 37, of 1745 Purdue, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- MARK SALAZAR, 19, of 212 E. Robinson Rd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of failure to display driver's license.
- BELARMINO GONZALEZ, 29, of 504 State, was arrested Thursday on charges of operating a motor vehicle with an expired license plate and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- FRANCISCO LARA, 49, of 3710 Calvin, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- GENETTIA HUGHES, 40, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 11, was arrested Thursday on a charge of forgery.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported: In the 400 block of Fourth Street. In the 2000 block of Goliad.
- FORGERY OF A CHECK OR CREDIT CARD was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION was reported in the 1200 block of FM 700.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.

- AARON KYLE HENDERSON, 25, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- DAVID ARTHUR WITTEIN, 30, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of harassment.
- ROSENDO YANEZ, 40, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of permitting an unlicensed person to operate a motor vehicle.
- JAMES CANTU, 39, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- BOBBY KLUG, 37, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution.
- MARK ANTHONY SALAZAR, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to display driver's license.
- JOSHUA LYNN THOMPSON, 22, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- BELARMINO GONZALES, 29, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of displaying an expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- DUSTINA DIONNE WITHRODER, 34, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility (three counts), displaying an expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to appear (two counts), no driver's license, displaying an expired registration.
- VERONICA RODRIGUEZ, 29, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of disregarding a red light, failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts), failure to yield at stop intersection, failure to yield row (turning left), violation of a promise to appear after judgment (three counts) and no driver's license (two counts).

- MARIANO GRANADOS, 35, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution.
- GENETTIA ANN HUGHES, 40, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.
- FRANCISCO LARA, 49, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container, second offense.
- MANUEL TORRES ESCAMILLA, 47, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- CARLOS RODRIQUEZ, 56, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA as reported in the 2900 block of Old Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4100 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3800 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Drexel. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

- An account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Faye McGee of Big Spring to help defray the cost of medical bills and treatment. She is in ICU at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Contact CFCU at 400 E. Marcy in Big Spring, account 762989 or call Cosden at 264-2600 or toll free 800 725-2673.
- A Dinner Theatre is slated for March 27 at KoKopelli's to benefit the Big Spring Educational Science Trip, aka the Big Spring UFO'S. The meal will consist of brisket, pinto beans, potato salad, Texas toast, lemonade, water or tea. Price is \$10 a person or \$18 per couple, Purchase tickets from Medicine Center Pharmacy; ask for Monika. A silent auction will be held as well.
- A fund has been established at Wood Forest National Bank for Jeffery Cate (Bubba). He is a lifetime resident of Big Spring and is employed at B&E Roustabout. He was in a car accident New Year's Eve and is still in a hospital in Lubbock. He had surgery to remove his spleen and has several broken bones, including one in his neck. He has also suffered some memory loss due to a bruise on one side of his brain. He has three small boys. The medical bills and family travel expenses are adding up. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

- Attention military personnel and dependents: The Salvation Army currently has funding for Texas military personnel now serving or who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Members or dependents may apply at the Salvation Army Office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., or call (432) 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

- 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.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 3/6	Sun 3/7	Mon 3/8	Tue 3/9	Wed 3/10
61/51 Cloudy. High 61F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.	62/48 A few thunderstorms possible.	67/44 Windy with a mix of sun and clouds.	69/43 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	61/41 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 6:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 6:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 6:49 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM

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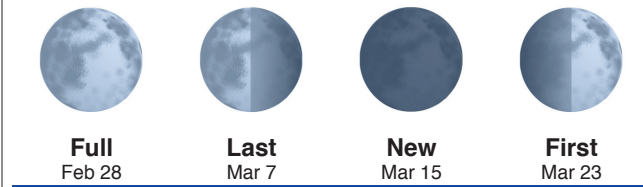
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	59	50	cloudy	Kingsville	72	59	cloudy
Amarillo	66	44	mst sunny	Livingston	69	43	sunny
Austin	65	51	cloudy	Longview	68	45	sunny
Beaumont	68	46	sunny	Lubbock	67	48	pt sunny
Brownsville	72	60	cloudy	Lufkin	71	43	sunny
Brownwood	63	51	cloudy	Midland	65	53	cloudy
Corpus Christi	67	59	cloudy	Raymondville	73	59	cloudy
Corsicana	63	47	cloudy	Rosenberg	68	49	mst sunny
Dallas	64	49	cloudy	San Antonio	68	56	cloudy
Del Rio	66	57	rain	San Marcos	66	51	cloudy
El Paso	73	48	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	65	48	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	70	51	cloudy	Sweetwater	60	50	cloudy
Gainesville	61	47	cloudy	Tyler	66	46	mst sunny
Greenville	62	45	pt sunny	Weatherford	62	48	cloudy
Houston	68	49	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	65	49	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	57	28	sunny	Minneapolis	42	30	pt sunny
Boston	49	31	sunny	New York	48	32	sunny
Chicago	46	33	sunny	Phoenix	72	50	pt sunny
Dallas	64	49	cloudy	San Francisco	60	45	cloudy
Denver	54	32	mst sunny	Seattle	61	42	sunny
Houston	68	49	mst sunny	St. Louis	56	39	mst sunny
Los Angeles	59	45	rain	Washington, DC	51	35	sunny
Miami	69	50	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sat 3/6	Sun 3/7	Mon 3/8	Tue 3/9	Wed 3/10
4	4	7	7	7
Moderate	Moderate	High	High	High

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Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 1-23-29-35. Bonus Ball: 31.
 Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
 the inning Cash 5 numbers drawn Thursday evening by the Texas Lottery: 3-17-23-33-36.
 The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-9-6-7. Sum It Up: 28.
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 The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-9-0. Sum It Up: 9

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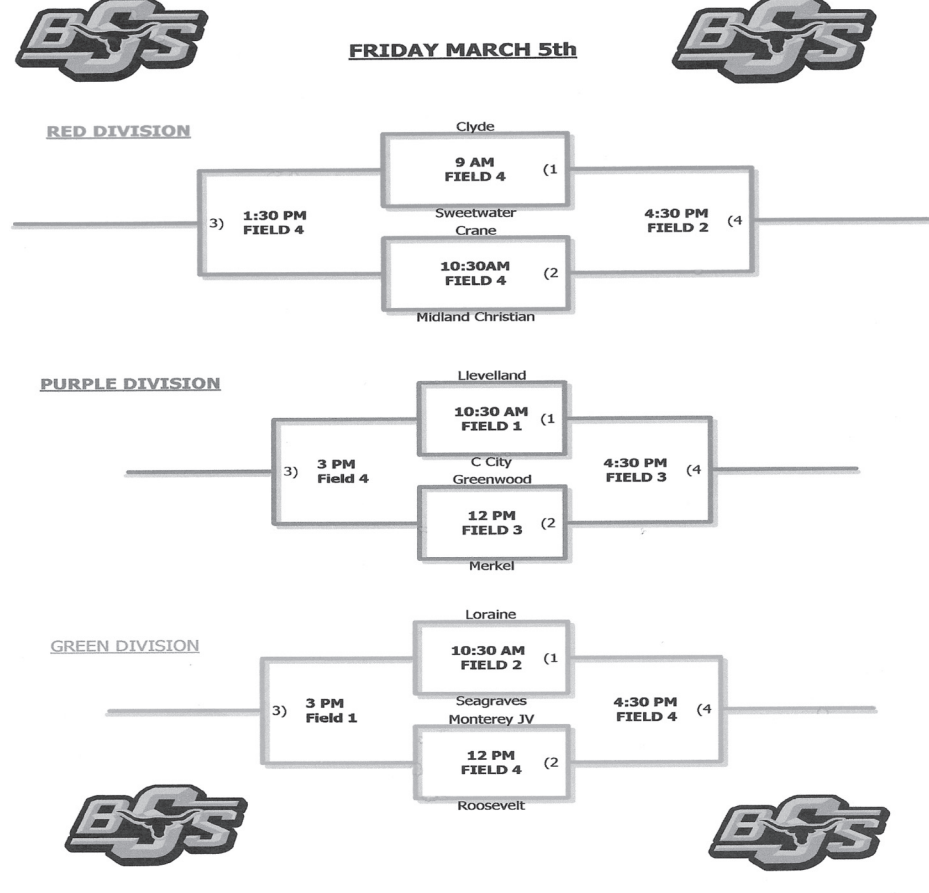
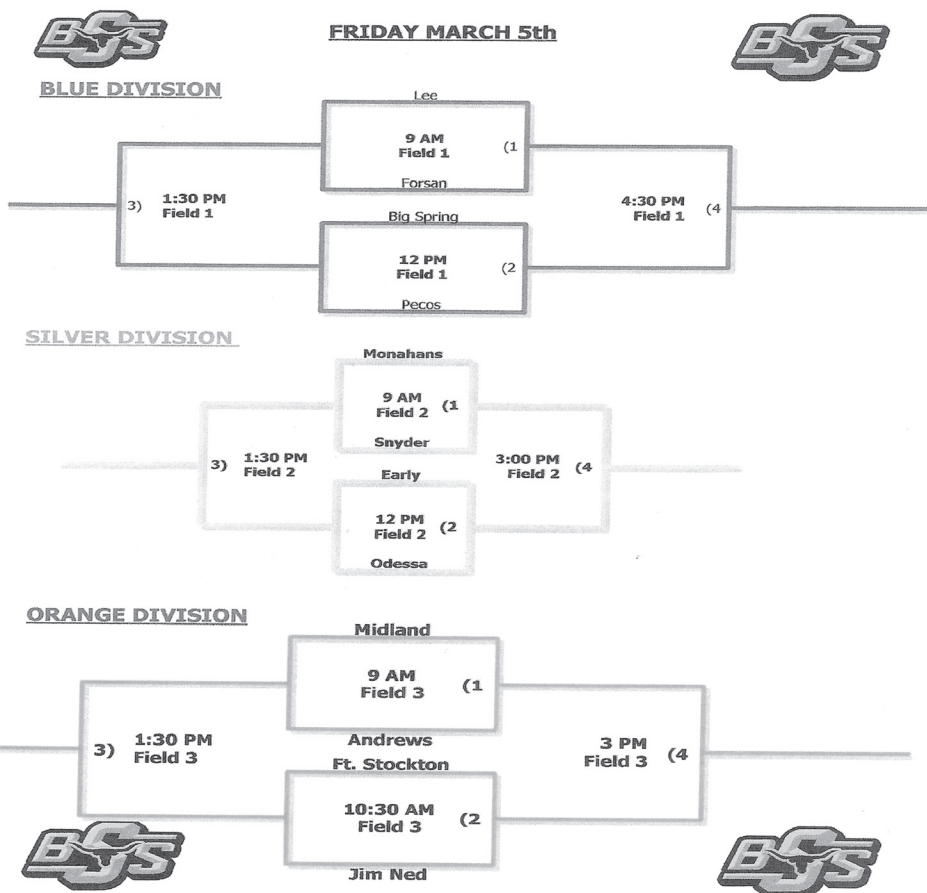
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Crossroads tournament brackets



HAWKS

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nationals, and I did what I had to do.”

Devon Lamb dropped 21 points for Southwestern Christian. Brandon Davis added 17, Joseph Johnson added 13 and Ronald Wright chipped in 11.

Howard shot 45 percent from the floor for

the game despite going 0-for-12 from behind the 3-point line. Howard limited the Rams’ fast-paced offense to 36 percent from the floor and turned 23 Southwestern Christian turnovers into 16 points. The Rams did win the rebounding battle, outpacing the Hawks 48-46.

Howard jumped out to a 10-5 five lead in the first five minutes with

an early 8-0 run, but Southwestern Christian battled back to within one at the 11:31 mark with three Hawk bigmen picking up two fouls.

“You couldn’t have given us a worse script for the first 10 minutes and they were in the bonus,” Adams said. “That took a lot of the aggressiveness away from our defense.”

The Hawks closed the

first half on another 8-0 run to take a nine point lead into the locker room thanks to the Howard defense, which didn’t allow a point in the last five minutes of the half.

Howard widened its lead midway through the second half and led by 14 with six minutes to go when Carlos Emory slammed home a thunderous dunk on a lob

from Lamont Austin. But the Rams would battle back, using a 6-0 run to pull within nine and a three-point play from Lamb at the two-minute mark to get within six.

Howard’s defense tightened up down the final stretch, though, taking a charge in the final minute and holding on for the win.

9-26 3-9 21, Davis 5-15 2-2 17, Laguerre 2-5 1-2 5, Riathlin 0-4 0-0 0, Sands 2-3 0-2 4, Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Johnson 4-9 4-5 13; Totals 26-71 13-24 71

Howard (27-2)
Austin 1-5 4-6 6, Watkins 13-19 4-5 30, Crowder 8-20 3-4 19, Emory 4-11 2-3 10, Bright 4-5 3-4 11, Sundufu 1-4 0-0 2, Mentor 0-1 0-0 0, Obasi 0-2 0-0 0, O’Garro 1-2 0-0 2, McGee 1-3 0-0 2; Totals 33-72 12-16 82

Halftime 36-37 HC; 3-point goals — SW 6-16 (Davis 5, Johnson), HC 0-12; Rebounds 48-46 SW (Laguerre, Lamb 10, Emory 12); Turnovers SW 23, HC 16; Assists SW 6, HC 11 (Austin 4, Wright 3);

SOFTBALL

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close, both teams will play later on in the day and all teams will be playing on Saturday also.

There were official

opening ceremonies held where the Big Spring Lady Steer Varsity softball team was introduced by Coach Sparks. Sparks voiced what other school administrators and city councilmen — along with every Steer

supporter — wanted and fully expected.

“We want to win our inaugural tournament,” he said. “We’re not going to hold anything back.”

Today’s games
Clyde vs. Sweetwater,

9 a.m., Midland Lee JV vs. Forsan, 9 a.m., Monahans vs. Snyder, 9 a.m., Midland High JV vs. Andrews, 9 a.m., Crane vs. Midland Christian, 10:30 a.m., Levelland vs. Colorado City, 10:30 a.m., Loraine vs. Seagraves, 10:30 a.m., Fort Stockton vs. Jim Ned, 10:30 a.m., Greenwood vs. Merkel, noon; Monterey JV vs. Lubbock Roosevelt, noon; Big Spring vs.

Pecos, noon; Early vs. Odessa JV, noon;

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a written report from them before we move forward with anything."

Barr said the amount missing is less than \$5,000, but if charges are filed against Weaver they will be anything but petty.

"My understanding is the charge that could come out of this is tampering with government records," said Barr. "So this is most certainly a serious matter, and the county is doing everything it can to get it resolved. However, it's very important to remember at this point no charges have been filed and the investigation is ongoing, so there's really no way for me to know what will come out of it. There could be criminal charges and there may not be

any charges. It's just too early to tell."

Hardy Wilkerson, district attorney for the 118th District Court, declined to comment on the details of the investigation, but did say the charges — if the investigation yields any — will most likely be a state jail felony or a third-degree felony.

Wilkerson added the Texas Rangers have been called in to assist with the investigation.

If convicted of a state jail felony, Weaver could face between 180 days to two years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. If convicted of a third-degree felony, the local woman could face between two to 10 years in prison with a similar fine.

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Courtesy photo
Hangar 25 Air Museum recently recognized Dealon Stanley as its February 2010 Veteran of the Month. Stanley served in the United States Army during World War II as an infantryman in the 25th Division, 35th Regiment stationed in the Philippines. For more information on the Veteran of the Month program, call 264-1999.

ATTORNEY

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secretary for County Judge Mark Barr's office during the past three years, had her employment terminated Thursday after government officials allege she tampered with records and stole approximately \$4,000 from the hot check fund.

While no criminal charges have been made against the Garden City woman at this time, Thomas said he believes they will come in an effort to distract attention from the real problem, which is a lack of internal controls and supervision from County Attorney Joshua Hamby's office.

"The hot check fund is to be administered by the county attorney's office. If you look up the law (regarding the fund), it's there to supplement the expenses of that office," said Thomas. "So, the county attorney is supposed to be in charge of that fund. Jamie was actually working for the county judge, and for

some reason she was handling the hot check fund. But she's the low man on the totem pole, and the people who are responsible for these funds are the bosses. You can put internal controls into the system. You can have different people handle receipts, the money and deposits, but the lack of internal control shouldn't be blamed on Thomas the low man on the totem pole.



"These funds were kept in an unlocked drawer in the judge's office — where the secretary sits — and Jamie would have to be out of that office at different times throughout the day. There were people working off their community service, people coming in to see the judge and other secretaries who were also responsible for that fund and handled them going in and out of the office. So, there were all sorts of people that had access to the money. What the

authorities have done is taken the blame and placed it on the low man on the totem pole, and she had the least authority to do anything about it. All sorts of people could have taken that money, and they have no proof whatsoever that she (Weaver) took that money."

Thomas served as county attorney for more than 10 years, losing the office to the current county attorney in an election last year.

According to Thomas, responsibility for the fund, by law, should have never been shifted to Weaver and county officials are simply looking for a scapegoat in the matter.

"They can't prove who took that money, so they have taken something any secretary has most likely done and Jamie has admitted she did and building that up to put pressure on her to confess to a crime she didn't commit," said Thomas firmly. "They want a scapegoat, so they are taking these little things and blowing them up into big things.

By law, these funds are the responsibility of the county attorney's office, not the county judge's office. Handling this money was never a part of Jamie's job description. According to the law, it never could have been.

"When I was county attorney, the deposits were required to be completed weekly. These deposits, the ones that are missing, weren't made for quite some time and that's why there was such a large amount of money there. The county not only has those funds in the wrong office, but, by law, it has to be administered by the county attorney. The department heads are the ones that should be facing the blame in this situation, not the low person on the totem pole."

Not all of the allegations against Weaver are without merit, Thomas said. He confirmed she had not entered a pair of her own returned checks into the system when they found their way to her office.

"They allege she

(Weaver) borrowed \$20 from petty cash, which she immediately repaid," said Thomas. "They are also alleging she held out two of her own returned checks because she was going to pay them, so she didn't immediately enter them into the system. This is something little, and they are trying to use this to lean on her. If she were guilty that would be just fine. However, she's not guilty. She later entered them into the system and paid them, so there's no harm. These are their allegations, and we certainly aren't admitting to any of it. They are alleging she entered them into the system and took care of them after the allegations were made, however. Again, these are just minor offenses they are trying to build up into felonies to force her to confess to a crime she didn't commit."

According to Hamby, before Thomas left office he instituted a policy that other county employees could be used to help administer the hot check fund when nec-

essary, a policy that is still in place today and was being operated under when those responsibilities were shifted to Weaver.

"This police was put in place by Mr. Thomas before I ever took office," said Hamby. "And it was that policy we were operating under. I would expect him to put this kind of spin on the matter. Other than that, I have no comment."

The investigation is being conducted by the District Attorney's office and the Texas Rangers.

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ROUNDUP

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local companies and tried to give the public a heads up to what's going to happen."

Wright said he expects a strong influx of people attempting to clear up their legal matters before the roundup. During last year's effort, the city collected more than \$10,000 in unpaid fines in the weeks leading up to the roundup.

"We expect to be pretty busy once word of the roundup reaches the public," said Wright. "Most people would rather come in and just pay their fines than be arrested, so we're ready for the increase in business."

Wright said those with warrants can come in and pay their fines

without fear of being arrested on site. However, those who aren't willing to pay their fines may find themselves in a much stickier situation.

"If you come in and have the money to pay your fines, you don't have to worry about being arrested here in the office," said Wright. "However, if you're unable to clear up your fines, it's pretty likely you're going to end up behind bars. My advice is to get these matters taken care of as soon as humanly possible."

Wright said the effort will start early in the morning with a number of local and nearby law enforcement officers ready to start knocking on doors.

"It's a collaboration between the Big Spring Police Department, the

(Howard County) Sheriff's Office and possibly the Department of Public Safety and several other nearby law enforcement agencies," said Wright. "What they will do is start at about 7 a.m. Saturday, and they will start hitting houses. We'll break for lunch, and I will be debriefing everyone to see where we are. After we get everything settled, we'll hit them again."

While criminals and offenders may wince at the mention of the roundup, Green said some area businesses and groups are embracing the idea and offering their assistance.

"The local Emergency Services Chaplains, along with the Police Officers Association and Knights of Columbus have actually pitched in to help feed our law

enforcement officers lunch that afternoon," said Green.

Green said the roundup represents a huge step forward for Texas law enforcement, bringing local and state agencies together.

"If you look at it on a statewide scale — if you think of Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and El Paso — there are going to be a lot of houses hit that one day, and you're going to have a lot of law enforcement out there for that one day," said Green. "This isn't something you see everyday, all of these agencies working together like this. It's

very encouraging."

For more information on the roundup, contact Municipal Court at 264-2531.

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OUR VIEW

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Michael Himmelman, who recently joined the staff at Scenic Mountain Medical Center as its new director of rehabilitation services.

- Taylor Calk, a senior at Big Spring High School, on qualifying for the state high school art contest after medaling in area competition with a print-making entry entitled, "The Jungle." Other BSHS art students joining Calk at the area contest were Chanelle Castillo (photography), Aaron Farr (drawing), Sarah Goza (drawing), Ashtyn Payne (drawing), Amanda Grisham (print-making) and Katie Valle (drawing and painting), all having earned "superior" ratings at regional competition.

- Glen and Mia Burch, who joined Katelynn Kennemur in receiving \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds as winners of the Friends of the Library's first ever Books for Bonds Contest.

- All those involved in the Howard College Theater Department production of "When You Comin' Back Red Ryder," that won numerous awards at the Texas Community College Speech & Theatre Association State Play Fest held at Blinn College in Brenham. Recognition was given to the following: Kathy Cox for technical direction; Amanda Denton for program design; Kathy Cox for lighting, costume and scene design; Geoffrey Treece for sound design; and Brody Smith, Eric Valle, Rachael Villanueva, Michael (Pugs) Loftis, Maurich Africh and Steven Boren for acting.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we fine-tune our lives, Lord, with Your word.

Amen

It's all about living a rescued life

The winter of 2009-2010 will long be remembered as the coldest and wettest ever. Not just here, but all over the world. I heard it was so cold in California, hitchhikers were holding up pictures of thumbs this year.

OK, that's not very good, so let's try this one: It was so cold two weeks ago, my grandmother's teeth were chattering — in the glass.

Yes, that's better. Thank you, I am here all night.

While I am not sure of how to tell a good, "It was so cold..." joke, I am sure of two things — it has been cold this winter and Al Gore will blame it on global warming.

WINTER IN WARSAW

Three week's ago, the temperature fell to minus-31 degrees in Poland and every river they have was frozen. The day the ice broke and the river began to flow again, also happened to be the day a full-blood German shepherd, Lucky, we will call him, was crossing the ice through the

city.

In a matter of moments, Lucky found himself floating on a small patch of ice and headed down river.

People in town spotted the dog and the fire department spent more than an hour trying to rescue Lucky. They gave up when the river moved faster and more ice broke free.

Two days latter, the captain of a fishing boat spotted something strange in the middle of the Baltic Sea.

"My crew saw a shape moving on the water and we immediately decided to get closer to check if it was a dog or maybe a seal relaxing on the ice," said Jan Joachim, senior officer aboard the Baltica. "As we got closer to the ice flow, we saw that it was a dog struggling not to fall into the water."

Ship's engineer Adam Buczynski managed to scoop the dog off the ice and into an inflatable dinghy and wrapped him in a blanket.

"He didn't even squeal," he said.

Lucky had traveled more than 70 miles down river and 18 miles out to sea. That makes him the Indiana Jones of German shepherds, I think.

The Brewer calls Lucky one

blessed dog.

RESCUED AND SAVED

I think it is important for you and I, as Christians, to live lives that demonstrate how we have been rescued.

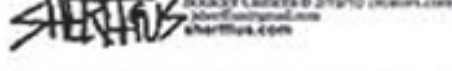
You show me a person who has been rescued from certain death and I will show you somebody who loves life and wants to live it.

Nobody comes out from under the rubble of a collapsed building with a bad attitude about what a privilege it is to be alive. Just like that, nobody with a real revelation of what it means to be saved or rescued by Christ pines for the good ol' days and hates living today.

I hope it is evident in our relationships and in the way we face the day, that you and I live the lives of rescued people. Jesus Christ has saved us in every way a person can be saved.

"For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." — Romans 10:13

The Rev. Troy Brewer pastors Open Door Ministries near Joshua and Crowley and can be reached through his websites at www.freshfromthebrewer.com or www.troybrewer.com



Is the health insurance industry *really* a cutthroat business that places profits over people and is in need of major reform?



Exhibit A(nthem Blue Cross)

There's a real surplus of phobias

Several decades ago, phobias were few. Today there are many, and the list is ever-growing. Think of phobias as ice cream cones, evolving from vanilla to Baskin-Robbins, with new flavors added daily.

The old joke referenced "phobophobia," a phobia held in reserve for people who fear that one day they'll have phobias.

In our not-so-funny world, anyone who finds nothing to fear must not be listening, reading or watching, perhaps somehow oblivious to life in the new century. Or it may be the spindly guy marooned on a tiny island, eating coconuts and talking to a volleyball, like Tom Hanks did in Cast Away.

Thin may be the line between topics that warrant goose-pimpling fear on one end of the scale and barely qualify as a yawning concern on the other.

Deciding what to fear need not be a lock-step judgment. For many phobias, what is sauce for the goose is likewise sauce for the gander, but there is room for — and reason for — strokes to vary among folks.

For example: In the "who-woulda-thunk-it" department, consider the 51-year marriage of John and Mary Madden.

The legendary NFL coach and broadcaster has always spoken freely about his fear of flying. (Some of his friends and classmates were killed when the Cal Poly football team's plane went down in 1960. And, he later had a full-blown panic attack on a commercial flight.) When he signed off on coaching, he traveled to his broadcast assignments in a

customized motor coach.

His wife, however, is a veteran private pilot with her own plane.

Today's world offers "phobias-du-jour." Little wonder that defined phobias number into the many hundreds and are pigeon-holed into several dozen categories.

Recent news about mosquitoes and hot dogs are puzzlements. Assuming that mosquitoes simply are with us always, I've waved the white flag, or whatever the brand name of insect repellent is. I've always felt similarly about hot dogs, simply assuming that while other foods may come and go, there'll always be hot dogs.

Not so fast, Bozo, authorities say.

Scientists are working on developing wingless female mosquitoes; these are the ones who bite. Taking on too much scientific information can be dangerous, but if the scientists can pull this off, we'll need repellent only on our feet.

Who knows, the wingless females may consider biting calloused feet as being way too much trouble, and thus give up biting altogether. This, of course, could give repellent manufacturers something to worry about.

Allegations made against the noble hot dog make us think that motherhood and apple pie may be next.

Doctors and other authorities concerned with health and safety are on the same page about choking dangers posed by wieners, particularly for children. They want wiener and bun makers to "shape up," or maybe even "shape down," but whichever, to eliminate round wieners whose configuration is perfect for wind-pipe clogging.

"But they're so fast to prepare, and simply are 'musters' at the

ballgame and picnics," many may say.

Hardy Reed, a cook in my hometown for several decades, held hog dogs in low regard. "They are mighty weak excuses for the jaws to be moving," he laughed.

Heavens to Betsy, I don't know if the world is ready for circular hot dogs — wouldn't that be equivalent to bologna, or, in our youthful pronunciation, "blowney?"

Far be it from me to cast enthusiastic votes on any of these issues.

I'm beginning to think, though, that folks who seem surest about anything, no matter their position or academic prowess, warrant further review.

Recalled is the story of a leather-tough grandmother who operated a huge sheep ranch in West Texas. Coyotes were taking their toll on the sheep, so the ranchers brought in an expert from Texas A&M University. He had what the lady rancher thought made him highly suspect: "Ph.D." after his name.

It was standing room only at the meeting. She chose to stand, hands on hips, as he spoke of bearing wonderful news for the sheep ranchers. "We've developed a potion at College Station," he said. "We simply dip raw meat in it, and throw it out on the prairie. Coyotes eat it, and it makes them sterile."

Her teeth gritting, she'd heard enough. "Send him back to Texas A&M," she fumed. "He don't understand the problem. We ain't interested in their love life. We want 'em graveyard daid...now!"

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► Church News

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

First United Methodist

Sunday's services of worship will feature our senior pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, continuing her Lenten sermon series with a lesson titled "Five Sticky Fingers," based on scripture from Matthew 6:19-24 and Proverbs 6:6-8. Morning services are at 8:30 and 10:50 with Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45.

Following Sunday's late service, the Pathmaker's Class and Al's Barbecue join forces for a Relay For Life fund-raiser. You can pick up the brown bag special, which includes Al's famous barbecue sandwich as well as chips and a canned drink. They will have them ready to go from the kitchen in Garrett Hall. Proceeds will go to the two First Methodist teams: Hats and Hats 2.

This week our noon Bible study and luncheon will be on Thursday, March 11, instead of Wednesday as our church plays host for the Lenten luncheons.

The Rev. Craig Holsted, pastor at First Presbyterian Church, will be the guest speaker. We will return to our regular Wednesday schedule March 17 with the Lenten service at First Presbyterian on the 18th with our pastor Sharon as the speaker.

Remember that Dr. Wesley Putnam brings his Dayspring Revival to our church beginning Sunday, March 21. Putnam has a unique style of dynamic worship and music for the whole family. He will stir your heart and God will touch your spirit. Each evening at 5:30 through the 24th there will be a snack supper followed by a special time of Bible Quest with elementary age children followed by an amazing time of worship for the entire family. At 7 a.m. morning, March 23, there will be a men's breakfast in Garrett Hall. Putnam will also speak at Wednesday's noon Bible luncheon on the 24th.

During Holy Week we will have our regular noon Bible luncheon. On Maunday Thursday there will be communion services for groups of 12. These will be very short, meaningful communion moments. You are urged to sign up for the time you prefer. This is a wonderful time for friends, families, Sunday school classes to share. The sign up book is in the church office. Come by or call for more information.

There will be a special Good Friday Service at noon April 2; a light lunch will be provided.

Looking forward to spring. We are planning a special Young Family Night on Saturday the 24th, complete with a hamburger supper and games and entertainment for the entire family. It's something new and exciting at First Methodist, located in the heart of downtown Big Spring, where families grow in Christ.

St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church is located at 810 Scurry. The office may be reached by calling 267-7163. Our e-mail address is stpaulc@global.net

Sunday worship service begins at 9 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 10:15. Pastor Wayne K. Frost leads us in worship.

Bible study opportunities are available to anyone wanting to come join us. You do not need to be a member to attend any of these classes. Wednesday at noon, Seeking the Face of God, is held in the parish hall. Wednesday at 6 p.m., we have the Book of Revelation, taught by Pastor Frost in the parish hall. Friday at 6 a.m. is Seduction of Extremes, held at Greg's Grill in the Big Spring Mall. Saturday at 6 p.m., we have Experiencing God, at 2712 Ann. For more information or if you have questions, call the church office.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the parish hall. Preparations for projects will be discussed, including making layettes and buying materials.

Lenten services begin at 6 p.m. Wednesdays. We invite you to attend. Pastor Frost will be offering a Bible study on the book of Revelation.

Our military men and women face many dangers every day. Remember to include them in your daily prayers.

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 "Warnings," based on

The forgotten skill

It's a lost art — a forgotten skill. Listening has become obsolete. In spite of the fact that God gave us twice as many ears as tongues, most of us have perfected our speaking skills to the neglect of our listening skills.



BONNIE WHEAT

A few years ago, I heard about a trio of octogenarians, all brothers, who got together for a reunion after many years of separation. In their eagerness to get reacquainted, they thought of all the things they wanted to tell each other. However, because they were all slightly hard of hearing and all loved to talk, they all spoke at the same time, never realizing what had happened. As they reminisced, each brother thought that he was holding the others spell bound with his stories. They laughed and had a great time, never realizing

that they didn't have a common topic of discussion.

If the truth were known, all of us are somewhat hearing impaired by choice rather than by design. We often prefer to be heard instead of listening to what others have to say. We had rather hear ourselves ramble than to focus on someone else's unsolicited words. Listening is hard work that requires discipline and unselfish attentiveness.

An anonymous person said, "Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."

When we muster up the courage to stand up and speak, we control our own thoughts and emotions, but when we conjure up the courage to sit down and listen, we risk being touched, even changed, by the needs of others. If we really listen, we may get bombarded by a variety of emotions ranging from joy to anger. Listening solicits empathy and compassion. It creates conflict and animosity. It trig-

gers both laughter and tears.

When we listen, we take on a number of roles all defined by the one who needs to be heard. We may become the advisor, the encourager, the accountability partner, the target, or the beneficiary. Listening, however, is a gift we should all be willing to give.

In spite of the merits of being a good listener, most of us had rather give than receive instruction. We prefer sharing our own burden to bearing our neighbor's burden, and we had rather talk about God than listen to Him speak.

Apparently the early followers of Jesus were not inclined to listen either. Jesus often followed a discourse with the admonition: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Instead of focusing on a "mouth to speak," maybe we should be more concerned about "ears to hear."

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scripture from I Corinthians 10:1-13.

Consider this: "The most extraordinary thing about the oyster is this. Irritations get into his shell. He does not like them; and tries to get rid of them. But when he cannot get rid of them he settles down to make of them one of the most beautiful things in the world. He uses the irritation to do the loveliest thing that an oyster ever has a chance to do. If there are irritations in our lives today, there is only one prescription: Make a pearl." — Henry Emerson Fosdick

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 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 Holstedt, continues to have a Bible study on the week's lectionary in the library of First Presbyterian, Big Spring, on Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. Everyone from both churches, and anyone else who is interested, is invited to this informal study.

Our congregation is invited to a series of Lenten devotionals and luncheons, On Thursday, March 11, the First United Methodist Church will host the lunch and the Rev. Craig Holstedt will lead the devotion.

The Session met in the church social hall March 4.

The lectionary for the third Sunday in Lent is Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.

Baptist Temple

Sunday morning's message will be "Allowing God to Give as He Sees Fit" from Matthew 6:11. We have been focusing each week on different aspects of the Lord's Prayer. Many times we pray it but don't consider the words we are praying. This Sunday we will talk about the fact that God provides. For some reason, he provides a lot to some and not as much to others. He does it as he sees fit. Sunday evening's message will be from 1 Corinthians 10:1-22.

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.

Our Financial Peace University class started Feb. 15. If you are still interested, it is not too late. You may register by coming by the church office (400 E. 11th Place) and paying the \$100 for your course materials. The class meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in our fellowship hall.

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 at 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

You are always welcome here. Sundays, we have classes for all ages starting at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 11a.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, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study met Wednesday. Choir practice was held.

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

March 11, First United Methodist Church will be host for a Lenten service and luncheon and the Rev. Craig Holstedt will speak; March 18, First Presbyterian Church will host, with the Rev. Sharon Wiese of First United Methodist as speaker; and March 25, First Christian Church will serve as host, with Father Bernard Gulley leading the devotion.

Linda Hammond is liturgist for the month. Ushers for March are Louise Hitch, Sue Carter, Helen Glass, and Lynn Glass. Communion servers are Patti and Joe Horton, Lane Reynolds and Pat Fleming.

The lectionary for the third Sunday in Lent is Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9. This Sunday is Communion Sunday. The chancel choir will present "Wondrous Love," arranged by Paul Christiansen. "Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" by Richard Farrant is the offertory anthem.

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. Holstedt.

East Fourth Street Baptist

Our Youth group will be selling brisket burritos again this Saturday in front of Wal-Mart. Please go by and help these kids earn their way to summer camp.

A group of adults and youth are preparing for the Mission trip to Mancos, Colo., in June. Be in prayer for them as there's a lot of work to be done in making props and studying to teach VBS while there.

We want to invite you to come visit us at East Fourth. Our Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m.; worship service at 11 a.m.; evening service at 6 p.m. On Wednesday at 7 p.m. we have adult Bible study and prayer meeting, youth Bible study and music and Children's Back Door Bible Study. A men's Bible study is held at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Our church is located at 401 E. Fourth St. Our phone is 267-2291. Our pastor is Keith Weaver.

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Dear Margo: You will not be the first

Dear Margo: I've been married to my husband for two years. We've been together for six, but have had problems through-

out. However, I have always loved him and thought we would have babies and grow old together. A few months ago, I began to develop feelings for a very close girlfriend of mine who is gay.

The feelings turned out to be mutual, and after a drunken threesome with my husband, she and I embarked on an affair. This was meant to be just a short-lived fling, but it quickly turned serious.

I honestly feel she is the love of my life. I have never been so emotionally, intellectually and physically in sync with another person.

I love my husband, but the glaring contrast between the relationship I've developed with my friend and the one I have with him has given me a glimpse of a happiness I never thought was possible. The affair has come to his attention, and he's willing to work through it, but said I have to end my relationship with my best friend.

She and I have ended our physical relationship while I am sorting things out with my husband, but she's continued to be a source of support. The thought of ending things with her makes me physically ill.

Part of me wants to walk away from my husband and pursue this exhilarating love, but I am scared and sad at the thought of ending a semi-happy six-year relationship for something that is so new and foreign to me. — *Betwixt and Between*

Dear Be: This will strike some as radical, but I am going to leave gender out of the equation.

What you are contemplating is leaving one partner for another. Because you say you've had problems throughout this six-year relationship,

you believe this woman to be the love of your life, you are experiencing happiness you never thought possible, and you feel physically ill at the thought of losing her, I would recommend you try to upgrade from "semi-happy" and go for it. — *Margo, audaciously*

No Reason To Feel Disloyal
Dear Margo: After 28 years of marriage and many good times with my parents, my mother has decided she never liked my husband.

She now says she doesn't even want him in her house! This makes me feel disloyal when I visit. My mother needs emotional support because of her age (79) and a husband (82) who is not well.

I can't just walk away because my siblings aren't even in this country. What to do? — *Kind of Torn*

Dear Kind: It seems to me that after nearly 30 years, your mother "deciding" she's never liked your husband is an indication of a few screws loose, courtesy of old age.

I am assuming your spouse has not suddenly landed on the 10 Most Wanted list.

The fact that she's approaching 80 and only recently decreed your husband unlikable suggests to me that she is undergoing neurological changes. What I hope is happening is that your husband is mature enough to encourage you to hang in there, as the only child easily accessible to your mother and her husband, and continue the visits without him.

I also hope he looks on the upside of skipping those visits. If I had an in-law who, after almost three decades, decided I was persona non grata, it would be my great pleasure to stay home. — *Margo, acceptingly*

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Ick is for tick: Protecting pets from fleas and ticks

(Family Features) Spring has sprung, and with warm weather and sunshine comes a more sinister visitor, the threat of fleas and ticks to your pets and your home.

Fleas may cause severe itching which can lead to sores if left untreated and they may carry tapeworms that can be transmitted to your pet.

A flea infestation can happen quickly and easily, and once your pet is infested, it is likely your home is as well. And while ticks won't multiply like fleas, they do carry diseases that can harm both pets and humans.

Prevention
By taking a few simple preventative measures, your pet can have a happier and healthier spring and summer.

- Vacuum your home often, paying close attention to where your pets like to sleep. Be sure to wash their bedding on a regular basis.

- Ticks are most commonly found in grassy or wooded areas, so cut back any tall grass around your house. Check your pet closely for ticks after activity in heavily vegetated areas.

- Groom your dog frequently to check for fleas and ticks.

- Use topical adulticide and insect growth regulators (IGRs) products. Adulticides are compounds that kill and repel adult fleas, ticks and other insects.

IGRs mimic a naturally occurring insect hormone that interferes with normal flea development, preventing immature pests from becoming adults. By killing flea larvae, you break the life cycle helping to prevent infestations.

"This last step is the most effective in ongoing protection against fleas and ticks, and now it's even easier for pet par-



ents to protect their pets because of an increased availability of products," said Dr. Robyn Jaynes, veterinarian and pet care expert for PetSmart.

Popular products like Advantage Topical Solution and K9 Advantix used to be available only through a veterinarian, but are now sold at any PetSmart store or online at petsmart.com.

Treatment
If your pet has fleas, it's important to treat your pet, your house and your yard.

- Start by bathing your pet with a flea shampoo. These special shampoos contain ingredients that will kill adult fleas in your pet's coat but generally do not keep fleas from coming back.

- Following the bath, apply one of the topical adulticides sold at PetSmart. All pets in the house should be treated with the topical products to ensure fleas do not just transfer from one pet to another.

- Clean your pet's favorite hangouts and launder its bed. Consider a professional fogger in each room. Contact your veterinarian or exterminator for professional advice and the best products.

- Use professional, concentrated yard sprays, many of which attach



easily to the end of a garden hose for application. It's especially important to spray moist and shaded areas of your yard.

For tick removal, it's best not to remove the tick with your bare fingers. Instead:

- Try using an alcohol swab to irritate the tick, then grab it with tweezers where the mouth enters the skin and with a slow steady pull, remove the whole tick without twisting it as you pull.

- Be sure to deposit the

tick in alcohol to kill it.

- Clean the area with a disinfectant, apply a topical antibiotic and wash hands thoroughly.

Whatever prevention measures or treatment you choose, make sure you read all directions carefully. Ask your veterinarian if you need further instruction on the correct way to use a flea and tick product. Never use a dog product on a cat or vice versa. For more information, visit www.petsmart.com.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Sensitive, spiritual, prescient Pisces rules the cosmos these days, with the sun, Mercury, Venus and Jupiter all in the sign of the fish. And the Scorpio moon pours into the prevalent Pisces energies, producing the kind of psychic intuition that could only be provided by these powerfully intuitive water-sign influences.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When it comes to doing as you're told, you usually don't. So why start now? Listening to your inner voice above anyone else's is a strategy that has served you well. Stick with it today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Downtime is at hand. Definitely use some of it to relax, but mix in a little catch-up so you can feel on top of your game when you get back into it. You'll ride high when your affairs are in order.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Part of valuing every

moment means not wasting time. There will be an odd request or invitation. Feeling obligated is not enough of a reason in and of itself. Go where you're attracted to going.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Assistance arrives, new resources are available to you, and you have all the supplies you need in order to finish a job. So get busy, and get it done. An Aquarius will be your lucky charm.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The forces of serendipity are in collusion to delight you. If you simply wander to the place that seems to be calling out to you, you will find yourself in a highly inspiring environment. Prepare for maximum emotional recharge.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You could talk yourself into or out of almost anything, especially if you start theorizing and making assumptions. Stick to the facts, and steer around overly complicated issues.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Do something to attain the support of a family member. Just as a professional ally can raise your status on the job, a relative who speaks well of you can lift your ratings with the rest of your family.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll do well to go over key issues more than once. If it's important, it's worth repeating. You won't mind that some things slip through the cracks, as long as the main bases are covered.

22-Dec. 21). Get on your own side. You're more than capable of having the things you want in life, but you have to believe you are a person who deserves those things before they will come to you. Live the role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The problems of the world may seem sticky, messy and even ugly. Luckily, they're not all yours to solve. Practice mental and emotional discipline by observing all of the things going right in your life now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You want to take up a new hobby, though you may be suspicious of your own motives, thinking this will be a short fad for you. Who cares? It will be fun for as long as it is, whether that's two days or two decades.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your joy doesn't issue forth like a geyser; it radiates outward like a sun-warmed stone. Today people stand closer to you than normal. They won't know why, but now you do.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 5). You are invigorated by ideas. This year brings a few bright ones right out of the gate. You'll find yourself following a new trajectory, as your belief in an idea leads to adventure. You'll love the partner in invention and mischief introduced to you in May. July heals a relationship. Finances improve in September. Gemini and Scorpio people adore you. Your

lucky numbers are: 35, 15, 30, 10 and 8.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** No complaining. Your classy attitude will set you apart from others and raise the bar for all around you. **TAURUS:** Questions about exes could come up and are best avoided. Say as little as possible on the subject. **GEMINI:** You'll be in a deep mood. You'll be anxious to cut the chatter and get into serious discussion.

CANCER: Your smile is irrepressible; your laugh, infectious! No wonder everyone wants to be around you. **LEO:** Don't accept late invitations. They show a lack of thought and perhaps respect. **VIRGO:** You'll enhance your appeal by playing up the thing that makes you unique.

LIBRA: Your parents will have an influence on the way your love life goes this weekend. This is true whether or not they are actually around. **SCORPIO:** The intensity of a relationship will not scare you away. You'll be attracted to passion. **SAGITTARIUS:** Someone says something sweet and unforgettable to you. **CAPRICORN:** You encourage your friends and loved ones. They feel validated by you. **AQUARIUS:** Dress to impress your familiars. This will put a zing in your relationships. **PISCES:** Take extra time to care for yourself. It's not excessive if it's what you need.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding Quiz

You have the following hand, both sides vulnerable:

♠A97 ♥KJ86 ♦10 ♣AQ984

1. Your left-hand opponent opens Two Diamonds (weak), your partner passes, and your right-hand opponent passes. What would you bid?

2. You bid One Club, and your partner responds One Heart. What would you bid now?

3. You bid One Club, your left-hand opponent bids Three Diamonds, your partner bids Three Hearts, and your right-hand opponent passes. What would you bid now?

4. Your right-hand opponent bids One Diamond, which you double, and your partner responds One Heart. What would you bid now?

1. Double. Since two diamonds is a weak bid that shows roughly six to 11 high-cards points, and your right-hand opponent does not seem interested in any more than a partscore, you should double for takeout. Of course there's some risk attached to this, but, even so, it is much better to compete than to pass.

You can't timidly allow the opponents to play the hand at two diamonds when there's such a good chance that your side can make a partscore or even a game. If the hidden value of a partscore is taken into account, you lose at least 300 points whenever the opponents make a partscore instead of you. Such losses

cannot reasonably be justified by an excessive concern for safety.

An additional possibility is that partner is well-heeled in diamonds and can convert your intended take-out double into a profitable penalty double by passing.

2. Three hearts. True, you have only 14 high-card points, but with your excellent trump support and attractive distribution — the singleton diamond is worth three extra points — you have the equivalent of 17 or 18 points. If one of your low hearts were a low diamond, you'd simply raise to two hearts.

Your partner might pass three hearts, which is merely invitational, but you shouldn't fret about that possibility. If he passes — indicating a very poor hand — he may have trouble making even nine tricks.

3. Four diamonds. There is a good chance for a slam, and you would not get that message across with a simple raise to four hearts. Usually, the cue-bid of an opponent's suit promises first-round control, but here you should be willing to lie a little because the situation demands aggressive action and there is no better bid available.

4. Two hearts. That is just about all you can do opposite a forced response. Partner might have a dreadful hand, and you should make allowance for it. The single raise in this situation typically shows 16 to 18 points.

Tomorrow: A steppingstone squeeze.
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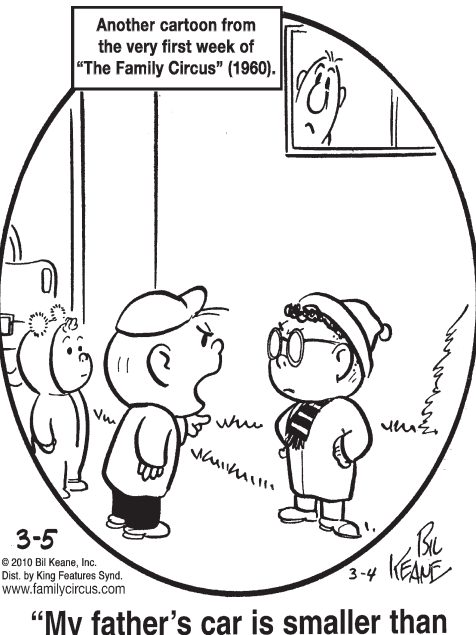
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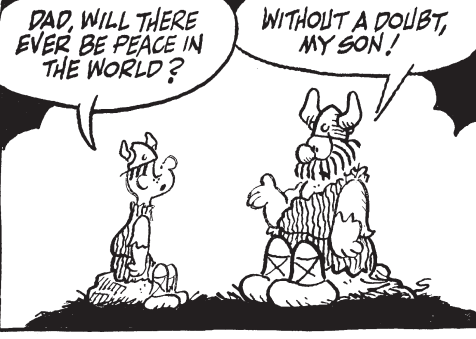
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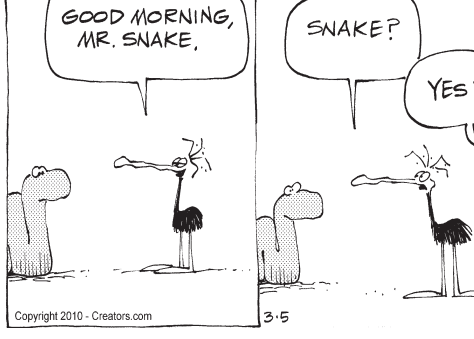
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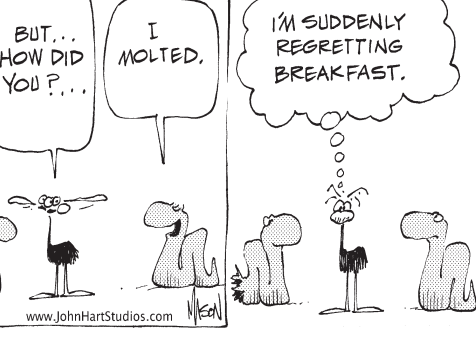
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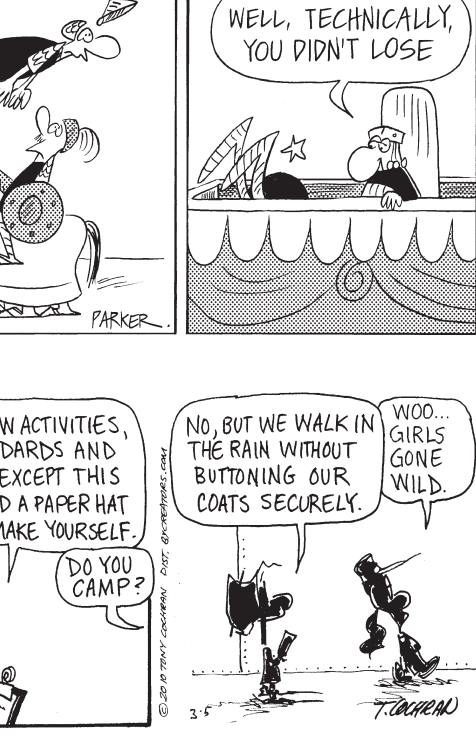
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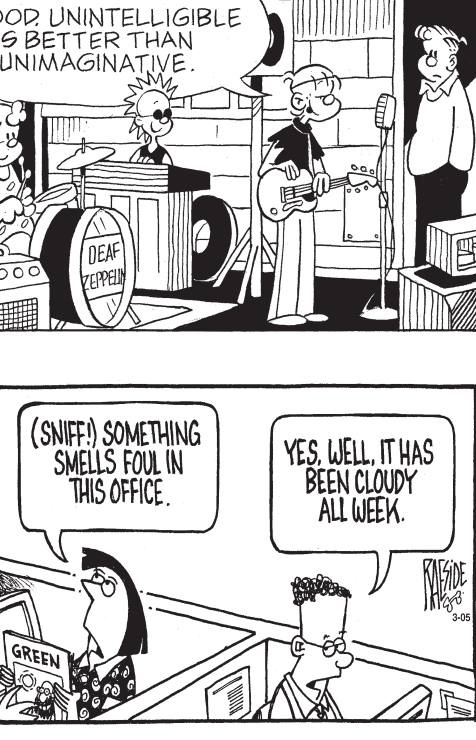
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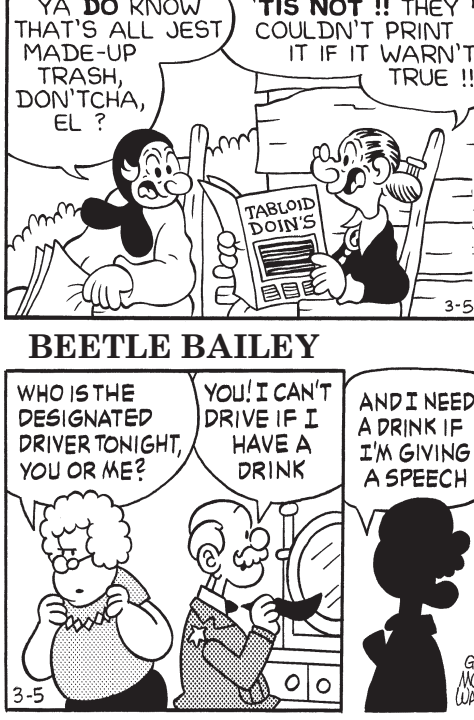
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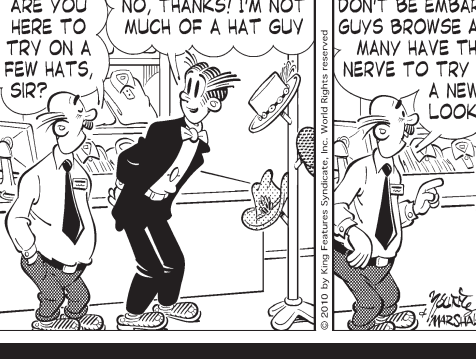
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 5, the 64th day of 2010. There are 301 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 5, 1970, the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons went into effect after 43 nations ratified it.

On this date:

In 1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who'd been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing five people.

In 1868, the Senate was organized into a Court of Impeachment to decide charges against President Andrew Johnson, who was later acquitted.

In 1933, in German parliamentary elections, the Nazi Party won 44 percent of the vote; the Nazis joined with a conservative nationalist party to gain a slender majority in the Reichstag.

In 1946, Winston Churchill delivered his "Iron Curtain" speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

In 1953, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin died after three decades in power.

In 1959, a fire at the Negro Boys Industrial School in Wrightsville, Ark., claimed the lives of 21 teenagers trapped inside a locked dormitory room.

In 1960, Cuban newspaper photographer Alberto Korda took the now-famous picture of guerrilla leader Che Guevara during a memorial service in Havana for victims of a ship explosion. Elvis Presley was discharged from the U.S. Army.

In 1963, country music performers Patsy Cline, "Cowboy" Copas and "Hawkshaw" Hawkins died in a plane crash near Camden, Tenn., that also claimed the life of pilot Randy Hughes (Cline's manager).

In 1979, NASA's Voyager 1 space probe flew past Jupiter, sending back photographs of the planet and its moons.

In 1982, comedian John Belushi was found dead of a drug overdose in a rented bungalow in Hollywood; he was 33.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Noble is 88. Actor James

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Traveler's purchase
 - 4 Sunday celebration
 - 8 Make a bust
 - 14 One-million link
 - 15 Theater sign
 - 16 Thick Mexican soup
 - 17 Make a move
 - 18 ... Traveling Pants girl
 - 19 Medicinal root
 - 20 Bad time at the post office?
 - 23 Medieval invader of Spain
 - 24 In the style of
 - 25 Schedule abbr.
 - 27 Matt Dillon
 - 30 Ambulance org.
 - 31 Estuaries
 - 32 Words to live by
 - 34 Important age
 - 35 Ice-dancing reduction?
 - 39 Chicago hub
 - 40 Pad filler
 - 41 Gobble (down)
 - 42 Geometry suffix
 - 43 Theater impresario
 - 48 Ill-fated 27th Amendment
 - 49 Make fritters
 - 50 Oscar winner as Elizabeth I
 - 51 Garden observation?
 - 57 Maine national park
 - 58 Ginormous
- DOWN
- 59 Fables in Slang author
 - 60 Compulsion
 - 61 Great quantities
 - 62 Come together
 - 63 Mean-spirited
 - 64 Laundry
 - 65 Serpentine shape
 - 1 Bad atmosphere
 - 2 Something to weigh
 - 3 Museum supporter
 - 4 Put one's cards on the table
 - 5 Leap on the ice
 - 6 Without: Lat.
 - 7 A number of sports
 - 8 Pitches
 - 9 Dried coconut meat
 - 10 Ready for recycling
 - 11 Site
 - 12 Sound check
 - 13 Shamus
 - 21 Bard's preposition
 - 22 Least feral
 - 26 Olive kin
 - 28 Stuff to the gills
 - 29 Anti-ICBM plan
 - 30 Urge
 - 31 Coll. in Troy
 - 33 Ticks off
 - 34 Prefix for while
 - 35 Timesaver
 - 36 Botswana desert
 - 37 Sound at the pound
 - 38 "___ a bird dog" (Everly Brothers lyric)
 - 39 Have markers out
 - 42 Full of gunk
 - 44 "Mein Gott!"
 - 45 Rolls home
 - 46 Practice pieces
 - 47 Ole Miss athletes
 - 49 Pat down
 - 52 Paradise
 - 53 Sign of spring
 - 54 Sinuous dance
 - 55 Personalities
 - 56 Third son
 - 57 TV spots

Answer to previous puzzle

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Worry offers no rewarding benefits

Jesus offers a detailed description of the word worry in Matthew 6:25-34 when he very explicitly says, "Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?" The Standard Daily Bible Dictionary suggests that worry is a distraction from things of higher importance; a preoccupation with things causing stress, anxiety attacks, and pressure.



JERRIE STOCKS

Jesus resumes the theme of single-hearted devotion to God and deals with the related attitude of freedom from anxiety over daily needs. He illustrates the worthlessness of worry by showing that it is unnecessary, unbecoming to

the Christian's life, and definitely unfruitful. In another translation, Jesus asked the question, "What does worry gain for you?"

Rather than being preoccupied with material things, our ambition should be to seek first God's kingdom and righteousness, knowing that as we do, He has pledged Himself with covenant faithfulness to respond with "all these things shall be added to you". And since He said it, He cannot alter or change His word, for the Bible says His word is forever settled in heaven. It is from everlasting to everlasting and He watches over His word to perform it.

Jesus was never overly concerned about food, clothing or the body and He set a precedent in the scripture commonly known as the Lord's Prayer by asking only for that day's provisions. However, a major emphasis of His teaching was how to build and maintain right relationships with God and man. Jesus viewed these relationships as neither

unimportant nor extraneous, but as the essence of which life is made.

Knowing God is our highest priority and this pursuit should not replace or diminish our interpersonal relationships with others. Rather, our personal interaction with God should produce within us the qualities of character that build and sustain all our relationships; therefore worry should have no place in the life of the Christian.

Because of the watchful care of a heavenly Father who is ever mindful of our daily needs, He reminds us of the birds of the air who neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, yet the Father feeds them.

Then He asks the question, "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they neither toil nor spin, yet even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

The body was created in

God's image and was intended to last forever. 1 Corinthians 3:17 says, "If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is Holy, which temple you are." Therefore, we do not have the right to pierce, tattoo, abuse or misuse it. Dr. Paul Brand and Dr. Philip Yancey, authors of the book, "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" say the body was not composed with a worry channel. Worry was never to become a part of our lives. However when Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command in the garden, worry took on a pattern and a life of its own, and is one of the many reason we suffer from undue stress today.

When we crowd too many activities into our lives, we are putting unnecessary strain and stress not only on the body, but on the heart as well.

This opens the door for pressure and oftentimes causes unexplained worry. It is good to remind ourselves that we are not Superman or Superwoman and that it

is not a sin to say "no". In many situations, it is a blessing in disguise. Nor is it necessary to make excuses for the reason you decline. Don't complain and don't explain.

The more you tell yourself, "I don't have time", the more pressure you are likely to feel. Life gets out of balance when you do not have time for yourself, then worry becomes a live-in partner. We all have a mental need to develop, grow, and set goals. There is something in each of us that wants to capture a corner of immortality by bequeathing something to the next generation. It is of great value to us when we know we can give something back. But what have we gained when we only have a tired, stressed out body to offer?

The true joy of life is when we know we have a purpose and we can make a donation back into the world that God created for us. As long as we live, we should count it our privilege to be one who gives back, for the more we contribute, the longer we live. God bless.

CHURCH NEWS

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We are located at 2805 Lynn St. in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. Our phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our Web site is www.lutheranonline.com/aliveinchristbstx. We would love to have you join us for church on Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday school following at 10:15.

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching this Sunday. The Sermon text is "The Way of Escape" from 1 Corinthians 10:13 + The Lessons.

This week's acolyte will be Alex Byrd. Our elders are Bobby Roever

and Darren Byrd. The liturgy will be read by George von Hassell. The readings are Ezekiel 33:7-20, Psalm 85, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, and Luke 13:1-9.

Monday, the LWML will serve refreshments at the VA.

The Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

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 the Lenten services that are held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.. Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching for these services. Wednesday, March 10, Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching on The Compassionate Word: "Woman, behold your son ... behold your mother." from John 19:26 - 27.

Mid Week School is being held Wednesdays with a light meal served between 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Both Mid Week School classes and confirmation classes begin at 6.

The LWML will meet at 7 p.m. March 11 at the church. Guest speaker will be Kim Parker, special education director at Big Spring ISD. Join us for this very special opportunity.

An 11:30 a.m. Bible study at church on Thursdays focuses on the Sermon on the Mount. You do not need to be a member of our congregation in order to attend any of our Bible studies.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell, welcomes you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school at 9:30.

Our Sunday school discussion for this Sunday is "Mission to the Community," taken from Jonah 1:1-3. Nancy Wagner will be the discussion leader.

Certified Pastor Billy Bates leads the 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. services.

Adult Bible study is held the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the book of Mark.

Angel Food orders will be taken from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and Friday, March 12 and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. this Saturday and March 13.

For more information on any program of the church, call 267-2203 or 263-2536. If there is no answer, leave a message.

Anyone wishing to work for the Lord is welcome at North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church.

First Church of the Nazarene

Need a flip, makeover, renovation, or just a renewal? Christ is the perfect general contractor for the job. FCN knows how you feel. Follow the road construction on Lancaster to find references to his work.

Sunday fellowship begins at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10 with Children's Church services, for ages 4-11, in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday classes begin at 6:30 p.m. for all ages. Ages four years through third grade meet 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 learning 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. And Youth Explosion for seventh through 12th graders with Pastor Cal meets in the Salt Shaker.

Adult options include: The Coffee Class studying Joy Comes in the Morning from Max Lucado's book, "He Still Moves Stones," a study of the Nazarene Holiness movement and how it relates to our lives today, or, a study of "Life in the Spirit: a study of the book of Galatians."

FCN also has Life/Small Groups. Thursdays at 7 p.m., 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 is at 6.

Don't miss out on the following upcoming events:

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

2nd Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt April 3 at the Comanche Trail Park;

Biker Sunday is coming up in May

If you have any questions about the Church of the Nazarene, please call at 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 Naz.

Briefs

Cheatham County settles religion-in-schools case

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Cheatham County schools have agreed to stop teachers and officials from promoting religion during school hours.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee announced the settlement after the school board approved the deal in a vote.

"Now the students of Cheatham County can exercise their Constitutional right to make religious decisions with their families and faith communities, free from fear of coercion by school officials," ACLU cooperating attorney George Barrett said in a news release.

ACLU-TN Executive Director Hedy Weinberg has said not all religious displays in school violate the Constitution, but to be legal it cannot be compulsory and must be student-led.

The ACLU sued the Cheatham County schools last November after six months of negotiations failed.

Settlement reached to allow 77-foot tall cross

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) — A settlement clears the way to erect a 77-foot Cross on a hilltop near Interstate 10 in the Kerrville area.

An agreement was reached the day that a trial was to have begun, to allow the metal sculpture by artist Max Greiner Jr. as part of a planned \$7 million religious garden.

Some neighbors, in a 2008 lawsuit, cited subdivision rules to block the Cross. The Coming King Foundation has agreed to pay for construction of a fence to obstruct the residential view of the structure.

State District Judge Keith Williams says the issue was property law, not religion. Some zoning provisions capped structures at 40 feet.

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Forsan students Glen and Mia Burch, front row, and Katelynn Kennemur, center, are joined by Howard County Librarian Hollis McCright, right, and members of the Friends of the Library, which presented the children certificates for a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond for winning the Fol's first Books for Bonds contest.

Club News

TOPS TX 0021

After missing a weekly meeting because of bad weather, TOPS TX 0021 met Monday with eight members present.

Leader Laura Sickles conducted and called for the TOPS cheer which was answered by all present. Hughetta Roberts then led the group in the TOPS pledge, followed by Leola Newton leading the KOPS pledge. The TOPS welcome song was then led by Pam Klaus and sung by all.

Minutes of the Feb. 15, 2010, meeting were read by Olnee Menges and approved.

Roll call was led by Hughetta Roberts and the total loss was 7.75 pounds. Best weekly loser proved to be Lynne Creswell with a terrific loss of 5.4 pounds. She was awarded a certificate and a charm plus \$1. Frank Sickles came in second place with a loss of 1.5 pounds.

The best loser for February was Pam Klaus with a loss of 8.25 pounds. She was also awarded a charm, a certificate and \$1.25 gainers fine. We are proud of all of these members.

The business for the night included a request for members to suggest an appropriate theme for the upcoming KOPS activity. Members were also asked to send get well cards to member Carol Smith who recently had knee surgery. The program assignments for the next three months were then made and Pam Klaus, Leola Newton and Frank Sickles accepted these responsibilities.

Laura Sickles said election of the officers for the new year were to be made and officers would be installed March 29. Results of the election were: Frank Sickles was elected to be leader for 2010-2011. Ethel Cassady was elected to be co-leader. Olnee Menges was chosen secretary, Laura Sickles treasurer, Hughetta Roberts weight recorder and Leola Newton assistant weight recorder. Thanks and congratulations to all who serve their fellow TOPS members.

TOPS meets Monday evenings at First Christian Church, 10th and Goliad. All visitors are welcome. Come and let us help with your weight problem. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.



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These singers from Coahoma High School recently participated in Region 6 Solo & Ensemble Contest at Odessa College. All received first division (superior) ratings from their judges. They are Emilea Brumley, Kenzie Moore, Cole Sneed, Megan Parrish, Jessi Morgan, Nick Sevey and Heather Kirby. Megan and Nick earned first divisions on Class I solos and so will advance to Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Pflugerville at the end of May.

Florida freeze leads to tomato shortage

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — A frigid Florida winter is taking its toll on your sandwich. The Sunshine State is the main U.S. source for fresh winter tomatoes, and its growers lost some 70 percent of their crop during January's prolonged cold snap.

Wholesale prices are up nearly five times over last year. That means you can say goodbye to the beefsteaks on that burger and prepare to pay more than usual for the succulent wedges in your salad.

At Costello Sandwich and Sides in Chicago, which uses 10 to 15 cases of tomatoes a week and is now paying \$25 a case instead of \$15, customers can expect to get a bit less tomato on their sandwiches. The shop hasn't raised prices or stopped serving tomatoes altogether, but manager Matthew Villareal says he can see the tomatoes are soft when the prep cooks are

cutting them. "The tomato prices definitely have gone up and the quality isn't so great either," he said. An unusually cold January in Florida destroyed entire fields of tomatoes — along with some green beans, sweet corn and squash. The cold scarred the tomatoes, damaged their vines, and forced many farmers to delay their harvest.

The average wholesale price for a 25-pound box of tomatoes is now \$30, up from \$6.50 a year ago. Florida's growers would normally ship about 25 million pounds of tomatoes a week; right now, they're shipping less than a quarter of that, Reggie Brown of the Tomato Grower's Exchange said.

Some parts of Florida saw average temperatures so low that January and February were among the 10 coldest on record, according to the National Weather Service.

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