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# Street work almost finished

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By STEVE REAGAN

awaits repaving.

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Staff Writer

City officials can see the figurative light at the end of the tunnel with regards to street improvement projects.

Crews with Price Construction have been busy for most of the past 12 months paving streets and pouring concrete, but that work is

now entering its final stages, Assistant City Manager Todd Darden said. Of the three major street

repaving projects, significant work remains only on Lancaster Street, Darden said. Work on Scurry Dardsn Street is complete, while only a two-block section of Main Street

"Crews still have to repave Lancaster from King Drive to Fourth Street, so that project is about 50 percent complete," Darden said. "And I'd say work on Main Street is about 95 per-

The majority of work still remaining is in the area of curbing and landscaping, he noted. The major curbing project attracting workers' attention is at the county courthouse area, where crews are widening curbs alongside Maın Street.

"We still lack some paving on Main between Fifth and Third, but the work is progressing well," he said.

Also on tap is landscaping and lighting work on the new medians on Main Street. Darden said irrigation lines have been installed; the next step will be to finish concrete work on that street before crews complete other projects.

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**HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins** 

Emergency responders look over this wrecked Mazda following a two-vehicle accident on Interstate Highway 20 between Big Spring and Coahoma early Friday morning. According to officials at the scene, two adults and a child were traveling westbound in the car when a black Chevrolet pickup moved over into the lane they were in. The driver of the Mazda, which is registered in California, swerved to miss hitting the truck, went off the roadway and flipped the car. No major injuries were reported as a result of the accident.

# Bunny trail leads to veterans' facilities, Comanche Trail Park

Herald Staff Report

It's an eggsciting time of the year. Easter is a significant time for Christians for many reasons but it's also a time of play and that age-old tradition, Easter egg hunting.

While various groups and churches hold Easter egg hunts, usually for a select group, at least three entities in Howard County will be holding community wide events — all on April 3

• First Church of the Nazarene will sponsor its Second Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt April 3 at the Comanche Trail Park for ages 2-10 beginning at 10 a.m. The Easter egg hunt is divided by age groups. There will be food, prizes and a bounce

For more information, call First Church of the Nazarene at 267-7015.

• The VA Employees Association in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus will be hosting its first Easter egg hunt at the West Texas VA Health Care Medical Center on Saturday, April 3, beginning at 11 a.m.

Parents with children ages 1-12 years old are invited to visit with the Easter Bunny and hunt for eggs. Children will be divided into four age categories. Children ages 6 and under will need to be accompanied

by a parent during the hunt. All children are encouraged to at

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# Democrats pushing toward Sunday vote on health care

**ERICA WERNER** Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Slowly

but steadily, support is building behind President Barack Obama's health care legislation in the House, the result of intense lobbying and politically targeted changes aimed at reassuring waverers and winning over critics.

Obama himself was to talk up the sweeping overhaul in a midday speech Friday in Virginia, his fourth outside-the-

Beltway event in two weeks

With the addition of the 153 pages of revisions, the bill would expand health care to 32 million uninsured, bar the insurance industry from denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions and trim federal deficits by an estimated \$138 billion over the

next decade. as he scrambles to rally the ing moderates and opponents public ahead of a climactic vote this weekend. On Capitol Hill, congressional leaders were focusing on those rank-

and-file Democrats, includ-

of abortion, who remained undecided after the release Thursday of a final package of changes to the massive 10year, \$940 billion legislation.

"Every vote around here is a heavy lift," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said. "We don't have a rubberstamp Congress or a rubberstamp (Democratic) caucus. So, we have our full airing of issues." The White House and Dem-

ocratic leaders trumpeted two new converts to their cause, as retiring Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Tenn., and first-term Rep. Betsy Markey, D-Colo., an

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# SPRING HERALD

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# Baseball roundup: Steers fall, Forsan wins

**Herald Staff Report** 

The Big Spring Steers closed their pre-district schedule in familiar fashion — with yet another one-run loss.

The Steers picked up two runs in the fifth and three runs in the sixth to get within one of Greenwood on Tuesday in Midland, but they couldn't complete the comeback as they fell

Max Papajohn struck out 10 Rangers in five innings of work, allowing four earned runs in the game. Eight Steer errors didn't help Big Spring's cause.

"When you have eight errors, you're not going to beat anybody," Steers coach Bert Otto said. "But it's good we're playing close — at least we know we can compete, but we just have to be consistent."

Papajohn also blasted a solo home run with two outs in the fifth to help his cause. Yanez also scored in the inning when he singled, stole second, third and scored on the catcher's errant throw.

The Steers came up with three in the sixth was Steven Islas and Anthony Saracho singled, followed by RBI singles from Xavian Parnell and Garrett Stuteville and an RBI innings and went 2-for-3 it's good to see how double from Yanez.

The Steers begin the district portion of their schedule Tuesday against Plainview. First pitch is 7 p.m.

Forsan wins again

The No. 3 Forsan Buffs keep finding ways to win as they put down their 10th straight win to open the season with a 9-6 decision over Winters.

Evan Burton gave up three earned runs in four

at the plate, blasting a three-run home run and a triple.

Foster Burchett went deep on a solo shot along with a double for two RBI on the day.

"We haven't played as well the past two games, but the good thing is we've found ways to win two games in a row against two pretty good teams," Coach Jason Phillips said. "In a way you're going to respond to a bad inning ... hopefully we won't have too many of those."

Payton Parker earned the win in relief, tossing three innings and allowing four hits and one earned run.

Forsan is off until next Friday, when they play Hermleigh. The Buffs rescheduled their game with Loraine to the following Saturday.

# Hawks cruise in dominant 2nd half

BY JOE ZIGTEMA

Sports Editor

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — The Howard Hawks went into halftime tied at 31 and still looking looking out of rhythm on the offensive end of the floor.

That changed once the whistle blew to start the second half, however, as the Hawks came out of the locker room on an 10-2 run en route to a 72-56 win over Walters State in the second round of the NJCAA national tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. on Thursday. The Hawks outscored the Senators 41-25 in the last 20 minutes.

Josh Watkins scored 21 points in the win, complemented by Jae Crowder with 16 and Carlos Emory with 12 on 6-of-8 from the floor.

"Like coach said, we have to put all our chips in," Watkins said. "There are no second chances at this level."

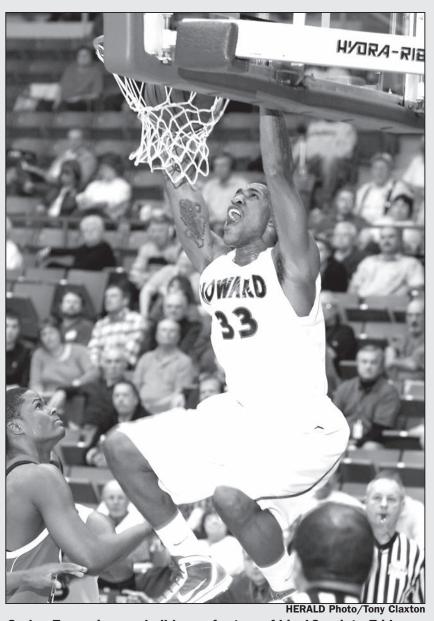
The Hawks move on to play Eastern Utah today at 8 p.m., which beat Wallace State 82-66 Thursday.

"I thought we had much better effort today, showed a lot of toughness, but we were out of sync on offense," coach Mark Adams said. "I thought our defense in the halfcourt was exceptional, and I thought once we settled down in the second half we played much better."

Howard outrebounded Walters 33-30 in the game as Crowder and Emory led the way with eight apiece.

"I was surprised when I saw the rebounds that they outrebounded us by three," Walters State coach Bill Carlyle said. "I thought they were getting them all."

The Howard defense pressured the Senator guards into 20 turnovers, which led to 26 points on the break.



Carlos Emory jams a ball home for two of his 12 points Friday against Walters State at Hutchinson Sports Arena. The Hawks outscored the Senators 41-25 in the second half to win.

"We made some mistakes and I'll give them credit, they were the reason for it," Carlyle said. "They put the heat to us and we didn't respond very well.

The Hawks shot 55 percent in the second half as they started to figure out the multiple zone defenses thrown at them.

"We have to make a lot of adjustments during the game, as we did at halftime, and that's been a little frustrating because

it's taken longer to make those adaptations than I thought we would," Adams said. "But I thought we came out in the second half and played the kind of basketball I hoped we could play."

The Hawks looked strong in the early going as they build an 8-2 lead in the first five minutes, not allowing a Walters

See **HAWKS**, Page 2B

# No upset for Kansas; N. Iowa wins at buzzer

**Associated Press** 

OKLAHOMA CITY — There was no Patriot League miracle this time, which means topseeded Kansas will continue on in the NCAA tournament.

Upset victims to Bucknell exactly five years earlier in the same building, Kansas fell behind Lehigh by eight points in the opening minutes on Thursday night in their firstround Midwest Regional game. But the Jayhawks rallied for a 90-74 win, although it never was as comfortable as might be expected against a 16thseeded foe.

Marcus Morris had 26 points and 10 rebounds, Sherron Collins scored 18 points and Cole Aldrich added 11 points, eight rebounds and five blocked shots for Kansas (33-2), which figured to dominate the smaller Mountain Hawks from Bethlehem, Pa., but couldn't seem to put them away.

Kansas committed four NCAA turnovers and missed five shots in the first six minutes as Lehigh (22-11) went ahead 12-4. But after Kansas coach Bill Self called a timeout, the Jayhawks responded with a 21-2

run to make it 25-14. "I don't think we played great," Self said. "I think Lehigh played very, very well. I think we played tight early and the lid came off the

The Mountain Hawks trailed 35-29 at halftime, pulled within 37-32 a minute into the second half and were as close as nine points with 10:32 left before Kansas gradually started building its lead to as many as 21

"I never felt in the second half after we started playing that we were in jeopardy of losing the game, but I did feel like we just didn't put them away," Self said.

freshman Lehigh C.J. McCollum scored 26 points and Zahir Carrington added 17 in the Mountain Hawks' fourth NCAA tournament appearance.

"Even when things looked a little bleak and Kansas made a few runs, at no point did I really lose a lot of confidence or faith in our ability to build a run ourselves," Lehigh coach Brett Reed said.

Kansas next will play ninth-seeded Northern Iowa, which won an tournament game for the first time since 1990 by beating UNLV 69-66 on Ali Farokhmanesh's deep 3-pointer with 4.9 seconds left. The senior guard's heroics came after the Panthers had blown a 9-point lead in

the final 7:22. Oscar Bellfield tied the score for eighthseeded UNLV (25-9) with

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# Kentucky dominates; Missed free throws doom Texas vs. Wake

Associated Press

NEW **ORLEANS** - The initiation of Kentucky's fabulous freshmen to the NCAA tournament went as well as John Calipari could have hoped.

Eric Bledsoe a school record for 3-pointers in a tournament game with eight during a 29-point effort, and the top-seeded Wildcats led by 30 in

the first half and 40 in the second while cruising to 100-71 blowout of East Tennessee State.

"Hopefully, we're this good," Calipari said. "I'm not sure if we are, but we'll see if we can keep it going."

That result had spectators falling asleep in their seats Thursday evening, but those who waited around for the late game between Wake Forest and Texas saw

an overtime thriller. It ended with Ishmael Smith's pull-up jumper in the final seconds of the extra session lifting the Demon Deacons to an 81-80 victory.

eighth-seeded The Longhorns' loss punctuated a puzzling slide from as high as No. 1 in the national rankings in January to a firstround exit from the NCAA tournament.

"Towards the season,

Hutchinson.

we stopped doing the little things that made us a good team," said Texas point guard J'Covan Brown. "Coach was trying to keep that in our minds. And every game, you know, just play as a team. But we just got away from it."

In the South Region, Baylor won a tournament game for the first time in six decades, pulling away in the final 2:30 for a 68-59 win over an upsetminded Sam Houston State squad that had the game tied inside the final four minutes. The Bears now move on to play 11th seed Old Dominion, 51-50 upset winners over Notre Dame.

It was Old Dominion's first NCAA tournament win since beating Villanova in triple overtime in 1995.

"I think it reflects the magic of March, the way the two teams battled," Old Dominion coach Blaine Taylor said. "One of the officials turns to me at the two-minute mark and said, 'It's been a heck of a game,' and I really think it was."

It might have turned out better for Notre Dame if standout

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# Sports in brief

# Rag Ball tournament to benefit BSISD students

Big Spring students are putting on a rag ball baseball tournament to raise money for their trip to the World Strides "Science in Motion" festival.

The tournament will be held Friday at 8 p.m. at the Cotton Mize Ball Field at Comance Trail Park.

Sign up early by calling 935-2371 after 6 p.m. or show up to the tournament for registration from 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person or \$75 per team.

#### Watch NJCAA tournament live via Web feed

The NJCAA national tournament will be available live on the Web via NJCAA TV.

Howard plays its first game at 1 p.m. Wednesday against Southeastern Illinois. Log on to www.njcaa. org/tv to find out how to watch the game live from

Check the *Herald* for game recaps and photos from

### **Big Spring Country Club** to hold United Way fund-raiser

Big Spring Country Club and the United Way invite the public to participate in a 3-person scram-

ble March 27-28 at the Country Club. Entrance fee is \$60 per player plus a cart. Private carts are welcome.

The event will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Entry includes barbecue on the course Saturday at noon and a 19th hole party on the patio.

# **Obituaries**

### **Gerry Spears**

Gerry Spears, 82, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 18, 2010, in a Lubbock hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

# **Take Note**

- Cornell Corrections Relay For Life team, Team Lockout, will host a shrimp boil at 11:30 a.m. Friday. The event will be held at the Building 35 Warehouse, 1701 Apron Drive in front of Western Container. Eat in or carry out. Large dishes are \$15; small dishes are \$10.
- American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the post, 3203 W. Highway 80. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Carry-outs will be available. Plates are \$10 each. Everyone is welcome.
- The Howard County Democratic Party will hold its precinct meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, call 466-3073.
- The city of Big Spring will close Goliad Street from 11<sup>th</sup> Place to 12<sup>th</sup> Street until Monday in order to facilitate roadway repairs. For more information, contact Assistant City Manager Todd Darden
- The Cornerstone Covenant Youth Group will have a fund-raiser at 5 p.m. Monday at the Pizza Inn. Proceeds will help our youth ministries attend our annual trip to church camp in the Huntsville area. The youth of our town are future leaders of
- Business Before Hours will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Holiday Inn Express, 1109 N. Aylesford. There will be door prizes, breakfast and tours. The event is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.
- 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.
- Home Hospice is looking for adult volunteers and junior volunteers. New training time will be at 9 a.m. April 17 at the Hospice office, 111 E. Seventh St. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more infor-
- 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 ported to SMMC. 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.



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# Police blotter

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

Due to computer problems at the PD, neither an arrest report or activity report were available at press time Friday morning. Department officials were unsure when the problem would be correct-

# Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report. KEITH VICTOR GARDNER, 29, was transferred

- to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. FORTUNATO ALVAREZ III, 22, was arrested
- Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000. RONNIE HAROLD JONES SR., 63, was trans-
- ferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft. • MARCUS EMORY STURGILL, 21, was arrested
- Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. • JUAN GAVINO CAUDILLO, 35, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of
- STEVEN RAY EVANS, 21, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habita-
- BEVERLY RYNEL ARMSTRONG, 48, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of theft of property – more than \$50, less than \$500 (two counts), failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, resisting arrest, search or transportation, expired driver's license, failure to appear (two counts) and violation of a promise to appear.
- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 45, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of disorderly conduct – obscene language and failure to appear.

# Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of W. Fourth Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Wyoming. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of Highway 80 and Lindberg. One person was trans-

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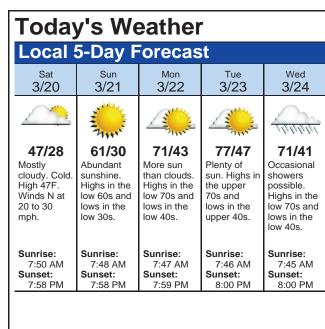
· Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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



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Texas At A Glance



Big Spring



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Greenville

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Boston	70	44	mst sunny	New York	71	50	mst sunny
Chicago	37	32	mixed	Phoenix	73	48	sunny
Dallas	54	36	t-storm	San Francisco	69	46	pt sunny
Denver	38	23	sn shower	Seattle	68	48	pt sunny
Houston	66	38	t-storm	St. Louis	50	37	rain
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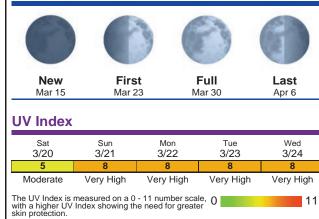
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#### **Moon Phases**



# Lottery

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Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 20-24-32-34. Bonus Ball: 14.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 5-17-30-32-33.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-9-3-2. Sum It Up: 19.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-2-5. Sum It Up: 10.





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# Aggies return to Spokane remembering injury

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) Derrick Roland spent Christmas Eve in a hospital bed in Seattle. IVs were in his arms. Blood oozed from scars on a right leg full of metal, the result of surgery hours after his leg shattered during a game at Washington.

The soul of Texas A&M basketball was seemingly a world away from home, his team, his basketball life.

Now he is back in Washington state. So are his remade Aggies, set to begin the NCAA tournament.

"I'm blessed," Roland said Thursday in the locker room a day before his fifthseeded team (23-9) meets Utah State (27-7).

He didn't have crutches. He wasn't wearing a leg cast or walking boot. He hasn't ruled out an appeal to the NCAA for an extra year of eligibility through a medical redshirt.

"I'm great," he said, smiling in a way he could not less than three months ago while sedated in that room in Seattle's Harborview Medical Center. ahead of schedule."

Early in the second half on Dec. 22, the Aggies' second-leading scorer went up

for a layin and came down hard under the basket on a routine play.

The sound of his leg breaking was so loud that Quincv Washington's Pondexter thought it was Roland's back hitting the court. Pondexter said the protruding fracture was "one of the nastiest things I've ever seen" and fans on that side of the stands gasped and turned away.

Hours later, drained coach Mark Turgeon sat on a couch in the hospital unsure of how he would replace Roland's Big 12-best defense, or his leadership.

His team had flown home without him and fellow senior Donald Sloan. Both stayed with Roland.

Before the team left, Sloan called a players-only meeting at the team's Seattle hotel. Sloan stressed the need for everyone to do more with Roland out.

"We all said, 'We had to do it, in honor of 'D-Ro," sophomore Dash Harris said.

The Aggies won three straight after Roland's injury. Eleven wins in 16 games inside the rugged Big 12 cemented their place in another NCAA tournament.

### Friday's Schedule

11:25 a.m. - 11 Minnesota vs. 6 Xavier 11:30 a.m. - 12 Cornell vs. 5 Temple 1:15 p.m. - 15 Morgan St. vs. 2 West Virginia 1:30 p.m.- 13 Siena vs. 4 Purdue 1:35 PM ET - 10 Missouri vs. 7 Clemson 1:45 p.m. - 14 Oakland vs. 3 Pittsburgh 1:50 p.m. – 13 Wofford vs. 4 Wisconsin 3:45 p.m. - 12 Utah State vs. 5 Texas A&M

5:15 p.m. - 10 Georgia Tech vs. 7 Oklahoma State

5:10 p.m. - 9 Florida State vs. 8 Gonzaga

6:20 p.m. - 12 N.M. State vs. 5 Michigan

6:25 p.m.-- 16 Ark. Pine Bluff vs. 1 Duke 8:30 p.m. - 16 Vermont vs. 1 Syracuse 8:35 p.m. - 15 UC Santa Barbara vs. 2 Ohio State

8:40 p.m. - 13 Houston vs. 4 Maryland 8:45 p.m. - 9 Louisville vs. 8 California

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field goal until the 14:57 mark. The only Senator scoring to that point came on a technical foul issued on the Howard bench because Emory's number 32 was mistakenly listed as 33 due to a uniform mix-up

Walters would come back though, using a 6-0 run to tie the game with

four fast-break points. Howard distanced

itself at the 10-minute mark with a 6-0 spurt of their own, capped by a Watkins layup at the 9:49 mark, but every time the Hawks threatened to make a run, Walters kept the game close by forcing eight Howard turnovers in the first half.

The Senators closed the half on a 6-0 run to tie the game at 31 as

Upton hit a floater, stole the inbound pass for another layup and picked Watkins' pocket for another steal and layup with 21 seconds left. Upton had 12 firsthalf points.

Howard shot 33 percent from the field in the first 20 minutes and 2-of-10 from behind the 3-point line. Walters, meanwhile, hit 42 percent of its shots but turned the ball over 11

The Hawks got up eight early in the second half as Crowder came out of the gate with a three-point play at the bucket, followed by a Lamont Austin 3-pointer from the left corner. Watkins stole the ball the next trip down the court and took it for a layup, and two buckets later the Hawks lead was nine.

Howard the held

Senators at arm's length going down the stretch, and finished the game with a 10-0 run for some breathing room.

"There are four great teams left, and it's who's going to come ready to play each night," Adams said. "We have a lot of confidence because we represent our Region 5 and such good competition, and that gives us a little confidence going into the Final Four."

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Iowa (29-4) held the ball for a final shot. The ball swung from point guard Kwadzo Ahelegbe to Johnny Moran to Farokhmanesh,

held his follow-through even after his shot swished through the net. He finished with 17 points and went 5 of 9 from 3-point range.

The Runnin' Rebels didn't get a shot off before the final buzzer, even after calling a timeout with 1.6 seconds

Northern Iowa made the NCAA field in five of the past seven years but suffered four straight first-round losses by five points each. This year, Northern Iowa received its highest seed ever in the tournament and entered allowing opponents only 54.3 points per game.

"It feels good to do that for this program,' Farokhmanesh "We've come a long ways. I think we deserve that win."

Bellfield and Tre'von Willis each scored 13 points for UNLV, which lost despite committing only eight turnovers.

In the West Region, BYU outlasted Florida,

winning 99-92 in double overtime as Jimmer Fredette scored points. The Cougars' star guard had two 3-pointers in the second overtime that sealed the win and scored at least 30 points for the third straight game.

Florida (21-13) missed potential winning shots in the final seconds of regulation and the first overtime. BYU's Michael Loyd Jr., who averaged 4.6 points per game this season, scored a career-high 26, including all six of the Cougars' points in the first overtime. Loyd's 3-pointer to open the second overtime that gave BYU (30-5) the lead for good.

Kenny Boynton scored 27 points for the 10thseeded Gators, who rallied from a 13-point second-half deficit to take the lead, but he fouled out in the second overtime after hounding defensively Fredette for much of the game. Florida coach Billy

Donovan called game "the most physical game we played in all year long" and said the Gators just wore

"We knew they were going to come back, but we tried not to think that we were going to lose the game," Fredette said. "We thought we were always going to win it and keep that mindset."

Florida was playing its first tournament game since winning secutive national titles in 2006 and 2007. BYU ended a streak of seven straight first-round NCAA tournament losses. The Cougars hadn't won in the tournament

since 1993. Seventh-seeded BYU will play No. 2 seed Kansas State, which overcame a sluggish start to beat North Texas 82-62. Kansas State (27-7) allowed 15th-seeded North Texas (24-9) to grab seven early offensive rebounds and the Mean Green hung close,

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Howard 72, Walters State 56 Howard (72) Austin 3-8 1-2 8, Watkins 7

7-10 21, Crowder 6-18 2-3 16,

Emory 6-8 0-0 12, Bright 1-3 4-6 6, Menter 2-5 2-2 7, Obasi 0-2 0-0 0, McGee 1-4 0-0 2; Totals

Sturdivant 1-5 1-2 3, Malone 3-4

Walters State (56) Upton 9-15 4-5

2-2 2, Newbell

WS Wells 6); Turnovers WS 20 HC 10; Assists HC 10, WS 8 Blocks WS 4, HC 3; Steals HC

trailing only 18-13 nine minutes into the game. But the Wildcats

defensive pressure eventually wore down North Texas. The Mean Green shot 31 percent from the field and their leading scorer, Josh White, managed only

three points.

Denis Clemente had 17 points and six assists for Kansas State while Jacob Pullen and Curtis Kelly added 15 points each. Despite the slow start on the boards, the Wildcats outrebounded North Texas 46-21.

"I thought we gave up a couple of offensive rebounds early in the game, but outside of that, I thought we really zoned in and defended and (that) allowed us to get into broken floor, and then we went up there and converted and made some shots, made some plays, and that allowed us to kind of get away a little bit," Kansas State coach Frank Martin said.

# Contra

By Steve Becker

#### Combinations and Percentages

You are declarer in each of the following four situations:

1. You have the A-K-10-2 of a suit, and dummy has the Q-3. You need to score four tricks in the suit. You lead dummy's queen and then the three as both opponents follow low. Should you play the ace or the ten to give yourself the best chance for four

2. You have the A-J-4-3-2, and dummy has the K-9. How would you play this combination to give yourself the best chance for four tricks? **3. You have** the A-K-J-10-9-4-3,

and dummy has the singleton deuce. If you need all seven tricks in the suit, should you cash the A-K or 4. You have the A-10-3-2 facing

the K-9-4 in dummy. How would you play to give yourself the best chance for three tricks?

1. If you finesse the ten, you have a 50 percent chance of success. If vou cash the A-K instead, hoping to drop the missing jack, you have only a 36 percent chance of making all four tricks. The finesse is therefore the better play

chance for four tricks. Cashing the

2. Lead the deuce to dummy's nine. This gives you a 68 percent

for four tricks. A first-round finesse of the nine is therefore the better

If you needed only three tricks in the suit, the best method of play would be the king, followed by a finesse of the jack. This would yield a 94 percent chance of success. It would also be the best way to play if you needed all five tricks in the suit. but the chance of success would be a meager 18 percent. 3. If you finesse the jack, you

have a 37 percent chance of scoring seven tricks. If you cash the A-K, hoping to catch the queen, you have only a 33 percent chance of success. The finesse is therefore the better 4. Lead the deuce and, if your left-

hand opponent follows low, finesse dummy's nine. Assuming that the nine loses to the jack or queen, you plan next to cash the king and then the ace. This gives you a 75 percent chance (including the 36 percent chance of a 3-3 break) of making three tricks.

The suggested approach is slightly better than cashing the A-K first in the hope of catching a singleton or doubleton honor in either opponent's hand, which would yield only a 70

king first and then finessing the jack Tomorrow: Sheer artistry. ©2010 King Features Syndicate Inc

# **BIG EASY**

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senior Luke Harangody had been on top of his game, but instead he was held scoreless until the final seconds and finished with four points.

"I played a bad game," Harangody said. "When you don't hit a shot early and you're coming off the bench, it's just very hard to get in a rhythm. ... Obviously this is not the way I wanted to go out."

Instead, the second round welcomes players like Frank Hassell had 15 points and nine rebounds to lead Old

Dominion to victory. To advance any further, the Monarchs (27-8) will have to figure out a way to stop Baylor's Ekpe Udoh, who had 20 points and 13 rebounds to help the Bears (26-7) outlast Sam Houston State. LaceDarius Dunn also came alive in the second half for Baylor, when he scored 10 of his 13 points and keyed a crucial 8-0 run with a tough turnaround fade in the lane and soaring one-handed jam. In the East region,

Kentucky (33-2) is showing no signs of immaturity despite having three freshmen starters and a fourth freshman playing a top reserve

role. While Bledsoe was hitting shot after shot from long range, fellow freshman John Wall was running the point to perfection, finishing with 17 points and 11 assists. Junior Patrick Patterson, the elder statesman of the Wildcats' rotation had 22 points on 9-of-10 shooting including a handful of dunks, and Kentucky hit 15 3s in

"Our scouting report said they couldn't make 3s and they made 15," ETSU coach Murry Bartow said. "So, obviously, if the rest of the tournament they shoot the ball the way they did tonight, they're

obviously going to be a

very tough out." Now Kentucky plays Wake Forest (20-10) which demonstrated an impressive will to win ugly against Texas. The Demon Deacons outrebounded the

Longhorns 59-34. "We really got just pounded on the glass," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "I can never remember getting

outrebounded 59-34." Still, Texas had an 80-76 lead in the final half-minute of overtime. Then Ari Stewart hit a 3 with 16 seconds to go to make it 80-79 and Gary Johnson missed a pair of free throws. That allowed Smith to go end-to-end, capping his 19-point, 12-rebound and seven-assist outing with a game-winner he'll never forget.

"We're not the prettiest team in the world," Wake Forest coach Dino Gaudio said. "We don't shoot the ball straight a lot of times, but our defense was the difference in the basketball game as was (rebounding). So we live to fight another day."

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"Once the concrete and paving is done, then we'll go in with the plants," Darden said, noting that 12 different species of greenery will be planted on the medians that stretch from Fourth to Ninth streets on Main.

Darden was reluctant to estimate when the overall project will be completed, saying city officials will meet with Price representatives later today to discuss how much longer work will continue.

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culprit hindering work is Mother Nature.

"All this rain we've been getting certainly isn't helping things," Darden said. "Of course, we'll take it .... but it has delayed the projects."

Despite some delays, Darden is pleased with the work's progress.

"Overall, it's moving along fairly well," he said. "If it hadn't been for the delays caused by weather, we'd be close to being finished by

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the event drew more than 3,000 children and gave away approximately 50,000 stuffed eggs. They will have games, drawings and an appearance by the Easter Bunny.

Age groups will be 0-3, 4-6 and 6-12. Hogdogs will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 268-8387, ext. 122.



# News briefs

#### Fess Parker, TV's 'Davy Crockett,' dies at 85

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fess Parker, a television icon to a generation of youngsters as Davy Crockett and later Daniel Boone, has died at the age of 85 of natural causes.

Parker, who was also a major California winemaker and developer, died Thursday at his Santa Ynez Valley home, family spokeswoman Sao Anash said. His death came on the 84th birthday of his wife of 50 years, Mar-

Anash said Parker was coherent and speaking with family just minutes before his death. Funeral arrangements will be announced lat-

The 6-foot, 6-inch Parker was quickly embraced by 1950s children as the man in a coonskin cap who stood for the spirit of the American frontier. Baby boomers gripped by the Crockett craze scooped up Davy lunch boxes, toy Old Betsy rifles, buckskin shirts and trademark fur caps. "The Ballad of Davy Crockett" ("Born on a mountaintop in Tennessee...") was a No. 1 hit for singer Bill Hayes while Parker's own version reached No. 5.

Oregon lawsuit claims Boy Scouts failed to prevent sex abuse by local leaders, cover up PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Boy Scouts of America has long kept an extensive archive of secret documents that chronicle the sexual abuse of young boys by Scout leaders over the

The "perversion files," a nickname the Boy Scouts are said to have used for the documents, have rarely been seen by the public, but that could all change in the coming weeks in an Oregon courtroom.

The lawyer for a man who was molested in

the 1980s by a Scout leader has obtained about 1,000 Boy Scouts sex files and is expected to release some of them at a trial that began Wednesday. The lawyer says the files show how the Boy Scouts have covered up abuse for The trial is significant because the files

could offer a rare window into how the Boy Scouts have responded to sex abuse by Scout leaders. The only other time the documents are believed to have been presented at a trial was in the 1980s in Virginia.

At the start of the Oregon trial, attorney Kelly Clark recited the Boy Scout oath and the promise to obey Scout law to be "trustworthy." Then he presented six boxes of documents that he said will show "how the Boy Scouts of America broke that oath."

He held up file folder after file folder he said contained reports of abuse from around the country, telling the jury the efforts to keep them secret may have actually set back efforts to prevent child abuse nationally.

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nounced their support after opposing an earlier version of the legislation last year. Markey cited improved deficit cuts. Gordon said his backing was unrelated to a new provision sending higher Medicaid payments to Tennessee hospitals that treat large numbers of uninsured.

rumors flew around the House chamber of more possible opponents-turnedsupporters — and also of previous "yes" voters who might withdraw their support — Pelosi worked her members, seeking out lawmakers individually or in small groups on the House floor to try to win them over. With Republicans unanimously opposed after a year of corrosive debate, the vote set for Sunday was expected to be a cliffhanger, and Democratic leaders don't yet command the 216 commitments they

Obama postponed until June a planned Asia trip that was set to begin Sunday, allowing him to stay in town for the House vote and action next week in the Senate. afternoon, Thursday Obama played host to individual lawmakers seeking favors or reassurance. House Democrats were hoping to get a letter of support Friday signed by enough Senate Democrats to guarantee passage of the package of changes

in that chamber, something leaders hope will reassure rank-and-file House members that they won't be left hanging out to dry.

But a climate of uncertainty remained the dominant dynamic as the climactic vote drew near. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer acknowledged Friday that the leadership still lacks enough votes to win this weekend's climactic

The Maryland Democrat said on CBS's "The Early Show" he believes House members "are going to conclude by Sunday that this is a bill that does what we said it was going to do."

And Rep. Bart Stupak, a Michigan Democrat who has led a dozen House Democrats in opposing the bill because of the abortion issue, reiterated Friday that his group may vote no when the final vote comes.

"My group of 12 here can make the difference on this vote," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Stupak said "there's a principle we're standing up for. ... Protect the sanctity of life. Keep current law. No public funding for abortion. Let's keep that principle intact and you can probably get our vote."

With the addition of the 153 pages of revisions, the bill would expand health care to 32 million uninsured, bar the insurance industry from denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions

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To address concerns of House Democrats, those subsidies were raised by an estimated \$25 billion over a decade in the package of changes offered Thursday. Seniors who experience a gap in coverage in the Medicare prescription drug program would receive a \$250 rebate this year — an election-year bragging point for Democrats as they look toward the fall campaign with control of Congress at stake. A special deal giving extra Medicaid money to Nebraska was struck in exchange for more Medicaid money for all states, though other special deals decried by Obama stayed in the bill.

changes also The included another of Obama's top priorities:

guaranteed Federally student loans would now be made only by the government, ending a role for banks and other for-profit lenders who charge fees. The savings, an estimated \$60 billion over a decade, would increase Pell grants for needy college students as well as support for programs such as aid to historically black colleges, a priority of the Congressional Black Caucus.

The package of changes would modify the sweeping health care legislation that cleared the Senate late last year. In a strategy designed to skirt Republicans' new ability to filibuster in the Senate, House Democrats on Sunday will move to pass both the Senate measure and the package of changes to it; the bill making changes could pass the Senate under rules allowing for a simple majority, not

In the Senate, Republicans plan to challenge select provisions by claiming they are not eligible to be included in a measure considered un-

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On almost a daily basis, you can find our policies concerning letters to the editor located on farm for sale. This was before our "Opinion" page, but here is a reminder:

While it is not an absolute requirement, we ask that letters be limited to no more than 300 words.

Yes, we have printed quite a few letters in the past couple of years that were considerably longer than 300 words. Just look at Sunday's edi-

However, letters are printed on an "as space is available basis," and longer letters are more difficult to find space for publication.

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Unfortunately, the limited size of our staff makes it impossible for us to acknowledge the receipt of letters.

And, as one might expect, letters submitted cooler confabs are way too brief from those living in our readership area will for in-depth discussions of mulalways receive priority.

There are a number of ways to submit letters. They can be mailed to: Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79721. Or they can be hand delivered to our offices at 710 Scurry St. during normal business hours Monday through Friday. In addition, you can go to our Website at www.bigspringherald.com and click on the Letters to the Editor icon and be provided with a form that will guarantee it arrives in the edi-

We also encourage readers to submit letters installation of the via e-mail at editor@bigspringherald.com.

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So, drop us a line and let us hear from you.

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# A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we walk with You, Lord, and trust in You we know everything will work out the way You sation of gas service. want it to.

# The rip off is simply ages old

hen I was a kid I was a comic book freak. I loved Spiderman because of his good attitude and Conan the Barbarian because of his terrible attitude. I wanted to live life like Spiderman and conquer

the world like Conan. It seemed reasonable to me. I loved Marvel

comics mostly because of the artists. I also loved Marvel because even if the character plot went stupid, a boy could count on the magic of the fullpage ads. Those ads were as fantastic as the comics themselves and the items in them could be

mailed directly to your mailbox. There were Sea Monkeys yes, Sea Monkeys — hovercrafts and little machines you could buy that would help you counterfeit dollar bills. I loved it!

Charles Atlas was willing to help me no longer be skinny and beat up mean people on the beach. I never bought his 15-minute

trainer because I was never skinny and didn't live on the beach. However, I did take his advice and punched a bully in the face for making a remark about me. That bully promptly mopped the floor with my head in front of the entire seventh grade.

CATTLE KILLERS There was also a really cool ant

fire ants invaded us and our

Andro killed all of the harvester ants, horny toads, tarantulas and jack rabbits. A big shout out to our state and federal government for handing out billions of pounds of Andro to farmers in the early '80s. Feel the love? I thought very seriously about

buying the Venus flytrap plants and I always liked the zombie mask. But, there was one mail order

item from the comic books that really stands out in my memory — the X-ray glasses. These glasses were advertised to help a young man full of testosterone actually see past the heavily clad ladies of our youth. I wondered why every kid didn't already have a pair and quickly came to the conclusion that it was because I was a visionary genius.

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So in 1979, I saved up a \$1.99 for my X-ray goggles, saved up another \$5 for "shipping and handling" and carefully filled out the envelope so my messy writing would send my money to the right New Jersey address.

I also dedicated my life to checking the mail every day for the next six weeks, because if my mom found out I was trying to look through walls or cheerleader outfits, I would be dead.

Finally, after what seemed like an eternity, I got a very small package in the mail and a very lame pair of cardboard glasses. It was a scam.

Who knew?

I felt so cheated and stupid. "You gotta be kidding me," I exclaimed while looking through the ridiculous rip off. The Brewer had his first

taste of a world full of dishonest schemes. I mean you would think you could trust people helping little boys peer into Bank vault combinations.

Money back guarantee Thirty-one years later, I am painfully aware of rip offs and con artists and just plain lies.

and devotion at an unprecedent ed level these days. The one place I run to, where I know I will not be ripped off or disappointed, is hope in Jesus

They compete for our attention

Christ. So I run to Jesus. The proof of authenticity is not just in the book, but in the lives of all of us who love the Lord. We see miracles, live beyond what is reasonable and shoot for limitless possibilities.

We love beyond our capacity and live beyond our means.

We choose to be battleships instead of cruise ships and warrior poets full of life, love and joy.

It is just plain impossible for us to be the people we are without the reality of Jesus Christ in our lives.

Besides all of that, I have been to Israel and stuck my head in the tomb — it really is empty. Jesus Christ is risen from the

dead and the life he gives to us is no rip off. "They cried to You, and were

delivered; They trusted in You,

and were not ashamed." -Psalm 22:5 The Rev. Troy Brewer pastors Open Door Ministries near

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n the hubbub of health care issues, high unemployment and a whimpering economy, coffee klatches and water tiple brow-creasing problems.

For about 750,000 Oncor customers whose kilowatts now are measured by "smart meters," add still another front-burner concern. Howls are becoming choruses as sharp billing spikes seemingly coincide with new meters. PR people at On-



DR. Don Newbury

cor probably yearn for the "good old days," when their efforts kept the company in the news, but off the front page. My daddy was in the energy

business around 1940. He was a front-line PR person who also looked after the gas wells, fixed leaks and fetched pipe with a truck that couldn't have been as big as I remember. He also collected monthly bill payments that customers left at grocery store collection points in May and Blanket, two Brown County towns with populations of a few hundred. (The monthly charge was \$2 for residences and \$4 for businesses, with the rate doubled during four winter months.)

Each grocer had a cigar box, with cash and checks stacked high. A 4-year-old, I was "bugeyed" at the sight of so much loot. Some paid with coins, knotted carefully in handkerchiefs. Others wrote notes about payment shortages, with promises to "catch up next month." Some left mournful pleas to avoid ces-

That's when Dad did his "PR-ing." He'd huddle with the

grocer to learn what financial hurdles some folks faced. Gas service was rarely terminated in the "good old days" before, as my Uncle Mort put it, "they started metering us to death.'

The current allegations that the "smart meters" are running short on accuracy reminded my 97-vear-old uncle of a post-World War II story. Meters of all kinds were popping up, including, of course, for utility services.

"Oncor customers are howling now, but folks back then were many times more upset," Uncle Mort laughed. "They squealed like a thousand pigs stuck under

Meter-readers were easy targets of customers' wrath. One of Mort's friends, however, took on the job for the electric company, and even boosted the economy.

A veteran of World War II, the friend had dodged death many times. What irony, he thought, to risk death by boredom in his monotonous peacetime job. He vowed to be "on the look-out" for ways to introduce fun to his daily treks.

He carefully recorded kilowatt usage, but was chafed when "close personal friends" (by their estimation, not his) begged him to "share the secret" to lowering electric bills. His mind spinning as fast as

the meters, he concocted a twopronged scheme — one to get them off track and the other to get his laughs on track. One customer, a bona fide

major league gossip, hammered daily for a share of the "secret." "There is a way," the meterreader finally confided, "but if I tell you, you'll spill the beans to

the whole community and that'll never work." The customer did the "cross my heart with hopes to die" pledge if he ever shared the

secret with "any other human

being. As serious as a funeral, the company guy insisted on a handon-the-Bible vow before whisper-

ing the "meter fix." You must buy a new red brick," he instructed. "Don't try to get by with a used one, or one that is chipped, or of another color. Place it on top of the meter in a vertical position. If you lay it horizontally, it won't work. Within three months, your bills should start going down. Remember, you must not tell a

single soul." The customer nodded, adding that he "hoped to be struck down by lightning" if such occurred.

Sure enough, when the next reading was taken, a new red brick, centered vertically, topped the confidant's meter. As he proceeded down the block, and the other blocks on the route, new red bricks topped all

Brick sales spiked, clearly a stimulus for the economy. Some three months later, the meter reader resigned his position, deciding to further his education on the GI Bill. He chose to study sociology, believing that he had a head start on understanding human nature.

Smiling about profits from investment in the local brick company, he thought about the magical world of secrets — the ones "hushed" around town... and others that were either not worth keeping or were too good to keep. He remembered Charlie Chan's old line, probably heard at a long-ago Saturday movie matinee: "Necessity, mother of invention...also, step-mother of deception.'

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

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

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

edt, 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. The March 25 lunch will be hosted by First Christian Church and led in devotion by Father Bernard Gully.

We invite you to make plans to join us for worship opportunities that will be offered during Holy Week, beginning with Sunday worship on Palm Sunday, March 28. We will have our regular Bible study on Wednesday evening. We will join with First Presbyterian, Big Spring, for a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. April 1, at Eighth and Runnels. The Big Spring Presbyterians will join us at First Presbyterian, Coahoma, for a Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 8:30 p.m. April 2. Saturday, April 3, we will have our annual pre-Easter breakfast at 9 a.m. and an Easter Vigil service at 11 p.m. Easter Day will begin with a Sunrise Service at Coahoma Presbyterian at 7 a.m. and a celebration of the Resurrection at the 11 o'clock worship ser-

The lectionary for the fourth Sunday in Lent is

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

5:17 p.m. Choir practice was at 6 p.m. The calendar for Lenten services at First Presby-

terian Big Spring includes a choir cantata, Dubois' "The Seven Last Words of Christ" during worship Palm Sunday, March 28. Maundy Thursday, April 1, we will be joined by First Presbyterian, Coahoma for a Service at 7 p.m. On April 2, we will join the Presbyterians in Coahoma at their church for a Tenebrae Service at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, April 4, we will celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord at Sunday worship and receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. In the children's Sunday school classes, the unit

on "Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet" will conclude with a drama/storytelling workshop led by Donna Amonett. The following Sunday they will begin a unit on "The Resurrection of Jesus" based on John Presbyterian Women are meeting at 2 p.m. in the

library Tuesday, March 23, for the monthly Bible study. The lectionary for the fifth Sunday in Lent is Isa-

iah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8. The chancel choir will present "Giver of Every Perfect Gift" by K. Lee Scott. "Set Me as a Seal" by Rene Clausen is the offertory anthem.

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

### North Birdwell Lane

#### United Methodist

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday for worship. The Sunday school discussion will be on "Family as Community," taken from Ruth 1:1-9 and will be led by Guy Teague.

Bible study is held the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the Book of John. The United Methodist Women will not be meeting again until May.

Sunday, we will meet after worship for a fellowship lunch and administrative council meeting. We will be discussing plans to welcome Boy Scout Troop 101 from Ohio to our church to an overnight stay June 7.

Angel Food delivery will be held at 10 a.m. March

27. We welcome Colorado City to our host site. North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell and welcomes all who wish to work for the Lord. For more information

# Only an idiot would pray for patience

nly an idiot would pray for patience," my friend told me. Having made that mistake

several times, I have to agree that praying for

patience is not a wise choice. Years ago, when I was a young

mother with two small children of my own and had six others standing in the rain on my doorstep asking if they could come in to



have been watching early in the morning to see if I came out the door with a baby on my hip, herding a three year old toward It wasn't that I didn't like

children; I did. But I seemed to be the only mother on the block who understood that small children need a lot of supervision. I often saw preschoolers playing in the street or roaming around the neighborhood by themselves. I didn't know how to solve the problem, so I let them come inside. Then I prayed for patience.

Reflecting on the situation, I can see that I really didn't want patience. I wanted God to solve my problem. I was caught in a dilemma of feeling that I had been taken advantage of and knowing that the neighborhood children needed a safe place to play.

The more I prayed, the more I saw the futility of praying for patience. I had made the same mistake that Christians often

make. We tend to think that praying for patience is more acceptable than admitting that we don't know how to handle a situation. What we really want is for God to do something about our problem.

However, as I prayed for patience, God showed me how patience is obtained. In the Scripture I read: "... but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope" (Romans 5:3

Wow! What a revelation that was. Tribulation worketh pa-

Patience isn't a microwaveready virtue given out on demand. Patience is a Godly trait developed by coping with problems. When we pray for patience,

God is faithful to provide a sufficient amount of stress to enable us to develop patience.

My friend was right. Only an idiot would pray for patience.

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Tuesday, March 23, there will be a 7 a.m. men's breakfast in Garrett Hall. Putnam will also speak at Wednesday noon Bible study and luncheon on the 24. You are not only invited but urged to attend any and all these wonderful sessions sure to bring joy

This Sunday's service will also include a Mission Moment featuring a representative from CASA. Be sure to hear the short message of great concern to the Big Spring area.

Thursday, March 25, the last of the Lenten services will be held with Father Gulley speaking at the meeting to be held at First Christian Church. This series of ecumenical services has been a true blessing; our thanks to all those participating.

During Holy Week we will have our regular noon Bible luncheon Wednesday in Garrett Hall. On Maundy Thursday there will be an evening communion service for groups of 12. These servicesh will be held beginning at 5 and continue every 15 minutes until 9.

This is a wonderful time for friends, sunday school classes and families to share this very meaninful event. Sign up sheets are available weekdays in the church office and Sundays in the sanctuary

Good Friday's Tenebrae Service will begin at 11;30 with a snack lunch served in Garrett Hall before going into the sanctuary. For those who do not have time to attend the lunch as well as the service there will be sack lunches provided to take as you The United Methodist Women will be hosting an

Easter brunch at Sunday school time on Easter. You are asked to bring your favorite breakfast type finger foods to Garrett Hall for this time of fellowship. And those of you who have spring flowers please

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Our Financial Peace University class meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. We have already started for the spring semester, but will offer this course again in the fall.

Our weight-loss support-group SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) meets on Tuesdays at the church at 6 p.m.

Our 12-Step Recovery group, led by Dean Thomas, has also resumed and meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. You are always welcome here. Sundays, we have

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St. Mary's Lenten Soup and Studies is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, in the parish hall. Our Inquirer's Class, for those interested in learning about the Episcopal Church, is at 6:30 p.m. March 25 in the parish hall.

The deacons of St. Mary's will lead the Friday noon "Stations of the Cross" in the church through March 26.

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# Tomorrow's Horoscope

January brings the first day of the calendar year. Then the Chinese New which is lunar Year, based and occurs sometime in late January mid-February, second represents a chance at a fresh start. If you'd like a third try,

tomorrow begins a new cycle, as the sun will enter the first sign of the zodiac. Some will party like it's New Year's Eve. **ARIES** 

(March 21-April 19). You'll be happier and freer if you try not to impute meaning and motive the into behaviors of

Observe the

others.

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way they are from a detached place, without feeling that you must figure them out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Facing a challenge head-on is sometimes easier than avoiding it. That is the case here. You need to turn around and look this thing in the eye so you can see that it's not nearly as big a monster as you're making it out to be.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You will find that people who are overly tense repel you. They may even scare you a bit. It's a good lesson. Relaxed people are attractive people. The things you do to put yourself in a relaxed state will be worthwhile.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're on a roll. If your friends could see you now! Well, actually, they can and do keep pretty constant tabs on especially when you're doing as well as you've been doing lately. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be in a situation

that calls for some star quality. You've trained yourself to change moods in a snap. All you have to do is hit the switch and your bright, energetic attitude turns on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Since you know in the first two seconds whether or not you like a person, you'll have no problem navigating the fresh faces that enter your world today. Believe in your first impressions, and stick by them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have no idea why it is that people seem to be staring at you longer than they look at most people. There is something ineffable you give off that is making an impression.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). An acquaintance who once seemed to look right past you will now be amazingly friendly. What changed? Not that much. It's just that some people take longer to warm up.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Express your creativity. Even the sharpest critic will accept you. In light of the fact that you can do no wrong, you may as well what genuinely pleases you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Know when to quit. Yes, it's good to push yourself to see how much you can stand, but at some point, walking away is the next step forward. That might be the case now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People who know you will cherish you. Then there's the clueless one who just doesn't seem to catch on. This same person has on occasion forgotten your name. It probably wasn't personal, but if it was, so what?

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The preparation for the day's events takes longer than the events themselves, but it's worth it. If you feel good about the way you're dressed and how you look, you'll get a fantastic head start. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(March 19). You stop striving and start belonging. You'll embraced by those you once only wished you could know better. You may currently feel that you've been doing a job that doesn't suit you perfectly, but in April, you'll get the professional validation you've been Lifestyle craving. improvements happen in Scorpio June. Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 18, 4, 37 and 50. WEEKEND LOVE

FORECAST: ARIES: You like who you are with someone. You different with this one than you are with anyone else in the world. TAURUS: Your relationship will blossom with equality, respect and mutual spoiling. GEMINI: Forget about foolishness you feel when you put yourself out there emotionally. You're brave, and that will pay off for you. CANCER: Your psychic powers are strong, and you can clearly see where a relationship is going to end up. LEO: You speak from the heart, and it goes straight to the heart of your listeners. VIRGO: You'll like someone much more than you did at the start. LIBRA: You get your way. It does take

effort, ultimately other the person can't resist your charms. SCORPIO: Your need for social interaction may be less than usual. Your alone time is necessary and though. sacred, SAGITTARIUS: Say less and do more. Your actions will tell the story who you are. CAPRICORN: You treat others well simply because it's the right thing to do. You want nothing in return. AQUARIUS: Deliver your message with levity and warmth. PISCES: Unfavorable impressions can be reversed. Your charm can pull back the one you've offended.

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COUPLE OF WEEKEND: Pisces and Taurus form a water-andearth mixture with the potential to grow a beautiful relationship. With the sun moving out of Pisces, the fish need more TLC than usual, and Taurus is in just the mood to give it. Taurus provides Pisces treats for the senses to lull the fish into a relaxed state. Pisces makes Taurus feel appreciated and understood. From compatibility, the magic will blossom.

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# DearMargo: Around Need Not Be an Inherited Trait

Dear Margo: This is much has already been chocolate milk. great guy who only has eyes for me.

My mother, though, is worried about my future, because for

generations, the men in my fiance's (quite prominent) family have been known cheating their



she certain it is

Howard İS genetic. I say it's a choice. What do you say? — Looking to the Future

Margo

Dear Look: Regarding your mother's "certainty," respond with the quaint answer given by the physicist Murray Gell-Mann to a statement with he which disagreed: "Quantum flapdoodle."

I think relatively few behaviors are genetic. Because straying is often multigenerational within families, it is assumed by some that it's "in the blood."

But I think, rather, such conduct is if not communicated, sanctioned, either subtly or overtly.

I can't imagine any father saying to a son, "M'boy, marriage vows are just a piece of paper."

I think what happens is that the behavior becomes known either deduction, through observation or gossip.

Then the implicit message is "Infidelity R Us." A son sees his mother put up with it and assumes his wife will. I only feel comfortable

citing one such family as

an example because so

not exactly a problem — written: the Kennedys. yet. I am engaged to a Starting with "Honey certain Fitz" and "Toodles," the pattern continued with his son-in-law, old Joe Kennedy — who actually flaunted his liaison with Gloria Swanson.

Then it continued in the next generation with JFK, Bobby and Ted.

To be sure, womanizing father can be an anathema and shameful to a son, but, like abuse, people often duplicate the behavior they abhor.

Some men, however, see womanizing for the destructive and neurotic behavior it is and steer clear.

You will have to follow your gut as to which kind you think your fiance is. And of course, marriage, like life, comes with no guarantees. — *Margo*, intuitively

Death by Junk Food? Nah

Dear Margo: I've been married for two years to a great guy who has two kids, 16 and 12.

They live in a small town 400 miles from us. That, plus the fact that husband my works overseas for months at a time and their mother can be very uncooperative, means we don't see them terribly

I'm a little nervous that they're coming to visit for the first time for a month this summer.

This might sound weird, but what I'm most nervous about is feeding I'm health conscious,

and I've noticed they have horrendous eating habits. They don't eat vegetables. They don't drink water — only soda, sports drinks

They declare they hate things, answer "no" when asked whether they've ever tried them.

I can't bring myself to feed them a hamburger, fries and a soda every

I can't expect help from my husband, as he's not overly fond of vegetables himself.

What can I possibly feed his kids that will not make them hate me, but will also not make them sick from malnutrition? - Trying Not To Kill the Kids in Washington, D.C.

Dear Try: A good and obvious rule of thumb is that it's your house, you're the cook and little buggers can't choosers.

You might ease them into better eating by, say, making the french fries from sweet potatoes.

You might introduce them to things you like, and if they don't eat them, well, they'll be a little hungry.

If they really dig in their heels and faint from hunger, revert to the burgers, fries chocolate milk, knowing that if one of these kids has survived for a dozen years and the other one even longer, there is no danger they will keel over from junk food on your watch. — Margo, palatably

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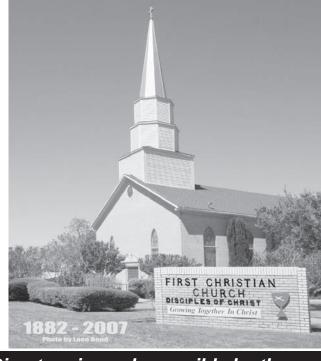
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# This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 19, the 78th day of 2010. There are 287 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On March 19, 1860, lawyer,

congressman. three-time Democratic presidential nominee and U.S. Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan was born in Salem, Ill.

On this date:

In 1859, the opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod premiered in Paris.

In 1917, the Supreme Court, in Wilson v. New, upheld the eight-hour work day for railroad workers.

In 1918, Congress approved Daylight-Saving Time.

In 1920, the Senate rejected, for a second time, the Treaty of Versailles by a vote of 49 in favor, 35 against, falling short of the two-thirds majority needed for approval.

In 1931, Nevada Governor Fred B. Balzar signed a measure legalizing casino gambling.

In 1945, during World War II, 724 people were killed when a Japanese dive bomber attacked the carrier USS Franklin off Japan; the ship, however, was saved. Adolf Hitler issued his so-called "Nero Decree," ordering the destruction of German facilities that could fall into Allied hands. In 1953, the Academy Awards

first time; "The Greatest Show on Earth" was named best picture of 1952. In 1979, the U.S. House of Representatives began televis-

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ing its day-to-day business. In 1987, televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex and money scandal involving Jessica

Hahn, a former church secre-

tary. In 2003, President George W. Bush ordered the start of war against Iraq. (Because of the time difference, it was early

March 20th in Iraq.) Today's Birthdays: Former White House national security adviser Brent Scowcroft is 85. Theologian Hans Kung is 82. Jazz musician Ornette Coleman is 80. Author Philip Roth is 77.

Actress Renee Taylor is 77 Actress-singer Phyllis Newman is 77. Actress Ursula Andress is 74. Singer Clarence "Frogman" Henry is 73. Singer Ruth Pointer (The Pointer Sisters) is 64. Actress Glenn Close is 63. Actor Bruce Willis is 55. Playwright Neil LaBute is 47. Rock musician Gert Bettens (K's Choice) is 40. Rappper Bun B is 37. Rock musician Zach Lind (Jimmy Eat World) is 34. Actor Craig Lamar Traylor is 21. Actor Philip Bolden is 15.

Thought for Today: "No one is such a liar as the indignant man." — Friedrich Nietzsche, German philosopher (1844-

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# Sometimes forgiveness is a long time coming

**By THE REV. MONTY CLENDENIN**Special to the Herald

More than 54 years ago, an incredible and frightening thing happened at the Baptist camp next to the city park in Big Spring. The camp was on the hill above the monkey cages and across the road from the amphitheater. As I recall there were 20 to 30 surplus Army barracks converted into church cabins. Our little country church at Vincent shared a cabin with the First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

It would be an understatement to say that we were a little rowdy. Our group got into a conflict with the boys from Denver City. The encampment was covered with cucurbita pepo "mate" gourds. After a short watermelon rind fight, we started pelting each other with those wild gourds. The gourds were tough and had a thick rind, so each got hurled a number of times before they would bust. In a short time we had used up all the gourds in the camp, so we began using rocks. Thankfully, we were all bad shots and as I recall no one was seriously injured by our missiles.

However, our conflict had escalated out of control. One evening after worship service, the counselor from Denver City walked with me back to the cabins. He asked me if I was a Christian.

and knew that I had not "come to Jesus" at that time. The next day the counselors gathered the 30 or so boys into a circle and began to lecture us about the danger and inappropriateness of our ongoing conflict.

I knew what he meant

The Denver City leader told everyone gathered at the peace accord, "If one of you had hit Monty in the head and killed him, he would have gone straight to Hell." Well,

that got my attention and started me on my journey toward salvation and my profession of faith a few weeks

The following day, still bearing the burden of all the sins of an 11-year-old, I was walking across the camp and came upon two boys playing horseshoes. Being a mischievous soul, I feigned picking up one of the horseshoes.

The boy next to me said, "Stop! Don't move it." At the same instant, the other boy let go what might have been a "ringer," but instead, it hit the boy next to me right on the top of his head.

The horseshoe peeled back a large flap of skin and blood gushed everywhere. The injured boy ran off across the camp screaming and bleeding. I faded into the mesquites, now with the added burden of guilt of almost causing the death of the boy.

I've told this story as part of my testimony for more than 45 years.

My dad spent the last few years of his 30-year career at the East Vealmoor Natural Gas Plant near Luther keeping pump stations running all the way from the East Howard Field to the rim of the Llano Estacado.

Part of his routine was to stop in Coahoma at the coffee shop, then he would stop by his insurance agent, A.J. Pirkle Sr., for another cup of java. It was a routine he continued after Mr. Pirkle died when his son, A.J. Pirkle Jr., took over the insurance agency.

A.J. and I were in the same senior class of 1964 at BSHS. We did not know each other very well. A.J. played in the band and I played basketball. At our reunions, A.J. and I would often talk about our fathers' friendship and my dad's visits with A.J.

Recently, A.J. and



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Monty Clendenin (left) and A.J. Pirkle pose with one of the gourds the youth at the old Baptist camp waged war with 54 years ago.

I became Facebook friends and have shared stories, jokes and the joy of being connected with former classmates.

The senior class of 1964 shares an unusual closeness and love that has "kept us all as one" and brings us together every five years for homecoming in Big Spring.

Last month, A.J. and his wife, Debie, told us that they would be in Alabama where my wife, Delonna, and I have lived for 20 years.

They would have a free day, so we made arrangements to meet them for lunch and give them the 15-cent tour of our city, Anniston, Ala. We took them to all the historic sites and finally arrived at the Covenant Presbyterian Church where I am minister.

We were standing in my office looking at all my memorabilia when I picked up one of the six gourds I keep in a Native American pottery bowl. I began telling A.J. and Debie the story of my coming to Jesus.

When I finished, A.J. said, "I had a similar experience at the Baptist Camp at the city park, too. I was playing horseshoes and I got hit right on the top of my head"

I chimed in and to his amazement, finished his story. "A.J.! Oh my Lord, I was the kid who caused you to reach down to stop from picking up the horseshoe."

After 54 years ... mystery solved! We both had goose-bumps run up the length of our spines. Turns out A.J. went

to the doctor, got 12 stitches that day and came back and made his profession of faith at that evening's worship service.

The boy I thought I had nearly killed, found his life that day. A.J. sings with the Singing Men of West Texas Men's Chorus and plays

French horn in their orchestra. For all those years, his testimony has included this story. A.J. not only forgave me, he thanked me for helping knock salvation into his head and heart.

The Rev. Monty Clendenin pastors Covenant Presbyterian Church and Leyden Hill Presbyterian Chapel in Anniston, Ala. He worked in the Herald's circulation department in 1965 and 1966.

# CHURCH NEWS

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invited you to come see and hear our choir perform the musical, "Nail-Scarred Hands."

A women's seminar led by Denise Weaver will be April 30-May 1. Pamphlets will be out soon. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

Come be a part of our worship service. You'll be welcomed and leave feeling blessed. You're sure to find a friend at East Fourth Street Baptist.

#### First Baptist, Coahoma

At First Baptist Church in Coahoma, it's all about "Sharing Hope" in 2010. Our church is working hard to reach our community with the Hope of Jesus Christ. Over the past few weeks we have been involved with a scripture distribution project.

"Our goal is to get one of our Sharing Hope gift bags into every home within the city and our surrounding area before Easter Sunday morning," reports the pastor, Wes Massey. "It has been a tremendous challenge, but the church has stepped up and hit a home run on this one."

Within each of these Sharing Hope packets, the recipients will find a letter from the church, a gospel track, an invitation/registration card for our upcoming "Spring Fling" and a CD containing various testimonies, scripture portions and computer links to some 400 Bible translations. These packets are being given away as a simple means for our church to say "thank you" to such a great com-

munity.

"We really want folks to use all of the materials in the packets," says Pastor Massey. "We also want everyone to especially use the "Spring Fling" invitation registration card they find included in the packet."

The church will be hosting its "Spring Fling" Saturday, April 3 from noon to 4 p.m. and everyone in the family is invited. There will be different games and activities, lots of great food and we will even be giving away door prizes. All you have to do is turn in your registration card at the registration desk when you come that Saturday morning. There will be four drawings with a winner every time. The cost is free and every thing is open to the public.

"Its going to be a great weekend," says Massey, "and we want to make sure that everyone knows they're welcome to come and enjoy the fun."

# Alive in Christ Lutheran LCMS

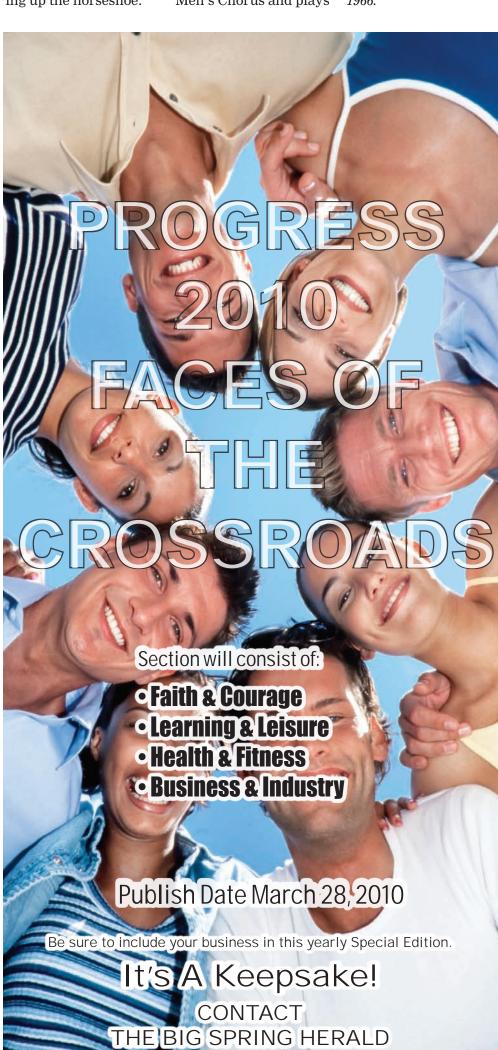
We are located at 2805 Lynn Str. in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. Our phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our Web site is www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx. We would love to have you join us for church Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15.

would love to have you join us for church Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15. This week's acolyte will be MaKayla Overton. Our elders are Bobby Roever and Darren Byrd. The liturgy will be read by Phillip Reid. The readings

are Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:(4b-7)8-14, and Luke 20:9-20.

Wednesdays at 6 p.m., join us and work on our new banners. We hope to make several banners for the upcom-

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RELIGION BIG SPRING HERALD Friday, March 19, 2010

# respect of the temple

aint Augustine summed it up succinct-

when he said, "Men go abroad to wonder at the height of mountains, the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of

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In Psalm 139:13-14 Da-

vid said, "You created

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single wonder."

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fully and wonderfully made." But the majority of people today the world over do not understand the miracle of the human body. If more people realized the significance of this awesome dwelling place, they would be more loyal to the maintenance of Corinthians 3:16

tells us that our bodies are the temple of God and His Spirit dwells in us. Verse 17 reminds us that "if anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, which temple you are." The body is identified as God's temple, made holy by the indwelling presence of God's Spirit.

One of our greatest responsibilities is honoring and taking care of our temples. Three of the major problems that defile the temple are unforgiveness, failing to love our neighbor as ourselves and a lack of good physical fitness. When we break or disobey a law, we always create a loss. Bad conduct demeans the price Christ paid to redeem us from the fall. We are representatives of these temples and it is our responsibility to keep them both spiritually and physically fit.

People who harbor anger often do not realize it, but they are poisoning their own lives. Our bodies were created for goodness, not to house ill feelings and bitterness. In order to keep our spiritual lives healthy, we cannot harbor hostility as it only produces bitter fruit and soon contaminates everything about us, freshness of God's goodincluding our attitudes and personalities. Bitterness that has taken root within is like a dam whose walls have been flattened. What once was a controlling force is now a vehicle of devastation and destruction. According to Mark

unforgiveness 11:25, keeps God's goodness from flowing into our lives. "Whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses." These words should serve as our personal lighthouse, beaming God's truth into our lives. If we obev the instructions. they will change our course. Wake up and get involved in the life and

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ness.

Forgiveness is a choice, but not an option. Take inventory of your heart. Stop, look, listen and pray. In doing so, God will show us where the problems lie. As we obey the missive, He will bring restoration of peace to our hearts.

Loving our neighbor as ourselves is another step in keeping our temples in good working order. God placed enough value on treating our neighbors respectfully that He included it as one of the Ten Commandments. The easiest way to fulfill this charge is to simply stop and think how we desire to be treated, and then behave likewise toward others.

Caring for the physical temple is of great value. As God's servants, we have a directive to look after them, both physically and spiritually. Our participation is rewarded by bodies that work to maintain as high a quality of physical fitness as possible.

The number one step in caring for our bodies is to drink more water, the ultimate thirst quencher and most satisfying drink in the world. It keeps the body hydrated and nourished from the inside out. By God's design, our bodies have a built-in trigger called thirst that alerts us to our need for

water. Our bodies also need physical exertion to stay in peak form. Exercising, bicycle riding, walking, stretching and breathing in the good fresh air are all beneficial.

These activities also aid in promoting a good night's sleep.

There is a little-known scripture in the Amplified version of Proverbs 18:9 that states, "...and he who does not use his endeavors to heal himself is a brother to him who commits suicide." God entrusted these temples to us, therefore, it behooves us to make our best efforts when handling and caring for them.

God bless.

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ing seasons of the church year.

Wednesday, Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching on The Dying Word, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit" from Luke 23:46.

This Sunday after Sunday school, we will be forming a call committee with a pot luck following at 12:30. Everyone needs to be present.

Services on Good Friday, April 2 at 7 p.m. will be a combination of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Sunrise Service on Easter morning will be followed by the Easter pancake breakfast. Traditional services will be held later that morning.

The Board of Education is preparing for the Second Annual Easter Festival to be held Saturday, April 3 from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be games and prizes, egg hunt, crafts, coloring of Easter eggs, cookie decorating, face painting, egg walk, etc.

The Board of Education is asking all members of our congregation to bring individually wrapped candies for the Easter egg hunt. These candies need to be at the church by Palm Sunday. We will be filling the Easter eggs during the next week.

The LWML will be taking items from the Candelaria, Texas, Mission wish list to the West Texas LWML Spring Rally on April 10. Please have any items at church by April 7. If you need a list of items, check with Jaunell Roever.

The LWML will also meet April 8 at 7 p.m at the church and will serve refreshments at the VA on April 12.

The Board of Education will meet April 13 and Elders will meet April 15, both at 7 p.m. at the church.

#### First Church of the Nazarene

Our Second Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 3 at the Comanche Trail Park for ages 2-10 beginning at 10 a.m. The Easter Egg Hunt is divided by age groups. There will be food, prizes and a bounce house. Coming May 16 is Biker Sun-

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Sunday morning fellowship begins at 9:30 and worship service is at 10. Children's Church, for ages 4-11, is in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday night classes begin at 6:30 for all ages. Ages 4 years. through third grade meets in the classrooms at the north end of the fellowship hall for Bible class. The fourth through 6th 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 meets with Pastor Cal in the Salt Shaker. For adults there are three options: A study of the holiness movement in the Commons, the "Sunday Sermon Revisited" class is in the conference room, or you can enjoy "The Coffee Class" in the library for fellowship and discussion of various topics.

FCN also has small groups. Thursdays at 7 p.m. there is the College and Young Adults Life Group. Sunday evenings at 6:30 is the Harvest Life Group and Financial Peace University is at 6.

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