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By JOE ZIGTEMA

Sports Editor

The excitement of winning a national championship hit Jae Crowder when the Howard Hawks team bus pulled into town early Sunday eve-Led by a police escort,

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Crowder and the Hawks exited the bus to a crowd of more than 100 Hawk supporters who welcomed home the 2010 NJCAA national champions. the first Howard team to take home the title.

"It just hit us," Crowder said as the team filed into Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. "It just hit a lot of us."

On the heels of a baseball national championship last season, coach Mark Adams and the Hawks brought home another to Howard. "We talked about winning a

national championship here in the fall, and quite frankly, it's overwhelming," he said. "It's unbelievable."

It was unbelievable the way the Hawks staged a miracle comeback from 16 points in the last four minutes to win in Friday's semifinal, and over-

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The Howard College Hawks celebrate their first ever NJCAA national basketball championship on Saturday at the Hutchinson Sports Arena in Hutchinson, Kan. Howard capped off a 35-2 season with an 85-80 overtime win over Three Rivers (Mo.) Community College. See related story and photos, Page 6.

City finds another error in tax values that hurts

By THOMAS JENKINS

Officials with the city of Big Spring say they have found a second error in the certified values issued last year by the Howard County Appraisal District, a mistake that will cost the municipality an additional \$68,400 from its general fund.

The Big Spring City Council will consider a budget amendment Tuesday night to correct the error, more than \$68,000 from the city's coffers, according to City Finance Director Peggy Walker.

"We found the mistake when we were preparing to issue the certificates of obligation for the water park project," said Walker, referring to the recent issuing of \$4.2 million in COs to fund a new aquatic center for the city. "One of the requirements is a listed at No. 8, which was a bit odd because I had never heard of them.

"At that point we began sifting through the information and found \$6.6 million of the certified values was attributed to them. Apparently, the Abilene tax management company that handles their tax information had rendered some of their property in Howard County. However, Aquilla,

removing approximately \$6.6 million list of the top 10 taxpayers in the area, which is based out of Wichita Falls, from certified values and slightly and I noticed Aquilla Drilling was doesn't pay those taxes based on where their property is located at the time, they pay it to Wichita Falls."

> If approved, the budget amendment will mark the second time the city has had to adjust its 2009-2010 budget because of a problem with its certified values, as a similar situation involving Western Container and

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Officials get ready for runoff races

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

County officials are preparing for the next round of elections. Whether voters will show up is another matter. County Election

Administrator Saundra Bloom said preparations are under way for the April 13 Republican runoff election which features only two races — and only one of local interest. Early voting for the April 13

runoff will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 5-9 on the third

floor of the Howard County Courthouse. See **RACES**, Page 3

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Obituaries

Edwin E. 'Red' Dickson Sr.

Edwin E. "Red" Dickson Sr., 78, of Big Spring died Friday, March 19, 2010, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch

Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay and Scott Prather officiating. He was born July 13, 1931, in

Oklahoma City, Okla., and married Marvelene Mundell Bradford on July 17, 2001, in Coahoma. Red came to Coahoma in 1941

from Fresno, Calif. He graduated from Coahoma High School in 1950 and then attended Abilene Christian College. He served in the United States Air Force for four years. He worked for Sinclair Oil and Gas Company and for Atlantic Richfield

and had lived in Alaska for 10 years working on the Alaskan pipeline. When the pipeline was completed, Red was the one who turned the valve to start the flow of oil. He retired in 1985 and returned to Howard County in 1988. He enjoyed going to the Senior Citizens Center and especially enjoyed attending the dances.

He was a member of 14th and Main Church of

Survivors include his wife, Marvelene Dickson of Big Spring; one son, Edwin Dickson Jr. and wife, Kim, of San Angelo; one daughter, Sabrina Hammel and husband, Roger, of San Antonio; one brother, Bill Dickson and wife, Dana, of Coahoma; four grandchildren, R.J. Eckard, Shawna Oper, Nicole Dickson and Andy Dickson; two great-grandchildren; four step-children, Michael Mundell of Temple, Tresa Spencer of Kingsland, Steve Mundell of Big Spring and Toni Mundell of North Carolina; and several nieces and nephews including, Vivian Glickman and Deidrei Knight, both of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Bess Spears Dickson; one brother, Charles Dickson Jr.; one sister, Alice Joann Dickson; and a granddaughter, Brandie Garten.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 841125, Dallas 75284-1122 or to Lubbock Children's Home, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock 79408-2824. The family would like to thank the doctor's and

nurses at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the the staff of Compass Hospice for the special care given to Red. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-

Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

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Police blotter

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

Note: According to officials with the BSPD, activity and arrest reports for the corresponding times was not available Monday morning due to ongoing computer problems. It's unclear at this time when these issues, which have been persistent for several days now, will be corrected.

Support Groups

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



Eleanor Garrett

Eleanor Garrett, 94, of Coahoma died Friday, March 19, 2010, in a Big Spring hospital. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel



with the Rev. Bill Bates, pastor of the North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Cameron Burton, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Coahoma, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Donita Lea officiating.

She was born April 23, 1915, in Coahoma and married Clyde Ernest Garrett on July 23, 1936, in Big Spring. He preceded her

Eleanor had lived in Howard County all her life. She attended Coahoma schools and graduated from Abilene Christian College. She taught school a Chalk School, Midway School and then in the Coahoma schools. She started teaching at the elementary level and finished teaching at the junior high level, retiring after 39 years. She was the sponsor for the junior high cheerleaders and had served as coordinator for the homecoming halftime activities for several years. Eleanor was elected homecoming queen by the Coahoma exes in 1969. She had served on the city council of Coahoma and had

also served as mayor of Coahoma.

Eleanor was a member and past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, being a member for more than 60 years. She was a charter member of the Coahoma Study Club and was a member of the Texas State Teachers Association, the National Education Association, the Past Matrons Club and the Delta Kappa Gamma sorority. She was also a member of First United Methodist Church in Coahoma.

Survivors include one daughter, Sue Neff and husband, Joe, of Big Spring; one son, Bob Garrett and wife, Irene, of Midland; three grandchildren, Bryan Neff of Bandera, David Neff of Odessa and Mark Garrett of Carrollton; and nine great- grandchildren, Tyler and Colten Garrett, Cale, Ty and Zane Neff and Kalea, Savannah, Angelina and She was preceded in death by her parents, Caldwell

and Mary Saunders; three sisters, Gertrude Shearn, Lucille Rogers and Ramsey Saunders; one brother, Eugene Saunders; and three step-sisters, Grace York, Ernestine Graham and Jessie Tate.

The family suggests memorials be made to First United Methodist Church of Coahoma, P.O. Box 50, Coahoma 79511.

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

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Oralia Perez

Oralia Perez, 79, of Big Spring died Monday, March 22, 2010, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.

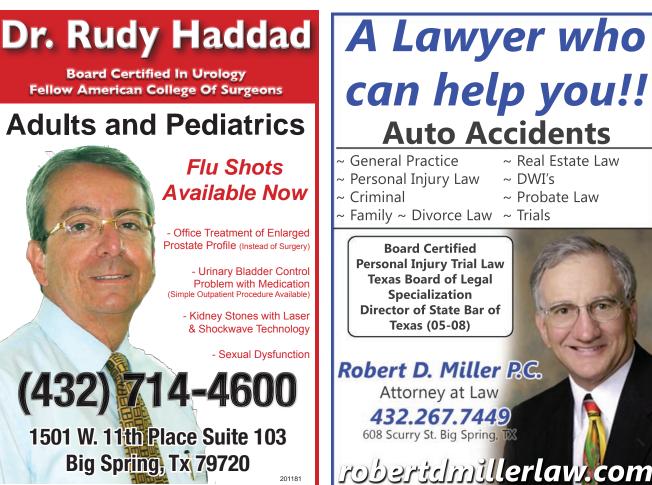
- SYLVIA EVANS, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a capias warrant for parent contributing to the non-attendance and a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolu-
- JIMMY JUAREZ JR., 17, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a building. • TOMMY GENE CHRISTIAN, 42, was arrested
- Friday by the HCSO on charges of burglary of a building (two counts).
- WILLIAM SCOTT SIMPSON, 41, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of burglary of a building (two counts).
 - LARRY JONES HINOJOSA, 36, was transferred

to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

- ANDY LEE FLORES, 39, was arrested by DPS Friday on a charge of failure to appear - driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- STEVEN ALVAREZ, 45, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution.
- CLIFTON DON HALL, 55, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole possession of a controlled substance. • MARTY EVANS, 20, was transferred to the
- county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less. ANTHONY CRUZ, 32, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of counterfeit/ficitious inspection or insurance docu-
- PATRICK TERRALL KESLER, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

ment for display.

- CHESTER LEE PULLIAM, 51, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense (failure to appear). • EUFEMIO ORTIZ, 18, was transferred to the
- county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a habitation. • SEAN ANTHONY RESUALI, 23, was arrested
- Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated. • WILLIAM LEE SMITH, 37, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of
- public intoxication and a motion to revoke proba- MICAH LEVI PEARSON, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of
- public intoxication. FRANK CATILLO, 47, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated third or more offense.
- FRANCISCO JESUS NIETO, 31, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxica-• JUDY ANN MATA, 41, was arrested Saturday by
- DPS on a charge of public intoxication. ALBERT RIVAS, 51, was transferred to the
- county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. MICHAEL STEVEN MARQUEZ, 27, was arrest-
- ed Saturday by the HCSO on charges of delivery of a controlled substance and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance. • JOSE DOLORES FRANCO JR., 37, was trans-
- ferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • TRINITY LEWIS OWENS, 30, was transferred to
- the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication). ASHLEY CASSAREZ, 24, was arrested Sunday
- by the HCSO on charges of theft, failure to appear (seven counts), running a stop sign, speeding (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility (three counts), no valid inspection certificate and failure to display driver's license.
- MICHAEL GABRIEL GARCIA, 37, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RUBIN MATA MUNIZ, 28, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • RACHEL LYNN MCSWAIN, 24, was transferred
- to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. KRISTOPHER BRITO GARCIA, 21, was trans-
- ferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on public intoxication. HOLSTON BANKS, 18, was transferred to the
- county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession marijuana – two ounces or less. • TREVOR LEE SMITH, 19, was transferred to the
- county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- TANYA L. BECK, 51, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
- CINDY RENAE ALEXANDER, 31, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of failure to appear - manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and criminal mischief.
- ALBERT MARTINEZ JR., 32, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.
- JOEL RODRIQUEZ, 61, was transferred to the county jail MONDAY by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.





Heritage Museum, Western Banks

House sends health care overhaul bill to Obama

ERICA WERNER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A transformative health care bill is headed to President Barack Obama for his signature as Congress takes the final steps in Democrats' improbable

and history-making push for near-universal medical cov-

On the cusp of succeeding where numerous past congresses and administrations have failed, jubilant House Democrats voted 219-212 late

Obama that would extend coverage to 32 million uninsured Americans, reduce deficits and ban insurance company practices such as denying coverage to people with pre-existing medical condi-

"This is what change looks like," Obama said later in televised remarks that stirred memories of his 2008 campaign promise of "change we can believe in."

"We proved that this gov-

ernment — a government of the people and by the people - still works for the people." Obama will travel outside

Washington on Thursday as he now turns to seeing a

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First woman to lead UT regents has a deep resume

RALPH K.M. HAURWITZ

Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN - Colleen McHugh shakes hands with a firm grip. She's careful about the proper use of "which" and "that." She completed a 13-mile hike with a friend at Big Bend National Park some years back and then said only halfjokingly that they should have gone farther.

In short, she brings a certain discipline to most everything she does. It's a trait that should come in handy for McHugh as head of the University of Texas System Board of Regents. Elected unanimously by her fellow regents March 3, she takes over at a time when the system's efforts to lift the quality of its 15 academic and

health campuses are almost cer-

tain to be constrained by increasingly tight state budgets.

McHugh, who lives in Corpus Christi, is the first woman to lead the board since its inception in 1881, but she might have to move quickly to leave a lasting influence. Her term as a regent expires Feb. 1. Although Gov. Rick Perry would be in a position to renew her appointment if he is re-elected in November, his office said he makes decisions about such matters as terms expire. If Democrat Bill White wins the race for governor, it's doubtful McHugh would be retained.

One doesn't get to serve on the Board of Regents, much less lead it, without achieving a certain station in life and certain political bona fides. At 63, McHugh has compiled an extensive resume: lawyer, health care executive, first woman to chair the State Bar of Texas, president of the State Bar and first woman to serve on the Texas Public Safety Commission, which oversees the Department of Public Safety. She's on the executive board of the Governor's Business Council, a private group of business leaders, and she's savvy in the ways of the Legislature. She's given Perry and his wife legal advice.

McHugh succeeds another political and business insider, James Huffines of Austin, who remains on the board. A stickler for precision, McHugh considers herself "chairman," not "chairwoman," because the former is the title under state law.

CHAMPS

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whelming how the Hawks came back from six points down in two minutes to win Saturday's championship in overtime. "I saw you play Thursday, and I

almost had a heart attack," Board of Trustees Chairman John Freeman told the team Sunday. "I saw you play Eastern Utah Friday, and I had a heart attack. Then I saw you play the final game. Fantas-

For the Hawks, it was only fitting to see a large crowd Sunday that had been at games all season Spring for everybody that supported us all year," said sophomore Josh Watkins, who was named the national tournament's Most Valu-

"We had to bring it home to Big

able Player. For Crowder, who came to How-

ard for just one season before moving on to play at Marquette next year, the experience was a memorable one. "Thank you for this year,"

Crowder told fans gathered in the coliseum. "This is a new chapter and a new beginning in my life, and I will never forget about what happened. I'm glad I took the chance to come here."

Adams shared a conversation he had with Midland College's head coach, Ross Hodge, after the

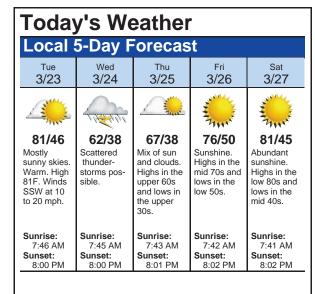
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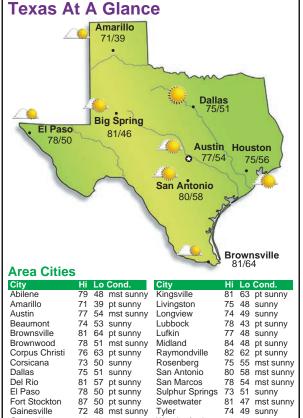
"(Hodge) said, 'A lot of times teams get to the national tournament and the best team doesn't win," Adams said. "But in this case, the best team won."

Adams, who was named coach of the tournament Saturday in Hutchinson, recognized a former Howard coach who built the foundation of the Howard program, Harold Davis.

"The reason you see all these banners up here is because of Harold Davis. And I know he's smiling down on us," Adams said.

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Coca-Cola late last nixed \$9 million from the tax rolls.

The loss to the city —

which was absorbed in a similar fashion to the current mistake — was \$91,000 in tax revenue, which the council voted to absorb in January.

Walker said this most recent mistake was made by the Abilene tax management company, unfortunately, but, there's no way to hold them accountable for the lost revenue.

"There's no liability on this, so, in the end it really doesn't matter who is to blame for the mistake," said Walker. "The amendment, if passed by the council Tuesday, will fix the problem, although it will

eliminate \$68,400 from the general fund. That money will basically evaporate."

The shortfall created by the loss will be absorbed by the city, which, thanks to prudent fiscal planning, Walker said, is in a position to take the loss without reducing services or increasing its revenues, according to Walker.

"We have very good and effective fiscal policies in place. The city of Big Spring is fiscally sound," said Walker. "We've managed to build a good cushion in the general fund of about \$8 million over the years, so if you're asking if we can absorb this loss, the answer is most certainly yes."

And while correcting monetary ramifications of the loss are as simple as

budget approving a amendment, Walker said there is a second effect the loss in certified values will have on the city.

"The lawsuit that is currently pending against the city trying to force a rollback tax election is certainly by this effected loss," Walker. said "The effective and rollback tax rates are simply mathematical computations based on the certified values, and because of the previous mistake, and now this one, both the effective and rollback tax rates have increased compared the to numbers we based this year's tax rate on. In essence, as the certified values go down, your effective and rollback tax rates go up."

The lawsuit — which was filed on behalf of

On election day, polls

the Concerned Citizens Council with local residents Shannon Thomason, Steve Thomas Campbell, Tafuro, John Huckabee, Joe Hernandez and Mary Musik named as plaintiffs — alleges an emergency meeting of the Big Spring City Council held Jan. 7 violated the act, which requires 72 hours notice of meetings.

During the meeting, the Big Spring City declared a Council rollback tax petition submitted to the city in December as invalid. To be successful, the petition would have needed approximately 1,200 names. However, the final copy submitted to the city contained just one name, that Thomason, who described the filing as a "token."

The adopted tax rate

a large turnout."

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of \$1.013243 per \$100 valuation, at the time it was adopted in 2009, was 3.3 cents above the rollback rate, opening the door for citizens to pull a petition together to force a rollback tax election. And while the 3.3 cents in question which was set aside by the city council to be used in the design of a new city water park is still the focus of the ongoing lawsuit, Walker said the reality of the situation is somewhat disturbing.

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"This whole thing because the began adopted tax rate was 3.3 cents over the rollback rate," said Walker. "However, thanks to the earlier mistake, and now this mistake, the rollback rate is just a half-cent lower than the adopted rate. That's what's being fought over at this point, a halfpenny, which would generate a refund to the owner of an averageprice home of \$1.78."

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

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"Because it's a runoff ... we just don't have the time get everything ready," Bloom said of the abbreviated early voting schedule. "And usually in a runoff, you have a very low voter turnout." Bloom said her office

will extend early voting hours to 7 p.m. on April 6 and April 8. Of most interest to

local voters on the GOP ballot is the runoff for the County Commissioner Precinct 2 nomination between incumbent Jerry Kilgore Donnie Baker.

Baker came out ahead in the March 1 primary election, pulling in 617 ballots for 43.45 percent of the vote, while Kilgore came in second with 532 ballots, or 37.46 percent of the vote. Thirdplace finisher Melanie Gambrel garnered 271 ballots to make up the final 19.08 percent of the

The only other race on the GOP ballot will be the Texas Supreme Court, Rich Green.

Place 3 runoff between Debra Lehrmann and There are Democratic races

runoff,

requiring a

Bloom said.

will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Coahoma Community Center and Big Spring With so few races on

the ballot, Bloom said she is not expecting a significant turnout April 13.

"Overall, we anticipate

a low turnout," she said. "We expect the people in Precinct 2 to turn out for that runoff, but voters in the other three precincts can only vote

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OTHER VIEWS

Judge's critics really not arguing right facts

ince State District Judge Kevin Fine of Houston declared the death penalty unconstitutional, critics have pointed out that he: A. Is a Democrat. B. Is a recovering alcoholic. C. Is a former cocaine user. D. Has a lot of tattoos.

They have not provided a coherent defense of the death penalty as it is administered in Texas.

If you want to read some really brutal criticism of Texas' death penalty, forget about Judge Fine for a minute. Take a look at the justices on the U.S. Supreme Court, most of whom were appointed by conservative presidents. For the past decade, they've had a lot to say about Texas.

The court threw out one conviction, not because it doubted the guilt of the convicted murderer, Thomas Miller-El, but because it found that, for decades, prosecutors in Dallas County "had followed a specific policy of systematically excluding blacks from juries." That's a decadeslong problem of procedure that poisoned countless cases. It's not something that can be covered by an excuse.

When the Supreme Court began questioning the practice of executing people for crimes they committed before the age of 18, they looked at Texas, which had 26 such people on death row.

When the Supreme Court expressed qualms about executing people who are mentally retarded, it looked at Texas.

The U.S. Supreme Court is not obsessed with Texas. The justices were just looking at the most obvi-

Here are just three: The possibility of error is great. The problems Texas has had with some of its crime labs are notorious. You'd have to be dense not to wonder about the evidence that has been presented to juries. The state has released people who have spent years in prison after DNA confirmed their in-

There are still too many questions about racial

Too often the question of who lives or dies has more to do with money than with justice. Those who can afford to pay for a near miraculous defense often get one. Meanwhile, poor defendants often get

For the past decade, The Daily News has asked the governor to declare a moratorium on the death penalty and to ask the Legislature to study the problems and address them.

We think real leaders would find that an interest- will be quite different from last ing, challenging proposal — a more challenging topic than Judge Fine's tattoos.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Thank You, Lord, for our family.

Catholic wars over health care

he nuns are right. The bishops are wrong. I know what you're thinking: Who am I, a nice Jewish girl from Lynn, to be telling bishops and nuns who is right?

If this were a theological question, I'd agree; I wouldn't go near it. But the current war raging inside the Catholic establishment has nothing to do with theology and everything to do with law. On the latter topic, I have a few decades of experience under my belt.



ESTRICH

The nuns who run the Catholic Health Association and Catholic hospitals across the country have come out in favor of the president's health bill based on their view that the Senate bill, like the House bill, prohibits the use of federal funds to finance abortions. The Conference of Bishops, on the other hand, is pushing hard to defeat the bill, not because they oppose national health insurance (they don't), but because they read the Senate bill to allow federal funding of abortions.

Does it? Law professors everywhere are weighing in. Best as I can tell, they're saying what I'm saying: Neither bill allows federal funding of abortion. Both bills say that. The Senate bill, which is the one the bishops are attacking, repeatedly references the Hyde Amendment, a decades-old law that prohibits

federal funding even of "medically necessary" abortions for poor women.

A very good case can be made (and we tried) that if a woman has a constitutional right to choose (and she still does), then the government has no business trying to influence that decision by funding pregnancy and childbirth but not abortion. Sure, you have a right to choose. But if you pick vanilla, I'll buy you the cone; chocolate, you're on your own. Even a child would throw up their hands if you called that their "choice."

When it comes to other fundamental rights, like speech or religion, the government is required to be neutral. The easiest way to win those cases is to even suggest that the government is in the business of content regulation.

So why the content of this choice?

From a strictly economic point of view, funding abortion is a lot less expensive than paying for prenatal care and childbirth, not to mention the question of who provides for the unwanted child once born.

It was Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., who once chided opponents of abortion funding, claiming their concern with life began at conception and ended at birth.

But we lost — Barney and me and all my friends in the prochoice movement. We lost then, when the Hyde amendment was enacted and upheld and repeatedly reaffirmed. And we lost again last fall, when antiabortion members of both the

House and the Senate insisted on anti-abortion language in both the House and the Senate bills and got it.

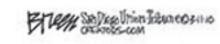
So what's the problem?

The Senate bill provides for additional funding for community health centers. Community health centers don't perform abortions. Longstanding regulations, which could be changed only with great difficulty, and which no one is trying to change, prohibit it. The new money, like the old money, is governed by those regulations.

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, along with the president, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Majority Leader Harry Reid, have all affirmed that those regulations bar abortion funding. But, the bishops ask, what if someday, somehow, someone tried to change those regulations? Then the new money included in the Senate bill might be used for abortions. On that logic, community health clinics should all be de-funded right now, because someday the regulations might change, even though no one is trying to change them.

I understand why Republicans are against the bill. I understand why insurance companies are against the bill. But the bishops? They won the abortion funding fight. Maybe they have another agenda here, one that even the nuns don't see. But as best as I can tell, what they're really doing is trying to grasp defeat from the jaws of victory.

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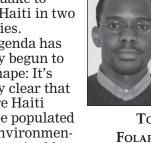


Sweatshops won't save Haiti

he United Nations will host a Haiti donors' conference at the end of March. This conference year's event, of course, coming as it does on the

heels of the worst strike Haiti in two centuries.

An agenda has already begun to take shape: It's already clear that a future Haiti must be populated with environmentally sustainable, earthquake-resistant buildings, for example, and it's



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also clear that the international community must do something to ease Haiti's massive debt burden.

Former President Bill Clinton, currently serving as the UN's envoy to Haiti, and economist Paul Collier have another idea that could prove disastrous. They think Haiti needs to leverage its "cheap labor."

In other words, they think Haiti will solve its problems by opening up more sweatshops. Of course Clinton and Col-

lier don't call them sweatshops. They talk about "garment factories" or "manufacturing centers" or simply "workshops," but they are sweatshops and nothing more. For Haiti to join the ranks of

developed nations, they argue, Haitians must first work as many hours as possible for paltry wages so that their economy can grow.

Congress seems to agree. It has passed several bills that Amen provide Haitian garment-makers

preferential access to American consumers. According to conventional knowledge, Haiti was on the road to economic success — as a result of these legislative reforms — before the earthquake. Now, the logic goes, Haitians must rebuild their collapsed "workshops" and produce as many cheap T-shirts as possible.

All this ignores the most important point: sweatshop labor's inherent inhumanity. Sweatshop labor proponents have never worked in the conditions they so enthusiastically endorse for others. When advocating such solutions, they often offer compelling numbers as proof of their effectiveness.

But what about the human costs: the extra hours workers spend away from their families, the risk of injury that accompanies repetitive movements, and the loss of morale as some boss demands that you produce even more?

In Haiti, there are a few plausible alternatives to sweatshop labor. In the lead-up to last year's donors' conference, progressive Haitian civil society organizations suggested a development program that focuses on local production and agriculture.

They argued, convincingly, that the benefits from sweatshop labor often end up somewhere else, since the clothes are constructed on-site, the material for the clothes are shipped in and the clothes are shipped out upon completion.

A focus on locally produced goods, however, would have the opposite effect. Haitian entrepreneurs would produce according to Haitian needs, and every part

of the manufacturing process —

from the development of materi-

als to the production of goods would take place in Haiti and

benefit Haitians. In addition, building up the capacity of Haitian farmers is crucial in the coming months and years.

Haiti has been dependent on food aid for many years now, and a national program that focused on sustainable agriculture would not only have the effect of providing a livelihood and locally produced food for countless Haitians, it would also allow Haiti to address the environmental degradation that has crippled

its economy for generations. The link between these two suggestions is infrastructure development. Better roads and better transportation generally mean a much more stable and

efficient economy. All three of these proposals would require funding from the international community and expertise from abroad as well. All three proposals, if enacted, would benefit Haitians enormously.

The upcoming donors' conference is an incredibly important forum. We have an opportunity to help Haitians rebuild in a manner that simultaneously respects their humanity and enables them to become more productive.

We have an opportunity to heed the voices of concerned and knowledgeable Haitians. Now isn't the time to subsidize foreign investors' sweatshops.

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companion bill through the Senate and selling the health care overhaul's benefits on behalf of House lawmakers who cast risky votes.

It is most likely that he will

Dear Annie: My husband and I have a 22-year-old

daughter who still lives at

home, "Ashlev" has been dat-

ing the same guy for five

years, but we can count on

one hand the number of times

he has come to our house. We

go out of our way to make

him feel comfortable and

have tried to get to know him,

but nothing helps. He seems

to have a serious social disor-

We are a close family, and

Ashley loves our gatherings.

Many times she will celebrate

with us and then go see her

boyfriend later. It seems she

is living two separate lives.

This young man cannot

look us straight in the eye,

which makes us worry he has

something to hide. At first we

thought it was shyness, but

after five years, it's a little

tiresome, and it's becoming

more and more difficult to

like him. A few times, I've

brought up the subject with

Ashley, being careful not to

push the wrong buttons. We

thought she would tire of his

Just because you can run five miles without

stopping doesn't mean

you should — at least

not until you've condi-

tioned yourself to do so.

These types of dilem-

mas will be featured for

the next couple of days

as the effects of a tug-of-

war game

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you're less than satis-

fied with a situation, don't "eat it." Speak up.

Your body language is

giving you away, any-

how. The other party

knows something's up

and may even be

relieved when you artic-

20-May 20). You'll be

working with a small

group for a big cause.

Your ability to get along

with others will be more

important than the tal-

ent, knowledge, money

or connections you

turer in every sense —

bring to the project.

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and they seldom intersect.

sign the bill on Tuesday, but lives the plans are not yet final, said a senior administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss as-yet unannounced strate-

Obama's young presidency received a much needed boost from passage of the legislation, which would touch the

of nearly American. The battle for the future of the health insurance system — affecting onesixth of the economy — galvanized Republicans and conservative activists looking ahead to November's midterm elections.

A companion package making a series of changes sought by House Democrats to the larger bill, which already passed the Senate, was approved 220-211.

The fix-it bill will now go to the Senate, where debate is expected to begin as early as Tuesday. Senate Democrats hope to approve it unchanged and send it directly to Obama, though Republicans intend to

attempt parliamentary objections that could change the bill and require it to go back to the House.

Sen. John McCain said Monday morning that Democrats have not heard the last of the health care debate, and said he was repulsed by "all this euphoria going on."

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behavior and move on, but she hasn't, and now we're scared to death this might be the guy she ends up with forever. It appears to us that she is not really in love with him, but has simply become comfortable. How do we handle this? — **Desperate for Her**

To Have a Normal Life Dear Desperate: Ashley has been seeing this guy since she was 17 and may be too scared to end it, fearing she'll never find anyone else. It might help to discuss the

(June

mind, body and spirit.

22-July 22). You intend

to solve problems. You

are out to make a posi-

tive contribution, not to

devalue anyone or prove

someone wrong. Choose

your focus very careful-

ly, and you will succeed

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

The meetings that seem

to be about money are

actually about some-

thing else. The figures

and decimal points actu-

ally mean very little.

What matters is the

energy that's being

exchanged and the feel-

ing that comes with

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Cooperation isn't

the same thing as com-

promise — at least not

always. It doesn't have

to mean that each per-

son settles for some-

thing other than what

he or she wants. Look

for ways to operate

jointly and still be your-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). A group you are

involved with is facing

a common problem. But

instead of coming

together to conquer the

issue, there may be

fighting among the

members. Your diplo-

macy will help to unite

self.

in fixing things.

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relationship in those terms, letting her know you think she's a terrific person and want her to be truly happy. Ask her to tell you what she likes about this young man because you want to appreciate his positive attributes, too. Still, Ashley is an adult now, and you have to let her make her own choices, even if you disagree.

Dear Annie: I will be turning 21 in a few months. My friends are pressuring me to do 21 shots and bong 21

I do plan on going to the bars for my birthday, and I do want to drink, but I'm afraid I'll become sick from that much alcohol. I want to have fun, but don't want to drink so much that I will never want to drink again. Is there a correct amount to imbibe on your 21st birthday? How do I avoid getting sick? — Almost 21

Almost: Unfortunately, binge drinking at age 21 has become more common and can lead to serious consequences -- includ-

ing alcohol poisoning, coma and death. Worse, these socalled friends are encouraging you to drink double the usual amount, which doubles your risk, and there is a strong likelihood that you will end up in the emergency room (or morgue). What is the worst thing that

could happen if you refused to drink so much? They would make fun of you? Big deal. And you'd be surprised how many others would admire you for taking a stand. Please put a limit on the booze, and if you are going to drink, take precautions. Pace yourself. Eat a big meal beforehand, and continue to nibble throughout the evening. Be sure to have the bartender or server bring you lots of water, and hydrate regularly. Have a trustworthy friend monitor your condition, ensure you drink enough water and help you form the word "no" sooner rather than later.

Dear Annie: The letter from "Just for Argument's Sake" brought back a flood of memories. My late husband

would rather argue than eat. He would pick the opposite side of any subject, whether or not he knew anything about it. My family called him The Great Contrarian. When I saw how many lawyers there were in his family, I decided it was genetic. I learned that the way to cut him off was a resigned "yes, dear" that told him I would not debate, even if I did not agree. It worked great.

the only thing I heard was how he argued about everything. I had to remind them of his loving and gentle nature. — I Had One, Too Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the

At his memorial service,

Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, Calif. 90045.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope it, though, or the com-

munication will be bro-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People like you, and they're not only willing, but eager to take care of your needs and desires. If they only knew what those needs and desires were! Get clear on them yourself, and then start telling people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be serving someone with the ego of a dictator. It's a reminder to keep yourself in check and purge your own selfish ten-"That man dencies. who lives for self alone. lives for the meanest Joaquin Miller

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's hard to see who you are without the reality check of a close relationship. It takes another human being to reflect back to you your personality so that you can know your-

self. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You want to give in a collaborative way. But the person you are dealing with may be stuck for some reason and unable to give you anything but a good fight. Take the high road. Your manner will be inspirational.

T O D A YBIRTHDAY (March 22). Your delicious sense of mischief will land you in the most interesting places this year. And you'll be arm in arm with a fellow instigator of impulsive whimsy. Your laughter rings out through April and May, attracting merrymakers to you. A job pays handsomely in June. A risk September pays off in October. Aquarius and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 19, 33, 20 and

ASTROLOGICAL **QUESTIONS:** "I have had a pretty difficult life lately due to circumstances way beyond my happened to me are

luck. Could it have something to do with having Saturn in my sixth house? Someone told me that."

The sixth house is in charge of your health and daily schedule, those mundane tasks we must perform in order to keep our lives afloat. Saturn is all about life's lessons and the kind of wisdom one can only learn with adversity and experience. Is there something that impedes your ability to go about your daily business? For instance, an unhelpful thought process, low self-esteem, economic hardship or an illness? Is there an oppressive control. I believe in posperson who has hin- or you may send her a

gest blessings. Indeed, history has taught us that the greatest leaders, thinkers and doers often have something major to overcome in life. Therefore, I believe Saturn in the sixth house to be a call to greatness and an indicator of magnificence for those who are willing to take control and overcome life's obstacles. particularly the ones that seem obviously

unfair. If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page,

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itive thinking. But some dered you from living a *postcard in the mail*. of the things that have so-called "normal" life? These kinds of circumnothing short of bad stances can be life's big-*SYNDICATE*

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GEMINI (May 21-June and focus everyone. **SCORPIO** 21). You are always daring in your fantasies, but when it comes to real life, you usually exercise more caution. Today is different. You are a vivacious adven-

(Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a way of making people open up and reveal more to you than they would normally. That's how you get the inside news. Be careful not to spread

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HOWARD COUNTY HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM. Howard County has been chosen to receive \$14,776.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

Howard County Awarded Federal Funds Through FEMA

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army; American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; and United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local Board, made up of the County, City, United Way and other local charitable organizations will determine how the funds awarded to Howard County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these

funds and any additional funds under this phase of the program. Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4)

have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private

voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply

Howard County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with The Salvation Army, Isaiah 58, Northside Community Center, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Emergency Services Chaplain Corps participating. These agencies were responsible for providing over 8,000 meals, 8,000 pounds of food and over 300 nights of lodging.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Jeanie Coor at the United Way of Big Spring at (432) 267-5201 or come by 215 W. 3rd Street for an application. The deadline for the submission of applications is March 26, 2010

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Harden knocked around vs. Padres

Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — Jerry Hairston Jr. hit a three-run homer to cap a six-run rally against Rich Harden and the San Diego Padres beat the Texas Rangers 14-5 Sunday.

After pitching three scoreless innings, Harden couldn't escape the fourth, leaving with two outs after giving up a double, triple, home run and walked in a run. Harden allowed six runs on seven hits and three walks in 3 2-3 innings.

Harden, who signed a one-year, \$6.5 million contract with a \$1 million buyout if his 2011 option isn't picked up, allowed six runs on seven hits and three walks in 3 2-3 innings. Harden has an 11.75 ERA this spring but he said his only issue was changeup command — something he hopes to clean up over his final two starts this spring.

"It's kind of been my spring training so far," Harden said. "My changeup just wasn't there. It kind of comes and goes and I was just leaving it up in the zone. I wanted to stick with it even though it was up a little."

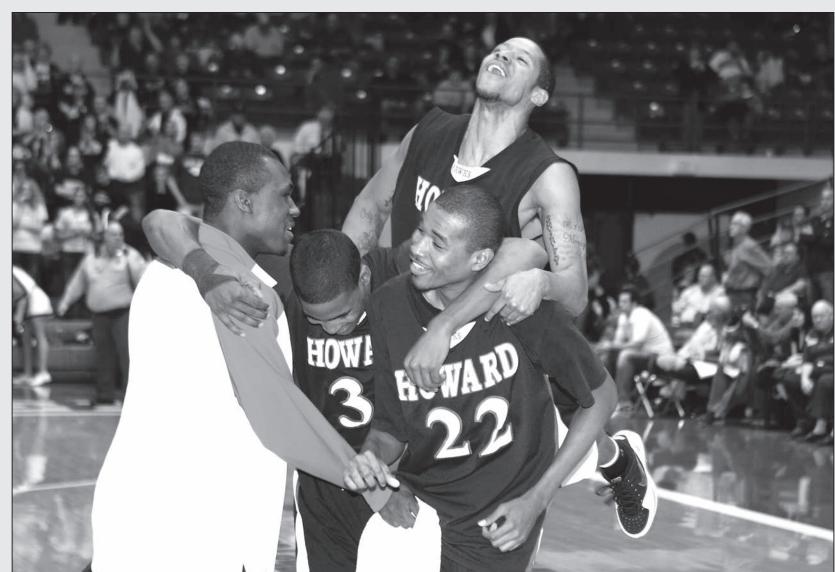
Hairston and Adrian Gonzalez each had two hits for the Padres.

Competing for one of two spots in the Padres' rotation, starter Sean Gallagher gave up five runs in the third inning. Pitching on three days' rest in place of Jon Garland, Gallagher didn't walk a batter but allowed five hits over four innings, including a three-run homer to Nelson Cruz. He said his fastball command wasn't as sharp as he would have liked it to be.

"I'm still working on my fastball quite a bit," Gallagher said. "I have been happy with it so far but I've just gotta get over the hump in my mind."

Michael Young also had two hits for Texas.

HOW SWEET IT IS



Dante Menter (Clockwise from top), Shaad O'Garro, Damion McGee and Virgin Cissoko celebrate moments after Howard College completed its first ever NJCAA National Championship on Saturday at the Hutchinson Sports Arena in Hutchinson, Kan. The Hawks defeated Three Rivers (Mo.) Community College 85-80 in overtime as they finish the season 35-2.

Hawks win first ever NJCAA hoops title

BY JOE ZIGTEMA

Sports Editor

As the clock wound down in overtime of Saturday night's NJCAA championship in Hutchinson, Kan., Hawk sophomore Jae Crowder stepped to the free-throw line needing two free throws to ice the title.

"Big players make big plays," Crowder said he thought to himself. "Which am I going to be?"

Crowder and the Hawks answered that question Saturday with Howard's first ever hoops title in an 85-80 overtime win over Three Rivers (Mo.) Community College.

"I can't believe it," said Crowder, who scored 27 points and was named to the all-tournament team. "I think it's a dream, and

I'm waiting for someone to pinch me and I'll wake up."

The Hawks trailed for nearly the entire game, and things were getting desperate as time was winding down in the second half. But just like Friday's semifinal, Howard battled back to tie it with two minutes left, eventually forcing overtime. In the extra frame, sophomore Josh Watkins took control as he scored six unanswered points to give Howard a lead it never

gave up.

"Coach just said, 'Do what you do. Go,'" said Watkins, who had 26 points and was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament. "I knew I had to attack, and once we got their big men in foul trouble, they only had two to put in the game, so we really worked on

them."

Marquise Carter scored 35 points to lead Three Rivers (30-7), which is a two-time NJCAA champion in its own right.

A night after Howard (35-2) got to the championship game with a miracle 14-point comeback, the Hawks pulled it off again Saturday.

"We've just really shown that this team has character to go ahead and find ways to get the job done," said head coach Mark Adams, who has piloted the Hawks to two national tournament appearances — a feat that had not been accomplished in 36 years before he took the helm five seasons

ago.
"I think it's just extremely competitive players," added Adams. "Whether it be a game of horse or one-



HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton

Tournament MVP Josh Watkins holds up the net after Saturday's game in Hutchinson, Kan.

on-one or tiddly winks, they do not like to lose and they take a lot of pride in what they do and winning."

The Hawks set a championship game record most most free

throws attempted - 51 - and most free throws made - 27.

"I told our players,'I don't care how many free throws we miss,

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Purdue downs Texas A&M in overtime with last-second layup

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Chris Kramer ignored his coach's final play call and demanded the ball with Purdue's season on the line.

The two-time Big Ten defensive player of the year, the rugged soul of Boilermakers basketball with do-it-all leader Robbie Hummel out for the season, forgot he is just 6-foot-3. Or, he didn't care.

The bull in a basketball uniform plowed past one defender 4 inches taller than him and flipped in a layup over Texas A&M big man Bryan Davis, who is 6 inches taller, with 4.2 seconds remaining in overtime Sunday. That sent the fourth-seeded Boilermakers into the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament with a 63-61 victory over the devastated Aggies.

"I had the ball and went right and crossed over to the left, and it parted like the Red Sea," Kramer said of A&M's defense. The bruising, secondround game just about left dents in the arena's floor.

The ending left Kramer pounding his massive chest. Then, delirious teammates pummeled him from front and back near midcourt.

Kramer's kind of day. "Bodies were clashing, both teams refused to lose," he said. "And it came down to one play."

B.J. Holmes got a final chance to win it for fifth-seeded Texas A&M with a frantic 3-point try from in front of his bench at the buzzer, but it hit short on the rim to ensure a sixth regional appearance in 12 NCAA tournaments dating to

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1994 for Purdue (29-5).

The Boilermakers rallied from 11 points down in the second half and will face top-seeded Duke in Houston on Friday. Hummel has already promised he will be there.

This all seemed like a pipe dream a month

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Sports in brief

Howard baseball takes four from NMMI

The No. 4 Howard Hawks are 8-0 in conference play after a home sweep of New Mexico Military Institute this weekend.

The Hawks beat NMMI 18-0 and 15-1 Friday, followed by two 11-1 wins Sunday.

The Hawks will travel to El Paso for four games

this weekend. Check Tuesday's *Herald* for a recap of the series.

Big Spring district schedule gets underway Tuesday

The Big Spring baseball and softball teams get the district portion of their schedules going Tuesday with a pair of home contests against Plainview.

The Lady Steers dropped their district opener to Frenship on Friday and will try to rebound against the Lady Bulldogs.

The Steers will face off against the Bulldogs with a nondistrict record of 8-10.

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 scramble 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.



SPORTS IN BRIEF

Woods: I 'lived a

Tiger Woods acknowle edged "living a lie," saying he alone was responsible for the sex scandal that caused his shocking downfall from global sporting icon to latenight TV punchline.

"It was all me. I'm the one who did it. I'm the one who acted the way I acted. No one knew what was going on when it was going on," Woods told the Golf Channel in one of two interviews. A second one was

aired on ESPN, which will also televise the first two rounds of the Masters. Woods plans to end four months of seclusion and return to golf at the tournament next month.

CBS refuses Woods interview

NEW YORK (AP) -CBS turned down an interview with Tiger Woods after being told

the network would be limited to five minutes of questions.

CBS Sports spokeswoman LeslieAnne Wade said CBS would be interested in an extended interview with the troubled golf star "without any restrictions."

Both ESPN and the Golf Channel conducted interviews with Woods. The networks say the only restriction placed on their interviews was a five-minute time limit.

Furyk gets first win since 2007

PALM HARBOR, Fla. (AP) — Jim Furyk showed the nerves of a player trying to win for the first time on the PGA Tour. Considering how long it had been since his last victory, it felt that way.

Furyk closed with a 2-under 69 for a oneshot victory over K.J. Choi in the Transitions Championship, his first

victory since the 2007 Canadian Open.

He did just enough right on the back nine of Innisbrook that he could afford a few mistakes down the stretch. Furyk finished 13-under 271 and won for the 14th time in his career, moving to No. 6 in the world.

Choi, who started three shots out of the lead, was tied with Furyk through seven holes until a two-shot swing on the par-3 eighth. Choi closed with a 4-under 67, but his runner-up finish should be enough to move him to No. 47 in the world and give him a good chance to get into the Masters.

Mauer signs deal with Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) AL MVP Joe Mauer agreed to a \$184 million, eight-year contract extension with Minnesota that includes a full no-trade clause, a massive deal that shows the Twins are no longer spending like a smallmarket club.

The deal covers the

2011-18 seasons and is the fourth largest — both in total value and average salary — in major league history. Mauer, a three-time batting champion, will make \$12.5 million this year in the final season of a \$33 million, four-year deal and will earn \$23 million in each of the following eight seasons under the extension.

Johnson holds off Busch for win

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) Jimmie Johnson sent yet another message to his competitors, winning at a track that has always vexed the four-time defending NASCAR champion.

Johnson plowed his way through the field in three laps to grab his first career victory at Bristol Motor Speedway and deny Kurt Busch a chance to gain more ground on the No. 48 championship team. Busch led 278 of the 500

laps and had a decent gap on Johnson when his easy drive to victory was clouded by a debris caution with 17 laps remaining.

Busch was fifth, Johnson was sixth and the race resumed with 10 laps to go. Johnson weaved through the mess up to second, Tony Stewart moved into the lead, and Johnson needed just over one lap to pick him off, too. Busch settled for third behind Johnson and Stewart.

Saban gets Bowden award

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Alabama's Nick Saban had home-field advantage on his side in winning the inaugural Bobby Bowden national collegiate coach of the year award.

Davis. The shot soared

over the leaping Davis'

finger tips, off the glass

Saban was presented the award by the Over the Mountain Touchdown Club of Birmingham during a ceremony. Bowden, a Birmingham native who retired after last season his 34th coaching career at Florida State also was in attendance.

Saban led the Crimson Tide to a national championship, setting a school record with 14 victories. Also, running back Mark Ingram became the program's first Heisman Trophy winner.

Ljubicic beats Roddick at BNP Paribas in Calif.

INDIAN WELLS, Calif (AP) — Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia outlasted Andy Roddick 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5) in a matchup of big servers to win the BNP Paribas Open, earning his first ATP Masters 1000 title after three runner-up finishes.

ball," Davis said. "I

almost got there to get

a hand on it. But he

made a tough shot, to

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when the Big Ten regular season co-champions, former top-seed candidate and trendy pick for the Final Four in its home state lost Hummel to a knee injury. Even President Barack Obama thought Boilermakers wouldn't get out of the first round.

They all overlooked the square-jawed, football-sized Kramer. He led the Boilermakers with 17 points, seven rebounds — and countless dives to the floor for loose balls. "A lot of people are

saying, 'Great accomplishment, you made the Sweet 16 without Robbie,' but the coach keeps saying you've got to keep dreaming," Kramer said of Matt Painter. "You've got to want more, and you can never be satisfied."

After Holmes' last miss, he stayed slumped on the court with his

Aggies maroon jersey for more than a minute.

Teammates ushered the inconsolable Davis away. Holmes declined to

head bowed under his

answer questions in the locker room, his jersey still over his bowed head. "It took an unbeliev-

ably tough team to beat us. Purdue is TOUGH," said choked-up coach Mark Turgeon, one of the few Aggies in any condition to speak. "This one really stings." Davis had 17 points

and 15 rebounds to lead the Aggies (24-10), who were denied their second regional semifinal in four years. This chance was unlikely for A&M at

Christmas, the day senior leader and defensivewhizDerrickRoland was flying home from a loss at Washington with a likely career-ending broken leg.

the tunnel off the court after Sunday's game, sitting in a chair and

sobbing.

Regulation was like rugby. Bodies were strewn across the floor, when they weren't interlocked with each other.

It ended with Purdue's JaJuan Johnson, who awakened from 0-for-7 start to score 11 points in the comeback, blocking Donald Sloan under the basket with 31 seconds left. E'Twaun Moore was then stripped of the ball by Dash Harris. The Aggies inbounded with 1.1 seconds left, but Holmes' off-balance heave from in front of his bench banged off the glass to give this tournament its fourth overtime game.

The extra period had three ties, with the relentless Aggies taking two-point leads and the unyielding Boilermakers answering each time.

Kramer tried to give his team the lead with Roland was alone in under 2 minutes left in overtime with a shot over two Aggies in the lane. He missed that

time and lost his sneaker — of course, he ran down to play defense without it. But freshman Khris Middleton put A&M back up with a jump hook from the baseline with 1:20 remaining.

Moore answered with a jumper with 1 minute to go to make it 61-all. Those were the last of his 15 points.

Then, Davis backed in on the 6-10 Johnson, went under him to the basket, but was short against the rim on his bank shot with 17 seconds left.

Purdue got rebound and called a timeout with 10.1 seconds remaining. Painter called for a play for Moore, but Kramer never gave up the ball once he got it back off his inbounds pass from halfcourt to Keaton Grant.

From the top of the key, Kramer switched hands on his dribble, then drove past 6-7 Nathan Walkup and approached the 6-9

"I didn't even really his credit, and won the expect him to get the game."

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we're still going to find a way to win this game," said Adams, whose Hawks also set a tournament record for fewest turnovers with 34 in four games.

Howard went into the break down eight as it shot just 24 percent in the first half.

"We got off to such a shaky start and credit (Three Rivers') players, because they had a different pace than we needed to play," Adams said. "We finally settled down right before halftime and came out well in the second half, and I thought it was a big difference." Howard battled up

the mountain the entire second half, inching ever closer as time dwindled. With a 13-2 run starting at the 4:38-mark with a Crowder 3-pointer, the Hawks tied the score at 69 at the 2:09 mark when Watkins picked up a steal and laid it in

seconds after a Lamont Austin 3-pointer. "Once I hit that time at Howard to win 3-pointer and Josh hit it all ... We weren't

that layup, I knew we were going to win," said Austin, who finished with 14 points. "Once we got it tied, I knew we would pull it

Howard almost ended the game at regulation when Crowder tipped in a follow at the buzzer, but a replay review indicated he was a split-second too late.

But once Howard got into overtime, the Hawks took control.

"I just felt like the first possession was critical," Adams said. "That first possession we went down, ran a play and got a bucket and some additional momentum. I felt like from that point on it was our game to win." And, like Watkins

promised before the tournament started, he and the Hawks brought the championship back to Big Spring.

"I said I wanted to do it and we had the will to do it, but it was a long shot," he said. "I've been playing basketball since I was little, but this is a great thing to be a part of. The first



NJCAA Coach of the Year Mark Adams cuts down the net Saturday in Hutchinson, Kan.

going to settle for less this year." Howard (85) Lamont Austin 4-14 2-4 14,

Josh Watkins 9-20 8-14 26, Jae Crowder 7-16 9-12 27, Carlos Emory 2-7 3-8 7, Joe Bright 1-1 2-4 4, Dante Menter 0-1 1-2 1, Prince Obasi 1-6 2-6 4, Damion McGee 1-2 0-0 2; Totals 25-67 Three Rivers (80)
Marquise Carter 12-31 7-9

35, Aloysius Henry 7-14 3-6 17, Josh Terry 4-11 2-3 10, Richard Walker 2-6 2-2 6, David Prater 0-5 0-0 0, Pierre Mitchell 2-5 0-0 4, Byron Wright 1-2 0-0 2, Jamarcus Williams 2-5 0-0 4, Ehimen Orukpe 1-2 0-0 2; Totals 31-81 14-20 80; Halftime 36-38 TR; Rebounds 57-51 TR (Williams 12, Crowder 12); Assists HC 12, TR 11; Turnovers HC 9, TR 12; Blocks HC 4, TR 7, Steals HC 8, TR 8; Puzzles by Pappocom **ANSWERS**

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♦ K Q 10 The bidding: North South West East Pass Pass 2 NT Pass Opening lead — two of diamonds.

North dealer.

WEST

♠ 10 7 3 2

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

SOUTH

♠ K J 6 4

• A Q 8

♥QJ54

♥AK93

As the play progresses, declarer because he does not know how the

defenders' cards are divided. For a typical example of how this works, consider this deal from the match between Israel and Sweden at the 1975 European Team Championship. At the first table, where an Israeli

pair held the North-South cards.

West led a diamond against four

hearts. East took the ace, cashed the

Famous Hand

ace of spades (on which West played low) and returned the jack of dia-South, Sam Lev, took the jack

By Steve Becker

with the king and led a low trump to the king, on which West produced the ten. Had declarer next played the ace of trumps, he would have gone down. But Lev felt there was a strong possibility that East had started with the Q-J-x-x of trumps.

Accordingly, he embarked on a line of play designed to limit East to one trump winner instead of two. A trick five, he cashed the queen of diamonds, then continued with the king of spades and ruffed a spade ir dummy. Next came the O-K-A or clubs, reducing dummy to the A-9 or hearts and seven of clubs, East to the Q-J-5 of hearts and South to the 8-7. Gauging the situation perfectly

Lev now led the seven of clubs from dummy, whereupon poor East saw one of his two "certain" trump tricks go up in smoke. It didn't matter whether East ruffed high or low either way, South was sure to wir two of the last three tricks. The Swedish North-South pair a

the other table also got to four hearts but went down when declarer, playing for a normal 3-2 trump division lost two heart tricks instead of one.

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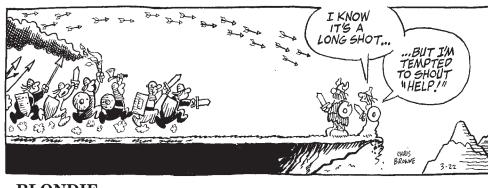
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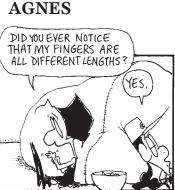


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This Date In History

Today is Monday, March 22, the 81st day of 2010. There are 284 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On March 22, 1765, Britain enacted the Stamp Act of 1765 to raise money from the American colonies. (The Act was repealed the following year.)

On this date:

In 1638, religious dissident Anne Hutchinson was expelled from the Massachusetts Bay Colony for defying Puritan orthodoxy. In 1820, U.S. naval hero

Stephen Decatur was killed in a duel with Commodore James Barron near Washington, D.C. In 1882, President Chester

Alan Arthur signed a measure outlawing polygamy.

In 1929, a U.S. Coast Guard vessel sank a Canadianregistered schooner, the I'm Alone, in the Gulf of Mexico. (The schooner was suspected of carrying bootleg liquor.)

In 1933, during Prohibition, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure to make wine and beer containing up to 3.2 percent alcohol legal. In 1941, the Grand Coulee

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operation. In 1945, the Arab League was formed with the adoption of a charter in Cairo, Egypt.

In 1958, movie producer Mike

Washington state went into

hydroelectric

Todd (husband of actress Elizabeth Taylor) and three other people were killed in the crash of Todd's private plane near Grants, N.M.

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson named General William C. Westmoreland to be the Army's new Chief of Staff.

In 1978, Karl Wallenda, the 73-year-old patriarch of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act, fell to his death while attempting to walk a cable strung between two hotel towers in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Today's Birthdays: USA Today founder Allen H. Neuharth is 86. Composerlyricist Stephen Sondheim is 80. Evangelist broadcaster Pat Robertson is 80. Actor William Shatner is 79. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) is 76. Actor M. Emmet

Walsh is 75. Actor-singer Jeremy Clyde is 69. Singerguitarist George Benson is 67. Writer James Patterson is 63. CNN newscaster Wolf Blitzer is 62. Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber is 62. Actress Fanny Ardant is 61. Sportscaster Bob Costas is 58. Country singer James House is 55. Actress Lena Olin is 55. Singer-actress Stephanie Mills is 53. Actor Matthew Modine is 51. Country musician Tim Beeler (Flynnville Train) is 42. Actress Anne Dudek is 35. Actor Cole Hauser is 35. Actress Kellie Williams is 34. Actress Reese Witherspoon is 34. Rock musician John Otto (Limp Bizkit) is 33. Rapper Mims is 29.

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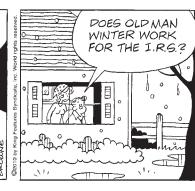
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Newsday Crossword

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- 1 Gets rid of 6 Under the
- **10** Boutique
- 14 Sir __ Newton
- 15 Soft-drink
- choice
- **16** Bit of plumbing
- 17 Audacity
- **18** __ end
- 19 Crafts' partner
- 23 Knight's title
- 29 Fuel for an old
- **40** Princess' crown
- Dah"
- 49 No-guarantee
- sale condition
- 54 Tax expert,
- 56 "Hey, you!"
- 66 Milky gem

- 70 Be smug
 - 72 Give sparingly

postcard views

73 Fortune-tellers

- **DOWN**
- 2 Computer

6 Lasting

7 Tiny bit

(with)

10 Barbecue

specialties

impression

8 Lock horns

9 Topeka's state

- owner 3 Foal's mother
- 4 Covers with
- (finished) blacktop 5 Like picture-
- 20 Sign of spring

- 26 Corn on the
- furnace
- 36 Newspaper essay

- 44 Plain writing 45 "Zip-__-Doo-
- opening
- employees
- 51 Pig's digs
- briefly
- **59** Sign of spring
- 68 Low-quality 69 A Great Lake

- 71 Flower stalk
- weather

- 1 Small dent

- 22 Take it easy
- 24 Possess
- 32 Sunday speech
- 38 Neighborhood
- 41 Sign of spring
- 46 Piggy-bank
- 47 Seasonal mall
- 52 Trudge
- 65 Cave sound
- 67 Runs in neutral

SIGNS OF SPRING by Billie Truitt

ADLIBS

- 11 Employ 12 Makes a
 - choice
 - 13 Nuisance 21 Response to a
 - bad pun
 - 25 Presidential
 - "thumbs down"
 - 26 Military team 27 Gig for a
 - soprano 28 Support, as in
 - a horse race
 - **30** 27 Down song **31** __ hand
 - (assist)
 - 33 Sends out
 - **34** "To be ___ to be . . ."
 - 35 Mean-spirited 37 Whirlwind in the desert

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 - 39 A long time 42 Authentic
 - 43 Apply more
 - frosting to 48 Sang alone
 - 50 Parsley bits
 - 53 Leave the amateur ranks
 - 55 Confuse 56 Energizes,
 - with "up" 57 Glasgow
 - native 58 Loafer or
 - sneaker 60 Manicurist's target
 - **61** Merriment
 - 62 Skin softener **63** Twelve months
 - 64 Former fast fliers: Abbr.

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