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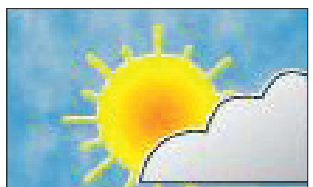


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Rig accident claims life of Big Spring man

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man died Thursday afternoon following an oil rig drilling accident at a location between Midland and Gardendale.

William Ryan Locke, 35, was pronounced dead at approximately 1:35 p.m. after he was knocked from a ladder by a stream of high pressure water, according to reports issued by Midland County emergency officials.

away, releasing enough pressure in the Big Spring man's direction to knock him from the ladder and platform.

Locke's body was sent to Tarrant County, where an autopsy will be performed. However, emergency officials speculate he died as a result of the fall.

No other injuries were reported as a result of the accident. The drilling rig was owned by Big Spring-based Robinson Drilling of Texas.

Locke's services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

According to law enforcement reports, the accident occurred approximately one mile south of Highway 158 and FM 1788 in Midland County.

Locke was believed to have been working from a ladder on the drilling rig when a piece of high pressure pipe broke

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RIDE 'EM COWKID!



HERALD photos/Steve Reagan
Clockwise, from top left: A cowgirl demonstrates her roping skills; local musician Jody Nix shares the stage with a young singer; rodeo clown Jim Bob Feller and a young colleague wait for the next bull-riding contestant; and the rodeo queen's court is introduced.



Hunts just a hop away

Three entities staging major events for kids

Herald Staff Report

Halloween, step aside. This Saturday is an opportunity — opportunities, actually — for children to load up on candy, candy and more candy.

Three organizations in the Crossroads are having community wide Easter egg hunts Saturday. Several other organizations are holding smaller events open to the public. Check today's Church News (Page 5-8) for more information on those.

Here's a quick bunny hop on the larger events:

- First Church of the Nazarene is hosting the 2nd Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at Comanche

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One definition of cuteness: Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — What do you get when you cross more than 50 5-year-olds with the sport of rodeo?

Cuteness. Lots and lots of

cuteness.

For the 32nd year, the Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo proved that you don't have to have grown-ups — or real animals, for that matter — to have a great rodeo.

Coahoma Elementary's

youngest students entertained an overflow crowd with their roping and riding and singing and dancing skills during the annual rodeo Thursday morn-

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Locals earn one-act awards

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School's Drama Department came away with several individual prizes from Thursday's District 4-4A One-Act Play Contest held in the BSHS auditorium.

BSHS' production, "Crimes of the Heart," did not qualify for the next round of competition, Director Tabatha Wright said. Frenship and San Angelo Lake View's productions advanced to the University Interscholastic

League Area Contest, to be held later this month in Snyder.

Although Big Spring did not earn the big prize it was aiming for, several cast and crew members won awards, Wright said, including Alesha Yanez being named to the all-star cast. Also, Will Cross and Will Currie received honorable mention all-star cast recognition.

Crew members Tap McIntosh, Kevin Osburn, Lauren Page and Courtne Smith won the outstanding technical crew

award, Wright added.

Wright said she was proud of her charges' effort.

"They did a fantastic show. It was their best performance of the year," Wright said. "But it was a very tough, subjective competition ... I was very proud of them. They represented Big Spring High School very well."

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Obituaries

Moses B Flores Sr.

Moses B Flores Sr., 80, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at his residence.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 5, 2010, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The visitation and rosary will be at Myers & Smith Chapel at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 4, 2010.

He was born in Floresville on Aug. 24, 1929, to Jose Maria and Mary Ann Flores. He married Evelyn Diaz on Aug. 27, 1951, in Georgetown. He owned Flores Sheet Metal Shop since 1978. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Flores; two sons, Moses Flores Jr. of Fort Worth and Richard Flores of Big Spring; three daughters, Mary Ann Leal of Big Spring, Terry Martinez of Fort Worth and Martha E Flores of Los Angeles; three sisters, Mary Helen Santiago of Moore Haven, Fla.; Margie Esparza of Kansas City, Kan.; Tina Alley of San Antonio; and one brother, Arthur Flores of Columbia, S.C. He also leaves behind seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many nephews and nieces.

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

William Ryan Locke

William Ryan Locke, 35, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 1, 2010, in Midland County. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Alyene M. Skiles

Alyene M. Skiles, 94, of Ballinger, formerly of Big Spring died Thursday, April 1, 2010, in a Ballinger nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

Police blotter

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

- VANESSA ALVAREZ, 23, of 1504 Chicksaw, was arrested Thursday on six local warrants.
- BRENDA LEE HODNETT, 41, of Coahoma, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- JOHNNY TREVINO JR., 20, of 3607 Hamilton, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- EMILIO AGUINAGA, 20, of 1312 Harding, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, no driver's license (when unlicensed) and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Owens.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT OF A FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD was reported in the 1100 block of 11th Place.
- FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 block of Main.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Take Note

• Mom & Pops Tadoo Shop will host a "Come Back Kids Cookout" all day Saturday. It will be a casual get together to support members of the national champion Howard College Hawks basketball team. Everyone is invited to come and meet the players. All Howard College students are invited to attend. Come out and support your local national champions.

• Big Spring High School Steer Band Boosters will meet at 5:15 p.m. Monday in the high school band hall. Discussion will center around the spring banquet.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications for scholarships from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the following autumn. Students must be Howard County residents who will be enrolling for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is May 1. For more information, visit the club's Web site at <http://clubs.aggienetwork.com/howardcountyamc/webhome.htm>

• Tyler Keeton/Hightower has been diagnosed with osteosarcoma (bone cancer). He is undergoing chemotherapy at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. He has a surgery scheduled April 20 to remove a tumor and replace part of his femur and knee. An account has been established at Citizens Federal Credit Union under the name Tyler Keeton for those who would like to help with medical expenses.

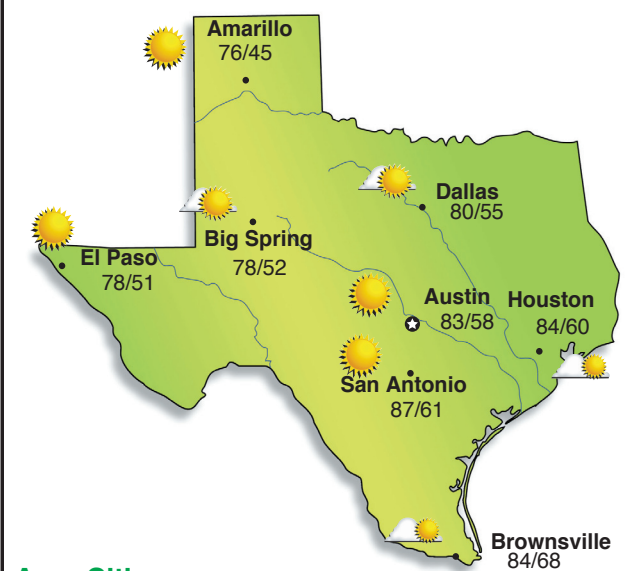
• Seventh, eighth and ninth grade students from Big Spring Independent School District who will be traveling to Florida this summer to take part in the educational Science in Motion Program. However, each student must raise \$1,800 to participate. Area residents who would like to make a donation toward these students' fees can do so by contacting Debbie Durham at State National Bank, 264-6100; Chrissy Shubert, 264-6492 (evenings only); or Vickey Bloodworth, 264-4135 during the work day, or 263-3149 after hours. The trip is slated for June 21-24 and the deadline to raise the funds is April 7. The group will be serving pizzas at Pizza Inn from 4 p.m.-9 p.m. April 5. For more information, call 935-2371.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 4/3	Sun 4/4	Mon 4/5	Tue 4/6	Wed 4/7
78/52	91/62	92/61	86/54	78/43
Sun and a few passing clouds. High 78F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	Sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 8:07 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 8:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 8:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 8:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 8:10 PM

Texas At A Glance



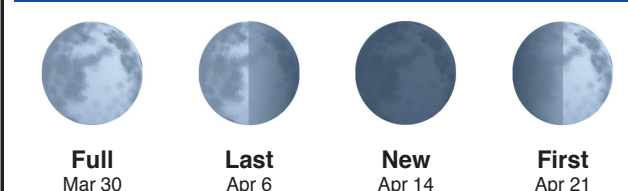
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	82	57	mst sunny	Kingsville	89	66	pt sunny
Amarillo	76	45	sunny	Livingston	83	54	mst sunny
Austin	83	58	sunny	Longview	79	52	mst sunny
Beaumont	84	59	pt sunny	Lubbock	78	48	mst sunny
Brownsville	84	68	pt sunny	Lufkin	82	55	pt sunny
Brownwood	85	55	mst sunny	Midland	81	56	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	85	66	pt sunny	Raymondville	88	67	mst sunny
Corsicana	78	53	mst sunny	Rosenberg	85	60	pt sunny
Dallas	80	55	mst sunny	San Antonio	87	61	sunny
Del Rio	88	60	sunny	San Marcos	84	58	sunny
El Paso	78	51	sunny	Sulphur Springs	78	53	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	83	54	pt sunny	Sweetwater	82	54	pt sunny
Gainesville	77	53	mst sunny	Tyler	79	52	mst sunny
Greenville	77	51	mst sunny	Weatherford	79	52	mst sunny
Houston	84	60	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	77	53	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	77	54	pt sunny	Minneapolis	58	40	pt sunny
Boston	69	48	pt sunny	New York	64	52	mst sunny
Chicago	60	45	rain	Phoenix	76	54	sunny
Dallas	80	55	mst sunny	San Francisco	58	43	pt sunny
Denver	58	37	pt sunny	Seattle	45	36	rain
Houston	84	60	pt sunny	St. Louis	67	50	rain
Los Angeles	68	50	mst sunny	Washington, DC	76	58	pt sunny
Miami	80	66	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-7-11-29-31.
Number matching five of five: 4. Prize: \$5,680
Winning ticket purchased in: Irving, Houston, Groves, Longview

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 14-15-30-31. Bonus Ball: 19.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-1-6-0. Sum It Up: 10

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
7-1-5. Sum It Up: 13

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News in brief

Employers expected to create jobs in March as recovery gains steam

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy is likely to have added jobs last month for only the second time since the recession began 27 months ago.

That, economists say, would mark a significant turning point in the recovery. It would mean the worst is over and that more job creation could be on the way in the months ahead. But, it does not mean enough new jobs are being created to bring down the unemployment rate.

The Labor Department's March unemployment report is released at 8:30 a.m. EDT Friday.

Economists are forecasting that 190,000 jobs were created last month — the most in the past three years. The unemployment rate is forecast to stay at 9.7 percent for the third straight month, according to economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters.

As many as 100,000 of the job gains could reflect temporary hiring for the U.S. Census. Roughly 50,000 more might simply be a rebound from February, when massive snowstorms on the East Coast kept some workers off company payrolls.

That would leave a respectable 40,000 new jobs created by private employers. Much of the gains are likely to come from the health care and temporary help industries.

White House official says screening for U.S.-bound travelers will no longer target specific countries

WASHINGTON (AP) — Travelers from 14 countries that have been home to terrorists will no longer automatically face extra screening before they fly to the U.S.

Beginning this month, anyone traveling to the U.S. will instead be screened based on specific information about potential terrorist threats, a senior Obama administration official said. A person would be stopped if he or she matches a description, even if officials do not have a suspect's name, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive security issues.

For example, if the U.S. has intelligence about a Nigerian man between the ages of 22 and 32 whom officials believe is a threat or a known terrorist, under the new poli-

cy all Nigerian men within that age range will receive extra screening before they are allowed to fly to the U.S. If intelligence later shows that the suspect is not a terrorist, travelers will not be screened against that description.

The new procedures replace those that went into effect after the attempted bombing of a jetliner en route to Detroit on Christmas Day. Those rules required extra screening, such as full-body pat-downs, for everyone from, or traveling through, any of these 14 countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

The new terror-screening strategy, to be announced Friday, is a result of a review ordered by President Barack Obama.

Despite nuclear treaty success, Obama facing longer odds on test ban treaty ratification

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is expected to claim a major foreign policy success when he signs a nuclear arms reduction treaty with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev next week — but it comes at a cost.

The hard-negotiated pact took so long to conclude it has jeopardized Obama's chances to achieve another nuclear goal: Senate ratification of a nuclear test ban treaty.

The administration had hoped that success with Russia on a replacement for the 1991 Strategic Arms Control Treaty would give it momentum for winning Senate approval of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Both treaties must be ratified to go into force, but time constraints mean that the Senate will only consider one of the two before the November midterm elections.

The administration had initially aimed to complete the highly technical treaty with Russia last year, but that proved unrealistic.

After battlefield success, U.S. maker of spy drones pushing sales to allies

TOKYO (AP) — The U.S.-made RQ-4 Global Hawk spy plane looks like an upside-down double-decker bus with wings, flies slowly, offers zero leg room — and is

one of the most coveted pieces of military technology in the world.

Impressed by its successes in combat for the U.S. Air Force in Iraq and Afghanistan, countries around the globe are lining up to buy the unmanned "drone" aircraft to bolster their own intelligence abilities, despite concerns that exports might send sensitive technology into the wrong hands.

Some experts said the export of the planes could also heighten tensions with countries like China, Iran and Russia — who could be the subject of closer observation and perceive the drones' operations as offensive threats.

Undaunted by such concerns, Northrop Grumman, the producer of the Global Hawk, just wrapped up an Asian tour in Tokyo with a full-sized mock-up and says that along with Japan other countries considering adding the plane to their air forces are South Korea, Australia, Singapore, Britain, Spain, New Zealand and Canada.

Germany has already contracted for a variant called the EuroHawk to be delivered this year.

Autopsies show most women found in Ohio sex offender's home were strangled

CLEVELAND (AP) — The women who vanished into Cleveland's house of death were strangled by commonplace objects that were never intended for killing.

A green belt with a metal buckle. The strap of a shoulder bag. An electrical charger for a cell phone or camera. A knotted piece of cloth.

Yet these are what silenced most of the 11 women unearthed last fall at the home of Anthony Sowell, a registered sex offender who has pleaded not guilty to an 85-count indictment in their deaths. Many still had the ligatures wrapped around their necks.

Autopsy reports obtained Thursday by The Associated Press revealed that eight of the women were strangled, most with household objects. Nine had traces of cocaine or depressants in their systems.

The reports offer the first comprehensive look at the horrors the women may have endured.

Sowell, 50, has pleaded not guilty to killing the women and hiding their remains in and around his home in an impoverished neighborhood filled with abandoned

homes. For months, a terrible smell of death wafted down the street where Sowell lived, but it was blamed on a sausage factory next door to his house.

Sharp shows 3-D displays for mobile devices

TOKYO (AP) — Sharp's latest 3-D displays deliver bright, clear imagery without the cumbersome glasses usually required for such technology. Now the bad news: They only work on a 3-inch screen held one foot from the viewer's face.

Sharp Corp. demonstrated liquid crystal screens Friday for mobile devices that showed 3-D animation, touch-panel screens that switched from one 3-D photo to another and a display connected to a 3-D video camera.

Movies and TVs in 3-D are no longer surprising. Sony Corp. and Panasonic Corp. of Japan, as well as South Korea's Samsung Electronics Co. and LG Electronics, already sell or are planning 3-D TVs.

HUNTS

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Trail Park's Old Settlers Pavilion. The event begins at 10 a.m. and will feature a 20,000-egg hunt. Children 2-10 years old will be divided by age groups. The event is free and will also include face painting, a bounce house, prizes and free hot dogs.

For more information, contact the church office at 267-7015.

- The VA Employees Association, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus of Big Spring, will be hosting their first Easter Egg Hunt at the West Texas VA Health Care Medical Center at 11 a.m. Saturday. Parents with children ages 1-12 are invited to attend. Children will be divided into four age categories. Children ages 6 and under will need to be accompanied by a parent during the hunt.

Ceremonies will open at 11 a.m. with a prayer, followed by the pledge

of allegiance. At 11 a.m., there will be games for all ages, including sack races, egg races and face painting. Food and drinks will be served. The Easter egg hunt begins at noon.

Special guests will include the Howard College Hawk and cheerleaders and the Easter Bunny.

- Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home is hosting its seventh annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on the facility's grounds

at 3 p.m. Saturday. More than 50,000 eggs have been prepared for the event. Age groups are 0-3, 4-7 and 8-12.

Activities will begin at 1 p.m. with games and prizes. Two bounce castles will be available. Free hot dogs, ice cream and drinks will be offered as long as supplies last.

From 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. the first of two bands — The Taste of Life — will perform. The Country Classic Band will play for residents at 3 p.m.

Other goings-on in-

clude face painting and a visit by the Easter Bunny.

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Inez Chavarria, 59, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Rebecca Jane Terry, 50, died Saturday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Snyder Cemetery in Snyder.

Moses Flores, 80, died Wednesday. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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ing. And while the children obviously enjoyed themselves, the adults in attendance got a kick out of it as well.

"I always enjoy this," said local musician Jody Nix, who has played a major supporting role with the rodeo for more than 15 years. "It's good to see these kids participate in the sport of rodeo. It's good for them and it's a lot of fun to watch."

Trading real rodeo animals for stickhorses, the youngsters showed off their skills in all the traditional rodeo attractions such as bull and bronc riding, but also demonstrated their singing and square dancing prowess, as well.

On hand to give their support to the children were several Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association fixtures, such as clown Jim Bob Feller and announcer Ben Clements.

"I've been coming here about 10 to 12 years now," Clements said. "Quail (Dobbs) talked me into going the first time and I had no idea how awesome it was. I got hooked right there and then, and I wouldn't miss this for the world."

Dobbs, a long-time Coahoma resident and famed rodeo clown, organized the first CKR in 1978 and has been a fixture ever since. His ability to convince so many PRCA stars to participate in the annual event make it the crown jewel of stickhorse rodeos, supporters say.

"There's nothing like this one," Clements said. "I've done several of these across the country, but there's really nothing that compares to the Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo."

"It's just cool to see something like this in a small community like Coahoma," he said. "You don't see things like this just anywhere else."

One former CKR participant had a unique

perspective at this year's event. Jennifer Baccari, a veteran of the 1987 rodeo, is now a kindergarten teacher at Coahoma Elementary.

"I just remember being so excited to be in the rodeo, to see Quail Dobbs and Miss Rodeo Texas," Baccari recalled. "It was a really big deal ... and a lot of fun."

Although preparations for this year's event kept

Baccari busy, the experience was still fun, she added.

"It's a lot of work ... but the biggest reward is seeing all these kids so happy and building memories of their own."

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OUR VIEW

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- Howard College's Hawks, who claimed the 2010 NJCAA national basketball championship in Hutchison, Kan., as well as sophomore Josh Watkins, who was named the national tournament's most valuable player.

- Grady ISD CX Debate Team members Maxwell Kennady and Jack Henry Kennady, who advanced into the round of 16 at the CX State meet held in Austin. A total of 55 teams took part.

- Scott Jimenez, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during Desert Storm and was honored by the Hangar 25 Air Museum as its March 2010 Veteran of the Month.

- Howard College trustees for having renamed the occupational building on the Big Spring campus to the Don McKinney Career and Technical Education Center, in honor of the late Donald B. McKinney, a former HC trustee who served more than 36 years on the board.

- Sherry Hodnett, bereavement coordinator at Home Hospice, who delivered butterfly larvae to third graders at Elbow Elementary School for them to tend through the stages of the insects' development.

- Coahoma Elementary School students, faculty, staff and everyone else that took part in Thursday's 32nd annual Kindergarten Rodeo.

- Jim Rhodes, Forsan High School's band director and academic activities director, who was recently the recipient of the University Interscholastic League's Sponsor Excellence Award.

- The members of the Big Spring Heat team, which took home the Hoops, Dreams and Goals championship trophy, as well as the nine other teams and all those who worked, helped, sponsored or took part in the event.

- All those who took part in the 46th annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup held last weekend at the Howard County Fair Barns by the local AMBUCS chapter.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center on having received a 75-year membership award from the Texas Hospital Association, one of just five hospitals throughout the state to receive the award.

- All those who took part in Saturday's final concert of the Big Spring Symphony's 2009-2010 season at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can trust in our ability to handle personal responsibilities, Lord, when we trust in Your ability.

Amen

The cross a wooden wonder

When I was a kid, my mom married my step dad and I soon found myself spending a lot of time on his incredible farm, southwest of Alvarado. The whole area was what we indigenous folk call the "boonies." I was scared Bigfoot or Grandma Moses or what my great-grandfather called "Raw head and bloody bones" was going to snatch me out of the shadows and haul me off to the creek bed. Yes, the Brewer was a world-class chicken.

At night, hundreds of coyotes would begin to sing a midnight song which I did not enjoy at all. The dadgum peacock sounded like a woman yelling for help and the whole place just got spooky to me.

Dad's farm was a lot like the other farms around his place and often those farmers would spend a whole weekend trying to exterminate the local coyote population. In 1972, about a dozen families went to war with the vermin and shot what looked to me upwards of 100 of these dogs in one grand hunt.

As a display of trophy, and according to the myth that it would scare off other coyotes, all of those dead animals were nailed to the fence posts on the road. I will never forget trying to

count them all as we drove into the farm and the number grew above 80 — the rotting corpses of fur and teeth attracting a sky full of buzzards in the Texas summer heat.

It was a terrible sight and it left quite an impression on me.

I am not 6 years old anymore, and 37 years later, I've shot my own fair share of coyotes, but I believe God let that one event make a verdict in me that I couldn't ignore for years to come. There was something disgusting and fascinating at the same time in such a spectacle. A symbol of hatred and triumph over them, nailed to a piece of wood and hung up for everybody to see.

I didn't have much between my ears in those days but the spirit of the Lord touched a little boy's growing mind and I remember thinking somehow, the sight of that curse being hung up there, reminded me of Jesus hanging on the cross.

I would later read what Paul said to the Galation church as recorded in chapter three of that book. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us — for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree" — so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

In other words, at the cross Jesus became the curse and it was nailed down and hung up, so

that we could be blessed. There is a huge mystery as to how all that works but the picture of this is striking to me.

That which was perfect became sinful and what was blessed became cursed so that a knucklehead named Troy Brewer could stand in a place called perfect and blessed.

There is something horrible and fascinating at the same time about the cross. It truly is a wooden wonder and I say, "thank you Jesus" for it.

Max Lucado says it this way: "It rests on the time line of history like a compelling diamond. Its tragedy summons all that suffer. Its absurdity attracts all critics. Its hope lures all searchers. My, what a piece of wood! History has idolized it. And despised it, gold plated it and burned it, worn it and trashed it.

"History has done everything to it but ignore it. That's the one option that the cross does not offer.

"No one can ignore it! You can't ignore a piece of lumber that suspends the greatest claim in history. A crucified carpenter claiming that he is God on earth! The cross. Its bottom line is sobering: if the account is true, it is history's hinge. Period. If not, it's history's hoax."

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

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Sure signs of spring's arrival

This time of year is delicious! The weather warms, Bradford pear trees explode into blossom, NCAA basketball playoffs dominate the month and students push studies aside for week-long spring breaks. (Alas, for some revelers giant waves of reality sweep back at the end of spring break, leaving them "spring broke.")

Heart cockles are warmed by accounts of growing numbers of collegians committed to humanitarian causes. Theirs is a vacation from school, but not from work. Often converging on communities where calamities have dealt havoc, the student volunteers log long hours to repair what's broken and to heal what's hurting.

Usually representing campus religious or service organizations, these youngsters forge friendships with the beneficiaries they serve. Often, the recipients are elderly folks whose options are dwindling. Along the way, the dignity of work is discovered, faith is restored, and collegians come face to face with a truism for which 16th century Christian martyr John Bradford is most remembered: "There but for the grace of God go I."

I've long believed that the happiest people are those whose lives are immersed in service to others. These are the same folks who still buy into the admonition attributed to Confucius,

whose main work seemed to have been thinking and writing.

"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life." That's the mantra of this Chinese teacher/philosopher who lived some six centuries before Christ.

Sadly, the segment of people happily "locked in" to jobs they love seems small. However, Uncle Mort, my 97-year-old uncle down in the thicket, keeps searching.

When I spoke with him on the phone this week, he was working on birthday slogans. He adds another ring to his tree come July. I agreed that his "still feeling great at 98" would make a good banner to hoist above the birthday cake.

This day, though, my question was whether he remembered the absolutely toughest job he ever tackled. He's always claimed to have been "in harness with hard work" since age 5.

We've joked that Mort's long been known for "ministerial speaking." Or ramping up numbers with chamber of commerce talk.

"I thought you'd hit me with a hard question, nephew," he laughed. "But this one's easy. The first job I ever had was also the hardest one, requiring discipline, hard work, consistency and a tolerance for early rising."

Wow, I thought. His answer flowed so quickly, I wondered why I hadn't heard it before.

"It was a seven-days-a-week job during the long winter months," Mort explained. "My job was to get up way before sun-up to get the wood stove burning so I could boil water in the tea kettle to pour through the cracks

in the floor to get the hogs out from under the house."

That was Uncle Mort being Uncle Mort.

"Speaking of work, it looks to me like the New Hampshire legislature has run out of things to do," he said, mentioning a news item that the Yankees up there are debating whether to designate milk or cider as the 'state drink.' Just when the legislature was ready to cheer 'here, here' to cider, a burgeoning student movement to consider milk couldn't be ignored," he added. (The milk proponents were stirred to action by a nine-year-old youngster who doesn't care for cider.)

Mort admitted that he probably shouldn't be critical, because the Texas legislature regularly bickers over much less.

"It's a slam dunk that if they're going to name an official drink, it ought to be milk," Mort opined.

He talked about how such a decision would give teachers yet another way to introduce food groups to youngsters, and how the "juice from Old Jersey" is basic to so many recipes. He mentioned, too, how the "Got Milk?" theme could be worked into skirts.

"Somehow, 'Got Cider?' has a different ring, and would be barely noticed when wiped away from drenched mustaches," Mort added.

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Church News

East Fourth Street Baptist

The choir wishes to "thank" Jerry Oliphant for his directing of our cantata; Diane Oliphant for helping during our practices; Joy Hester for making the Power Point; Lloyd Wells for the narration; and Michael Golden for running the sound system. Also we want to say "thanks" to Bro. Keith and helpers in getting things in their places for our presentation.

Those who plan on working in VBS need to attend the workshop April 10, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Our services at East Fourth begin on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages. Morning worship is at 11 and evening worship at 6. On Wednesdays we have prayer meeting and Bible study for adults, youth and children, all beginning at 7 p.m. And a men's Bible study is held Saturday mornings at 7.

We wish to invite you to come visit with us this Easter Sunday at 401 E. Fourth St. We want to share this special service with you. You may call our church office for more information at 267-2291.

First United Methodist

This Sunday, First Methodist Church joyfully welcomes Easter and has planned several special activities for the day. Immediately following the early service at the usual Sunday school time an Easter brunch will be held in Garrett Hall. The youth and their sponsors will be preparing and serving the brunch as a fund-raiser for their ROTC Mission trip in July. As the event comes to a close, everyone will exit out the front doors for the butterfly and balloon release.

Remember to bring some of your fresh flowers to put on the Easter Sunday cross. Prior to the service it will be located in the sanctuary foyer.

Pastor Sharon Wiese's sermon for the day is titled "Because He Lives," with scripture readings from Mark and Corinthians. There will be special music and settings, thanks to the talents of our director of music, Eddie Vandewalker. Join us for this day as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and continuing saving grace.

Many thanks to all the Sunday school classes and various committees that served all the meals during our revival as well as Holy Week. We could not have had such wonderful meals and fellowship without your help and dedication.

It has been a long, cold winter and our Helping Hand Ministry has assisted many folks in many different ways. Now that fund, which is not a budgeted item, is getting pretty low. Your gifts toward this ministry would be greatly appreciated.

Remember that on Sunday, April 11, the Relay For Life cookbooks will be on display. Those of you who have contributed recipes are asked to bring one of the items for the tasting luncheon which will follow the late service on that date. This is a fund-raiser for our church teams and is sponsored by the Pathmaker's Class which has many reasons to work toward the Cancer Society's goal of "More Birthdays."

Come join us for this special weekend at Fourth and Scurry streets; we're First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church begins a revival this Sunday with David Garrett as speaker. Please join us this Easter Sunday for Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 and evening worship at 6.

The weekday revival services will

Good Friday started out as a bad day

There is no doubt about it. Good Friday started out as a bad day. The streets of Jerusalem were crowded

with people who had come to celebrate the Jewish Passover. According to custom, many were expecting, the Governor of Rome, to release a prisoner as part of the celebration. Excitement rose with the sun. Tension mounted and chaos ruled.

For the apostle Peter, who had vowed to never deny Jesus even if he had to die with him, Friday was a horrible day.

He probably awoke with eyes still swollen from weeping bitterly after he heard the rooster crow the evening before and realized that he had denied knowing Jesus three times just as Jesus had predicted.



BONNIE WHEAT

For Judas, the disciple who betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, Friday was an unbearable day. Guilt ridden and unable to reverse the damage he had done, Judas went out and hanged himself.

For Pilate, the Roman governor who washed his hands of any responsibility for the death of Jesus, Friday was a tumultuous day.

Having been warned by his wife not to put an innocent man to death, Pilate gave in to the demands of an angry mob who wanted to crucify Jesus.

For Simon, a passerby from the city of Cyrene, Friday was a perplexing day. Unaware of the events going on in Jerusalem, he had come into the city from the country and was seized by Roman soldiers. Because Jesus was so weak from having been flogged, Simon was forced to carry the cross to Golgotha for him.

For Jesus, Friday was a day of mockery and brutal beatings preced-

ed by an agonizing night of prayer in the garden of Gethsemane. Friday ended with Jesus being nailed to a cross and a crown of thorns being placed on his head. While His death was humiliating and painful, it was also victorious because it was the fulfillment of God's plan.

Just as one bad Friday over two thousand years ago turned into the glorious, life-changing event that we know as the resurrection, God has promised that He can make something good out of all our bad Fridays: "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28 NASB).

Because of Good Friday, any bad day can become a good Friday, a good Monday, or any other good day. It is all a part of God's plan.

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be Monday through Wednesday, April 5-7, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A fellowship meal will follow the Sunday through Wednesday evening services. A nursery will be available for all services throughout the revival.

Salem is pastored by Monroe Teeeters and is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway. For more information, call 394-4566.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

The Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane, the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be April 8. Mark your calendar.

At this month's meeting we will honor the 2002 Walks: Women's Walk 27, LD Rhonda Harding; Men's Walk 28, Danny Wright; Women's Walk 29, Sonya Metcalf; and Men's Walk 30, John Plaia. Plan to attend. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

For more information, see our Web site www.signal-emmaus.org

First Presbyterian, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

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

We invite you to make plans to join us for worship opportunities that will be offered during Holy Week, which began with worship on Palm Sunday. We had our regular Bible study on Wednesday evening. We joined with First Presbyterian, Big Spring, located at Eighth and Rannels, for a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The Big Spring Presbyterians will join us at First Presbyterian, Coahoma, for a Good Friday Tenebrae

Service (a service of darkness) at 8:30 tonight. Saturday, we will have our annual pre-Easter breakfast at 9 a.m. and an Easter Vigil service at 11 p.m.

Easter will begin with a Sunrise Service at Coahoma Presbyterian at 7 a.m. and a celebration of the resurrection at the 11 a.m. service. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship, but we will not have our first Sunday covered dish lunch.

The lectionary for Easter Sunday is Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; Acts 10:34-43; and John 20:1-18.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study met Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. Choir practice was at 6 p.m. The "Reading the Bible in 90 Days" class, which normally meets on Thursday evening, met at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The calendar for Holy Week services at First Presbyterian Big Spring began with the choir cantata "The Seven Last Words of Christ" during worship on Palm Sunday. Soloists were Joyce Bradley, Joe Dawes, Gabriel Durand-Hollis, Mike Mitchell and Margarita Durand-Hollis. James F. Little was the reader. Liturgists for worship were Shawn Walker, Charlie Boling and Kelli Schaedel.

Tonight we will join the Presbyterians in Coahoma at their church for a Tenebrae Service at 8:30.

Sunday we will celebrate the resurrection of the Lord at Sunday worship and communion. We will also receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

The Easter lilies decorating the church were provided by the youth group, with the proceeds going to help fund their mission trip.

Deborah Jones will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday morning. Todd Patterson is slated as liturgist for the month. Ushers for April are Katie, Jerry Grimes and Monika and Mike Robinson. Danny Kennemur, Paula Farquhar, Katie Grimes and Jerry Grimes will serve communion.

The lectionary for Palm Sunday is I Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; and John 21:1-18. "Come Proclaim the Victory," arranged by Joseph Martin, is the choir's offering. The offertory anthem is "The Day of Resurrection" by Thomas Mathews.

If you cannot attend worship, listen

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 website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school will not be meeting this Easter Sunday.

Join us for our Holy Week services. The Good Friday service is from noon to 1 p.m. today with meditation until 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil and Baptism is at 7 p.m. Saturday; and our Easter Sunday service is at 10:30 a.m. Sunday with an Easter egg hunt for all children afterward.

Needlepoint class is at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the library. Please come join our group.

St. Mary's noon Holy Eucharist service is every Wednesday in the chapel.

St. Mary's Inquirers' Class meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the parish hall.

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

Chapel of Faith

You are invited to attend Chapel of Faith church, located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad streets, as we learn more about God's Word and His love for each of us. Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. each week. Pastor Scott Willis will be preaching this Easter Sunday. His message will be, "He is Risen Indeed," based on scripture from John 20: 1-18.

Encouraging Words: "A happy life is not built up of tours abroad and pleasant holidays, but of little clumps of violets noticed by the roadside, hidden away almost so that only those can see them who have God's peace and love in their hearts; in one long continuous chain of little joys, little whispers from the spiritual world and little gleams of sunshine on our daily work." — Edward Wilson

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Don't push the stop button

When the year 2009 ended, what did you do? Did you just push the stop button?

The fact is we can't stop!

Whether it is a new year or a new season that is being birthed into our lives, we must keep moving forward. Even though we are living in tough times, there is never a time to stop and give up on life.

As this new year gains steam, some people may find themselves in despair over circumstances or personal tragedy, yet God urges us to keep going because hope is found in the future.

As a way to find encouragement, we have the example given by Jesus Christ as re-

corded in John 19. As Jesus died on the cross, it seemed that all the disciples' hopes and dreams were coming to an end. Jesus Himself even said, "It is finished." However, it is precisely because of those very words spoken by Jesus that we are not finished.

Since we are yet in the first few months of 2010, we can still find hope and make a positive, fresh start. Endings are not the same in God's eyes as they are in ours. To God, there is a difference between the end of an era and the completion of a destiny.

If a season, a relationship, a career, or something that you value has come to an end in your life, then I pray that this thought will give you hope and confidence again. You can find life once more; it happens to people every day from all walks of life and it will happen for you if you will allow it to come.

Life will at times try to beat

the certainty out of us and undermine our confidence in God, but grab hold of whatever season you are in and refuse discouragement and doubt when it comes to mind.

Good news! God has something else in mind for you. Think about this for a few moments. God has never lost a battle, not even one. He is always victorious in every situation He encounters and He wants the same victory for us.

I have never embraced the old adage "you can't win them all." Only losers and negative-thinking people adhere to that way of thinking. We are indeed what we think. If we buy into the misconception that we cannot always be winners, we more than likely will not be, but that is not the kind of attitude Jesus has toward us. Romans 8:31 says, "If God is for us, who can be against us." Then in Romans 8:37,

He says, "Yet in all things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

The word conqueror describes one who is "super victorious, who wins more than an ordinary victory, one who is overpowering in achieving abundant victory." This is not the language of conceit, but of pure confidence. When we accepted Christ as our Savior, we automatically inherited His characteristics. We got it through our spiritual blood line as children of God.

In every season of life, it is important to spend time with God.

We must start proclaiming the promises in His Word and speak those promises into our lives and the lives of our family members, as well. As we continually speak the good, we will see the rewards in time. God's Word speaks louder than the negative, cynical voices heard around our country today.

We can always find encouragement and hope when we speak God's promises. Life-bringing words are what the Bible calls "the words of righteousness."

In this year of 2010, the devil would like to bring defeat into your lives, but Jesus triumphed over the enemy by simply quoting scripture straight from the Word of God.

We can all speak success into our families, our home lives, our businesses, and yes, into our whole world. It is as simple as making up our minds that we will not push the stop button!

And as we move forward with God, we will find that there are no stop buttons available.

Jesus said, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. But I have come to give you life, and life more abundantly," John 10:10.

God bless.



JERRIE STOCKS

CHURCH NEWS

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church of your choice. However, if you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit the Chapel of Faith. You will be warmly welcomed.

Remember God loves each of us with a love so great He sent His son to die for our sins that we might live for Him now and with Him eternally. This truth is what we celebrate, especially this Easter Sunday.

Birdwell Lane Baptist

The congregation of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church would like to extend to you an invitation to visit with them. We were established in 1942 and continue to serve Big Spring and the surrounding area. We're a Bible-believing, independent Baptist church preaching the truth of God's Word and supporting missionaries around the world.

We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children's Church, along with music, crafts and lessons, is during the morning worship. There is special music and quartet music with Sunday school classes for all ages at 10 a.m. A nursery is provided for your little ones.

Midweek service is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

We are in need of an organist. If you play an organ, please call and speak to Pastor King.

For a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

We pray you have a happy and safe Easter. We will be handing out Easter Bags Sunday to shut-ins, elderly and youth. The Lord's Supper will be observed during the Sunday evening worship.

Tuesday, we will host the Big Country Baptist Preachers Fellowship from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be powerful preaching, great music and good fellowship. We invite you to come join us. The C&D Quartet and other singers around the area will be with us. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good." — Numbers 10:29

For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

First Baptist, Coahoma

Your friends at the First Baptist Church in Coahoma would like to invite everyone to their Spring Fling this Saturday from noon until 4 p.m. We are going to have a great time with lot of games, activities and food for everyone. The whole event is free to the public. You will also be able to register for one of our door prizes with drawings to be held every hour. Our church is located at 201 South Avenue in Coahoma and the events will be held on the church property at the corner of Central and Main streets. This is going to be a great time for the whole family.

We also want to invite everyone to our special Easter Service this Sunday. Our Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and our worship services begin at 11 a.m. Our pastor's message this week will focus on "Having Hope." Our Sunday evening services will be dismissed this week so everyone can enjoy the day with family and friends. We hope to see you this Sunday.

Baptist Temple

Today, we will have our Good Friday service at 7 p.m. in our auditorium. We will observe the Lord's Supper and observe the crucifixion of Christ.

Sunday, we will start the day with breakfast in our fellowship hall at 8:30 a.m., have Bible study classes at 9:45 a.m. and have a celebration service at 11 a.m.

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 Tuesdays at the church at 6 p.m.

Our 12-Step Recovery group, led by Dean Thomas, meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

You are always welcome here. On Sundays we have classes for all ages starting at 9:45 a.m. and



Bruce Schooler photo

St. Paul's Lutheran Women's Missionary League met with Carl Johansen and Walter L. Shipman on March 20 to present them with a check for the Howard County Bible Class fund. This money was raised by the bake sales held this past year. Shown from left to right: Sandi Fulesday, Belle Schooler, Carl Johansen, Emily Melendrez, Irma Dunckel, Kris Smith, Walter L. Shipman, Doris Varley, Fran Jansch and Linda Halfmann.

worship services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesdays we have groups for all ages starting at 7 p.m.

For more information, call us at 267-8287 or check us out on the Web at btcbigspring.org.

Alive in Christ Lutheran

Our motto is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives."

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

Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching this Easter Sunday.

The sermon text for Sunrise service at 8 a.m. will be from Matthew 28:1-7: "The Message of Easter" and the sermon text for the 10:30 a.m. regular service will be Luke 24:1-14: "Where's the

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

1 ♠	West	1 ♥	East
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What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

- ♠AQ82 ♥A6 ♦J2 ♣K10743
- ♠KQ92 ♥Q3 ♦A6 ♣AQ532
- ♠KJ84 ♥5 ♦A7 ♣AKQ653
- ♠AQJ75 ♥8 ♦4 ♣KQ8743
- ♠KJ96 ♥KQ7 ♦4 ♣AKJ98

1. **Pass.** Partner usually has six to 10 points and a balanced hand in this sequence. Game prospects are therefore poor, so the only remaining issue is to select the best partscore contract. There is no good reason to think that a suit contract will fare better than notrump, so you should pass.

2. **Two notrump.** If partner is in the upper half of his range, you can probably make game. At the same time, it is important to recognize that partner might have only six or seven points. This possibility is catered to by bidding only two notrump, which shows about 17 or 18 points and leaves the final decision to partner.

3. **Three notrump.** It would be

wrong to bid three clubs, which would merely urge partner to bid again without forcing him to do so. You should be unwilling to run the risk of partner's passing when you hold a hand so promising for game.

4. **Two spades.** Partner has no way of knowing that your previous spade bid was based on a five-card suit. It would be normal for him to assume a holding of four spades and anywhere from three to six clubs.

The two-spade rebid guarantees five spades, since there would be no point in rebidding an unsupported four-card suit. Furthermore, it implies that you have either five or six clubs, since you would not have opened one club with five spades and three or four clubs.

5. **Three hearts.** This is a picture bid that describes your distribution and high-card values at the same time. Since you have bid three suits, your diamond shortness is clearly indicated, and your extra high-card values are identified by bidding three hearts instead of two.

Change the queen of hearts to the deuce and you would have a proper two-heart bid. The distributional picture would remain the same, but the high-card content would be lower.

Tomorrow: Weaker is stronger.

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Club News

TOPS Tx 0021

Leader Laura Sickles called the TOPS Tx 0021 Club to order at 6 p.m. Linda Stapel led the TOPS cheer and Olnee Menges led the group in the TOPS pledge. Ethel Cassady then led the KOPS in their pledge. The TOPS welcome song was then led by Lynn Criswell.

Roll call was next, led by Hughetta Roberts. The members responded with a total loss of three pounds. The best weekly loser was Laura Sickles with a 1.5-pound loss. She was awarded a certificate and \$1. The month's best loser was then recognized. Frank Sickles took that honor with a loss of nine pounds. Laura Sickles was runner-up with 8.75 pounds.

During business, Frank Sickles told members the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall has been approved for the meeting place of the May 15 KOPS Honor Society meeting. The total number of KOPS expected to attend should be 35 to 45.

He then announced an April 17 officers meeting for all TOPS leaders in the area to be held in Big Spring. TOPS Tx 0021 will provide light refreshments for the meeting.

The annual installation of officers followed. They are Leader Frank Sickles, Co-Leader Ethel Cassady, Secretary Olnee Menges, Treasurer Laura Sickles, Weight Recorder Hughetta Roberts and Assistant Weight Recorder Leola Newton. Outgoing officers were recognized and thanked for their leadership for the past year and awarded certificates and TOPS charms. Leola Newton was crowned TOPS Tx 0021 queen and recognized for her achievement of reaching her goal weight and attaining her KIOS status. She also received a certificate and charm.

For more information, call Frank Sickles at 432-213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819. All visitors are welcome. Come meet with us and see for yourself. TOPS helps us lose excess weight and maintain goal weight.

DAR

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of the Daugh-

ters of the American Revolution met Feb. 20 at the Big Spring Country Club with Vice Regent Anne Witherspoon presiding.

Hostess Carol Scott decorated the tables with a patriotic theme.

The program was given by Tom Adams, a Texas archeological steward in Callahan County. Stewards help the Texas Historical Commission's staff archeologists to discover, preserve and interpret historic and archeological sites throughout the state.

Adams told of his duties and experiences during his 20 years of being a steward. He said the most important archeological site in Howard County is the big spring. He once found a Clovis point and mammoth bone there. Since it was found so close to the surface, he believes it was a secondary deposit.

To be a steward, a person must be a member of the Texas Archeological Society, live in the county for which he would be a steward and be nominated for the position. He gave an Archeology in Texas packet to each chapter member.

Carole Lawson, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers for the coming term, which was accepted by the chapter. They are Regent Anne Witherspoon, Vice Regent Hollis McCright, Chaplain Clara Lewis, Recording Secretary Sara Tipton, Corresponding Secretary Jessica Williams, Treasurer Mary Schuelke, Registrar Sue Ann Damron, Historian Heather Schafer, Librarian Luci Gabehart and Parliamentarian Carol Scott.

Witherspoon and Damron were elected delegates to the TSDAR Continental Congress set for July in Washington, D.C.

The door prize was won by Charlene Ragan.

The next meeting will be April 10 at the Big Spring Country Club.

HCHYC

The Howard County Youth Horseman Club will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the HCHYC clubhouse and all members are encouraged to attend.

During the meeting, 2010 playday calendars and saddles series rules will be distributed.

The next scheduled playday is Saturday, April 10. Books will open at 9 a.m. We hope to see you there.

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Body?"

Angela Newton is our organist. Acolyte will be Hannah Alsobrooks. Our elders are Bobby Roever and Darren Byrd. The liturgy will be read by Richard Knocke. The readings are Isaiah 65:17-25, Psalm 16, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 and Luke 24:1-12.

On Wednesday evenings we have midweek school with a light meal to be served between 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Midweek school and confirmation classes are at 6 p.m.

Tonight at 7:30, Pastor Kohl will be preaching. For this Maundy Thursday/Good Friday combined service, the topic is "The Fulfilled Word," "It is Finished" from John 19:30. Please join us for this emotional and spiritually moving service.

The Second Annual Easter Festival is Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Everyone is invited to share this great and fun time with us. There will be games and prizes, egg hunt, crafts, coloring of Easter eggs, cookie decorating, face painting, egg walk, etc.

Sunrise service Easter morning at 8 will be followed by the Easter Pancake Breakfast at 9. Traditional services will be held at 10:30 a.m.

The LWML will be taking items from the Candelaria Mission wish list to the West Texas LWML Spring Rally on April 10. Have any items at church by Wednesday. If you need a list of items, please check with Jaunell Roever. A master list has also been placed in your church mailbox.

The LWML will also meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the church. We will be helping box the items for the Mission project.

The Board of Trustees will meet Thursday at 1 p.m. at the church.

Remember: on Saturday, April 17, at 2 p.m. the Executive Board will meet. The next Voters' Meeting will be May 2 at 11:30 a.m.

The Examination for our new Confirmands will be May 15, with their confirmation being May 16.

A Bible study at church during the noon hour Thursdays is well attended. The focus is the Sermon on the Mount. A light meal



Courtesy photo

From left, Jeremy Gutierrez, sponsor Viola Barraza and Crystal and Sammy Villarreal were among those who participated in a Teen Search Program hosted by Holy Trinity Catholic Parish in March.

is available. You do not need to be a member of our congregation in order to attend any of our Bible studies.

April 12, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA.

Living Hope

The Living Hope Church, located at 1208 Frazier, invites you to join us in our celebration of the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at 11 a.m. Sunday. We will look forward to lifting up His name.

There is power in the name, giving all praises to God, miracles are the norm — from salvation to the blind receiving their sight, there is no limit to what He wants to do for you.

Bring the whole family. It will be a blessing to get all your needs at one place. There is nothing too hard for God.

First Church of the Nazarene

Don't miss out on the following upcoming events:

The 2nd Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 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.

Also coming May 16 is Biker Sunday; look for more details in future articles.

First Church of the Nazarene

Christians converge on Jerusalem for Good Friday

AMY TEIBEL

Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM — The cobblestone alleyways of Jerusalem's Old City became moving forests of wooden crosses as Christian pilgrims and clergymen commemorated the day of Jesus' crucifixion, Good Friday.

Black-robed nuns filed past metal barriers erected by police as dozens of tourists in matching red baseball hats held up digital cameras. Some pilgrims carried elaborately carved crucifixes, while others had crude crosses made of two planks held together with tape.

Good Friday rituals center on the ancient Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where Christian tradition says Jesus was crucified and buried before his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

While Catholics and Orthodox Christians follow different calendars, this year their Easters coincide and the churches are commemorating Good Friday together.

Watching as hundreds pressed through the narrow Jerusalem street called the Via Dolorosa — the "Way of Suffering," tracing Jesus' final steps — was Katy Fitzpatrick, 24, Spokane, Washington. She said the event was both "exciting" and "a little overwhelming."

"It's a little intimidating, and the riot gear is a little intimidating too," she said of the heavy presence of green-clad Israeli police deployed to keep the peace.

Around midday, an American church group performed a reenactment of Jesus' walk to his crucifixion — including an actor who

played Jesus, wearing a crown of thorns and carrying a heavy cross, who was led by other actors dressed as Roman legionnaires.

Amalia Daskalaki, 71, from the Greek island of Crete, said this was her third visit to Jerusalem for Good Friday and that she was moved each time. "It's so nice. I like to cry all the time," she said.

Amid the crush of Christians from all over the world, an ultra-Orthodox Jewish man in black tried to make his way along the crowd-

ed street by pressing against one of the walls. Jews are currently celebrating the weeklong spring holiday of Passover, and thousands of Jewish pilgrims and tourists were also in the Old City.

In addition, Muslims were holding weekly Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa mosque, located in a compound they call the Noble Sanctuary and Jews call the Temple Mount. The disputed compound has been the scene of recent clashes between Muslims and Israeli police.

Pilgrims filling St. Peter's Square on Good Friday

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pilgrims are arriving in St. Peter's Square to mark Good Friday as the church defends itself against accusations that Pope Benedict XVI played a role in covering up sex abuse cases.

The pope is scheduled to preside over a prayer service in St. Peter's Basilica and then lead the Way of the Cross procession commemorating Christ's crucifixion.

Amid reports of clerical sex abuse cases in several European countries, including Benedict's native Germany, the Vatican has fired back at the Western media.

The pope has not publicly addressed the crisis this week.

Pilgrims say they are not going let the crisis ruin their Easter celebration.

Anne Rossier of Boston, Massachusetts, says "we could not have been in a better place right now for Easter."

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February Winner

Howard, El Paso split first two of 4-game series

BY JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

Hawks softball coach Kelly Raines isn't sure what got into her Hawks in between games of Thursday's double-header.

The Hawks smoked El Paso 10-1 in the opener of a four-game set, only to come right back out on the receiving end of a 10-2 loss to split the opening day with the Tejanas (13-17, 5-1) at Foundation Field.

Howard (16-15, 3-7) got a great pitching performance from ace Alexis Beltran in game one, and the Hawk bats came alive as they scored three runs in the third, three in the fourth and four in the sixth to take the win.

"It was exactly what we talk about doing," Raines said. "Our bats came

alive and did exactly what they needed to do."

The Hawks sixth started with a bang as Jennifer Ringle blasted a leadoff home run, Olivia Hires and Jalisa McCarvel, both Hires and scored, Jocelynn Salaza walked and scored on a Kati Smith RBI double and Kelby Doughty rounded out the scoring as she came around on a single.

But in game two, the tables turned as the Hawks found themselves in an early 4-0 hole thanks to three defensive miscues. Starter Michelle Plum lasted 4 innings, giving up seven hits and seven runs, two of which were earned.

"She's our No. 2 pitcher, she's supposed to get ground ball outs and that's what she did," Raines said. "You feel sorry for her because she

was doing her job and our defense didn't do anything behind her. We have to make some improvement on that."

The Hawks couldn't mount much offense in the bottom halves of innings, either, as Cyndhol Torres allowed just five hits in a complete-game victory.

"We're down the whole game, and we're up there swinging at the first pitch every time," Raines said. "It's something we talked about between innings and we just aren't doing it. We have to do a better job of getting quality at-bats, especially when we're down in the game."

With a young Howard Hawks squad, Raines is trying to find the right mix

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HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton
Olivia Hires fields a ball in the outfield Thursday at Foundation Field.



HERALD PHOTO/Joe Zigtema

Second baseman Zack Dykes turns a double play Thursday at Forsan High School. The Buffs beat Ira 14-8 for their 15th straight win to start the season. Forsan is ranked No. 3 the latest 1A poll.

Buffs blast Ira for 15th straight

BY JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

FORSAN — Payton Parker wasn't supposed to play a big role in Thursday's home game against Ira.

But with one swing of the bat, Parker ensured the third-ranked Buffs their 15th straight win as they stayed perfect on the year with a 14-8 win over the Bulldogs at Forsan High School.

Parker entered the game as a pinch-hitter in the sixth inning and with two runners on

base, he took a 1-0 pitch to right field past a diving right fielder to the fence for an inside-the-park home run, giving Forsan (15-0, 7-0) a comfortable cushion.

"He pitched Tuesday so he wasn't going to play anywhere in the field, but I gave him an at-bat just so he gets in the game and sure enough," Buffs coach Jason Phillips said. "I told him, 'I think that's the farthest I've ever seen you sprint.' He was pretty tired, but that was great."

Evan Burton was stellar through 2 2/3 innings in relief of starter Dylan Lowery, allowing just one hit and striking out five. Lowery went 4 1/3 innings while earning the win, giving up eight runs, three of which were earned, six hits and striking out six.

"There was a lot going on in the game, so I tried to slow it down, maintain the game and throw as many strikes as I could," Burton said. "Knowing I'm a senior and a leader, I was just trying to do what I could

to get my team a win."

The Buffs fell into early deficits of 1-0 and 5-4, but the Forsan bats woke up to pound out 13 hits, eight of them for extra bases.

"The bats came alive just in time," said Burton, who went 2-for-4 in the game with a double, triple and RBI. "We started off a little shaky, but we always seem to hit when we need to."

Forsan's big inning came in the fifth, when

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Results from Comanche Trail Ladies Association

Herald Staff Report

In Monday's Comanche Trail LGA Playday, the team of Debra Lusk, Mary Gilbreath, and Betty Murphy won first place with a four under par. Second place went to Linda Dewaters, Annie Ward, Shirley Long and Gus Leonardi with an even par.

Seventeen couples competed in Thursday Couples play. A five

under par took first place by the team of Sherrill and Betty Lou Farmer and Shawn and Casie Romine.

Two teams tied for second place, shooting four under. Forrest and Gayle West and Max and Betty Ray Coffee shared the honors with Jerry Roach, Annie Ward and Ray and Sue Russell.

Forrest West shot closest to the pin on hole No. 6.

Two tied for lead after 1 day at Houston Open

Associated Press

HUMBLE — Although Kevin Stadler and Cameron Percy finished with the same score to share the first-round lead at the Houston Open, Percy dealt with much tougher conditions.

Stadler teed off in the morning, long before the winds started gusting, and surged to 6 under with four straight birdies on the back nine. He settled for a 67 after a bogey on the last hole.

Vaughn Taylor and James Driscoll — Stadler's playing partners in a morning threesome — were a stroke back along with fellow morning starter

Kevin Sutherland and Anthony Kim, who played in the afternoon when the wind picked up.

"We had a good time out there," Stadler said. "I was kind of kicking back, watching those guys make putts most of the day. I made a few late to kind of catch up to them."

Percy began his round more than an hour after Stadler finished. The winds were whipping flags at the Tournament Course at Redstone by then, and affecting every shot the players hit, including their putts.

"I thought it was going to die down,"

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Howard, 3-point shooters help Magic to revenge win over Mavs

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dwight Howard regularly dominates in the paint for the Orlando Magic. The X-factor for the Magic is their 3-point shooting.

Howard had 17 points, 20 rebounds and five blocked shots, and his teammates converted 14 of 24 attempts from 3-point range as the Magic atoned for an earlier loss to Dallas with a 97-82 victory over the Mavericks on Thursday night.

Reserve Mickael Pietrus had a season-high 24 points, making all six of his 3-point attempts, and Vince Carter added 19 points to help Orlando win for the 14th time in 16 games.

"We know how good we are," said Jameer Nelson, who scored 14 points. "We're not cocky or overconfident or anything, but we know we can beat anybody when we play our game. We played great defensively, pushed the ball and got good shots when we needed to."

Dirk Nowitzki scored 24 points to lead the Mavericks, whose three-game winning streak ended. Jason Terry and J.J. Barea had 16 points apiece in reserve roles for Dallas.

Nowitzki's fellow starters — Shawn Marion, Brendan Haywood, Caron Butler and Jason Kidd — combined for only 20 points.

Howard's shot-blocking helped limit the Mavericks to 31-for-81 shooting, and Dallas made only 4 of 14 from beyond the arc.

"Coach puts a lot on me to be the backbone of the defense and I just try to do my best erasing mistakes, but also give my teammates confidence that if they lock down their man, if they make a mistake and let their man drive, I'll be there," Howard said.

The Mavericks were 95-85 winners at Orlando on Feb. 19 in the only other meeting between the league powers this season. The Magic, who lead the

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Sports in brief

Big Spring ending Pony League signups

Today is the last weekday to sign up for the Big Spring Pony League at Gartman Refrigeration.

Signups will also be held at the Big Spring Mall Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Due to a rule change, 15-year-olds can pitch this year. Please bring a birth certificate to the signup.

Contact Bryan Kilgore at 816-2582 for more information.

Seven former Bulldogettes up for UIL All-Century team

The UIL is forming a softball all-century team on its Web site.

On the softball ballot are former Coahoma players Tara Sterling, pitcher; Shana Earnest, first base; Tori Elmore, third base; Brandi Hart and Cassie Tindol, outfield; and Kortney Kemper and Ruby Garcia, designated hitters. Vote until April 27.

The ballot is at: <http://uil100.org/vote-softball.php>

Thursday games postponed to today

The Big Spring Steers nondistrict baseball game scheduled with Seminole was postponed Thursday to tonight at Steer Park at 7 p.m.

The Steers lost to Seminole by one run earlier this season in the West Texas Classic in Midland as the Indians scored seven runs in the last two innings.

Coahoma's baseball and softball games scheduled at Wall were also postponed to today at 4 p.m.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

NCAA Tourney likely to expand

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The NCAA appears to be on the verge of expanding the men's basketball tournament to 96 teams.

Insisting that nothing has been decided, NCAA vice president Greg Shaheen nonetheless outlined a detailed plan that included the logistics and timing of a 96-team tournament, how much time off the players would have and

even revenue distribution.

Shaheen said the NCAA looked at keeping the current 65-team field and expanding to 68 or 80 teams, but decided the bigger bracket was best fit logistically and financially. It would be played during the same time frame as the current three-week tournament and include first-round byes for 32 teams.

Dayton wins NIT

NEW YORK (AP)

— Dayton denied last year's national champs another title and took home one of its own for the first time in 42 years.

Marcus Johnson scored 20 points and the Flyers handed North Carolina one more disheartening loss at the end of a lousy season, beating the Tar Heels 79-68 to win the NIT.

Reserve guard Paul Williams added 16 points for No. 3 seed Dayton (25-12), which bounced back from a

disappointing regular season to capture its third NIT title and first since 1968.

Houston hires new coach

HOUSTON (AP) — James Dickey has been hired as Houston's basketball coach, putting him in charge of a program for the first time since he was fired from Texas Tech in 2001.

Dickey replaces Tom Penders, who resigned less than two weeks

ago after leading the Cougars to their first NCAA tournament berth since 1992.

Dickey led the Red Raiders to unprecedented success in his tenure there, the height of which came in 1996 when they went 30-2 and reached the NCAA round of 16. But an NCAA investigation soon followed and the team struggled in the wake of scholarship losses.

Royals OF to try hand at pitching

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Kansas City Royals outfielder Brian Anderson is going to give pitching a try.

Anderson signed a \$700,000, one-year free-agent contract with the Royals in the offseason, but instead of taking a minor league assignment as an outfielder, the former first-round draft pick opted to go to the low minors and work his way back as a pitcher.

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the Buffs scored five to take a 10-5 lead. Elgen Suazo led off the inning with a single up the middle and stole second, scoring on a Lowery base hit. Burton knocked Lowery in with an RBI triple, eventually scoring on a wild pitch. Ryan Flores walked, Patrick Robles reached on an error and

Zack Dykes rounded out the scoring with a 2-RBI double.

Dykes went 3-for-4 on the day with three doubles, three RBI and two runs scored. Suazo went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and two stolen bases.

"From top to bottom today we hit the ball really well against two pretty good pitchers," Phillips said.

Ira's Rey Juarez was saddled with the loss,

lasting 3 1/3 innings and giving up seven runs on eight hits, though only two were earned. He struck out four and walked one.

"Hats off to those guys over there," Ira coach Bubba Edwards said. "They hit the baseball really well, got good pitching and they're a good team. We made some key errors there and they made some big hits to separate the game, but that's a sign

of a good team on their part."

The Buffs hit the road for a tough away game Tuesday at defending state champion Miles, which Forsan outlasted 11-10 on March 12. First pitch is at 5 p.m.

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HAWKS

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With a young Howard Hawks squad, Raines is trying to find the right mix of players.

"We have a lot of freshmen out there and not much sophomore leadership, so we have a young group of girls that have to learn to play back-to-back," she said. "Girls come in from high school and

they're used to playing one game and going, and it's hard to get them prepared to play a doubleheader every day for two days in a row."

The Hawks are currently sitting in fifth place in the WJAC standings, three games behind Odessa for the all-important fourth-place playoff spot. They get two more cracks at El Paso starting at noon today at Foundation Field.

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Percy said, "but it never did."

Phil Mickelson, Pdraig Harrington, Lee Westwood and 2007 champion Adam Scott were topped a group two strokes back at 69.

Ernie Els, coming off consecutive victories at Doral and Bay Hill, opened with 70. Fred Couples, who has won three straight starts on the Champions Tour,

shot a 71.

Several top players have come to Houston because they view the Redstone course as an ideal dry run for next week's Masters. Organizers have groomed the 7,457-yard layout to simulate the conditions at Augusta National, with fast greens, shaved mounds, light rough and the fairways mowed toward the tee.

Harrington said now that the tournament has started, the players

are focused on winning more than fine-tuning their games.

"It's all about trying to win the Houston Open," he said. "Augusta can wait three more days."

Kim was tied for the lead after making three straight birdies on his back nine, then finished with an adventurous bogey on the difficult 18th. Kim drove into the water, then hit his third shot off a corporate suite and over the water-guarded green. He pulled off a

spectacular pitch over the massive greenside bunker, and the ball stopped 2 feet away.

"I didn't like my chances there," Kim said. "I was looking right at the water and looked like the sand was pretty soft. So if I didn't hit it perfectly, it's going to be in one of those two spots."

Stadler, Taylor and Driscoll said they fed off each other, and they finished with six birdies apiece.

Taylor birdied five

of his first eight holes, sinking a 47-fooler on No. 3 and a 23-footer on No. 6. Driscoll made the turn at 2 under, then birdied three of his first five holes on the back nine to move within a shot of Taylor's lead.

Stadler then surged to 6 under with four straight birdies on the back nine. He settled for a 67 after a bogey on the last hole.

The water-lined, 472-yard 18th was the hardest hole in the first

round, playing to a 4.413-stroke average.

Defending champion Paul Casey withdrew Thursday morning because of a left shoulder injury. The 32-year-old Englishman called it "just a one-week thing" and won't keep him out of next week's Masters.

Vijay Singh withdrew with a back injury after playing nine holes, the third time in three weeks that he's pulled out of a tournament.

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NBA in 3-pointers made and attempted, connected on only 4 of 25 from beyond the arc in that loss.

"We got the same looks, we just moved the ball and shot with confidence," Carter said. "Some nights it's going to be like that."

Orlando's long-range shooters got off to a fast

start, hitting 4 of their first 7 from 3-point territory.

"The thing that killed us were the 3s," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "The last few times we've played them, we made a real effort to run 'em off the line and they missed shots they normally make."

Nowitzki scored 12 third-quarter points, but the rest of the Mavericks could manage only eight

more as Orlando raced to a 72-56 lead entering the final quarter.

Dallas pulled to 91-82 on Barea's layup with 1:14 left, but the Mavericks couldn't get any closer.

"It was a frustrating night," Marion said. "We couldn't get over the hump. We'd get within striking distance and they'd hit a 3."

The Magic went 8 for 13 from long range in the first half to build a 43-36 lead at the break.

Pietrus gave the Magic a lift in the second, scoring 13 of his team's first 14 points in the quarter.

"In the first half, that (3-pointers) was the only shot we could make," Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy said.

The Mavericks had one of their poorest offensive first halves of the season, threatening their season low of 33 before hitting a pair of baskets over the final 1:12 of the half.

The Mavericks might

have been a little weary after a 106-102 overtime victory in Memphis on Wednesday night, while the Magic had been off since Sunday's 103-97 home win over Denver.

"(The Mavericks) missed some shots they would normally make, didn't have legs, things like that," Van Gundy said.

NOTES: Pietrus was back in the rotation after sitting out three of the previous five games

because of a sprained left ankle. ... Dallas shot 35 percent in the first half and went 1 for 9 from 3-point range. ... Only six of Orlando's 14 first-half field goals were two-point baskets. ... Barea missed the previous two games because of a sore left ankle. ... The Magic had lost 11 of their previous 14 meetings with Dallas. ... Howard had his 40th career game with 20 or more rebounds.

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Dear Margo: A question for the ages

Dear Margo: I have some thoughts on monogamy. Some people are wired to funnel all their attention to one partner, but many are not. If I



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ask my partner to be true to me at the expense of being true to herself, I am setting myself up for inevitable heartbreak, and more importantly, I am insisting that she engage in unsustainable, self-destructive behavior. I will concede that most people would struggle mightily to develop the communication and relationship management

skills necessary to succeed in open or polyamorous relationships. Many people will fail in such attempts. Can it really be worse to acknowledge someone for who he is and what he needs than to pretend he's something else entirely? I prefer to be my partner's only partner,

but I have no chance of knowing whether this can happen unless she is free to say she prefers something else without any risk of stigma. When society stigmatized people who came out as gay, many gay people felt they had to pass for straight as long as possible. Current arrangements are no better for people who were not built to pour all their romantic attention into a single individual.

My husband's behavior that concern me — leaving his underwear on the floor for my daughter to pick up, leaving the baby's dirty diapers for my daughter to take care of after she's finished a 12-hour hospital shift, never saying "thank you" if I have picked up the tab for lunch or dinner when I am in town. But the party incident is, for me, the last straw — until the next straw!

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury, the planet of communication and daily activities, skips into pleasure-loving Taurus. If you've ever been tempted to live beyond your means, the upcoming weeks will test your resolve on such matters and trigger the need for increased self-control. Remember that the cost of luxury doesn't always have to be financial.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The energy is somewhat scattered, but you can combat this by making lists. Even if you think you can remember



HOLIDAY MATHIS

everything without the list, you'll be more thorough and effective if you write down what's on your mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Instead of asking for fewer problems, ask for more. More problems mean more solutions. This is how you become great. You're up to the task all weekend long, and your attitude says, "Bring it on!"

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You don't need anything outside of yourself. It's not necessary to search for sources of power — your power is inside you at all times. Becoming more capable is merely a matter of opening up and trusting yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your intellect is keen, and you'll be putting it to work by measuring, interpreting and analyzing the relevant factors that you and your loved ones are facing. Your data will contribute to a stellar game plan.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Every relationship has its own chemistry. You'll be sensitive to the dynamic that's forming between you and another person and, in some ways, will understand it for the first time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are open to anyone who can help you along your way. Teachers of all kinds will be attracted to you because you are so eager to learn. Also, books about historical figures hold something of value for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be attracted to high-stakes games. Love, power and money are the prizes to play for today. You could stumble upon a winner-takes-all situation, and you'll be pretty happy when the winner turns out to be you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know what the rules are, but you might choose to disregard them. Anyone can do what's expected of him, but it takes a truly creative person to stir up the kinds of surprises you'll turn out today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No matter how charming and affable you are, you can't control how others react to you. That's why you take such pleasure in the sweet reception you get today. They may even applaud you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's important to you that you keep your word. And yet, a situation may have been misrepresented to you when you signed up. If you've made a commitment and wish you hadn't, there will be a chance to get out of it today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's not always smooth for you, but take heart. Play for your own team, and root for yourself, too. Look back at your winning experiences to remind yourself what you are capable of.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Just because something doesn't make sense to you right now doesn't mean it's wrong. Too much logic will lead you away from a potentially grand adventure. Think with

your heart. **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 2). Some around you won't budge from their positions, but you move around with an open mind and learn about life from all angles. Your optimism will attract cheerful friends and colleagues. May features a new frequent destination and new transportation to get there. June brings a rich, creative collaboration. Taurus and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 14, 32, 16 and 39.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** A loved one is already impressed by you. Relax and your unpretentious style will make you even more impressive. **TAURUS:** Your experience and good judgment will carry you far in matters of love. **GEMINI:** Someone you used to know well thinks fondly of you. **CANCER:** You radiate a quiet serenity. It's most captivating to someone nearby. **LEO:** The one you want will be won over by your optimism. **VIRGO:** Keep your agreements with a loved one, and you'll continue to build mutual happiness. **LIBRA:** Embrace the developments of this weekend, and in time you will look back on this period as extremely fortuitous. **SCORPIO:** Brainstorm. Your ideas may be outrageous and unreasonable, but the fact that you have them is wildly attractive. **SAGITTARIUS:** Your personal life perks up after you pamper yourself all weekend. **CAPRICORN:** You will freshen your image with flattering clothes that set off your assets and attitude. **AQUARIUS:** Don't obsess over the status of your personal life. Be breezy — that's always the best, most attractive way. **PISCES:** There's nothing wrong with exploring your options — or keeping them open, for that matter.

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What a Guy!

Dear Margo: They say it is best for mothers to butt out, so I have not written a note to my son-in-law to tell him my opinion. I raised my daughter, now 35, as a single mother by choice. My daughter and her husband had a relationship for 12 years before they married. They now have a child, 5, and are expecting a second this spring. One night they went to a party and brought their son along because it was too late to find a babysitter. My daughter left the party after midnight with her child, and her husband decided to stay. No complaint about this. However, my daughter's husband let them go alone into the streets of Brooklyn to find a taxi. I am very distressed that he did not accompany them to make sure they were safely in a cab. I've seen firsthand other examples of her

husband's behavior that concern me — leaving his underwear on the floor for my daughter to pick up, leaving the baby's dirty diapers for my daughter to take care of after she's finished a 12-hour hospital shift, never saying "thank you" if I have picked up the tab for lunch or dinner when I am in town. But the party incident is, for me, the last straw — until the next straw!

I have discussed all these things with my daughter, but for reasons only she knows, she accepts being the submissive wife. My daughter put herself through college by dint of hard work. Her husband is also fully employed, but has a relatively stress-free, low-energy job compared to the situation my daughter works in. Do you think I should just cc my daughter's husband when I send this e-mail and let the chips fall where they may? — *Concerned Mother Glad She Never Married*

Dear Con: I say ix-nay to the cc because it will not shape him up, and the "chips" would most likely land on your head. Unfortunately, this chap doesn't sound like the answer to a maiden's prayers, but your daughter picked him, and she has chosen to ignore behavior that you and I would not tolerate. Considering that you've already discussed your distress with your daughter, there is nothing more to do. So, yes, what they say is true: It is best for mothers to butt out. — *Margo, wistfully*

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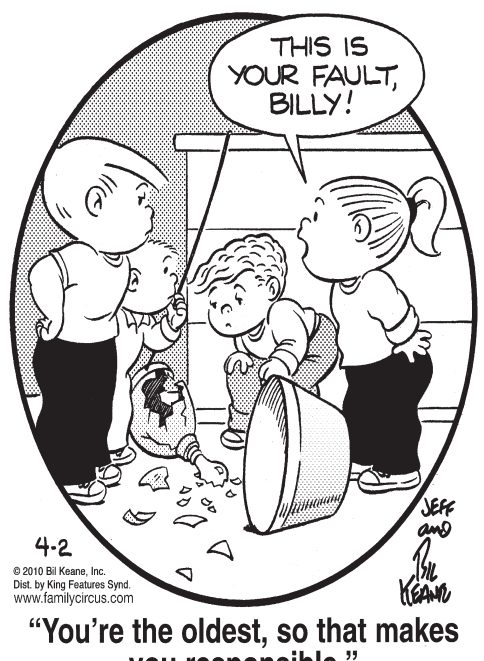
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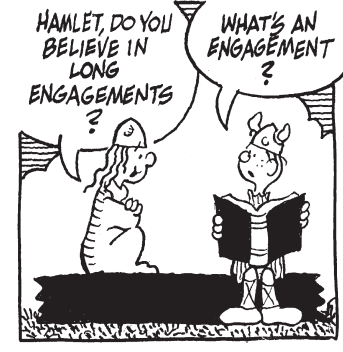
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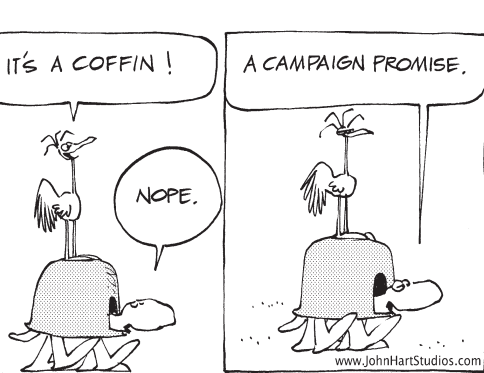
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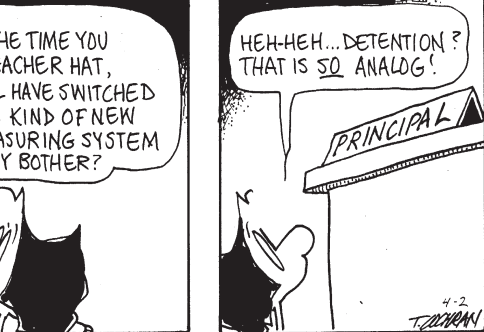
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This Date In History

Today is Good Friday, April 2, the 92nd day of 2010. There are 273 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 2, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy." (Congress declared war four days later.)

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon landed in present-day Florida.

In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1860, the first Italian Parliament met at Turin.

In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va., because of advancing Union forces.

In 1932, aviator Charles A. Lindbergh and John F. Condon went to a cemetery in the

Bronx, N.Y., where Condon turned over \$50,000 to a man in exchange for Lindbergh's kidnapped son. (The child, who was not returned, was found dead the following month.)

In 1956, the soap operas "As the World Turns" and "The Edge of Night" premiered on CBS television.

In 1974, French President Georges Pompidou died in Paris.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed into law a windfall profits tax on the oil industry. (The tax was repealed in 1988.)

In 1982, several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.)

In 1986, four American passengers were killed when a bomb exploded aboard a TWA jetliner en route from Rome to Athens, Greece.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Rita Gam is 82. Actress Sharon Acker is 75. Singer Leon Russell is 68. Jazz musician Larry Coryell is 67. Actress Linda Hunt is 65. Singer Emmylou Harris is 63. Social critic and

author Camille Paglia is 63. Actress Pamela Reed is 61. Rock musician Dave Robinson (The Cars) is 57. Country singer Buddy Jewell is 49. Actor Christopher Meloni is 49. Singer Keren Woodward (Bananarama) is 49. Country singer Billy Dean is 48. Actor Clark Gregg is 48. Actress Jana Marie Hupp is 46. Rock musician Greg Camp is 43. Rock musician Tony Fredianelli (Third Eye Blind) is 41. Actress Roselyn Sanchez is 37. Country singer Jill King is 35. Actor Adam Rodriguez is 35. Actor Jeremy Garrett is 34. Rock musician Jesse Carmichael (Maroon 5) is 31. Actress Bethany Joy Lenz is 29. Actor Jesse Plemons is 22.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

BEEKEEPERS by Doug Peterson
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Jewelry fastener
 - 6 Radar-screen feature
 - 10 Boring stuff
 - 14 Also-ran
 - 15 Ethiopian of opera
 - 16 Barely flow
 - 17 Autumn shade
 - 18 Ballpark beverage
 - 19 ___ Las Vegas
 - 20 Decade for chatterboxes?
 - 23 Not aboveboard
 - 24 One of the girls
 - 25 Seussical elephant
 - 28 Valuable debris?
 - 31 Breakfast meat
 - 35 Actors' alerts
 - 34 Pop-ups, e.g.
 - 36 Hardly at all
 - 37 Use a PDA, perhaps
 - 39 Sour mood
 - 40 Sleep-stage letters
 - 41 Land of Killarney
 - 42 Grows faint
 - 43 Can't stop talking about horse feed?
 - 47 Minn. college
 - 48 Confess, with "up"
 - 49 Floppy topper
 - 52 London cop/midwife?
 - 56 ___ Pet (novelty gift)
 - 58 Bee Gees family name
 - 59 From pole to pole
- DOWN**
- 1 Thick-soled shoes
 - 2 Homegrown director
 - 4 Eastern European
 - 5 Tries to swindle
 - 6 Treated with kid gloves
 - 7 Debt security
 - 8 Bordeaux brainstorm
 - 9 Short golf hole
 - 10 Adjective modifier
 - 11 Watch attachment
 - 12 Ingmar often cast her
 - 13 Place to unwind
 - 21 Icemen's org.
 - 22 Promises to pay
 - 26 Nostalgic tune
 - 27 Stacks, in a way
 - 28 Thor, for one
 - 29 Money-saving prefix
 - 30 One bound by vows
 - 31 Zingers
 - 32 Really bothered
 - 33 Thai's neighbor
 - 37 Like a boxer's weigh-in
 - 38 Part of HRH, sometimes
 - 39 Opinion
 - 41 Mideast flier
 - 42 Loyal supporters
 - 44 Out of focus
 - 45 Business magazine
 - 46 Interstate abbr.
 - 49 Former Ford, familiarly
 - 50 Taper off
 - 51 Birthday-balloon material
 - 53 Look at
 - 54 Spanish river
 - 55 Some farm workers
 - 56 Steal, slangily
 - 57 Medical insurance grp.

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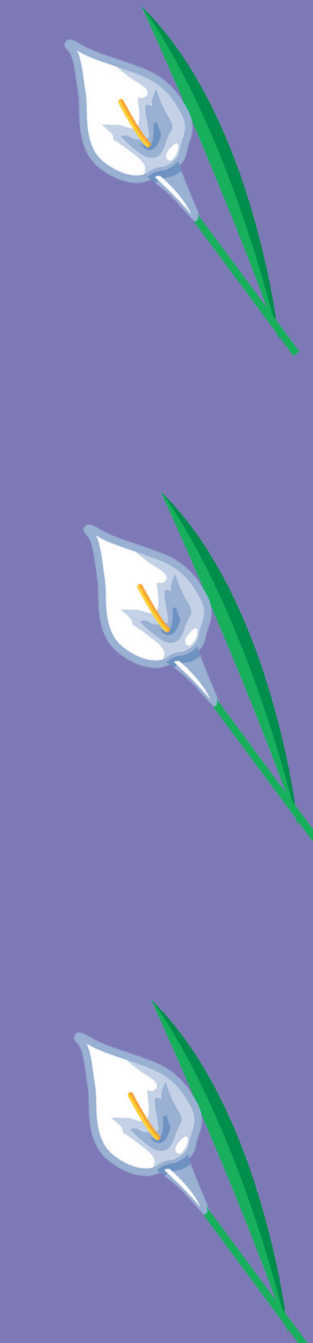
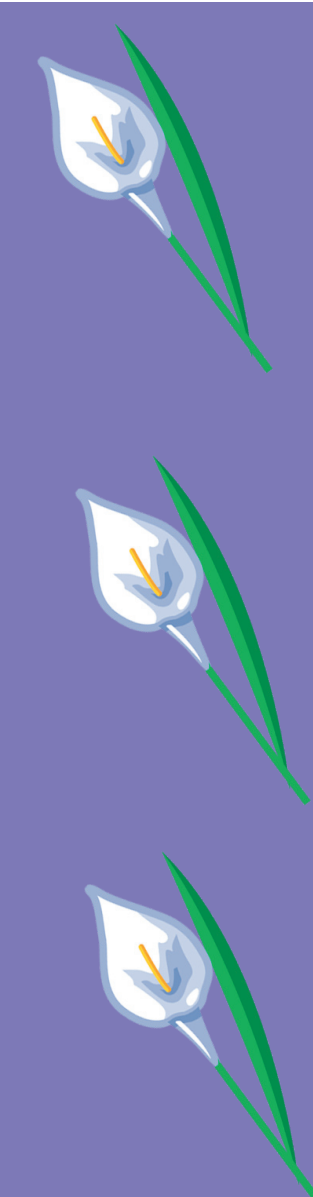
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