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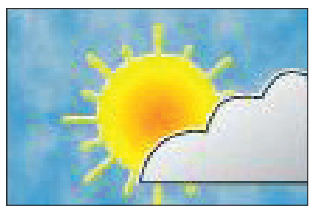
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WHAT'S GOING ON?

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY
 SWCIDfest. Events throughout the weekend.

SATURDAY
 Howard County Conservatives Tea Party, 10 a.m. to noon, Heart of the City Park. Call 270-8513.

Cars, Stars and Handlebars Goes Hollywood fundraiser for Big Spring State Hospital. Tickets are \$100 each and available at most banks. Big Spring Country Club, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY
 Big Spring PowWow. Dancing, drums, vendors, raffles and more. Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Call 263-3255.

SUNDAY
 Home Hospice Butterfly Release and Family Celebration. Dora Roberts Community Center, 2-4 p.m. Call 264-7599.

15 indicted by grand jury

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury indicted 15 people Thursday, including several for driving while intoxicated and forgery.

Among the true bills delivered by the grand jury were:

- Robert Lee Aldridge Jr., 25, of 105 Lockhart, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon (third-degree felony) and burglary of a vehicle (state jail felony).
- Frank Soto Castillo, 47, of 1112 N.

McGregor Road in Coahoma, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

- Daniel Patrick Collins, 29, of 7200 Centerpoint Rd., possession of marijuana (state jail felony).
- Cecelia Mendez, 33, of 7200 Centerpoint Rd., possession of marijuana (state jail felony).
- Stanley Lynn Fraley, 46, of 1506 Stadium, driving while intoxicated (first-degree felony, enhanced).
- Justin M. Ramirez, 22, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 8, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).

- Chris Ruiz, 40, of 1509 Vines, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).
- Jamie Lee Atkinson, 41, of 4202 Old Colorado City Highway, violation of a protective order (third-degree felony).
- Beverly Atwell, 55, of 1710 Laurie, securing execution of document by deception (state jail felony).
- Jordan Weston Hamilton, 21, of 1213 Lloyd, forgery (state jail felony).

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POWWOW

This year's version 'bigger and better,' officials anticipate

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Area residents will get a chance to learn more about Native American culture this weekend, as the Big Spring Powwow prepares to take to the floor of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday and Sunday.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
A woman in Native American regalia participates in a dance during a previous powwow.

According to Powwow Committee Treasurer Connie Lesser, the group wanted to improve this year's event, and that's exactly what they have done.

"When we sat down and started planning the 2010 powwow, one of the things we were shooting for was to make it bigger and better than ever," said Lesser. "Right now, the plans are in place and we're just trying to take care of the last minute things. And, from where we stand now, I really feel like this year's powwow is going to be bigger and better."

Funded mainly through sponsorships and donations, Lesser said the annual powwow is a community event.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
A truck kicks up water as it travels north on Scurry Street Thursday afternoon. The National Weather Service office in Midland reported that more than five inches of rain were received in parts of Howard County the past two days.

Drop in enrollment concerning for CISD

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

COAHOMA — An unexpected drop in enrollment has Coahoma Independent School District officials looking at belt-tightening measures.

When the current school year began, CISD officials anticipated a slight enrollment decrease because they were accepting fewer transfers than in past years. But the numbers at the start of the school year were lower than expected and they've steadily dropped even farther in recent months.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Coahoma Independent School District Board President Jody Reid, left, and Superintendent Randy Brown look over enrollment figures during the board's meeting Thursday evening.

The latest figures show 745 students enrolled in Coahoma schools, a drop of about 100 from the same time last year, CISD Superintendent Randy Brown said.

"It's been this way all year," Brown said. "Part of it was planned, but we certainly didn't plan for this."

"The best we can attribute it to is the economy," Brown added. "People are leaving the area and looking for jobs someplace else."

But Brown wasn't totally satisfied with that answer, because other area school district enrollments are either holding steady — like Big Spring and Forsan — or increasing, like Stanton.

Regardless of the reason, the enrollment drop is impacting the district financially — Brown estimated that the school district will face a \$70,000 budget shortfall this fiscal year.

"The good news is that we budgeted conservatively prior to the start of

the school year, although we didn't budget for this," Brown told CISD trustees during their Thursday meeting. "It's certainly not good news."

To make up for the shortfall,

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Obituaries

Nolan O. Parker

Nolan O. Parker, 83, of Stanton died Wednesday, April 14, 2010, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 19, 2010, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 2010, at the funeral home.

He was born Dec. 1, 1926, in Vera and married Martha Christine Rankin on Dec. 25, 1960, in Amherst. She preceded him in death Dec. 22, 2002.

Survivors include his loving companion, Willa Jo Yeater of Stanton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Louis and June Parker of Reno, Nev., and John and Lona Parker of Huntsville, Ala.; five grandchildren; and two sisters, Dorothy West of Dallas and Bonnie Garrett of Lafayette, La.

Gene Morgan

Gene Morgan, 77, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Memorial graveside services with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 19, 1932, in Bristow, Okla., to Marie and Fred Morgan. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1969. He retired from the U. S. Air Force. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Air Force Sergeant's Society.

He is survived by his daughter, Cecilia J. (Janie) Morgan of Big Spring; his sister, Jan Munroe of Winter Park, Fla.; two nieces and one nephew.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn Louise Morgan; and a daughter, Virginia Gale Morgan.

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

Clarence Brown

Clarence Brown, 82, of Big Spring died Friday, April 16, 2010, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Ronnie Palmer

Ronnie Palmer, 66, of Big Spring died Friday, April 16, 2010, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

American Legion Post 506, located at 3203 W. Highway 80, will have a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Plates are \$10 each; carryouts will be available. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084.

Howard County Conservatives are organizing a Tea Party for 10 a.m. until noon Saturday at the Heart of the City Park in Big Spring. For more information, contact Bo Fryar at 270-8513.

Home Hospice is looking for adult volunteers and junior volunteers. New training time will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Hospice office, 111 E. Seventh St. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

Home Hospice will hold a Butterfly Release and Family Celebration from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Anyone who wishes to personally release a live butterfly may do so for a \$25 donation to the Hospice House Foundation. Names will be read during a memorial service and butterflies will be released as a way to say "thank you" for the way our lives have been brightened. There will be musical entertainment, balloons and activities for children. Refreshments will be available.

Aggie Muster will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Lake Room at Dora Roberts Community Center. Cost is \$20. RSVP djgaskins@hotmail.com or 268-3493.

Coahoma Choir Kids' spring concert will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria. Admission is free.

Police blotter

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

- KELLI ANN MCADAMS, 28, of 2401 E. FM 700, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with an open container – second offense.
- ASSAULT was reported: In the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 1500 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In the 700 block of E. 11th Place.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1000 block of W. Eighth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 51 inmates at the time of this report.
- KELLI ANN MCADAMS, 28, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated with open container.
- FLORENCIO A. CARRILLO, 20, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage and failure to appear.
- AUBREY STEVEN MCDONALD, 28, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance – more than four grams, less than 200 grams.
- MARYLINDA LOPEZ, 44, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of N. Ninth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Oasis. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

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.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 4/17	Sun 4/18	Mon 4/19	Tue 4/20	Wed 4/21
62/50	69/53	68/52	72/52	80/58
Shows early then thunder-showers developing later in the day. High 62F.	Shows ending by midday. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s.	Partly cloudy, chance of a thunder-storm.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM

Texas At A Glance



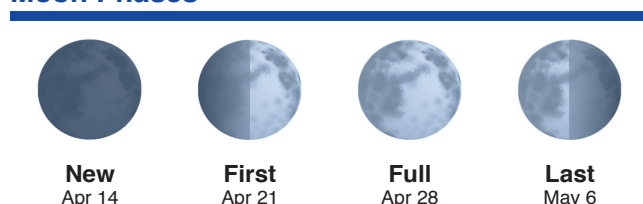
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	63	54	rain	Kingsville	77	63	t-storm
Amarillo	54	44	rain	Livingston	78	55	t-storm
Austin	70	57	rain	Longview	73	54	rain
Beaumont	80	58	rain	Lubbock	58	48	rain
Brownsville	77	67	t-storm	Lufkin	79	58	t-storm
Brownwood	70	56	rain	Midland	60	53	rain
Corpus Christi	73	64	t-storm	Raymondville	79	65	t-storm
Corsicana	72	57	rain	Rosenberg	77	59	t-storm
Dallas	72	58	rain	San Antonio	72	60	t-storm
Del Rio	74	61	t-storm	San Marcos	71	57	rain
El Paso	73	54	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	72	56	rain
Fort Stockton	62	55	t-storm	Sweetwater	61	53	rain
Gainesville	67	53	rain	Tyler	73	56	rain
Greenville	71	54	rain	Weatherford	68	54	rain
Houston	77	59	t-storm	Wichita Falls	64	53	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	78	47	pt sunny	Minneapolis	69	42	sunny
Boston	43	36	rain	New York	54	44	rain
Chicago	60	37	sunny	Phoenix	88	62	sunny
Dallas	72	58	rain	San Francisco	69	48	pt sunny
Denver	58	43	rain	Seattle	65	49	rain
Houston	77	59	t-storm	St. Louis	70	45	mst sunny
Los Angeles	75	55	mst sunny	Washington, DC	60	46	windy
Miami	79	70	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sat 4/17	Sun 4/18	Mon 4/19	Tue 4/20	Wed 4/21
4	6	9	9	10
Moderate	High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 12-14-15-28. Bonus Ball: 22.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$225,000

Winning ticket purchased in: Dallas.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-13-22-27-36.

Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-4-5-1. Sum It Up: 17.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-2-7. Sum It Up: 15.

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State briefs

2 dead in Dallas, car falls 40 feet to creekbed

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police say two people died when their car went off a highway bridge and landed upside down into a creekbed about 40 feet below the roadway.

Lt. Miguel Sarmiento says speed and alcohol may have been factors in the crash early Friday, which left a man and a woman dead.

Investigators are trying to determine if the male driver had been racing with another vehicle.

Names of the victims were not immediately released.

Boy's body found in Wylie

WYLIE (AP) — Wylie police are trying to identify the body of a preschool-age boy found in a grassy area near Lavon Lake.

A worker mowing around a pond discovered the body. Autopsy results were pending Friday.

Detective Venece Perepiczka (vuh-NEES' per-PETCH'-kuh) says no missing child reports match information about the youngster. Investigators believe the boy, likely between the ages of 3 and 5, might have been a special needs child.

Perepiczka says the property where the body was found Thursday is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Wylie is 20 miles northeast of Dallas.

Judge nixes publicizing some State Farm rates

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge in Austin is blocking Texas regulators from publicizing some documents on two rate hikes by State Farm Insurance Cos.

District Judge Stephen Yelenosky issued a temporary order sought by State Farm, which cited competitive reasons to keep private the information on homeowners rates.

The Dallas Morning News reported Friday that the judge did not rule out changing his mind if Insurance Commissioner Mike Geeslin formally decides that the twin rate filings are "insufficient" without the documents.

Company spokesman Kevin Davis says State Fair appreciates Thursday's court ruling and awaits the next steps.

Department officials declined comment until seeing the judge's written order.

Texas in 2003 ordered State Farm to cut rates by 12 percent and issue refunds.

The lawsuit, filed in March, is part of State Farm's refusal. The company says its rates are fair.

'Scarecrow Bandit' gets 29 life sentences

DALLAS (AP) — Another "Scarecrow Bandit" has been sentenced to multiple life sentences without parole for a series of north Texas bank heists.

U.S. District Judge Jane J. Boyle ordered 43-year-old Charles Runnels to serve the 29 life sentences consecutively.

Runnels is the next-to-last "Scarecrow Bandit" to be sentenced for a series of 2008 holdups in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. No sentencing date has been set for 43-year-old Tony R. Hewitt. Prosecutors say Hewitt and 29-year-old Corey Deyon Duffey were leaders of the gang. Duffey already has been sentenced to 354 years in prison.

Also sentenced previously were 32-year-old Antonyo Reece, sentenced to 140 years in federal prison, and 30-year-old Jarvis Dupree Ross, who received a 330-year prison sentence. None of the sentences do not carry the possibility of parole.

The group was called "Scarecrow Bandits" because of loose shirts and floppy hats worn during some robberies.

Gingrich addresses tea party rally in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Flag-waving tea party activists gathered at tax-day rallies around Texas on Thursday, denouncing big government while cheering on former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich and other politicians.

Gov. Rick Perry wasn't set to address any of the rallies where thousands were expected from El Paso to Tyler, but he did warn organizers to watch their backs for liberals trying to make them look bad.

About 300 turned out to hear Gingrich and watch him sign a tea party pledge at an Austin hotel — chanting "Newt!" when a moderator asked about his political plans. Gingrich dodged the moderator's question but later told reporters he didn't know if he'd run for president 2012.

Gingrich, well-known for his support of the Contract With America that helped Republicans recapture Congress in 1994, drew loud applause and hoots when he signed a pledge called the Contract From America, in which tea partyists ask those seeking elected office to adhere to 10 core conservative principles.

Gingrich praised the movement as cru-

cial to conservatives' chances of taking back Congress and the White House.

"I would be very concerned if the tea party movement drifted into a third party because if we split our side, we re-elect Pelosi and Obama," he said to cheers. He drew applause from the crowd when he predicted a balanced budget amendment would emerge as a major issue this summer and when he repeatedly called for the repeal of President Barack Obama's health care legislation.

Gingrich got a rock star greeting at the event, drawing a prolonged standing ovation and repeated applause throughout his speech. As the event concluded, throngs of people followed him out of the room, seeking his autograph and snapping pictures.

Although Republicans are ideological allies of many tea partiers — and GOP operatives are involved in some of the organizations — they are also part of the establishment that many in the movement want to upend.

At other tea party rallies across the country, Republican participation drew opposition. In Wisconsin, a half dozen tea party groups from around the state decided to boycott Thursday's rally in Madison because former Republican Gov. Tommy Thompson was among the speakers.

Nuclear missile protestor arrested in ND

PARSHALL, N.D. (AP) — A Texas man has been jailed after allegedly jumping the fence surrounding a nuclear missile launch site in northwest North Dakota.

Authorities identified the man as James Sauder of San Antonio. Sauder told The Minot Daily News in a telephone call from the missile site before he was arrested that he was peacefully protesting nuclear weapons.

FBI Special Agent Paul McCabe said the investigation was ongoing but that terrorism did not appear to be involved.

Sauder was jailed on felony criminal trespass charges. Authorities did not immediately decide on possible federal charges.

The Minuteman III missiles that dot the northwest North Dakota countryside are maintained by Minot Air Force Base.

Southwest CEO gets compensation of \$1.6M in '09

NEW YORK (AP) — Southwest Airlines Co. gave its top executive nearly \$1.6 million in total compensation last year, about

2 percent lower than the year before, according to an Associated Press analysis of a regulatory filing Friday.

The biggest chunk of CEO Gary Kelly's compensation came in the form of a \$590,000 bonus last year, up 28 percent from 2008. He also received stock options valued at \$462,990 on the day they were granted, down 24 percent from a year earlier.

Kelly received a base salary of \$441,750 last year, only slightly higher than the \$441,121 he made in 2008. The airline was one of only three domestic carriers that reported a profit in 2009.

JURY

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- Aaron Henderson, 49, of 2107 Carl, criminal mischief (state jail felony).
- Genettia Ann Hughes, 40, of 1002 N. Main St., forgery (state jail felony).
- Deborah Sue Robinson, 47, of 801 Anna, tampering with a governmental record (third-degree felony).
- James Patrick Thompson, 38, of 1405 Stanford, forgery (two counts, both state jail felonies).
- Kerri Dawn Tindol, 37, of 104 W. 13th St., driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

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Lonnie Raney, 79, died Saturday. Memorial Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Baptist Church.

Gene Morgan, 77, died Tuesday. Memorial graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Ronnie Palmer, 66, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

POWWOW

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community event and not just aimed at people of Native American descent.

"Our local businesses, who help sponsor the event, are also a huge part of what we do," said Lesser. "It costs anywhere from \$8,000 to \$10,000 to put it on each year. Volunteers are also a big part of what we do. Honestly, without the volunteer help we have each year, I don't think we'd be able to pull it off."

"The powwow is an excellent chance for people in Big Spring and the surrounding areas to get a first-hand look at the dancing and culture of the Native American people. It doesn't matter where you were born or your heritage

comes from, the powwow is an amazing thing to see and be a part of."

Arena director is Fabian Galvan of Lubbock and emcee for the event is Tim Harjo of Ada, Okla., both of whom are returning after participating in last year's powwow.

"It's always a help to be able to bring folks back from the previous year. They already have a feel for how things are run, and that can be a tremendous help," said Lesser. "But don't think you're going to show up at the powwow and just see the same people, year after year. We work hard to bring in new people each year, as well. We want the event to feel fresh and fun for everyone."

According to committee treasurer Randy McKin-

ney, the powwow is not a religious event, but will certainly help those in attendance lift their spirits.

"The powwow is a social event and there is no Native American religion involved; there will be no medicine men and no ceremonies," said McKinney. "A powwow is a wonderful experience; the drum alone will lift your heart and make your feet want to dance."

"Dancing has always been a big part of the Native American culture, as it has in many cultures. Most people thin of war dances or rain dances. However, Native Americans dance for many reasons — a good hunt or harvest, marriage or childbirth, or just for the fun of it. These dances would last for days."

Admission is \$5 for

adults and free for children 12 years and younger. Doors open at 10 a.m. and dancing begins at 11 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's performance will end at 10 p.m., while Sunday's powwow activities are slated to last until 5 p.m.

Vendors offering many different wares will also be available and a food drive is scheduled with all donated canned goods given to local food banks.

"The vendors will be selling all kinds of Native American wares, from jewelry and art to food, like the traditional fry bread," said Lesser. "There will also be a silent auction, so it should be a lot of fun for everyone in the family."

For more information about the powwow, contact Lesser at 264-8203, or

visit the Powwow Committee's Web site at www.powwowbigspring.net

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Brown is looking into the possibility of not filling some positions once they become vacant, although nothing definite has been decided at this time. And, if need be, officials can make up the shortfall by dipping into reserve funds,

he said.

"Whatever we do, we're not going to do anything that's detrimental to programs or detrimental to classroom instruction," Brown said. "We're not in dire straits here."

Brown firmly believes that enrollment figures will stabilize soon.

"If we end up with fewer numbers than in the past, I don't necessarily see that

as a negative. We'll just have to make some adjustments," he said. "I'm confident enrollment will level off in the near future. I don't see it decreasing much more."

Also Thursday, trustees approved:

- Waivers for six early release days for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Policy review recommendations.

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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:

- Jim Little on his being named 2010 General Aviation Airport Manger of the Year by the Texas Department of Transportation and the FAA. It's the highest honor that can be bestowed upon an airpark manager.

- The Howard County Historical Commission, which received the 2009 Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission, one of just 80 agencies to receive the award from a field of 254.

- All those who took part in the Howard College CTE Round-Up Open House on Tuesday night.

- All those who took part in the 28th annual Health Fair, which was held Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

- Larry Rodgers, who has accepted the position of chief executive officer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. He had been serving as interim CEO since February.

- The runners and walkers who participated in the 12th annual Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk held Saturday at the Big Spring State Park.

- All those who took part in Keep Big Spring Beautiful's participation in the "Don't Mess With Texas" Trash Off on Saturday, part of the Great American Cleanup.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we are with You, Lord, we're at the right place at the right time.

Amen

Experiencing a real power drain

I have had the blessing of having a really good landlord over the years. The owner of our rented church facility is a childhood friend of mine, Julie McMurry Thames, who has been a wonderful host to us for more than 12 years.

I recently had to tell her that we will be moving out because the good people at First Baptist in Joshua are selling their building to us and are allowing us to move in sometime in early October.

It's a huge upgrade for our band of believers and a dream come true for all of our leadership team.

I'll tell you more about that in the weeks to come, but let me first tell you about an issue with another rented property.

About 10 years ago, we began renting a building — not belonging to my friend Julie — which we used as our youth facility.

It was old and run down, and lacked even a bathroom, but we accepted the challenge of a huge renovation and built it from the inside out.

After four months of hard work, we were able to open a facility for teenagers to hang out and for young lives to be changed.

We called it the Power House, and as it turned out, the name would be prophetic — our first electric bill there was somewhere around \$850.00 — and other than during the construction, we were not even using the building.

We had professional electricians come over to see what the problem was, and, it turned out, there was no problem. Every month after that, no matter what, our electricity bill would

be some where in the order of \$1,000.

Though it was terrible and a huge financial strain on a little ministry like ours, we decided to go ahead and keep the facility because: No. 1, we have a huge heart for reaching teenagers; No. 2, we spent more than \$8,000 getting the building operable; and No. 3, we were locked into a contract with our landlord.

For 10 years, we kept up the building, never missed a rental payment and loved on teenagers while watching that electricity bill get bigger and bigger.

Mind you, we only use the building one night a week. This year, the electricity bill went above \$1,500 for several months in a row, and I finally had enough.

We began moving out last month while moving our youth services to Saturday night in our other facility. In the process, we turned off all the electricity and the meter was still spinning. We did a little investigating and discovered the surrounding buildings don't have a meter at all. Someone has been stealing electricity from us for more than 10 years.

The Texan in me wants to go to war over such a thing, and I am still contemplating it, but the whole thing has made me think a lot about the subject of a power drain.

It's just not an option for me to live a spiritually powerless life. I don't want to miss out on what Paul calls "the exceeding greatness of His power to us who believe."

We receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on us (Acts 1:8). Living life in the Spirit, by the Spirit, is a constant work in progress for all Christians. We get to live and operate in a different spirit and attitude than the world we live in.

I love that.

We learn of the power of God

through, "great and precious promises" (II Peter 1:3-4). We unwrap and discover our destiny as we continually discover who the Lord is to us. That power goes to "all things that pertain to life and godliness."

It's learning to pray and learning to throw a curve ball. It's wrapping our heads around theology and understanding the housing market. It's raising our kids and leaving a legacy. God's power is for everything we are involved in.

We see the power of God in our lives when our character reflects "all patience and long suffering with joyfulness" (Colossians 1:11). Now we're talking supernatural power to not throw a constant fit — to live in conflict without living in strife. Come on Jesus!

I know right now, there are lots of things out there with the purpose of stealing my power.

Let me serve the devil notice, you cosmic punk, you can't have it. There are too many people depending on me, and the person reading this, to continue to allow you to steal from us anymore.

We choose to partner with God and put an end to the drainage as of right now. It is my responsibility to be full of the Spirit and to live life in such a way that is more about Easter morning than Good Friday.

So, Elvis has left the building but with a right mind and a right heart. Since I couldn't turn off the electricity, I thought it wise to go ahead and shut off the water at my meter.

It turns out I couldn't do that either. As soon as I did, the neighbors came out and said I had shut all the water off to their building.

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Cruise statistics that impress

Selective statistics are handy for point-proving, even if they are "apples vs. oranges" comparisons. This thought came to mind recently when my wife and I boarded a cruise ship at Port Everglades, Fla. We were unwitting participants on an historic day when a record 52,000 guests boarded nine cruise ships on a single day.

To gain perspective, consider that in 1930, 42,000 Americans flew internationally during the entire year from all U.S. airports. Thus, travelers cruising to international ports on one day from one port eclipsed the 1930 international flight totals by 10,000 persons.

Little wonder, really, that Port Everglades is poised to become No. 1 among world cruise ports within a year.

Weather in south Florida is typically inviting, locals have invested heavily in the cruise port, area attractions abound, and transition from airports/hotels to ships is short and seamless for the 3.5 million cruise guests expected this year. (The number is expected to double in the next 20 years.)

Within a matter of minutes, visitors savor both the topical beauty of a tropical paradise and the sights and sounds of their floating vacation home.

We were among some 2,000 guests eager for pampering by a crew of about 800 persons, most of them from Indonesia and the Philippines.

The array of activities, enter-

tainment venues, dining choices and comfortable accommodations did not surprise. In fact, we've grown to expect such treatment.

We've also learned to expect the unexpected. It happened again on Holland America Line's five-star Westerdam during its 2,200-nautical mile pilgrimage to the eastern Caribbean.

Accenting the modern vessel are works of art and sculptures from the 1800's, richly augmented by breath-taking floral arrangements at every hand. We learned that up to 20 crates of fresh flowers are delivered to the ship for each weekly departure.

During a 30-hour period, in port and a long first-day at sea, florist Sjoukje Hospes creates memorable arrangements that elicit "oohs and aaahs" from guests. Her handiwork — some of it massive — is admired throughout the ship.

Some guests, in awe of her creations, have to touch the blossoms, making sure they are real.

A 35-year floral veteran, she favors calla lilies and roses, and tries to "stick with the seasons" in her designs.

Her inspiration for "artistry with flowers" often comes during bike rides ashore at Grand Turk, San Juan, St. Maarten and on HAL's private island, Half Moon Cay, Bahamas.

What does she miss most about Holland, her homeland? Tulips, of course.

It's a given that talented chefs uphold five-star dining promises, turning out some 60,000 meals for guests and crew.

Equally memorable are fascinating new friends. We favor open seating at dinner, increasing our chances to meet people from many walks of life.

Remembered new acquaintances include:

- A former crane operator who helped build the World Trade Center.

- A retired couple on their 75th cruise.

- A man-and-wife anesthetist team.

- A couple, he 96 and she 89, who faithfully walk on a treadmill daily. They depend on each other; she can hear; he can see.

- Three Canadian women trumpeting national health care, their voices drowned out by guests of opposite opinion.

- A veteran minister who claims his piano-playing wife helped him get some pastorates.

Port memories include a free trolley ride around San Juan and its four-centuries-old forts and castles, handcrafts at every stop and funny T-shirt messages.

Try these:

- "Don't need encyclopedia, my wife knows everything"

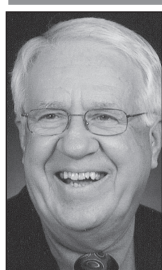
- "I am NOT bossy; I just have better ideas"

- "Parrots of the Caribbean"

- "Time flies when you're having rum"

The only line on board ship that didn't shorten quickly was the queue of folks signing up for their next cruise. The other "line" was verbal, posed by what must have been a first-time cruiser: "What religion are the folks who wear patches behind their ears?" I think it may have been her husband who earlier asked her, "Does the Westerdam have satellite TV or cable?"

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Church News

Baptist Temple

This Sunday our morning message will be "Hedonistic Religion" from Acts 4:32-5:11. Ananias and Sapphira paid the ultimate price for serving themselves instead of serving God. We must be careful that we don't fall into the same trap that they did.

Sunday evening's message will be from 1 Corinthians 13. We can do a lot of great things, but if we don't have the love for God and love for others, then none of what we do will matter.

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

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

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

You are always welcome here. Sundays, we have classes for all ages starting at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesdays, we have groups for all ages starting at 7 p.m.

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

Cornerstone Covenant Church Youth Group

Cornerstone Covenant Church's youth will hold several fund-raising events in the near future to help raise money for their trip to summer camp.

The first of those will be "Youth Nite" at Skateland and is set for 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday. Admission will be \$5 per person and includes skate rentals. The concession stand will be open.

A second event will be at the Pizza Inn from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, May 3.

The church's youth will wait on customers that evening and all tips will go to help defray the costs of attending the youth group's camp trip to southeastern Texas in June.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church to present Big Spring High's Honor Band in concert

St. Mary's Episcopal Church will host its annual Eastertide Offerings concert at 12:05 p.m. Thursday, April 22.

Special guest artists will be the Big Spring High School Honor Band under the direction of Rocky Harris. This will be the band's 10th year as guests of St. Mary's.

The program will feature selections the band recently played for the 2010 University Interscholastic League Band Concert and Sightreading Contest where it took Sweepstakes by receiving superior ratings in every category.

The pieces that will be performed during the concert are "The National Game" by Sousa; "La Fiesta Mexicana" by Reed and "Summer Dances" by Balmages.

The concert will be approximately 30 minutes in length, and there is no admission charge. A light lunch will be provided to attendees free of charge by St. Mary's Episcopal Church Women immediately following the concert.

St. Mary's is located at 10th and Goliad in Big Spring.

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 Paul Willis will be preaching this Sunday. His message will be "From Fear To Courage," based on

Being open minded doesn't mean having an empty head

"Have an open mind," the world tells us. "Think outside the box. Color outside of the lines. Accept the unacceptable, believe the unbelievable, and tolerate the intolerable."



BONNIE WHEAT

History has shown us the value of open mindedness. The Wright brothers went beyond the limits of known technology in creating a flying machine when nobody else thought it was possible. Utilizing limited knowledge,

Thomas Edison failed time and time again until he discovered the correct way to make a light bulb, and Henry Ford manufactured a line of affordable cars that changed transportation in America. All of our great inventions have been the result of the openness of some great mind.

However, all of those great inventions grew out of the previous knowledge stored in someone's mind. Inspiration and creativity were the result of knowledge added to knowledge, not pure chance. Instead of old information being tossed aside, it became the magnet for attracting more information. Wisdom and experience prevented blunder while open mindedness generated change and improvement.

In the spiritual realm, however, some have discarded traditional values and biblical knowledge in the name of open mindedness. Godly wisdom is sometimes pushed aside in favor of more popular ideologies. Instead of Scripture being the building block of great ideas, it has become the stumbling block that many try to avoid. Believing that Scripture is outdated, they search in vain for meaning and happiness.

The gospel writer Luke records the verbal exchange between Jesus and the disciples just before His ascension into heaven. Luke writes that after Jesus reminded them about the things they had learned from the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms, Jesus "...

opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Luke 24:45 NASB).

It is interesting to note that Jesus didn't spend time teaching His disciples what the Scripture had to say. They already knew that. He opened their minds to understand what they had already been taught. Perhaps you and I would benefit from asking God to open our minds to His Word. We don't need to empty our heads of any previous knowledge; we should be adding to our biblical knowledge daily. We just need to have our minds opened so that we can understand and apply God's Word to our lives.

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scripture from Acts 9: 1-6.

Encouraging Words: "A half century of living should put a good deal into a person's face (i.e. a joyful countenance) besides a few wrinkles and some unwelcome folds around the chin." — Frances Parkinson Keyes.

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

Remember God loves each of us with a love so great He sent His son to die for our sins that we might live for Him now and with Him eternally.

First United Methodist

This Sunday the United Methodist Women will be in charge of both services of worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Shirley Shroyer will be the lay leader and Amy Burchett will bring the children's sermon. Guest speaker for the day will Pam Zwickey, representative of the conference board. Her message will be titled "Did You Think To Pray?" with scripture readings from James and Thessalonians.

Anyone interested in the mission trip to Matagalpa, Nicaragua, in August is urged to contact Pastor Sharon or Murray Murphy, as the deadline for registration draws near. Sponsored by United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, this promises to a trip of exploration, teaching, learning and partnership.

The Family and Parish Life Committee is busy planning a First Young Families Fun Night. This hamburger supper and "Wii Event" is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for parents and their young children. There will be lots of good food as well as high-tech games and entertainment. "Wii" hope all our young families will join the fun.

Our Youth Group, as well as its sponsors, is hard at work with fundraisers to finance the ROTC (Reaching Out Thru Christ) Mission Trip. This summer they are teaming up with a group from First Methodist, Midland, and the surrounding area on a mission to build wheelchair ramps and make other home repairs for the elderly and handicapped. On Sunday, April 25, there will be a spaghetti dinner and slave sale in Garrett Hall following the late service.

The Epworth Sunday School Class will be having its spring social Monday, April 26. Beginning at 6 p.m., there will be a hamburger supper, followed by special musical entertainment featuring Howard College student Ronnie Graham. Ann and Buddy Duncan are lead hosts for the event.

It's time to start thinking Lord's

Acre. It's an "even year," and that means this fun-filled event is back on schedule. There will be a planning meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Pathmaker's class. Chuck and Bonnie Millier will chair the event, which has proved so popular in the past. All those who have served on the committee in the past and all those interested in helping this year are urged to attend. Mark your calendar, the Lord's Acre will be Saturday, Oct. 2, all over the place at First Methodist, located at Fourth and Scurry, where families grow in Christ.

First Presbyterian, Coahoma

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

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

Carl W. Crouch, a retired minister from Lamesa, is preaching in the absence of the pastor. Please make him welcome. We appreciate having Linda Miracle and Delores Currie as our musicians while Pam Hicks is incapacitated.

The lectionary for Sunday is Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; and John 20:19-31.

The lectionary for next Sunday is Psalm 23 and Matthew 16:13-18.

Tom will be in the pulpit May 2. The lectionary is Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; and John 13:31-35. May 2 will be a Communion Sunday and the worship service will be followed by a covered dish lunch. The Session will meet Thursday, May 6, at 5:57 p.m. in the church social hall.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Session will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the church library.

Please contact Patti Horton to purchase Mother's Day cards for the New Workers Malaria Prevention Program. Junior high and senior high youth interested in going on this year's mission trip need to sign up in the church office.

Jennifer Patterson is slated as liturgist for the month.

The lectionary for Sunday is Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14;

and John 21:1-19. The choir will offer "Alleluia, Alleluia" by Noble Cain as its anthem and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" by Gilbert M. Martin for the offertory anthem.

If you cannot attend worship, listen to 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.fpchs.org. There, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Holstedt.

East Fourth Street Baptist

Work has begun for Vacation Bible School. We had training last Saturday morning, received literature and assignments. Our work days are April 15-17, April 22-24, May 13-15 and May 20-22. We can choose other days also, whatever works into your schedule. Thanks to all those who are participating this year.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church is located at 401 E Fourth St. We welcome you to come share time of worship with us. Our Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m., family worship at 11 a.m. and Sunday evening service at 6 p.m.

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. we have Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, Youth Bible Study and Music, and Children Bible Study and Music; and Saturday mornings at 7 a Men's Bible Study is held. For more information, call the church office at 267-2291.

Work is continuing on the second floor of our church to complete the classrooms and flower storage room. Thanks to all the guys who have been a part in all the renovation of the upstairs.

We welcome you to come be a part of one or more of our services. Keith Weaver is our pastor.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

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

The next meeting is May 13. Please mark your calendar.

At this month's meeting we will honor the 2003 Walks: Women's Walk 31, Jackie Henry; Men's Walk 32, Brandon Iden; Women's Walk 33, Cindy Worthan; and Men's Walk 34, Mark Hyatt. Please plan to attend. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

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Remember, the battle is not ours

No matter how successful we are, we all face challenges, struggles, and times when things appear to be going downhill fast on a slippery slope. We have all run up against the wall with what appears to be no exit leading out. However, the Bible says that temptations, trials, and difficulties come for our good. Life was never designed for us to lie around in the sunshine taking our ease with never a hint of a trial or problem.



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Trials come to test our mettle, to see what we are made of, and to prove our character and faith. Even though we don't enjoy the adversity, God uses it to define and refine us and to make us into better, stronger people. Trials harden us as soldiers for other hardships that will come our way. Yes, as long

as we live, we will always have our share of problems to overcome. We cannot run from the hard things in life, otherwise we would all be weaklings.

Genesis 22 tells the story of Abraham when God tested him to, "Take up now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering."

Even though Abraham had awaited the birth of Isaac for 25 years, he did not question God. He obediently arose early the next morning and saddled his donkey in preparation of the trip. He split the wood that was to be used for the burnt offering, took two of his young men, along with Isaac, and went to the place God had told him to go.

On the third day of the journey, "Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off where he was to sacrifice Isaac. Then Abraham said to the two young men with him, 'Stay here with the donkey; the lad (Isaac) and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to

you.'" Does this give you an inkling of the faith Abraham had in God? Abraham knew that God would spare Isaac. He knew God would prepare an offering for him other than his son. But God also knew that Abraham was a man of strong faith and that he would do anything God required of him.

"So Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering, laid it on Isaac, and took the fire in his hand, and the knife, and the two of them went together to the place of the offering. As the two of them journeyed on together, Isaac said to his father, 'Look, Father, we have the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?'" Abraham answered and said, 'My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.' So the two of them journeyed on."

When they arrived at the place that God had told him, Abraham built an altar, placed the wood in order as he had been instructed, then he bound Isaac and laid him on the altar. Can you imag-

ine what must have been going through Abraham's and Isaac's minds? Yet not once did Abraham complain, murmur, or feel sorry for himself or his son. Isaac never once cried out asking, "Father, what's going on here?" He simply obeyed his father, and Abraham obeyed God, knowing full well that his faith in God would take him through the test.

Just as Abraham reached out his hand with the knife to slay his son, the Angel called out from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham," and Abraham answered, "Here I am." The Angel said, "Do not lay your hand on your son, or do anything to him, for I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." Immediately Abraham saw a ram caught in the thicket by its horns, so he took the ram and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

We can all take a lesson from this story. The point is that complaining, murmuring, and feeling sorry for ourselves when facing trials

and hardships will take us nowhere.

1 Peter 4:12 says, "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trials which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you: but REJOICE to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy."

We must understand that "the battle is not ours, but the Lord's." The Apostle Paul said in 2 Corinthians 4, "I am filled with comfort; I am exceedingly joyful in all tribulations." Then he said in Romans 12:12, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulations, continuing steadfast in prayer."

Our main focus when experiencing hardships should be to know that the battle truly is the Lord's battle. At no time is it ours, nor will it ever be our battle. Our part is to trust in the knowledge that Jesus won the victory for us at Calvary when He died on the cross and He has never lost a battle.

God bless.

CHURCH NEWS

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Birdwell Lane Baptist

We have been in the community 67 years, ministering to Big Spring and the surrounding areas. We are a Bible-believing, Bible-preaching, independent, Missionary Baptist Church.

Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Sunday School for all ages is at 10 a.m. Children's Church is during the morning worship for ages 4 to 12. There is a nursery for your little ones. For a nurse, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

Mid-week service is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. We are a very friendly church with special music and quartet singing.

The youth are planning a bake sale May 1 at the west entrance of Wal-Mart with proceeds going to Relay For Life. Come and buy a sweet for your sweetie and benefit a good cause. The youth met every Wednesday night at 6:30 in the fellowship hall.

The Senior Saints meet every last Tuesday at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship and games. Come and join in on the fun.

We are in need of an organist. If you would like to use your talent for the Lord, call Pastor Steve King at 267-8214 or 267-7157.

The father-son campout is coming up May 21-22 at the pavillion at Lake Thomas. Plan now to attend.

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

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 following at 10:15.

Pastor Don Rosentreter will

be preaching this Sunday. The sermon text will be from John 21:15-25: "Loving God Above Everything."

This week's acolyte will be Alex Byrd. Our elders are Bobby Roever and Darren Byrd. The liturgy will be read by Dolline Budke. The readings are Acts 9:1-22, Psalm 30, Revelation 5:(1-7) 8-14 and John 21:1-14 (15-19).

Mid Week School is being held Wednesday evenings with a light meal at 5:30. Both Mid Week School classes and confirmation classes are at 6 p.m.

The LWML took the items for the Candalaria Mission wish list to the West Texas LWML Spring Rally last Saturday. The LWML appreciates all the items that were donated for this special project. The four LWML members who attended the spring rally really enjoyed themselves.

The Elders meet last night. The Executive Board will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday. All boards need to have their reports ready for presentation. The next Voters' Meeting will be May 2 at 11:30 a.m.

The pastoral call committee is still meeting.

May 10, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet May 11 at 7 p.m. The LWML will meet May 13 at 7 p.m. The Elders meet May 20 at 7 p.m.

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 for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

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

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew's will have its meeting and breakfast this Saturday at 8 a.m. at the church.

The Needlepoint Class will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the library.

St. Mary's Spring Concert is set for noon Thursday, The Big Spring High School Honor Band will be playing and the ECW will plan a light luncheon. Please join us for this excellent concert and

a special time of fellowship.

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.

First Church of the Nazarene

Get your motor running, Biker Sunday is coming! Ride your motorcycle to a great morning service followed by lunch and bike blessings May 16. Service will begin at 10 a.m. and lunch will follow. We hope to see the parking lot filled with all types and colors of motorcycles.

First Church of the Nazarene also offers the following:

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

Wednesday night classes begin at 6:30 for all ages. Ages 4 years through third grade meets in the classrooms at the north end of the fellowship hall for Bible class.

The fourth- through sixth-grade pre-teens have "gender focused" classes, learning to grow into Christian men and ladies. The boys meet under the Salt Shaker in the gym and the girls meet in the east classroom under the Salt Shaker.

And Youth Explosion for seventh through 12th graders meets with Pastor Cal in the Salt Shaker. For adults there are three options: A study of the holiness movement in the commons, the "Sunday Sermon Revisited" class is in the conference room, or "The Coffee Class" in the library for fellowship and discussion of various topics.

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

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

Club news

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The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter NSDAR met April 10 at the Big Spring Country Club. Members present were Sue Ann Damron, Charlene Ragan, Bonnie Cushing, Carol Scott, Lora Mae Pollard, Katie Lara, Sara Tipton, Hollis McCright and Neva Green.

Carl and Jan Condray of Big Spring were guests. The meeting was called to order by Damron, the registrar, and the opening ritual was performed.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The president general's message was read by Tipton. There were no reports from the treasurer, corresponding secretary or chaplain and there was no National Defense Message. The Indian Minute was given by Damron and the can was passed.

In old business, the new road sign has been placed and, if the chapter desires, the meeting times can be added; members present complimented Anne Witherspoon for her work as the chairperson of the Junior Membership Committee at the state level; and members interested may purchase pins selected by the junior members during the May meeting.

In new business, Damron provided information from the state conference and members unanimously approved reimbursing Damron for the \$100 she paid for the chapter to sponsor the Junior Membership Committee at the conference.

Carl Condray, Big Spring's Fire Marshall, presented a highly informative program on home fire prevention. He is a 30-year member of the Big Spring Fire Department and his commitment and dedication are recognized and appreciated.

The door prize was won by Pollard and she donated it to Jan Condray.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be May 15. Sandra W. Franke, Division VIII chairman, will install new officers. All members are encouraged to attend.

Big Spring Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring Retired Teachers Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the Cactus Room at Howard college. A Dutch treat lunch will precede the business meeting.

Guy White will present a program on mental health services available in the area. All retired school personnel are invited to attend and join the RTA. Important information for all retirees will also be presented.

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News in brief

Ash from volcano grounds airplanes across Europe

LONDON (AP) — Ash from an erupting volcano blanketed the ground in Iceland on Friday and left a widening trail of grounded aircraft across Europe, as thousands of planes stayed on the tarmac to avoid the hazardous cloud.

Eurocontrol, the European air traffic agency, said the flight disruptions that upended travel in Europe and reverberated throughout the world would become even worse on Friday. Half a dozen European nations have closed their air space — and the delays will continue into Saturday, it said.

“We expect around 11,000 flights to take place today in European airspace. On a normal day, we would expect 28,000,” said Kyla Evans, a spokeswoman for Eurocontrol. “The cloud of volcanic ash is continuing to move east and southeast.”

Ice chunks the size of houses tumbled down from a volcano beneath the Eyjafjallajökull glacier Thursday, as hot gases melted the ice. The volcano began erupting Wednesday for the second time in less than a month.

As torrents of water and ice chunks roared down the mountain, about 40 people near the volcano in southern Iceland were evacuated because of flash flooding, a smaller number than emergency officials initially reported. Further floods from melting waters are expected as long as the volcano keeps erupting, said Rognvaldur Olafsson of the Civil Protection Department.

The ash cloud, drifting between 20,000 feet and 36,000 feet high and invisible from the ground, left tens of thousands of travelers stranded around the globe and blocked the main air flight path between the U.S. east coast and Europe.

Obama orders hospitals to extend medical rights to same-sex couples

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a move hailed as a step toward fairness for same-sex couples, President Barack Obama is ordering that nearly all hospitals allow patients to say who has visitation rights and who can help make medical decisions, including gay and lesbian partners.

The White House on Thursday released a statement by Obama instructing his Health and Human Services secretary to draft rules requiring hospitals that receive Medicare and Medicaid payments to grant all patients the right to designate people who can visit and consult with them at crucial moments.

The designated visitors should have the same rights that immediate family members now enjoy, Obama's instructions said. It said Medicare-Medicaid hospitals, which include most of the nation's facilities, may not deny visitation and consultation privileges on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.

The move was called a major step toward fairness for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans.

“This is a critical step in ending discrimination against LGBT families and ensuring that, in the event of a hospital stay, all Americans have the right to see their loved ones,” said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

5 Arizona shuttle services raided in major immigrant smuggling bust

PHOENIX (AP) — Federal agents, some in black hoods, swarmed over five Arizona shuttle businesses in a major crackdown on human trafficking, arresting dozens of van operators and smugglers accused of transporting illegal immigrants from the Mexican border to Phoenix.

Authorities said Thursday's raids were the largest human smuggling bust in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's seven-year history, and represented a blow to a vital link in an elaborate immigrant trafficking chain.

“It will be extremely difficult to repair that chain. It is the missing link that greatly disrupts the infrastructure of human smuggling organizations,” said Dennis Burke, U.S. attorney for Arizona.

Investigators said the four shuttle services in Tucson and one in Phoenix were created solely to help smugglers transport thousands of illegal immigrants under a veil of legitimacy.

The businesses are suspected of giving the migrants fraudulent receipts to make the trips look legitimate and coaching them on what to say if their vans were pulled over by police.

Some vulnerable patients may be shut out of lower-cost health premiums available this year

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's an eagerly awaited early benefit of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul: affordable coverage for Americans with medical problems who can't get a private insurer to even take a look.

Starting in July, a special high-risk pool will offer coverage to uninsured people with pre-existing health conditions at a cost similar to what everyone else pays. It's the first test of whether the administration can deliver on Obama's vision within the budget Congress set.

But some vulnerable patients are probably going to feel a little cheated. Consider this coverage wrinkle:

Suppose your cancer is in remission. You had to quit your job while you were having chemotherapy, and your employer coverage ran out. You can't find a private insurer who'll take you, but you're lucky to live in a state that has its own high-risk pool. Still, you have to struggle to pay the premiums, well above standard insurance because sicker people are in the group. Yet as the federal program is designed, you wouldn't be able to switch over and take advantage of significant savings.

The reason: You have to be uninsured to qualify for the new plan.

Liberal law professor Goodwin Liu ready for GOP grilling

WASHINGTON (AP) — California law professor Goodwin Liu will be a test case of President Barack Obama's ability to win confirmation for a liberal appeals court nominee.

Round One is Friday, when Liu — nominated for a San Francisco-based appeals court — appears before the Senate Judiciary Committee to face Republicans staunchly opposed to his liberal views.

The nomination also will test Republican muscle to block Obama's court picks, now that Democrats no longer have a filibuster-proof majority of 60 votes.

Republicans have marked Liu as a liberal judicial activist. Democrats describe the former Rhodes Scholar, former Supreme Court clerk and assistant dean at the University of California, Berkeley, as a brilliant law professor.

Depending on Obama's pick to replace retiring Justice John Paul Stevens, the nomination could be a forerunner of a partisan fight over the next Supreme Court nominee.

E-mail shows ex-CIA director agreed with decision to destroy tapes of suspect's waterboarding

WASHINGTON (AP) — Internal CIA e-mails show the former agency head, Porter Goss, agreed with a top aide's 2005 decision to destroy videotapes of the harsh interrogation of a terror suspect, a controversial action that remains the focus of an FBI investigation.

The documents show that, despite Goss' apparent agreement, CIA officials almost immediately began worrying they'd done something wrong. The e-mails also indicate that President George W.

Bush's White House counsel, Harriet Miers, hadn't been informed of the tapes' destruction and was “livid” to find out later.

The videos showed CIA interrogators using waterboarding, a simulated drowning technique that's widely considered torture, on terrorism suspect Abu Zubaydah. The videos showed that interrogators did not follow the waterboarding procedures authorized by the Bush administration, the documents indicate.

Jose Rodriguez, the agency's top clandestine officer, worried the 92 tapes would be “devastating” to the CIA if they ever surfaced, the documents show. He approved the destruction of the tapes.

Rodriguez told Goss and others he “felt it was extremely important to destroy the tapes and that if there was any heat, he would take it,” according to a November 2005 e-mail.

Help floods into China quake zone; rescuers dig for survivors

JIEGU, China (AP) — Rescuers probed the rubble for sounds or movement Friday in a rush to find anyone buried alive more than 48 hours after an earthquake hit western China, killing at least 791 people. Many survivors shivered through a second night outdoors as they waited for tents to arrive in the remote, mountainous Tibetan area.

People with broken arms or legs cried in pain as medical teams could offer little more than injections. A doctor at the Qinghai provincial hospital, where the severely injured were being flown, said she had no idea how many were being treated because there was no time to count them all.

Stunned survivors wandered the dusty streets of Jiegu, where relief workers estimated 70 percent to 90 percent of the low-slung town of wood-and-mud housing had collapsed. Hundreds gathered to sleep in a plaza around a 50-foot (15-meter) tall statue of the mythical Tibetan King Gesar, wrapped in blankets taken from homes shattered by Wednesday morning's quakes.

Smoke rose from charcoal stoves dotting the plaza as some families brewed salty black tea, a Tibetan staple, and ate flat bread and fried noodles. Others complained there wasn't enough to eat and asked reporters to help them get food.

The official Xinhua News Agency reported Friday afternoon the death toll had risen to 791, with 294 missing. The report said 11,477 people were injured, 1,174 severely. The strongest of the quakes on Wednesday morning measured magnitude 6.9 by the U.S. Geological Survey and 7.1 by China's earthquake administration.

AP Interview: Lawyer for Michael Jackson's doctor says no plea bargain or venue change

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The lawyer for Michael Jackson's doctor says there will be no plea bargain in the involuntary manslaughter case, though he worries whether an impartial jury can be seated for a trial in the death of one of the world's most famous and idolized entertainers.

The case against Dr. Conrad Murray is complicated, involving drugs, dosages, medical protocols and other complex issues. Defense lawyers and prosecutors are crafting their legal strategies ahead of a summertime preliminary hearing where much of the evidence may become public.

Already, potentially damaging information about Murray has been revealed.

An autopsy report found Jackson died from an overdose of the powerful anesthetic propofol. In a statement to police, Murray acknowledged giving Jackson the drug and other sedatives to help him sleep, then briefly leaving his bedside. Cellular phone records show he made at least three personal calls around the time Jackson was stricken.

A Jackson employee who said he was in the room while Murray worked to save the pop star told police the doctor interrupted CPR to collect drug vials.

Murray maintains his innocence, and his lawyer, Ed Chernoff, has said nothing that he gave Jackson “should have” killed him. Chernoff noted the Jackson employee gave a different version of events to police in another statement.

March housing starts gain on multifamily building

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing construction posted a better-than-expected performance in March, rising to the highest level in 16 months on the strength of multi-family homes.

But the Commerce Department report Friday showed that construction of single-family homes, the most important segment of the market, fell. It dropped 0.9 percent to an annual rate of 531,000 units, after a strong 5.7 percent gain in February.

The sluggish nature of the housing recovery has helped slow the rebound of the broader economy.


Overall, construction rose 1.6 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 626,000 last month. That was higher than the 610,000 level that economists had expected.

In addition, the government revised February to show a 1.1 percent gain rather than the initially reported drop of 5.9 percent.

Applications for building permits, considered a good barometer of future activity, also recorded a better-than-expected increase, rising 7.5 percent to an annual rate of 685,000.

Analysts are looking for any rebound in housing to be modest at best given the severe problems still facing the industry.

These include record home foreclosures and high unemployment, which robs potential buyers of the incomes they need to support a home purchase.



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	?	

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ J6 ♥ 72 ♦ A94 ♣ KQJ653
- ♠ A83 ♥ 10 ♦ 832 ♣ AKQJ92
- ♠ 4 ♥ 6 ♦ AK987 ♣ KQ10743
- ♠ 9852 ♥ KJ ♦ 63 ♣ AKQ75

- Four spades.** The jump-rebid in spades, in addition to showing extra points, virtually guarantees at least a six-card suit, so the J-6 can be regarded as adequate trump support. A rebid of three notrump, without a heart stopper, would constitute a needless risk. The only other conceivable bid, four clubs, is not desirable either, since it might lead to a contract of five clubs rather than four spades. Ten tricks at spades will almost surely be easier to make than 11 tricks at clubs, and you should act accordingly.
- Four notrump.** It is highly likely that a grand slam in spades, clubs or notrump can be made if partner has the two missing aces. You therefore invoke Blackwood. If partner responds five diamonds, indicating only one ace, your best shot is six spades, which should make a very high percentage of the time. The only

real concern is that partner has two immediate diamond losers and the opponents lead that suit, but given the bidding, this is not probable.

- Four diamonds.** There may be a slam here also, but where it might lie is uncertain. Four diamonds suggests to partner that you lack spade support and asks if he can support clubs or diamonds. If partner responds five clubs or five diamonds, you should carry on to six, feeling confident that you'll score at least 12 tricks.
- Five spades.** This is not an ideal type of hand with which to ask about aces, so a jump-raise in spades, inviting partner to bid six, seems the best choice. This is true even though your spades are not as strong as you'd like them to be — you lack a high honor — and it is chiefly for this reason that you don't bid six directly. Partner is not required to bid again over five spades, but in practice he will seldom pass with a hand that can produce 12 tricks opposite the one you have here. Considering your spade fit, strong clubs and secondary heart control, you clearly have the values that make a spade slam likely. It would not be wrong to go directly to six, especially with a conservative partner. Such decisions — whether to bid five spades or six — are frequently based on practical considerations.

Tomorrow: Now you see it, now you don't.
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Huff's complete game, Choo HR power Tribe

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — When Cleveland's David Huff jogged to the mound to begin the ninth inning, no one budged in the Indians' bullpen.

It was manager Manny Acta's message to his young lefty. He was listening.

Huff pitched his first career complete game and Shin-Soo Choo hit a three-run homer after a pair of errors in the eighth Thursday as the Indians beat the Texas Rangers 3-2 to end a five-game losing skid.

Huff (1-1) allowed a two-

run homer to Michael Young in the fourth, but otherwise faced little danger. He allowed four hits, struck out four and retired 10 in a row before Young's one-out in the ninth. Only after Young's single did the Indians' bullpen get active.

"It was his game," Acta said. "He was never in trouble, other than the two-run homer. He was in complete control the whole time, so we didn't see any reason to go to the bullpen. That was a message to him."

Young's home run appeared to be the difference in the

game until Texas' defense faltered.

Matt Harrison (0-1) had a shutout through seven innings before Asdrubal Cabrera reached an error by Young at third base to start the eighth. Grady Sizemore followed with a ground ball to second, but the runners were safe when shortstop Elvis Andrus dropped the throw for his second error of the game.

Choo then hit an 0-1 pitch into the seats in right-center, spoiling what had been a pitcher's duel between a pair of young left-handers.

"I think this town needs to rally behind this kid," Acta said. "He's one of the best players in the American League. He's a legit five-tool player."

Choo was the only player in the American League last year to bat .300 with 20 homers and 20 steals. It was his third homer of the season, but first with men on base.

"I try to hit something good, but every time something bad happens," Choo said. "I just tried to hit the ball hard."

He was 7 for 10 with two homers and four RBIs in the three games against Texas.

"Choo's been a thorn in our side all series and he finally got a big one," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "A real big one."

No one was more excited to see Choo's homer than Huff, who said he fist pumped so hard he nearly fell off the bench.

Huff won 11 games as a rookie last year, but did it with a 5.61 ERA. He followed up a good spring with a strong first start in Detroit, when he took the loss despite allowing two runs in six innings.

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RAINY RODEO



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J.W. Townsend, left, chases down a steer Friday at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. The cowboys pressed on despite rainy and muddy conditions at the Big Spring Fairgrounds. The rodeo continues today with the slack round starting at 9 a.m. and the performance round to begin at 7 p.m.

Comanche Trail weekly golf report

Special to the Herald

In Monday's Comanche Trail LGA playday, the team of Joan Daniel, Dee Jenkins and Gus Leonard won first par with a 1-under par. Shooting an even par for second place were Connie Fowler, Daury Booth and Linda Dewaters.

A total of 30 golfers competed in Thursday's couples play. John and Gus Leonard, Nicholas Dewaters and Linda Dewaters won first, shooting an 8 under par. Coming in second with a 4 under were George & Betty

Murphy and Forrest & Gayle West.

Nicholas Dewaters shot closest to the pin on hole No. 6.

In this week's Comanche Trail LGA playday, two teams won with a 3-under par. Winning first place in a scorecard play-off were Joan Daniel, Mary Gilbreath, Annie Ward and Daury Booth. The other team was made up of Debra Lusk, Linda Dewaters, Betty Murphy and Gus Leonard.

Thursday's Couples Play was cancelled due to rain.

Steers, Lady Steers in 4-4A track action

Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — It was a soggy first day at the district 4-4A track meet at Angelo State University Wednesday, but that didn't stop the Steers and Lady Steers.

Desiree Anderson took first after just one long jump, recording 17-9 3/4. Mike Menefield won the triple jump with a 45-3.

Bridgette Tuitt took third in the long jump with a 16-9 3/4. She

jumped a distance that would have put her in first but just barely missed the board and was scratched.

After one day, the Lady Steers found themselves in fourth place, 22 points behind leader Frenship.

The Steers, meanwhile, brought up the rear with 13 points on the boys side, 36 points out of first place.

Check Saturday's Herald for full results.

Astros nip Cardinals for first 2010 win

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — No champagne spray awaited the Houston Astros. Just an overwhelming sense of relief.

"On a scale of 1 to 10?" rookie manager Brad Mills said after the Astros beat St. Louis 5-1 Thursday for their first win of the season, avoiding a tie for the worst start in franchise history. "It's pretty high. And that's just being truthful."

The Astros escaped their 0-8 rut behind Bud Norris' arm and bat. They were the only winless team left in the majors and came close to matching the team's 0-9 opening in 1983.

"I can't say I sensed that we were pressing," outfielder Hunter Pence said. "You can't build up emotions and get angry and play harder or something."

"You've got to control what you can control, play baseball and let it happen."

Norris (1-0) struck out a career-high nine and held the Cardinals without an earned run for five innings. He also got his first career RBI to put the Astros ahead for good.

"We came out of the gate a lit-

tle bit slow, that's fine," Norris said. "We're not worried about that, we've had a little bit of pressure on us, but we're over it. We know what we can do."

In fact, the poor start doesn't doom the Astros. After that slow beginning in 1983, they rebounded to finish 85-77.

Jeff Keppinger had two hits and his first three RBIs of the season, matching his career best. Michael Bourn contributed his fourth straight two-hit game and scored from first on Keppinger's hit-and-run double in the third off Kyle Lohse (0-1).

Norris' single gave the Astros the lead in the third. Bourn reached on a forceout and Keppinger doubled.

Five runs is one off the season high for the Astros, whose total of 19 is by far the major league low. Houston scored one unearned run in the first two games of this three-game series, and its .214 average entering the game was tied with the Indians for the worst in the majors.

Norris fanned Albert Pujols and Colby Rasmus twice each during an overpowering stint limited to five innings by 106

itches, getting Pujols to wave at sliders well off the plate. The Cardinals capitalized only on left fielder Carlos Lee's dropped pop fly in the fourth, and that is St. Louis' lone score against Norris in 18 innings.

"I'll give him credit, he's made a lot of good pitches," manager Tony La Russa said. But the manager added, "We've got to take tougher at-bats and not make it so easy. Those are a lot of strikeouts for us."

Norris has won all three career starts against the Cardinals, the other two coming in the final two months of 2009, and topped his previous best of eight strikeouts. He lasted only 2 2-3 innings in his first start April 9 against the Phillies, allowing three runs on six hits and four walks in an 8-0 loss.

Keppinger had a two-run single and Pedro Feliz an RBI double in consecutive at-bats against Mitchell Boggs in the eighth to make it 5-1.

Lohse worked seven innings, allowing two runs on five hits. His only trouble came in the third when the Astros scored

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Sports in brief

Weather cancellations

The Lady Steers softball game scheduled for today at Forsan's game at Junction has been canceled.

Howard College's baseball series with New Mexico JC has been moved to Saturday and Sunday with all four games being played in Hobbs, N.M., starting at 1 p.m.

Coahoma's district track meet will run as scheduled.

Check www.bigspringherald.com for updates.

Howard Rodeo to continue today

The Howard College Rodeo may be a little wet today, but it's going on as planned through Saturday.

Rain or shine, the rodeo started today at 9 a.m. and continues throughout the day, with the performance round starting at 7 p.m. tonight.

Saturday's festivities get under way at 9 a.m. as well and continue throughout the day.

Comanche Trail to host golf tournament this weekend

The Comanche Trail golf course is hosting a "shamble scramble" tournament Saturday and Sunday for three-person teams.

The tournament is \$50 plus cart in the benefit tournament.

Mulligans are \$5 per day. Food will be provided by the Chicano Golf Association.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Taurus moon favors commerce big and small. Rapid-fire business exchanges happen at all levels, from the children's lemonade stand to global corporations. It's a fine time to remember that your true wealth has nothing to do with what you own and how much of it you have. The love we give and receive is life's richest treasure.



HOLIDAY
MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Clear the desk, the trunk of the car, the closet shelf. As you work, you will clear your mind so that you will be mentally ready to go full force into the next adventure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As much as you would like to transform yourself into the person you want to be in a magical snap of your fingers, there is still a road to travel

between here and there. Embrace the process and you'll know success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be applauded for your loyalty and sense of duty in the workplace. At home, it's a different story. Loved ones need to feel that you're with them because it thrills you, not because it's your duty to be there.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). This is the calm before the storm. Take advantage of it. Go for an ambling walk, eat a leisurely lunch, gab to a friend for longer than necessary. Lollygag now — in the days to come, you'll be way too busy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are certain things you know you have to do, and yet you have no idea where you'll ever find the time. Make a list and carry it around with you. You'll accomplish big feats in tiny windows of "spare" time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is no shortage of money, only a shortage of ideas. Stop being so literal about dollars

and cents. Money is an energy to be exchanged. Think in terms of value instead of cost.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The bottom line is that there is no bottom line today. Things happen in a circle. No one gets the last word. If today were a book, "to be continued..." would be written on every page.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There is a proverb that states: The eagle that chases two rabbits catches neither one of them. Get focused on one thing at a time. Home in on the best choice, and put all your energy there.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The pressure is on. Don't go cold into a situation. Give yourself every advantage. Research. Someone has done this a hundred times already and will have excellent insight and advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some pretty funny things happen due to simple miscommunication. Even if you think you're being clear, you can't take into

account the other circumstances that affect how someone is hearing you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Are the people around you more sensitive than usual, or are you just more blunt? It's true that you don't feel you have time to candy coat information. Then again, you know what they say about a spoonful of sugar.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You feel strongly about a person or an issue that has cropped up in the past week — more strongly than is reasonable. By next week, your passion may fade or seem ridiculous. So keep it under wraps for now.

T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY (April 16). It's your most confident year to date. You'll trade in an old belief about yourself for a new, empowering purpose. There will be a fortuitous change in your professional world in May. Once you get settled in to a routine, you find a way to work smart and earn bigger. Love sweeps you off your feet

in July. Aquarius and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 1, 22 and 38.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** You make someone feel terrific about himself or herself, and that's why this person will keep coming back to you. **TAURUS:** A calculated effort will succeed. Hone your mannerisms and attire for a desired effect.

GEMINI: Someone is in love with the exactness of who you are. **CANCER:** Nurture yourself by refusing to run around on everyone else's behalf. **LEO:** Loved ones want to borrow money or want you to purchase something for them. It's one way to show you care, though not the best way. **VIRGO:** Let a loved one know that you appreciate the little things and the big things, too. **LIBRA:** Focus yourself by writing a letter to the one you love. You don't have to send it. **SCORPIO:** Take risks. If you don't succeed, try again. The more mistakes you make, the closer you get

to doing it right. **SAGITTARIUS:** You'll enjoy relating to one who is your respectable equal. **CAPRICORN:** Scheduling changes allow you to spend more time with your loved one. **AQUARIUS:** Eliminate the distractions in a relationship. Plan time for just the two of you, and keep it sacred. **PISCES:** Daydream about how you could keep your love life fresh and exciting.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Aries and Taurus relationships mix up matters of love and money this weekend. Aries isn't so concerned with how much things cost and will spend with abandon in moments of passion. Taurus doesn't mind one bit, as long as the spending is directed his or her way. These two should make long-term financial plans, perhaps with the help of a financial professional, in order to prevent impulsive spending.

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Dear Margo: The voice of experience says it best

Dear Readers: I try to stay away from response letters, for various reasons, but I thought the following letter would be compelling — and perhaps valuable — for what I can safely say is a large army of "other women."



MARGO
HOWARD

This writer is referring to a letter from "the other woman," who is trying to decide whether or not to leave her marriage for a man who is very simpatico, even though he has not committed to leaving his.

Dear Margo: I feel I must respond to

"Grieving." I do not feel sorry for you. You chose to have an affair with a married man, and now you are suffering the consequences.

My suggestion to you is to put forth the energy you are wasting on my husband and try to improve your own marriage.

My husband is not interested in marrying you. When his affair was discovered (thank you very much for leaving all your clues in my car), I promptly asked him to leave. I said, "If you think the grass is greener and that you could be happier with someone else, please be my guest."

After very little thought, he decided to go to counseling to improve our marriage.

The bottom line is this: My husband is a

cheater because he has zero self-esteem.

You were not the first, and I'm sure not the last.

His inability to achieve intimacy within a marriage is due to his lack of self-respect, as well as his lack of respect for people in general.

My choice to stay with him is complicated, but if you think I've won, think again.

Good luck, and I hope you learn to have some integrity along the way. — *You Know My Name*

How Not To Get Caught in the Undertow

Dear Margo: My MIL has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder. She lost custody of her children when they were preteens for putting them in dangerous situ-

ations, such as inviting strange men into her home and dragging them around the country whenever she was having a manic episode.

She's extremely manipulative and constantly threatens suicide.

She won't take her medicine and refuses any medical help. We have done everything we can to make things easier for her by helping her fill out paperwork, etc.

I cannot tell you how many times my husband has had to take a leave of absence from his studies to go find her in some strange state doing something bizarre. (You probably don't want to know more than that.)

When we take trips to see the family, we of

course visit.

It has gotten to the point that I can barely stand the sight of her.

Everyone is scared of telling her anything because of the constant threat of suicide.

She is not going to change, and I understand that she has a very real problem, but I don't know how to accept this person in my life.

My husband and I have a wonderful communicative relationship, but this has been a real source of contention.

Of course, this has taken an emotional toll on my husband, as well. Please help me find some way to accept this. — *I Have a Diagnosed Crazy MIL*

Dear I: When you write that you take trips to visit the family, this

tells me your husband is not out there by himself.

I suggest he enlist all the others to pitch in. It is quite clear that your MIL is not going to be able to outrun her illness, so for you, I recommend a support group to help you cope and not ruin your marriage.

Contact NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) at www.nami.org. NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of people living with mental illness and their families. — *Margo, hopefully*

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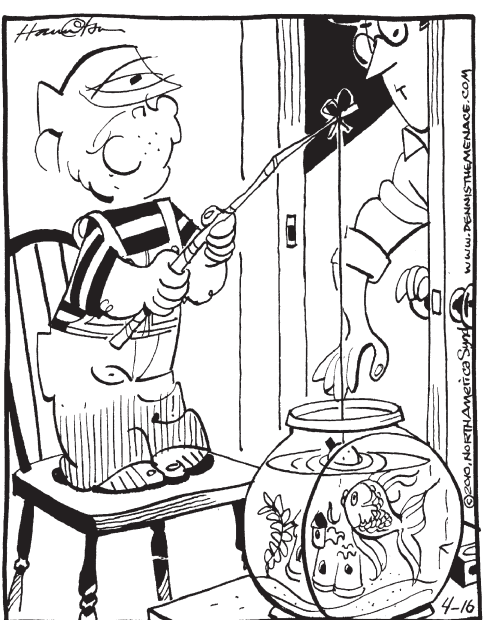
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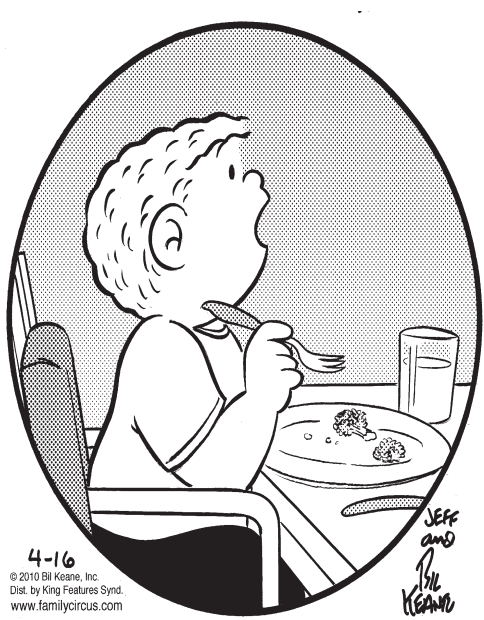
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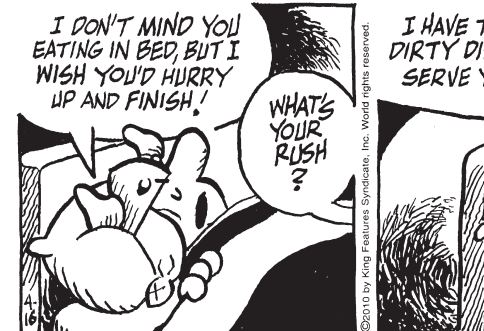
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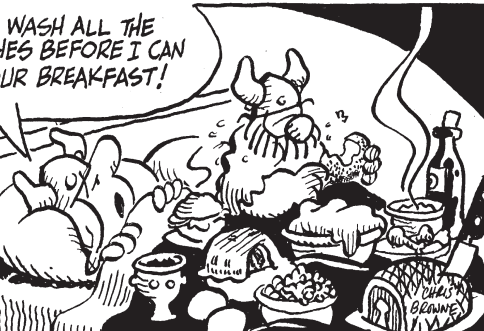


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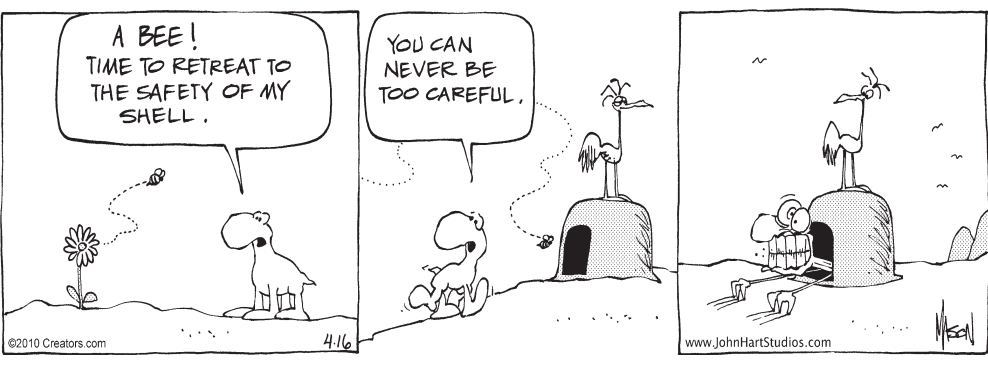
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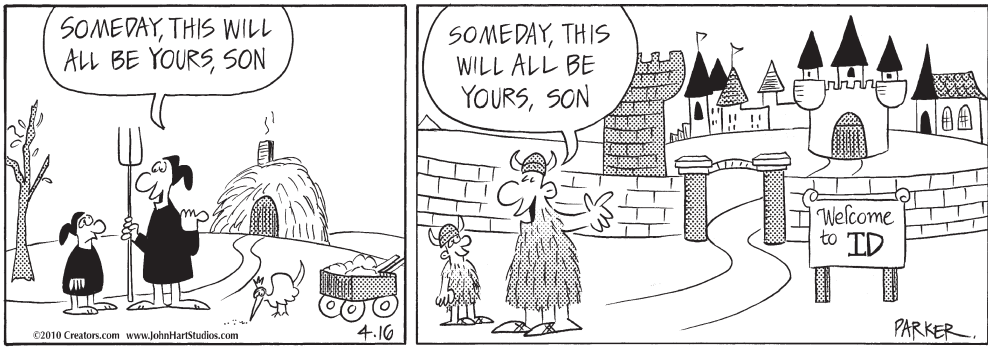
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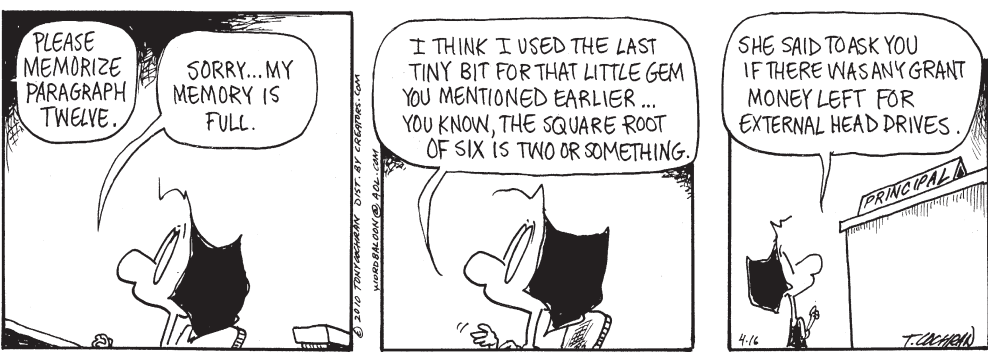
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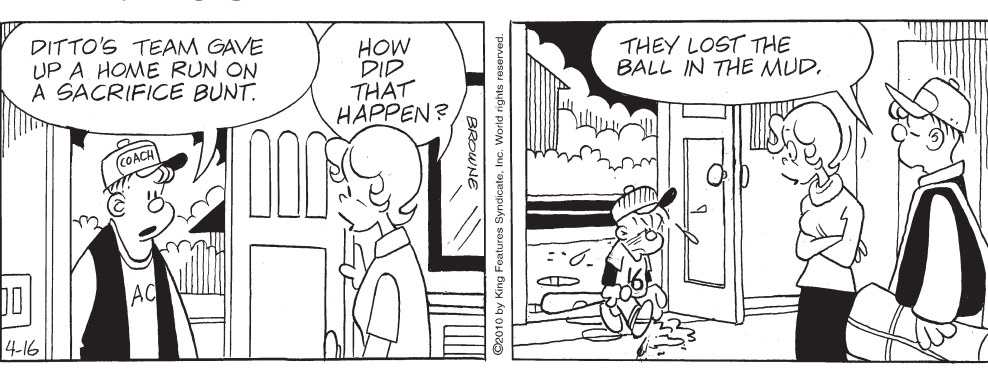
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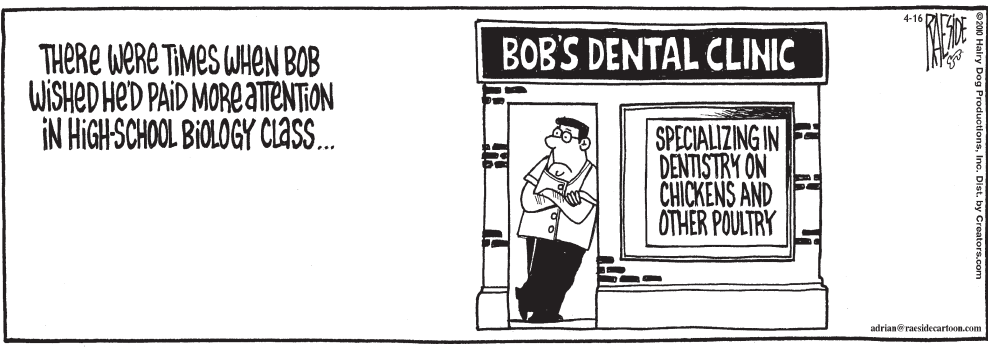
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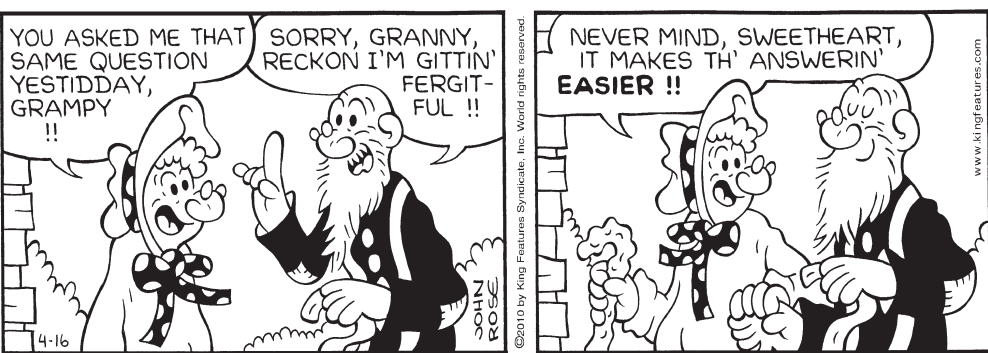
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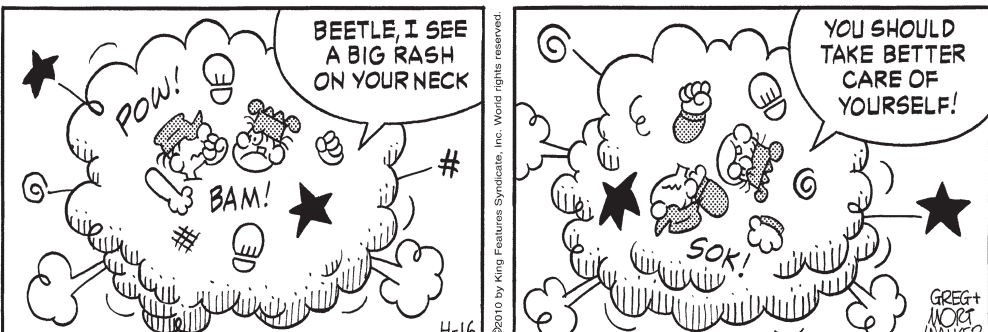
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, April 16, the 106th day of 2010. There are 259 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 16, 1789, President-elect George Washington left Mount Vernon, Va., for his inauguration in New York.

On this date:

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia.

In 1879, St. Bernadette, who'd described seeing visions of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes, died in Nevers (neh-VEHR), France.

In 1910, Boston Arena (now Matthews Arena) first opened.

In 1917, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin returned to Russia after years of exile.

In 1935, the radio comedy program "Fibber McGee and Molly" premiered on NBC's Blue Network.

In 1947, the French ship Grandcamp blew up at the har-

bor in Texas City, Texas; another ship, the High Flyer, exploded the following day. The blasts and resulting fires killed nearly 600 people.

In 1960, shortly before midnight, rock-and-roll performer Eddie Cochran, 21, was fatally injured in a taxi crash in Chippenham, Wiltshire, England; he died the next day.

In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon.

In 1996, Britain's Prince Andrew and his wife, Sarah, the Duchess of York, announced they were divorcing.

In 2007, in the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history, student Seung-Hui Cho (sung-wee joh) killed 32 people on the campus of Virginia Tech before taking his own life.

One year ago: The crew of the cargo ship Maersk Alabama, who'd thwarted pirates off the Somali coast, returned to the U.S.; ship's captain Richard Phillips, held hostage for five days, arrived in Kenya aboard the USS Bainbridge.

Today's Birthdays: Pope Benedict XVI is 83. Singer Bobby Vinton is 75. Denmark's Queen Margrethe II is 70. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is 63.

Singer Gerry Rafferty is 63. NFL coach Bill Belichick is 58. Rock singer-turned-politician Peter Garrett is 57. Actress Ellen Barkin is 56. Rock musician Jason Scheff (Chicago) is 48. Singer Jimmy Osmond is 47. Rock singer David Pinner (Soul Asylum) is 46. Actor-comedian Martin Lawrence is 45. Rock musician Dan Rieser is 44. Actor Peter Billingsley is 39. Actor Lukas Haas is 34.

Thought for Today: "Do not wait; the time will never be 'just right.'" Start where you stand, and work with whatever tools you may have at your command, and better tools will be found as you go along. — George Herbert, English author, 1593-1633.

Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS
- 1 Chisels
 - 6 Not quite shut
 - 10 Big loss, so to speak
 - 14 David Copperfield character
 - 15 Real-estate move
 - 16 Minuet movement
 - 17 Three ways to run
 - 20 Nixon pal
 - 21 Green Hornet's sidekick
 - 22 Drillers' org.
 - 23 Drifts with the breeze
 - 25 Videotaped over
 - 27 "Got it!"
 - 30 Fighting month, on the Marne
 - 31 Flubs one
 - 32 Wait in hiding
 - 34 OPEC member
 - 36 Scanning result
 - 40 Three ways to run
 - 43 Rock bottom
 - 44 Parisian pair
 - 45 Rapper Snoop
 - 46 Flute kin
 - 48 Ad follower
 - 50 Help-wanted announcement
 - 51 Actress Bassett
 - 54 Another name for B
 - 56 Scratch up
 - 57 Doozy
 - 59 Makes happy
 - 63 Three ways to run
 - 66 Kid-lit detective

- DOWN
- 1 Jefferson weep
 - 2 "Dies"
 - 3 Appendage
 - 4 Comic-book blow
 - 5 Captain Marvel's magic word
 - 6 Graphics
 - 7 Sudden movements
 - 8 Inter (among other things)
 - 9 One in the stands
 - 10 E-mail aside letters
 - 11 Some Kennedy Center solos
 - 12 Spanish mark
 - 13 Poor surfer
 - 18 "You cheated!"
 - 19 Hotter than hot
 - 24 Harangue
 - 26 Comparable to a wet hen
 - 27 Ben's Fed predecessor
 - 28 Lei Day dance
 - 29 Baseball star's nickname
 - 31 Swallow up
 - 33 Weapon in Clue
 - 35 Mellow
 - 37 Bible book after Joel
 - 38 Disco adjective
 - 39 Hosp. readings
 - 41 Diner needs
 - 42 Like Napoleon
 - 47 Tap in the kitchen
 - 49 Aromatic ointment
 - 51 Characteristic of
 - 52 Of the fleet
 - 53 TV host Van Hosten
 - 54 Radioactivity unit
 - 55 Water near Carson City
 - 58 Loll about
 - 60 Libel or trespassing
 - 61 Art Deco designer
 - 62 Be billed first
 - 64 Obviously abashed
 - 65 Very long stretch

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Indians 3, Rangers 2
TEX 000 200 000 -- 2 4 3
CLE 000 000 03x -- 3 6 0
Harrison, O'Day (8) and Treanor; D.Huff and Redmond. W_D. Huff 1-1. L_Harrison 0-1. HRs_Texas, M.Young (2). Cleveland, Choo (3).

Twins 8, Red Sox 0
BOS 000 000 000 -- 0 6 3
MIN 010 032 20x -- 8 15 0
Wakefield, Schoeneweis (6), R.Ramirez (7) and V.Martinez; Liriano, Mijares (8), Mahay (9) and Mauer. W_Liriano

1-0. L_Wakefield 0-1. HRs_Minnesota, Cuddyer (2).

Yankees 6, Angels 2
LAA 010 001 000 -- 2 6 0
NYY 011 220 00x -- 6 9 0
Kazmir, Stokes (5), Palmer (6), F.Rodriguez (8)and Napoli;P.Hughes, D.Robertson (6),D.Marte (7), Chamberlain (8), M.Rivera (9)and Posada. W_P.Hughes 1-0. L_Kazmir 0-1. Sv_M.Rivera (4). HRs_Los Angeles, H.Matsui (3). New York, Cano 2 (4), Jeter (2).

Jays 7, White Sox 3
CWS 000 010 200 -- 3 5 0
TOR 013 300 00x --7 12 0
F.Garcia, Williams (4), Santos (6), Putz (7), Linebrink (8) and Lucy; Eveland, Camp (7), Janssen (8), Frasor (9) and J.Buck. W_Eveland 2-0. L_F.Garcia 0-2. HRs_Chicago, Lucy (1), Al.Ramirez (1). Toronto, Snider (1).

A's 6, Orioles 2
BAL 000 000 101 -- 2 8 2
OAK 210 110 01x -- 6 9 0
D.Hernandez, Hendrickson (6),

Mickolio (8) and Wieters; Sheets, T.Ross (7), Blevins (9) and K.Suzuki. W_Sheets 1-0. L_Da.Hernandez 0-2.

Astros 5, Cardinals 1
HOU 002 000 030 -- 5 9 1
STL 000 100 000 -- 1 6 0
Norris, Sampson (6), Lyon (8), Lindstrom (9) and Quintero; Lohse, Boggs (8), Motte (8) and Y.Molina. W_Norris 1-1. L_Lohse 0-1.

Brewers 8, Cubs 6
MIL 102 101 111 -- 8 14 0
CHC 110 201 001 -- 6 10 3

Suppan, Narveson (6), Villanueva (7), Hoffman (9) and Zaun; Zambrano, Marshall (6), Samardzija (7), Grabow (9) and Soto. W_Narveson 1-0. L_Samardzija 0-1. Sv_Hoffman (3). HRs_Milwaukee, McGehee (3), Braun (3). Chicago, D.Lee (2), Byrd (3), Ar.Ramirez (3).

Nats 7, Phillies 5
WAS 001 000 132 -- 7 9 0
PHI 100 003 001 -- 5 9 1
Olsen, Clippard (6), S.Burnett (8), Capps (8) and I.Rodriguez; Happ,

Contreras (6), Bastardo (7), Baez (8), Madson (9) and C.Ruiz. W_Clippard 2-0. L_Baez 0-1. Sv_Capps (4). HRs_Washington, A.Dunn (1), Zimmerman (1). Philadelphia, Utley (5), Victorino (3).

Mets 5, Rockies 0
NYM 101 210 000 -- 5 8 0
COL 000 000 000 -- 0 5 1
Pelfrey, Feliciano (8), F.Rodriguez (9) and H.Blanco; De La Rosa, Rogers (7), Belisle (9) and Olivo. W_Pelfrey 2-0. L_De La Rosa 1-1.

RANGERS

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He was perfect the first time through the order on Thursday before Andrus led off the fourth with a single. Young's homer followed, but Huff immediately settled down.

"I looked up in the middle of the eighth and saw my pitch count was

down," he said. "I knew if I kept making the right pitches and kept attacking those guys, I was going to possibly finish the game.

"I'm going out for every inning until they tell me I'm not."

Huff needed just 104 pitches, including 71 for strikes.

Harrison was equally impressive. He cruised through the first seven

innings, pitching out of jams in the second and fourth as the Indians failed to deliver a clutch hit. Prior to Choo's homer, Cleveland was 0 for 6 with runners in scoring position and 1 for its last 16 dating back to Wednesday's loss.

"We made a couple of misplays in the eighth inning and Choo finished it off," Washington said. "It's part of the game.

You just don't like to see it right there. We don't feel better that we lost the game, but you definitely have to tip your cap to Harrison."

NOTES: The Indians are inviting fans attending the Cavaliers-Bulls playoff game on Saturday to buy an Indians ticket for \$5 after the Cavs game finishes. Fans need only show their playoff tick-

et to purchase bleacher or lower reserved seats. The Cavs play at 3 p.m., while the Indians begin at 4. ... Indians reliever Aaron Laffey celebrated his 25th birthday. ... 1B Russell Branyan's rehab assignment will move from Triple-A Columbus to Double-A Akron on Friday. Branyan, out with a strained back, was in the Indians' clubhouse prior to the game.

... SS Asdrubal Cabrera's single in the fifth snapped an 0 for 16 skid. ... Rangers OF Nelson Cruz's hitting streak ended at eight games. ... The loss snapped Texas' seven-game winning streak in Cleveland. ... Left-hander C.J. Wilson, who was scratched from Wednesday's start with food poisoning, will start Friday at New York.

ASTROS

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twice and had three hits. The Cardinals are 6-3, with the bullpen faltering in all three losses including giving up two game-winning homers.

"This one hurts," Boggs said. "You've got

to do better than that to keep your team in the game."

Norris, 4 for 19 as a hitter for his career, gave the Astros their third lead of the season when he lined an RBI single.

Lee dropped Felipe Lopez's easy fly that would have ended a 1-2-3 fourth, an error that

helped the Cardinals end a 16-inning drought against Norris. Yadier Molina walked and David Freese followed with an RBI single to cut the Astros' lead to 2-1.

The Cardinals missed a scoring opportunity in the third when Lohse forgot there were two outs and was held

up at third on Ryan Ludwick's line-drive single to center.

The Astros haven't been swept in three straight series since Sept. 13-22, 1996, by the Rockies, Braves and Marlins.

St.Louis opens a three-game series against the Mets Friday behind ace Chris Carpenter, who

allowed three homers in his last start. Carpenter allowed only seven homers all last season and had the lowest home run-to-innings pitches ratio in the majors.

"I guess I gave up a couple of homers and it's turned into chaos," said Carpenter, who'll oppose Oliver Perez.

"It's going to happen." NOTES: Cardinals SS Brendan Ryan, only 2 for 24 to start the year although he's made several big plays on defense, got a day off. ... Lee was hitless in four trips. The cleanup man is batting .086 (3 for 35) with no RBIs.

COTTON

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national title. Back in Dallas a year later, Notre Dame trailed Houston by 22 points with 8 minutes left before pulling off a fantastic finish.

Montana passed to Haines for a two-point conversion to narrow the deficit to six points with 4:15 remaining. Montana later threw again to Haines, who made a diving catch in the corner of the end zone for an eight-yard

touchdown as time expired, tying the score at 34. The ensuing extra-point kick by Joe Unis completed the rally in what has become known as the Chicken Soup Game.

The game was played in bitter cold after an overnight ice storm, and by halftime, Montana's body temperature had fallen below normal. Notre Dame trainers gave Montana hot chicken bouillon, and it proved the perfect tonic.

"When you played in a cold-weather game, you

could have either chicken broth or beef broth," Montana said. "I took chicken. Otherwise, it would have been called the Beef Bowl."

Haines remembered working with Montana on the practice field when he first arrived at Notre Dame, running a corner route and getting hit in the head three times by Montana's passes. Eventually, they developed the chemistry that helped win the '79 Cotton Bowl.

"Thank you for the throws," Haines said. Montana said this was

his first induction into a college hall of fame.

"I didn't have exactly a stellar college career," Montana said. "I didn't set any records on fire. So if this has to be the first one, what better than the Cotton Bowl? I wish I would have played in a couple more."

These days, Montana's following the career of his son, Nate, a sophomore walk-on quarterback at Notre Dame.

"He's had a rough road from the beginning (in high school), but right now he's in the No. 2

spot there, so he's in good position," Montana said.

In 1964, Harris caught three passes for 157 yards and two touchdowns to lead Texas to a 28-6 victory over Navy.

Lyles had 16 tackles in the 1981 and '82 Cotton Bowls. Alabama beat Baylor 30-2 in the '81 contest, and Texas knocked off the Crimson Tide 14-12 a year later.

Sherrill, who recruited Montana when he was at Pittsburgh, coached Texas A&M in three straight Cotton Bowls from 1986-88. He

also coached Mississippi State in the 1999 game.

Evans worked for the Cotton Bowl in the '60s and '70s, helping persuade Notre Dame to end a 45-year ban on postseason games to accept an invitation to participate in the 1970 game.

For the first time, the induction was at Cowboys Stadium. Previous ceremonies were at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, site of the game for 73 years until it was moved to the Dallas Cowboys' new home in January.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Tiger enters field at Quail Hollow

NEW YORK (AP) — Tiger Woods, coming off a fourth-place tie at the Masters, will play the Quail Hollow Championship in Charlotte, N.C., in two weeks.

The tournament runs from April 29 to May 2.

Woods marked his return to golf last week at the Masters after a five-month hiatus because of a sex scandal.

He has played Quail Hollow — formally known as the Wachovia Championship — four times since it was introduced in 2003. He won in 2007 and was fourth last year, finishing two shots behind champion Sean O'Hair.

Rice 20 back at pro golf debut

HAYWARD, Calif. (AP) — Hall of Fame receiver Jerry Rice shot a 12-over 83 in his Nationwide Tour debut, leaving him 20 strokes behind leader Dicky Pride in the Fresh Express Classic.

The 47-year-old Rice, also the tournament host, birdied the par-5 seventh and also had eight pars, five bogeys and four doubles bogeys at TPC Stonebrae.

Playing on a sponsor exemption, the former 49ers star was tied for 153rd with Brendon Todd in the 155-man field, two strokes ahead of last-place Brian Bateman.

Pride shot an 8-under 63 to take a one-stroke lead over David Hearn, Aron Price, Colt Knost, Jamie Lovemark and Miguel Angel Carballo.

Steelers owner delaying action on embattled QB

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Steelers president Art Rooney II said the team is ready to discipline Ben Roethlisberger but the punishment won't pre-empt any disciplinary action from the league.

The Steelers likely would have acted by now, but Rooney said the NFL's labor agreement makes that difficult.

Rooney expects NFL commissioner Roger Goodell to spend several weeks reviewing the recent accusations that Roethlisberger sexually assaulted a 20-year-old college student. The quarterback won't be charged in the case. Rooney probably won't decide on any action until after next week's three-day draft.

NCAA hands down rules changes

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Wedge blocks and eye black with messages will be banned in college football next season. And taunting penalties could cost teams points in 2011.

All three measures were approved by the NCAA.

The organization's rules panel followed the NFL's lead by barring wedge blocks on kick-offs for safety reasons. Infractions will result in a 15-yard penalty from the spot of the foul or from the spot the kick returner was tackled if he is behind where the

foul took place.

Beginning in 2011, the committee approved another proposal that will disallow touch-downs for taunting, if the foul occurs before the player scores.

Fox to cover NASCAR online

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Fox is extending its post-race coverage of NASCAR with an online program beginning this weekend at Texas Motor Speedway.

The Overdrive on FoxSports.com will begin immediately after the network ends its broadcast coverage of Sunday's Sprint Cup race. The program will use Fox's entire nine-person broadcasting crew and consist of live interviews and analysis.

Fox Sports senior producer Bill Brown says the idea for an online show had been previously discussed, but network executives realized the immediate need for it following criticism of Saturday night's broadcast.

Because Saturday night's race at Phoenix went 50 minutes over schedule, Fox had an abbreviated post-race interviews that left many fans unsatisfied.

Security enhanced for Sochi Olympics

SOCHI, Russia (AP)

— The Russian Cabinet member responsible for preparations for the 2014 Sochi Games said security will be enhanced for the Olympics following multiple suicide bombings.

Dozens have died in a wave of terrorist attacks targeting the Moscow subway system and police in the country's restive southern provinces.

Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Kozak sought to reassure visiting International Olympic Committee officials. Kozak said a plan is under consideration to ensure "strengthened public protection" for the games.

Kozak said security would not be significantly higher than for February's Winter Games in Vancouver or the 2008 Summer Games in Beijing. He refused to elaborate on security plans.

ITF to review substance abuse rules

PARIS (AP) — The International Tennis Federation says it will review rules that have prevented it from suspending Wayne Odesnik even after the American player pleaded guilty to importing growth hormones into Australia.

Under current rules, the governing body of tennis can only provisionally suspend players who are being inves-

tigated for a failed drug test. But players cannot be prevented from playing while they are investigated for other suspected doping violations, like possessing a banned substance.

ITF anti-doping manager Stuart Miller says there's clearly a need to review those rules and that there is "no doubt" that that that will happen.

Rapper suing slugger Ortiz

NEW YORK (AP) — Jay-Z and a business partner are suing slugger David Ortiz, claiming the Boston Red Sox star named his Dominican nightclub after the mogul's chain of 40/40 clubs.

The lawsuit, filed in Manhattan Federal Court, accuses Ortiz of calling his Santo Domingo club Forty-Forty in the hopes of trading on the rap star's fame.

Jay-Z's string of bars can be found in Manhattan, Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

Lawyer Peter Raymond tells the New York Daily News that Ortiz had visited the clubs twice and certainly knew about them.

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