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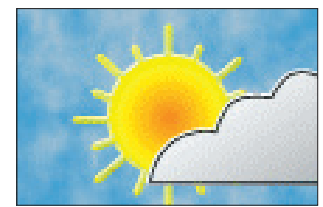


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'Time Travels' takes stage on Saturday

Special to the Herald

"Time Travels," Big Spring Symphony's third concert of the 2010-2011 season, promises a varied and contrasting repertoire, according to music director and conductor Dr. Keith Graumann.

A part of the "Home is Where the Heart Is" series, "Time Travels" will open at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Big Spring High School Au-

ditorium.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students and are available at KBST Radio, Western Bank, Faye's Flowers, Blum's Jewelers, the Heritage Museum, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Big Spring Herald.

"There will be something for everyone in the audience to enjoy," said Graumann, who added, "We are very fortunate to be able to fea-

ture two outstanding soloists for this concert."

Soprano Sarah Beckham of New York City, daughter of Big Spring native James Beckham, will perform several of the most popular and familiar arias from the opera repertoire, and one song from music theater, according to Graumann.

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President's Day prompts closings

Monday is President's Day and a number of local and area entities will take time off that day.

The city of Big Spring will close all offices, including the landfill and compost. There will be no sanitation pickup on Monday. Emergency services will continue as normal.

Howard County offices will be closed, as will the public library and senior center.

Big Spring Independent School District will not have classes Monday. However, Coahoma ISD, Forsan ISD and Howard College will have a normal schedule.



Courtesy photo
Big Spring Fire Department spokesman Craig Ferguson, left, poses with Texas Forest Service Director Tom Boggus. The fire department was one of nine across the state receiving the four-wheel drive brush trucks, valued at \$100,000 each.

BSFD awarded truck to fight fires in brush

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Fire Department has a shiny new weapon in its arsenal of firefighting tools, adding a \$100,000 brush truck to its fleet, compliments of the State Legislature.

According to BSFD spokesman Craig Ferguson, the truck — which is used to fight brush fires

in areas fire engines are unable to reach — didn't cost the city of Big Spring a dime and represents a considerable step forward for the department.

"This brush truck is four-wheel drive, so it can get to a lot of places the fire engines simply can't go," Ferguson said. "A few years ago we had some fires up in Kent-

wood and Highland, and because of the steep terrain we pretty much had to wait for the fires to get to us before we could do anything. This brush truck will allow us to take fires like that head-on, which can prevent a tremendous amount of damage."

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Boys and Girls Club needs help for hoops stars

Bake sale set for 8 a.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Last-minute details are falling into place, but the local Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club still needs help to pull off the upcoming Harlem Ambassadors benefit basketball game.

The game, pitting the Ambassadors against a group of area notables, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Advance tickets for the game are \$3 for seniors, \$4 for students and \$5 for adults and are available at the Salvation Army and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Tickets purchased at the door will cost \$1 more in each category, said Sonnett Hildebrand, director of the Boys and Girls Club. Children 4 and under will be admitted free of charge.

Proceeds from the event go toward funding special activities at the club, Hildebrand said.

"The kids in the community deserve to experience the kind of show the Ambassadors bring with them. They deserve to be spoiled just a little from time to time," she said. "That's why we decided to bring the Ambassadors to Big Spring, and we're also hoping to be able to take the children in the Boys and Girls Club program on some educational and fun reward trips."

To help pay for the event, the club will hold a bake sale beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday at the local Wal-Mart Supercenter. Also, people can help by sponsoring members of "The Screamin' Sloppy Joes," local and area notables who will face off against the Ambassadors Wednesday. Sponsorship cost is \$200 per player, Hildebrand said.

The Ambassadors, who last visited two years ago, are well-known throughout the country for both their basketball skills and the message they deliver to schoolchildren.

"The Harlem Ambassadors are young men and women who have attended college, played college basketball, and are drug-free," Ambassadors creator Dale Moss said.

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Census shows huge Hispanic growth in Texas

By JAY ROOT
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Ethnic minorities accounted for 89 percent of the staggering growth in Texas over the past decade, according to figures released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau that support projections putting Hispanics on pace to soon outnumber whites in the nation's second-largest state.

The explosive Latino growth, confirmed by the long-awaited release

of the local 2010 Census numbers for Texas, immediately sparked calls from Hispanic leaders for the creation of new Hispanic-dominated seats in Congress and the Legislature.

Texas is picking up four seats in Congress this year, twice as many as Florida, the next highest. Latino politicians say it's time their demographic strength translated into political power.


Rep. Roberto Alonzo, D-Dallas, says map drawers could configure

all four of the new seats to be dominated by Hispanics, even though he figures the Republicans who control the Legislature won't do that. He's particularly keen on getting one centered in Dallas, which currently doesn't have one despite heavy Latino growth.


Seven of the state's 32 U.S. House districts have Hispanic majorities, including one in the largest city of Houston — a seat held by Democrat

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Obituaries

Samuel Marc Kilgore



BONHAM — Funeral services for Samuel Marc Kilgore, age 63 of Bonham, will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, at Boyd Baptist Church. The Rev. Adam Barker will officiate the service. Interment will follow at Willow Wild Cemetery with military honors rendered by the U.S. Army Honor Guard. Mr. Kilgore passed away Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011, at his home.

Samuel Marc Kilgore was born in Bonham on Dec. 20, 1947, to parents Marvin and Ruth (Chambers) Kilgore. He married Tonsy Aynn Wright on Aug. 14, 1967, in Bonham. He served in the U.S. Army and was owner operator of Kilgore Septic.

He is survived by wife Tonsy Kilgore of Bonham; daughter Desiree Slaughter and husband Scott of Sherman; grandchildren Morgan Kay Slaughter and Clayton Marc Slaughter; brothers Jerry Kilgore and wife Darla of Big Spring, and Louie Kilgore and wife Jennifer of Garland. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister Janie Kilgore Hutchings.

Pallbearers will be Claude Lewis, John Galyon, Myles Galyon, Rocky Bryan, Jeff Cotner and Tracy Lackey. Honorary pallbearers will be Gene Danner, Lanny Davis, Gary Earhart, Ronnie Coonrod and Claude Lewis Jr.

Family visitation will be held at 1:30 p.m. prior to the service on Sat., Feb. 19, 2011, at Boyd Baptist Church.

To convey condolences or sign an online registry, please visit www.coopersorrells.com

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Larry Ray Bruns



Larry Ray Bruns, age 58, departed this earth Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011, in Odessa.

Larry was a very loving husband, father, son, brother and friend. He was a concealed handgun license instructor, avid golfer and Eagle Scout, attaining the rank of Vigil in the Order of the Arrow. Larry was employed by Ridgewood Cable and absolutely loved his work and the people he worked with and for. He was brought into this world on March 18, 1952, and the world has never been the same since. He was married to Janet Burk on Dec. 21, 1995, in Lovington, N.M.

Larry is survived by his wife, Janet; mother, Ruby Bruns of Big Spring; brother, Curtis Bruns of Big Spring; children, Gina Lindsey and Mike Lee, both of Abilene, as well as Jimmy Lee of El Paso; grandchildren, Paul Lee of Midland, David, Nate and Madison Lee of Abilene and Jody Gardner and Peyton Lindsey of Abilene; one niece; one grandnephew; and numerous cousins and loving in-laws.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, at 3 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, 6801 E Business 20, Odessa.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com

Paid obituary

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 12-13-16-18. Bonus Ball: 13.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-7-15-22-23.

Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-1-8-3. Sum It Up: 12.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-5-3. Sum It Up: 15.

Rhonda Hardy

Rhonda Hardy, 45, of Big Spring died Feb. 15, 2011, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Private memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born June 25, 1965 to Doris Hitch and Papa Ty in Big Spring. She lived in Big Spring all her life.

Survivors include, two daughters, Nikki Smith and Skeeter Smith, both of Big Spring; one brother, Edward Atkinson of Big Spring; and three sisters, Cherie Little and Diana Hendrick, both of Big Spring and Theresa Hitch of Louisiana; son-in-law, Bryan Pearson of Big Spring; and grandchildren, Kessa Lee Coker, Bryan Olin Pearson and Ruby Angel Pearson, all of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Paid obituary

Mary B. Hogg

Mary B. Hogg, 96, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Steven Paul Martinez

Steven Paul Martinez, 59, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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

- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 46, of 1023 Stadium Avenue was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- PAUL WINSLOW ADAIR, 56, of 1549 SE 1000 in Andrews, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.

- RANDALL SCOTT MARTIN, 31, of 1419 Tucson, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.

- APOLLONIA NICOLE VALENCIA, 22, of 1804 Scurry, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - no insurance.

- JOE DANIEL GUERREIRO, 33, of 538 Westover Road 105, was arrested on a charge of having an open container in a moter vehicle - driver.

- ARTURO JUAN VELA, 28, of 1906 Hale Street, was arrested on a charge of failure to display drivers license;

failure to appear; no drivers license - when unlicensed; failure to appear.

- INTOXICATED SUBJECT - 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

- THEFT - 400 block of East Fourth Street, 700 block of West 18th.

- BURGLARY OF HABITATION - 4200 block of Muir Street and 1400 block of East Sixth Street.

- ASSAULT - 1300 block of Lamar.

- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY - 500 block of Westover.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 14 inmates at the time of this report.

- PAUL WINDSLOW ADAIR, 56, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final restitution.

- AMMIE LEE HOWELL, 32, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of motion to revoke proba-

Support Groups

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.

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207.

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tion/driving while intoxicated.

- MICHAEL JAMES BULLINGER, 22, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of having an open alcohol container.

- RANDALL SCOTT MARTIN, 31, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid/with previous conviction/suspension.

- THADDEUS RASHAD MCCALISTER, 22, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces; unlawfully carrying a weapon.

- DARIUS LACHARLES MCCALISTER, 21, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces; consumption of alcohol by minor; failure to appear.

- JAMAAL DESHANE ARTHUR, 25, was arrested by DPS on a charge of criminal trespass.

- JOE DANIEL GUERREIRO, 33, was transferred to the county jail by BSPD on a charge of having an open container.

- APOLONIA NICOLE VALENCIA, 22, was transferred to the

county jail by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.

- ARTURO VELA, 28, was transferred to the county jail by BSPD on a charge of failure to display drivers license; failure to appear; no drivers license; failure to appear.

- DAVID ISAIAS MIRAMONTES, 22, was transferred to the county jail by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- ROSA MARIA FLORES, 34, was transferred to the county jail by BSPD on a charge of harassment.

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CONCERT

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Also featured will be principal flutist Marjory Jennings, a symphony founding member. It will be her final concert in the principal flute position, though she will continue to play flute and piccolo in secondary positions, Graumann said.

The concert will begin with the symphony playing Tchaikovsky's "Capriccio Italien, Op. 45."

Beckham will then sing "O Mio Babbino Caro" (Oh, my

dear father) from the opera "Gianni Schicchi" by Puccini. The orchestra will follow with a performance of the "Russian Sailors Dance" by Gliere. Next, Beckham will sing "Quando me'n vo" (Musetta's Waltz) from the opera "La Boheme," also by Puccini.

Also performed during the first part of the concert will be the Csardas scene from "Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss Jr., and Schubert's "Rosamunde Overture."

The second part of the concert will open with Telemann's "Suite in A minor" for flute and string orchestra, featuring flut-

ist Jennings.

"It has both lyric, sustained and beautiful sections as well as sections requiring great virtuosity. Both types of music will demonstrate Marjory's marvelous expertise on the playing of her flute," Graumann commented.

The finale will feature Beckham joining the orchestra in the dramatic "Sempre Libera" (Free and aimless) from the opera "La Traviata" by Giuseppe Verdi.

The symphony performance will be dedicated to the late Lucy Knox, longtime Guild member and supporter of the Big Spring Symphony.

SALE

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"The Ambassadors have college degrees in a variety of disciplines, such as exercise science, elementary education, and criminal justice. Some of our performers have even earned advanced degrees. The athletes selected to be Harlem Ambassadors have made positive choices to maintain healthy lifestyles and make great role models for young

people." Aside from appearing at the basketball game, the Ambassadors will host an assembly at Elbow Elementary earlier in the day to promote their "Stay in School, Stay Off Drugs" program.

For more information, contact Hildrebrand at 264-0455.

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

BSFD

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Ferguson said the grant — administered through Texas Intra-state Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) — was created by the Legislature in 2009.

According to Steve Pollock, assistant chief regional fire coordinator for the Texas For-

est Service, the grant is the first of its kind and is part of a long-term strategic plan to develop TIFMAS resources around the state.

"TIFMAS, under the direction of Texas Forest Service and the TIFMAS state coordinator, offers training, equipment and vehicle grants, credential standards and mobilization systems to make state-

wide use of local resources," Pollock said. "The program was first mobilized during Hurricane Ike to provide an organized response strategy for the needed resources. Since its inception, TIFMAS has mobilized both resources and personnel for three significant state events including Hurricane Ike, 2009 winter wildfires and Hurricane

Alex."

"TIFMAS will deliver eight more Type VI units in late March, in addition to providing training and safety equipment to fire departments across the state. TIFMAS will continue to strategically award vehicles annually across the state based on the TIFMAS acquisition schedule."

Other cities that re-

ceived new engines included Brownwood, Cedar Hill, Lewisville, Flower Mound, Mission, Georgetown and Nacogdoches.

Texas Forest Service Director Tom Boggus said the new equipment means one thing in the Lone Star State.

"Twenty-five million Texans woke up safer this morning than they did yesterday," Boggus

said.

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HISPANICS

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Gene Green, who is not Hispanic.

"The moral thing to do would be to have the creation of Hispanic impact congressional districts," Alonzo said. "The political thing historically has been whoever is in power draws the line in their favor. . . we won't get the four, but we'll get as much as possible."

Some Republicans acknowledged more Hispanics likely means more Hispanic-majority districts, albeit not necessarily Democratic-majority ones. State Rep. Aaron Pena, a Republican, says he can see a scenario where three of the new U.S. House seats go to Hispanic Republicans.

"I think it would be a bold statement by the Republican Party to have three Hispanic opportunity seats that reflect the Census numbers," Pena said.

The Latino growth accounted for two-thirds of the state's population gains between 2000 and 2010, and Latinos now make up 38 percent of the population. Non-Hispanic whites dropped to 45.3 percent and blacks make up 11.5 percent of the population.

Republican House Speaker Joe Straus said he looked forward to passing "fair and legal maps that represent the make-up of Texas."

Projections compiled

by the Texas State Data Center show Hispanics will be the majority in Texas in the next decade, with conservative estimates showing it will happen in nine years, or in 2020.

Former U.S. Census Director and longtime Texas demographer Steve Murdock said the figures for the number of non-Hispanic whites came in below previous estimates. Their numbers grew by just 4 percent. Minority groups accounted for almost 90 percent of the 4.3 million increase in the state's population.

Asians and other racial groups went up the most on a percentage basis, increasing by 58 percent. The black population went up by over 20 percent and Hispanics saw their strength rise by more than 42 percent, figures show.

"The Hispanic growth has been even larger than we anticipated," Murdock said.

In Harris County, the state's largest political subdivision and home to Houston, there are now 1.7 million Hispanics, accounting for 41 percent of the population. Non-Hispanic whites make up only a third

of the county, while blacks account for 18.4 percent.

In 2000, Latinos accounted for 33 percent of Harris County's population, while non-Hispanic whites made up 42 percent. Statewide, non-Hispanic whites were still the majority in 2000, making up 52 percent of the population.

Texas grew by more than 20 percent over the last decade, more than twice the national rate of 9.7 percent. The state's population stands at 25.1 million. Though the state's total population grew by more than any other state, Nevada, which saw its population rise by more than a third, grew the fastest. Michigan is the only state that lost population in the past decade.

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When it comes to added strength in Congress, Texas is in a league by itself. Because the seats go where the people are, the southwest is gaining influence.

Texas already had the largest Republican delegation in Congress, holding 20 of the state's 32 seats. In the 2010 elections, the party picked up another three seats, two of them in heavily Latino districts in South Texas. With all the new growth, Texas will now have 36 seats and 38 presidential electoral votes.

Democrats say the numbers bode well for a party that has been pushed to the brink of irrelevancy in Texas. The Voting Rights Act re-

quires map drawers to give special protection to districts that contain mostly minorities. Hispanics have tended to favor Democrats, but they are younger than the white population and traditionally have not turned out to vote in comparatively high numbers.


"If the Texas Legislature follows the law and protects all existing minority opportunity districts and respects the new minority population growth in new district lines, then Democrats should be positioned to pick up ground in the Legislature and in Congress," said Democratic political strategist Matt Angle.

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Cory Lee Puga, 19, died Sunday. Funeral mass was at 1 p.m. today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Sandra De La Garza Ramirez, 44, died Wednesday. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

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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:

The following Big Spring High School choir students, who received Division I ratings at the recent UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Angelo:

Alicia Douglas, Ashley Pike, Teresa Turner, Shelby Cruz, Laticia Balzadua, Brianna Kight, Baylee Howell, Santana DeLeon, Andrea Cervantes, Jasmine Martinez, toby Shubert, Aron Rios, Ricky Shubert, Alesha Yanez, Carl Fridle, Eric Fierro, Mindy Ralston, Julia Wilson, Jonathan Martinez, Devante Lloyd, Bridgette Tuitt, Diamond Mayes, Jason Golleher and Krystal Soto.

Coahoma High School students Cole Sneed, Zach Crabtree, Jessi Morgan, Kenzie Moore, Heather Kirby, Emilea Brumley and Shayla Martin, who received superior or excellent ratings at the UIL Region 6 Solo and Ensemble Contest in Odessa.

The Big Spring Fire Department, which recently received a \$400,000 brush truck which will help the department battle blazes in off-road areas. BSFD purchased the vehicle thanks to a grant from the Texas Forest Service.

The Grady High School girls' basketball team, which opened the state Class 1A playoffs with a victory over Ropes. The Lady Wildcats next face Paducah tonight in Post

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we bring crucial decisions, Lord, to You first. Amen

If you dress like a thug ...

As a journalist, there are certain topics you simply avoid from time to time. Some of them are simple, like the difference between the words "effect" and "affect," which still gives me fits as a professional writer. Others are more volatile, such as the powder kegs known as religion and politics.

Unfortunately, the ostrich method — simply sticking your head in the sand so you don't have to deal with the issue — does little to help things, and, by most standards, just makes them worse.

So, in the interest of self-help, I've decided to write an entire series of columns on topics most of us have absolutely no desire to tackle because of their volatility or "ick" factor. Think of it like Mike Rowe's television show "Dirty Jobs," but instead of wading through sewage or getting kicked by a muddy, angry mule, we'll be discussing today's "dirty" topics.

And, right off the bat, let's start with racism and stereotypes.

First of all, despite what you may or may not have heard, racism is alive and well in America. Yes, 2,000 years after Jesus Christ and more than 40 years after the civil rights movement, people are still being judged by the color of their skin.

When it comes to racism, a large component of the monster is simply stereotyping. We're all guilty of it at some point in our lives, whether we quietly lock our car door as an African-American man walks by or get

nervous on a flight because someone of Middle-Eastern descent is sitting nearby.

And while stereotyping is bad — yes, my dear readers, it's still a cultural no-no — we must all recognize there are aggravating factors involved. For example, let's look at that African-American male that caused us to lock our car doors.

If the man were older, wearing a suit and carrying a briefcase, how likely do you think we would be to feel threatened? It seems pretty unlikely, right? What if he were younger and dressed like a thug. Yes, a thug, and if you're unfamiliar with what a thug looks like, just watch a few episodes of "Cops" or music videos.

In both cases, we're not necessarily reacting to the person's race, but to what they are wearing and how they are carrying themselves. Take the same situation and make the thug Hispanic. I imagine he would get the same reaction.

In fact, make him Hawaiian. What can I say, it's the most non-threatening race I can think of, and I know what you're already thinking. "Thomas, Hawaiian people can be just as violent as everyone else."

Yes, I know this, but I'm envisioning Rob Schneider's character from "50 First Dates," so give me a break.

So, we're reacting more to the way people are dressed or carry themselves than we are to the color of their skin or their ethnicity. OK, so maybe not in the airplane situation, but I think we're on the right track here.

The question that arises — and I still don't have a solid answer for — is why people of color choose to reinforce these stereotypes by playing the part, which

includes dressing the part. If you're a young, black man and you don't want to be discriminated against, why in the world would you dress like a thug? If you're Hispanic, why dress like a gang banger unless that's how you want people — and law enforcement, for that manner — to perceive you?

In my mind, it's the equivalent of putting on a Burger King uniform and walking in to one of their restaurants, and when a customer asks for assistance you look at them and say, "What, just because I'm wearing this uniform doesn't mean I work here!"

It's downright confusing.

Each race has its own stereotypes and prejudices to overcome.

Not all white people live in trailer parks, eat mayonnaise sandwiches and watch "Wheel of Fortune" all day. However, if you're going to run around acting — or dressing — like one of these people, don't act surprised when someone lumps you in with the stereotype you're portraying.

Each of us needs to attempt to be a credit to our race, religion or whatever group we identify with in our lives. There will always be knuckleheads looking to ruin things for others, and while we can't simply gather them all up and airmail them to Antarctica, we certainly don't have to take fashion or cultural tips from them.

In other words, if you don't want people to think you're an idiot, don't wear an idiot's uniform.

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Judicial politics: Lowering the bar

There is a crisis in America's federal courts that has absolutely nothing to do with politics, although that is its cause.

The figures are familiar: One out of every nine seats on the federal bench is vacant. Half of the vacancies are in districts with multiple vacancies that have literally declared "judicial emergencies" because they have more cases (many of them criminal and thus subject to speedy trial requirements) than they can handle.

Only 65 of President Obama's judicial nominees have been confirmed. In the past six weeks, one federal judge a week has retired, further increasing the number of vacancies.

Chief Justice John Roberts has warned of the crisis. White House counsel Bob Bauer has warned of the crisis. The Senate even listened enough to actually confirm two judges on Thursday — easy confirmations of well-qualified candidates, both of whom, when they finally bothered to put them up for a vote, were confirmed unanimously.

Roberts' previous seat has been vacant for five-and-a-half years.

The problem is not that well-qualified people have stopped applying for federal judgeships, though it is hard to believe

that the average one-year wait for confirmation doesn't deter some folks. The problem is that well-qualified people are getting caught in political battles that have nothing to do with them, or with the judiciary for that matter.

There is a myth that seems to animate Senate review of judges: that every day on the federal bench you decide *Roe v. Wade*, that every day you decide whether gay marriage is lawful, whether Arizona's immigration law is unconstitutional or whether the president's health care bill gets thrown out.

It ain't so. Most judges don't decide a single such case in a lifetime.

Even if they do, unless you're on the Supreme Court, it's just back-story.

What federal judges do, day in and day out, has much less to do with politics than with knowledge, judgment, management and discipline.

Managing a criminal or civil docket is a major enterprise. Federal judges do it with the help of a couple of kids right out of law school and a few hard-working clerks. Juggling dozens of cases, motions calendars and juries; ensuring that trial dates don't slip and speedy trial rights aren't compromised; making one decision after another, often with little time for reflection, that determine what evidence comes in, what arguments can be made, who gets bail, what charges will stand, what claims get dismissed, whether proper

procedures were followed, what damages are justified, whether a temporary restraining order should issue — that's called Monday.

Good judges do these things well, and it almost never has anything to do with politics. Get together with lawyers to discuss judges, and they don't talk about who appointed them or how they answered the *Roe* question in confirmation hearings. It's about how they run their calendar, whether they are prepared for and engaged in oral arguments, and how long it takes for a case to get to trial.

We have grown used to playing politics with nominees to the Supreme Court, to the point that having deep convictions is seen as disqualifying and confirmation hearings have become a charade. There are occasions when a high-profile ideologue, left or right, is appointed to an appellate court, and those battles are probably bound to play out again and again.

But most federal judges aren't there to do politics. And they shouldn't be demeaned by the political process — or forced to wait a year or longer because of it — when what they are trying to do is serve this country.

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SUSAN ESTRICH

► Church News

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

A great big thank you goes out to the Whossoever Will Sunday school class for the wonderful Valentine banquet lunch you served last Sunday. We all appreciate your thoughtfulness.

March 4-5 are the dates for Big Country B.A. Camp to be at Lueders, featuring evangelist Ken Freeman, evangelist Randy Hogue and Gold City Quartet. Price includes food and lodging. If you're interested in attending, contact Bro. Keith Weaver at the church office by calling 432-267-2291.

Opportunities to attend service at East Fourth begin Sunday mornings with Sunday School at 9:45 for all ages; morning worship at 11 a.m.; evening service at 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, adult Bible study and prayer service, youth Bible study and children's Bible study, all at 7 p.m.; men's Bible study is Saturdays at 7 a.m.

We welcome you to come worship with us Sunday morning as our praise team and musicians, Voices for Christ, lead us in the song, "Jesus Messiah." Choir and congregational music led by music leader Lon Sitton,

and the message is brought by Pastor Keith Weaver.

Our church is located at 401 East Fourth St.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, met at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday and the Chancel Choir practiced from 6 to 7 p.m.

The combined youth group with our youth, those from St. Mary's Episcopal and First Christian met on Wednesday at St. Mary's Episcopal.

Neva Green will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday. Liturgist is Mark Morgan. Ushers for February are Paula Farquhar, Susan Holstedt, Anne Sinclair and John Yater.

The children's Sunday school classes have begun a series on "The Great Commandment," based on Deuteronomy and passages from Matthew. Kids will enjoy the computer lab, the theater room, making commercials or ads, making a pillowcase to remind them of the commandments, playing games and much more. They will also

learn to sign the scriptures: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. (Deut. 6:5)" "Love your neighbor as yourself. (Matt. 22:39)." Youth will continue with the Bible in 90 Days, in the youth room.

The covenant class will study the last unit in this quarter entitled "Jesus, the Promised Servant-Leader," from selected scriptures in the Gospel of Mark. The adult video class is studying "The Miracles of Jesus," from the Deeper Connections series taught by different seminary professors.

The lectionary for the seventh Sunday in ordinary time is Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will offer an arrangement by Gilbert Martin, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"; during the offertory they will sing "Let the People Praise" by Buryl Red.

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

First Presbyterian Church, 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, which is led by commissioned lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The weekly lectionary Bible study, led by Tom and Craig Holstedt, meets at FPC Big Spring at 5:17 p.m. on Wednesday.

The monthly Women's Bible Study meets at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday in the church social hall.

Our next family frolic will be Saturday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in the church social hall. We encourage everyone to prepare and present her/his talent for our mutual enjoyment.

The lectionary for the seventh Sunday in ordinary time is Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; I Corinthians 3:10-23; Matthew 5:38-48.

First United Methodist Church

What a treat our Valentine celebration turned out to be. Hosted by Becky Woodall and her committee of young families, the event was beautifully decorated, well attended and served a great meal. At the conclusion of the dinner, Eddie Vandewalker, director of music ministry, presented a musical extravaganza which included all those who participate in any of the musical programs at our church. Love songs, funny, romantic and well-remembered, thrilled the crowd whose toes tapped and lips moved in sync with familiar tunes. Hats off to you and your crew Becky, we are very proud of your developing programs and events.

Tomorrow is the departure date for our team joining the mission trip to Nicaragua. This past Sunday those going on this journey were recognized and special prayers were said in their behalf as they make this far away trip to carry medical, educational and spiritual gifts. Please keep them in your prayers for a successful trip and safe return Feb. 26.

This Sunday we celebrate United Methodist Women Day in our services of worship. A special guest speaker will bring the message in each of the morning services. The UMW is a very long standing and important part of our church services, not only locally, but far and wide.

Our church's history goes way back to the time when a group of Christian women decided it was time to have a church in this prairie town and sold

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Looking through the wrong end of the telescope

Only a creative genius could look into the wrong end of a telescope and see beyond the range of an experienced star gazer. Yet, Theodore Geisel was such a person — a man who could view life inside out, upside down, back to front and create a humorous, but painfully accurate, picture of life's realities.



BONNIE WHEAT

a menagerie of spotted and striped make-believe animals, some left-footed and some right-footed, Dr. Seuss addressed a multitude of social ills while teaching young children the delightfulness of reading. With the antics of a long-tailed cat in a red and white hat, he stretched the imagination of his readers, both young and old. A fellow named Sam-I-Am taught us all the foolishness of refusing to eat green eggs and ham, while a green grinch exposed the absurdity of trying to prevent Christmas from coming by stealing presents and taking away Christmas trees.

While Dr. Seuss' wrong-ended view through life's telescope makes us laugh at ourselves and others, the Bible also speaks of what may seem to some a non-sense approach to life. Speaking for himself and other followers of Christ, the apostle Paul wrote, "For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2

Corinthians 5:7 NASB).

Walking by faith is somewhat like looking into the wrong end of a telescope. Our view may become limited and even distorted temporarily. But faith does for the believer what nonsense does for Dr. Seuss; it wakes up our brain cells and allows us to see from a different perspective — a perspective that stretches our imaginations and strengthens our relationship with our Creator.

Just as fantasy is a necessary ingredient in the life of any creative artist and story teller, faith is a necessary ingredient in the lives of believers. Adhering to a life of faith makes it possible for us to laugh in spite of life's realities because we have the assurance that God is in control.

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cakes and pies to buy the property. We salute the women of our church who have demonstrated dedicated service for more than 125 years.

Monday, First Methodist will play host once again to Life Line Screenings. These are important stroke prevention tests made available at nominal costs. Pre-registration is required and can be secured by calling 1-800-324-1851.

Sunday, Feb. 27, Garrett Hall will be the location of another family-fun event. It all begins at 5:30 with a snack supper which will be followed by a cake decorating contest. Dads and their children will compete in a contest to see who decorates the

prize-winning cake. We could use some plain cakes if you'd like to volunteer; decorating supplies will be furnished. It promises to be a fun and delicious evening, and you're invited.

Come join us for fun and fellowship in Christ's name. We're First Methodist, located in the heart of downtown Big Spring.

Chapel of Faith

You are invited to attend Chapel of Faith church, located at the corner of East 14th and Goliad, 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 and 5 p.m. Sunday evenings. We will be starting a new Bible study.

The Rev. Scott Willis will be preaching this Sunday. The title of his sermon, "Hair-Breath of God," is based on Psalms 119:33-40.

Encouraging Words: "Be beautiful inside, in your hearts, with the lasting charm of a gentle and quiet spirit which is so precious to God." I Peter 3:4.

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 so much that He sent His son to die for our sins that we might live for Him now and with Him eternally.

First Christian Church

You are invited to attend First Christian Church, located at 911 Goliad St. Each Sunday starts with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Church starts at 10:50 a.m. We celebrate communion every week.

The Lord's table is the center of our worship each time we worship. We practice an open table, which means anyone who is a follower of Jesus is welcomed at the communion table. Christ is remembered as we offer to one another the bread and cup of remembrance.

Sunday is the seventh Sunday after epiphany in the Christian calendar. Ken will be sharing his message entitled, "What, Me Worry?," from the book of "Psalm 121. Each week the Rev. Dr. Kenneth McIntosh begins a great message from the Bible. These messages help us have a greater relationship with other people in a way that Jesus wants all persons to act. He also has a great kid's moments with the kids in church each Sunday morning. Also, Ken will have his radio meditations the week of Feb. 21 through Feb. 25, at 6:30 a.m. on KBST 1490 AM.

There will be a Stewardship Committee meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at noon, at the church.

Check with the church office at 432-517-4821 to see if there will be choir practice on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Anyone wanting to be in the choir needs to come to the practice.

Monday at 5:30 p.m. a group meets in the fellowship hall; TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) which is a weight support group. To get more information about TOPS call 213-1342.

Isaiah 58 Food Pantry, at 107 Runnels, is open Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and again from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for food and clothing assistance.

We are always in need of volunteers, so if you have any time to volunteer please call 263-4758 on Monday or Tuesday.

We have a combined youth group with First Presbyterian and St. Mary's Episcopal that meets each Wednesday night at 6 p.m. Each church takes a month to host the youth group at their church. This February, St. Mary's Episcopal will be hosting the group at Goliad and 10th, from 6 to 8 p.m.

We believe the church is built by people worshipping together and we welcome you to visit at any time. For questions or further information call the church office at 432-517-4821 or view the website at www.fcbspring.org.

First Church of the Nazarene

Don't forget to order your Angel Food this Saturday!

The First Church of the Nazarene is now a host site for Angel Food Ministries. Through Angel Food Ministries you can purchase a box of food (including meat) for your entire household without paying retail markup. Come by the church fellowship hall on February 19th from 10 am to 4 pm to order in person (Lonestar cards will be accepted) and food will be ready for pick up on February 26th. Orders can also be placed online with a credit card

by visiting <http://www.angelfoodministries.com/>. Volunteers are also being needed to help with this ministry, if you are interested, please contact Scott Jimenez.

We welcome you to come Love God, Love Others and Love our Community. Our Sunday Services beginning at 10:00 am and Wednesday evening classes are at 6:30 pm.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, please contact the church office at (432) 267-7015. You can visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org where you can view a live service and we are also on Facebook and Twitter.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church
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We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is www.lutheranonline.com/aliveinchristbstx.

We would love to have you join us for church on Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15.

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching this Sunday. His sermon will be titled "Being Holy" (The Christian Definition) from Today's Lessons.

Angela Newton is our organist. Acolyte will be Mateo Rodriguez. Our elders this week are Richard von Hassell and Richard Knocke. The liturgy will be read by Phillip Reid. The readings are Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, Psalm 119:33-40, 1 Corinthians 3:10-23, and Matthew 5:38-48.

On Sundays, the adults and youth are studying from the "Growing in Christ" series. This Sunday, the topic will be "Ananias Cares for Saul" from Matthew 5:38-48 and Acts 9:10-19. Next Sunday's lesson will be "Jesus Teaches Us to Pray" from Matthew 6:25-34. Feel free to join our Sunday school classes to learn more about our Lord and Savior.

The Voters' Meeting and pot luck scheduled for this Sunday has been postponed to Sunday, the 27th, directly after Sunday school. Plan on at least staying for the meeting. We need your input and attendance.

The Board of Assimilation is scheduled to meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the church.

Mid Week School is beginning a study preparing us for Jesus' last days of his ministry. Last Wednesday evening, we studied "The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem" from Matthew 21:1-11. This Wednesday we will study "The Great Commandment" from Mark 12:28-34. We would love to have your children join us at 5:45 p.m.

The meals are being served from 6:30-7. The meal on the 16th was prepared by Angela Newton and Nancy Herrin. The meal next week will be prepared by Breanna Conner.

Calling all laity with a heart for our youth. The following event is designed for you ... as well as pastors to support you. The event is the "Christ on Campus." This is a Campus Ministry ... West Texas style!

Circuit 4 Convocation will be held Saturday, March 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at grace Lutheran Church (3000 West Golf Course Road in Midland). Call 432-697-3221 for reservations. The cost, lunch and childcare are free.

The mission of Higher Things Inc. is to assist parents, congregations and pastors win cultivating and promoting a Lutheran identity among youth through conferences, retreats, publications and the internet. For more information, see <http://higherthings.org>.

If you are interested in beginning or attending a new men's or women's Bible study, contact any member of the Board of Education. These Bible studies could be any day or evening of the week and could be held either at church or in a home.

The Board of Education will meet March 8, at 7 p.m. at the church. The LWML will meet March 10, at 7 p.m. at the church. March 14, the LWML will serve refreshments at the VA. The Elders meet March 17 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Board of Assimilation will meet March 22, at 7 p.m.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church News

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist will be at 10:30 a.m. in the church.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood meeting and breakfast is Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m.

The Daily Grind with God Coffee Hour meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m., in the parish hall. Also, on Wednesdays, a special exercise class called SignChiDo is being offered at 5:30 p.m. In the parish hall.

All youth from sixth to 12th grades are encouraged to join us for our youth group at St. Mary's, Wednesday, Feb. 23, from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

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By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

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♣ J

EAST
♠ 9 5 2
♥ Q J 3
♦ K 8
♣ A 8 7 5 4

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the queen of clubs. The contract can be made regardless of how the adverse cards are divided. How would you proceed so as to assure at least nine tricks?

WEST
♠ A K 4
♥ Q 10 8 7
♦ K 9 5
♣ A 6 2

EAST
♠ Q 10 2
♥ 5 3
♦ A Q 10 6 3
♣ K 9 4

1. The slam is ice-cold, despite the unlucky 5-2 club division.

Tomorrow: Good, better, best.
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At trick six, you lead a heart to the queen, ruff the seven of clubs, then play a diamond to dummy's king and lead the eight of clubs. But instead of ruffing, you discard the eight of spades from your hand! North wins but is stymied. He must either lead a spade into your A-Q or return a diamond, presenting you with a ruff-and-discard. Either way, you make the slam.

2. Win the club with the ace, cross to the ace of diamonds and lead a low diamond. If South follows low, finesse the nine. This assures nine tricks and the contract even if the nine loses to the jack. There is no combination of the cards that would allow the defenders to cash four heart tricks at this point. The worst that can happen is that you lose three hearts and a diamond.

If you don't finesse the nine of diamonds, you will go down if South holds, say:

♠ J975 ♥ A64 ♦ J872 ♣ 73

You will score only eight tricks in this case. If you attempt to establish one more by giving up a diamond, South wins with the jack and returns a low heart, whereupon the defense collects four heart tricks to put you down one.

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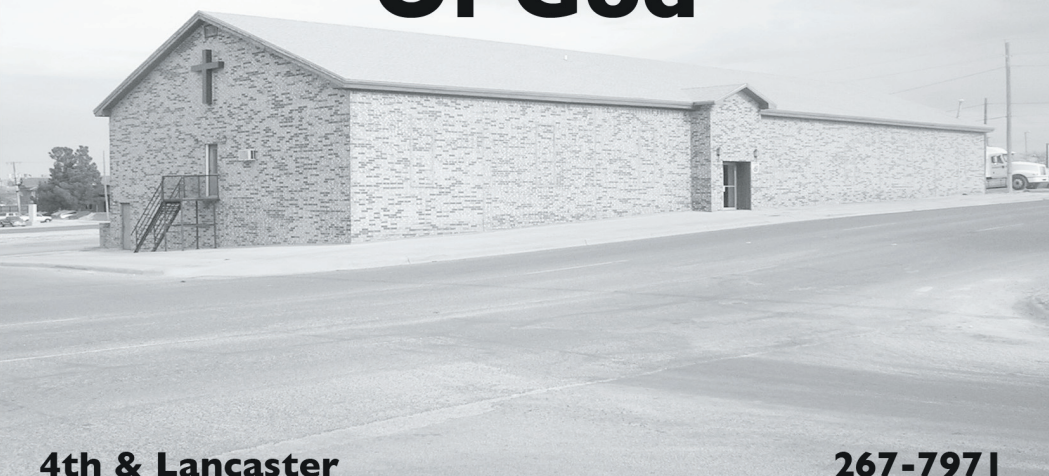
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News in brief

Woman charged in 1987 killing of spouse

HOUSTON (AP) — A Tennessee woman who formerly lived in the Houston area has been charged with the 1987 shooting death of her husband in Texas.

Norma Jean Clark of Belvidere, Tenn., was jailed Friday on a murder charge. The 62-year-old Clark was held on \$1 million bond in the Franklin County, Tenn., Jail. Electronic jail records had no listing for an attorney for Clark, who faces extradition.

A cold case unit of the Harris County Sheriff's Office took another look at the case last year. Clark was arrested Wednesday.

Investigators say Edmund Hugh Clark and his wife were living in Tomball (TOM'ball), Texas, when he was fatally shot in April 1987 at their home.

The Houston Chronicle reports investigators are looking at whether the victim had planned to divorce his wife.

Repairs continue year after IRS protester crash

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas building where a tax protester killed himself by flying his small plane into the structure continues to be repaired a year later.

Friday was the first anniversary of the fiery crash into the Austin building where the Internal Revenue Service had offices.

The Austin American-Statesman reports new tenants could start moving into the multi-story building by the end of 2011.

Andrew Joseph Stack III died in the Feb. 18, 2010, crash he caused by flying his single-engine plane into Echelon I. An IRS worker, Vernon Hunter, was at work and was killed.

Kevin Kimball with KVA Inc., a management company that operates the building, says the damaged structural steel has been replaced.

1 student killed, 3 hurt in school SUV crash

CANTON (AP) — An SUV driven by a teacher and full of high school students traveling to a Future Farmers of America event veered off a rural East Texas road Thursday and rolled several times, ejecting a 15-year-old girl who died at the scene and leaving three others injured.

It appeared the driver overcorrected when the vehicle's right side tires slipped off the paved road, which caused the SUV to flip about 2:40 p.m. in Van Zandt County, about 55 miles east of Dallas, said Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Jean Dark.

Teacher Debra Holcombe, 53, of Quitman, jerked the steering wheel to the left to get back onto the two-lane road, then pulled to the right to keep from going into oncoming traffic "and that's when the rolling happened," Dark said.

Quitman High School student Skylar Carpenter was ejected from the back seat and died at the

scene, Dark said, adding that it appeared she was not wearing a seat belt.

"It's a terrible, awful sad situation," Dark said.

Three other Quitman students were taken to Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. A 17-year-old girl and 18-year-old boy were in fair condition, and a 15-year-old girl was in serious condition, said hospital spokesman John Moore.

The students were on their way to a Future Farmers of America conference in San Antonio when the accident occurred. A message seeking comment was left at a listing for Holcombe on Thursday evening.

2 dead, 2 hurt in High Plains plane crash

LEVELLAND (AP) — A small plane has crashed at a small Texas High Plains airport, killing 2 people and injuring 2 others aboard.

The Federal Aviation Administration says the crash happened about 9:30 p.m. Thursday at the Levelland Municipal Airport, about 30 miles west of Lubbock.

FAA spokesman Lynn Lunsford says the single-engine Cessna 182 had originated its pleasure flight in Lubbock and was making touch-and-go landings at the Levelland airport when it crashed. He said the two survivors of the crash were airlifted to a Lubbock hospital for treatment.

Lunsford said the FAA and National Transportation Safety Board have dispatched investigators to the scene.

CHURCH NEWS

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College Baptist Church

Pastor Ken McMeans continued with his series of "Family Matters" sermons this past Sunday with a sermon called, "I Now Pronounce You..." a sermon on married love. He spoke of God's plan for marriage. When we marry, we are to leave our father and mother and cleave to our husband or wife. He cited Genesis 2:22-23 and Ephesians 5:22-25.

A young man from our youth department brought the sermon on Sunday night and did a very good job. The main theme for his sermon was to have the courage to stand up for what we believe in.

The work day at College Baptist brought out many people to do whatever needed doing. Our new back entrance is really coming along. Some early spring cleaning also was done. Thank you to all who came to help.

Our youth group and sponsors prepared a wonderful enchilada lunch and served it after church Sunday morning. It was a fund raiser for the spring break mission trip to Chama, N.M. There are many youth and adults signed up to go.

Our motto and mission statement for College Baptist Church is being carried out: We are, "On a mission, in real life, reaching, teaching and ministering in Jesus name."

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets each Sunday for worship at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pastor Billy Bates leads both services.

Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. The adult class discussion will be led by Jacque Mauch and is entitled "Jesus Came to Serve," taken from Mark 10:35-45. The purpose of the lesson is to comprehend that greatness in God's sight is measured by humble service to others.

The Wednesday night Bible study will not meet

until March and the United Methodist will not meet again until April.

Angel Food customers please remember you will place your orders at the First Nazarene Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church extends a warm welcome to all who wish to worship, study and serve the Lord.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell. For more information call 267-2203 or 263-2536, if no answer leave a message.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane, on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The babe chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is March 10. Please mark your calendar. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship. For more information see our website www.signal-emmaus.org



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BSHS girls' track at Tech Saturday

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

Big Spring girls' track coach Nick Roberson can't hide the excitement when he talks about the team he has this year.

There's talent across the board and a good mix of youth and experience.

"Our expectations for our team this year are at the highest level," Roberson said. "I have one expectation for this team and that's to be very successful. For years, I've been building. I haven't had any senior leadership or any leaders to speak up. Now my young ones have grown up, and I've got some young ones behind them."

He'll get a chance to see what his girls can do at the Texas Tech Indoor Invitational Saturday in Lubbock.

Roberson said this meet is simply a warm-up for the outdoor meets later this season. It should be a good warm-up, too. The Lady Steers are going to see a wide range of teams from all classes and even some from the area. District rivals Abilene Wylie and Brownwood are two schools that will be at the meet.

What excites Roberson so much is the depth of talent he has. From pole vaulters to sprinters, there's not a weak link.

Just a few names to look out for throughout the season are Texas State signee Desiree Anderson, Bridgette Tuitt, Cerbi Ritchey, Carson Reibe and April Turner.

Tuitt and Anderson will be competing in the long jump Saturday and Roberson said he is hoping for good marks early.

He said it should be a new experience for some

of the girls, considering the meet is at the Athletic Training Center on Tech's campus and college coaches will be in attendance.

Anderson said it's early in the season, so a lot of the Lady Steers will be working to get in midseason form.

"I'm just hoping we all go out and do our best," she said. "We're not all physically fit and ready for the season to come. I'm just hoping everyone does their best."

Tuitt shares the same sentiment with her coach concerning the talent this team has this year.

"Some girls, we've been watching them since they've been in seventh grade," she said. "Now that they're here finally, it's like we've seen so much and we know what they're capable of. So, we don't expect anything less."

Playoff hopes in balance for HC women Hawks take care of WTC as postseason nears



HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Joe Bright defends Western Texas College's Brandon Jackson during the Howard College Hawks' win over the Westerners Thursday night.

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

Western Texas had nothing to play for in Thursday's matchup against Howard College in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Sometimes those are the most dangerous teams.

The Hawks' comeback was a little too late as they fell to the Lady Westerners 55-53 in WJCAC action.

More importantly, the loss ties Howard with New Mexico Junior College for the fourth and final spot for the Region V Tournament. Both teams are at 5-5.

"I thought our energy was down," HC head coach Earl Diddle said. "Give all the credit to Western Texas. I thought

they had a really good game, a really good plan offensively and defensively. I thought we were a little tentative against their 2-3 zone and I thought that really cost us the game."

WTC was in charge of the game for most of the night, but Howard made a late push in a game the Hawks needed.

The Lady Westerners were up 29-21 at halftime and opened the second half on a 7-0 run, but the Hawks fought back from that and the two squads exchanged leads for the final five minutes of the game.

The Hawks had the game tied at 50 with 2:15 left thanks to a 3-pointer from Tasha Tubbs, but WTC's Wykeia Sanders answered back with a score.

On the next possession, Howard's Kali Jerrell missed a 3-pointer, but WTC couldn't take advantage of it, leaving Howard with another chance to tie or steal the lead.

However, Jerrell missed a shot with 26 seconds left and the Hawks had to foul. Tubbs' 3-pointer, with 11 seconds left made it 54-53, but one more converted free throw was all the Lady Westerners needed.

WTC head coach Tammy Davis said her team showed a lot of character to get a road win like this.

"Any conference win is good in this

See HOWARD, Page 2B

Area basketball playoff schedule

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Sports in brief

Spring football sign-ups

Sign-ups are taking place through March 5. For more information or details, contact Kevin Boyce at (432) 816-3855.

Chicano Golf Association

The association's Membership Drive Tournament takes place Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course. It is a four person scramble and golfers select their own foursome. Membership fee is \$25. The tournament is scheduled for a 10 a.m. shotgun start and 9:30 a.m. sign-up deadline. For more information, contact Bobby Cordova at (432) 935-0410.

Big Spring Girls Softball Association

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will conduct sign-ups for girls ages 4 to 14 to play. Sign-ups are each Saturday through March 12 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. The registration fee is \$80 with no fundraiser. It will cover the full uniform. Late registration after March 12 is \$10 extra. For more information, contact Lucy Ramirez at 466-3670.

Coahoma girls softball sign-ups

Coahoma girls softball will be conduct-

ing signups for girls ages 3 to 18 for three weekends in March - check local newspaper and radio station for times and locations. Call Billy Newton at (325) 207-2640 or (432) 394-4294 or Amy Overton at (432) 816-1968 for more information.

Playoff games at Howard College

The first game features Smyer vs. Reagan County at 6 p.m. today in girls' Class A, Division I area championship action.

Following that is Odessa Permian vs. Lubbock Coronado at 8 p.m. in the girls' Class 5A area playoffs. Both games are at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



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NFL, players' union agree to mediation

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two weeks before a potential lockout, the NFL and its players' union are asking for help in their stalled negotiations.

Both sides agreed Thursday to mediation as they discuss a new collective bargaining agreement. The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, an independent U.S. government agency, will oversee talks in Washington beginning Friday.

After holding separate discussions with representatives from the league

and the union, FMCS director George H. Cohen said both sides agreed to have the agency mediate. Mediation is not binding.

"Any time that both sides of negotiations can get together, whether through conventional means of bargaining or mediation, to come to an agreement that can benefit all parties, it is a good thing," NFLPA president Kevin Mawae told The Associated Press in an e-mail.

Negotiations broke down last week, leading to the cancellation of one

planned session. The players are expecting the owners to lock them out if the CBA expires on March 3 without a new agreement.

"Due to the extreme sensitivity of these negotiations and consistent with the FMCS's long-standing practice, the agency will refrain from any public comment concerning the future schedule and/or the status of those negotiations until further notice," Cohen said.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello told The Associated Press in an e-mail:

"We are now in mediation."

The league also switched an owners meeting from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on March 3, to Chantilly, Va., on March 2-3.

In a statement, NFLPA spokesman George Atallah said: "The NFLPA has always focused on a fair collective bargaining agreement through negotiations.

"We hope that this renewed effort, through mediation, will help the players and owners reach a successful deal."

HOWARD

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conference," she said. "Our girls have just kind of settled down lately and just played. They've been playing loose and they've done a good job."

As Diddle said, the 2-3 zone gave Howard fits all night as the Westerners made sure none of the Hawks hurt them on the offensive end. He said his players weren't attacking the WTC defense enough.

The Lady Westerners tried that defense in a loss when these two team met in Snyder earlier this season, but it wasn't as successful as it was Thursday.

The fight for a playoff spot gets interesting now, considering New Mexico Junior College beat Odessa College Thursday night. The Hawks' last two games are at Odessa and back home against Frank Phillips and they'll need NMJC to lose in order to clinch a postseason berth.

"There couldn't have been a bigger game than (Thursday's)," Diddle said. "If we win and Odessa wins, we're in. We're basically in the hands of other teams now."

Western Texas College 55, Howard College 53

WTC 29 26 - 55

Howard 21 31 - 53

Howard — Porsche Young 9, Kali Jerrell 8, Sarah Johnson 3, Leona Allen 4, Zeslie Johnson 8, Taniqua Ards 10, Tasha Tubbs 9, Brushea Daniels 2

WTC — Kulia Wilson 5, Presley Gann 10, Tiffani Jones 8, Lindsey Palmer 2, Jamie Wilson 8, Elissa Betts 5, Wykela Sanders 10, Shaylese Shofner 7

3-point field goals — Howard 5 (Young, Jerrell, Tubbs 3), WTC 4 (Gann, Jones 2, Wilson)

Free throws — Howard 6-14, WTC 5-10

Total fouls — Howard 12, WTC 13

Records — Howard (20-8, 5-5), WTC (14-15, 4-7)

Howard men

All seems to be well for a team that's had to deal with a ton of adversity this season.

After stunning No. 5 Midland Monday, the Hawks held off Western Texas College at home for a 64-56 win.

The Westerners, who upended the Hawks in Snyder, made pushes throughout the game, but couldn't keep the lead.

The Hawks were led by Joe Bright's 15 points and Tramel White's 11. Corey Stern and Carlos Emory chipped in 10 apiece.

"Western Texas is a sleeper and they just woke up about two games ago," HC head coach Mark Adams said. "It's a tough matchup for us. Coach (Jason Sautter) has got them playing hard. They were ready to play, very difficult to guard because of their quickness. I thought overall, we did a good job defensively."

Last time in Snyder, WTC guard Deverell Biggs torched the Hawks for 31 points, leading the Westerners to the win.

The Hawks didn't allow anyone to get too out of control Thursday. Monzaigo Williams led WTC with 17 points, Biggs had 11 and Reggie Slaton had 10.

The Hawks took the Westerners' best shot at the beginning of the second half. Back-to-back 3-pointers from Willaims had WTC up 36-34 with 12:57 left in the game. Then Lonnie Robinson converted a 3-point play for a 39-36 lead.

Thanks to Bright, among other people, Howard

made sure that didn't last long. Howard had a 58-51 lead heading into the final minutes of the game and with WTC jockeying for a comeback, Bright stole the ball and scored to essentially seal the win.

Through suspensions and forfeiting wins, the Hawks are already in the playoffs with 10 wins in conference play. Thursday's game and the final two games are all about positioning themselves for a better seed in the Region V Tournament. The No. 1 seed is possible, too. The Hawks sit just a game back of 11-1 Midland College.

It all looks too familiar to Joe Bright, who is one of two sophomores who were on last year's national championship team.

"We're making a run like we did last year, right at the end," he said. "So we're looking good right now."

Howard College 64, Western Texas College 56

WTC 20 36 - 56

Howard 23 41 - 64

Howard — Jerry Dixon 7, Tramel White 11, Shavon Coleman 10, Corey Stern 6, Jermaine Winfield 5, Carlos Emory 10, Joe Bright 15

WTC — Deverell Biggs 11, Malcom Herron 7, Monzaigo Williams 17, Reggie Slaton 10, Lonnie Robinson 3, Brandon Jackson 6, Abiodun Adegoke 2

3-point field goals — Howard 2 (Emory, Bright), WTC 8 (Biggs, Herron, Williams 4, Slaton 2)

Free throws — Howard 14-20, WTC 10-13

Total fouls — Howard 16, WTC 17. Technical fouls: Joe Bight, Howard. Fouled out: Jerry Dixon, Howard

Records — Howard (20-6, 10-2), WTC (18-9, 4-8)



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Guys with 12 points won and 44 points lost. There are nine weeks left in the season and then the position round. All teams are still in the running for first place.

The bowlers of the week are: Luis Davila 203, 209 games, Ray Gutierrez 203 game, John Dodd 244, 214, 277 games with a 735 series, Ector Guerra 244 game, Sammy Torres 201 game, Claud Fryar 223, 201, 232 games with a 656 series, Daniel Smith 210 game, Jerry Barnes 211, 201 games, Michael Shankles 203 game, Steve Barker 203 game, Junior Barber 214 game, Blake Lance 212 game, Tony Saldana 208 game, Greg Clarke 205,

202, 259 games with a 666 series, Jimmie Wood 210 game with a 602 series, Jeff Kellner 235 game with a 612 series, Mike Reyes 219 game, Tony Sarmiento 215 game, Chris Munoz 210 game, Florencio Hewtty Jr. 212, 212, 235 games with a 659 series, Adrian Zarate 221, 279, 247 games with a 747 series, Tommy Booth 214, 204 games, Paul Johnson 216 game, Richard Rowden 255, 268 games with a 686 series, Tony Shankles 220, 223, 217 games with a 660 series, Michael Rowden 209, 212 games with a 602 series. Good Bowling and good luck in the rest of the season.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The sun breaks into the realm of Pisces, the final sign of the zodiac. Pisces is an amalgamation of all of the signs before it, and the next cycle, which ends on March 20, will feel like a complete journey. There will be an emphasis on spirituality and on exploring and strengthening your faith in whatever you choose to believe.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your personal preferences will inform your senses, especially your visual sense. The more you like someone the more attractive you will consider that person to be. You will look for loveliness and find it.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your walk is springy and youthful, capturing the attention of all around you. You will be judged as a highly productive person before you even show anyone what you can do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Be flexible. Life will throw you a few curve balls, and you can only catch them if you're not entrenched in your current position. Because you are open-minded, you will have the advantage both in love and business.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You need the upper hand, and it's not wrong of you to try to get it. Be assertive. You won't be able to make things go your way unless you step up and take control of a situation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). To care about others and want to help them is part of human nature. So when you ask for help, you're not putting anyone out. You are providing others with the opportunity to give. It fulfills a deep need within them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Fear of rejection may be preventing someone from getting to know you, or maybe from approaching you at all.

You can change this dynamic by going out of your way to be friendly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is much that is influencing your relationships these days. Romance is especially affected by mixed emotions, beliefs and attitudes. It helps you to get grounded in your own realm before you reach out to anyone else.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't let anyone forget about you. This is the perfect day to be present to others, showing them your best face. Financial opportunities come out of today's meetings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have many similarities with a certain person, but should not mistake this as a sign that you are destined to be together forever. Take things slow, and use a great deal of logic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're not in the mood to try new products, meet fresh faces or explore outside your usual territory. You'll gravitate to the one who knows you well and understands what you are all about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You mean business. You'll show the world what you want to do, and you start the process now. You may not get support initially, but keep going anyway. It shows you have heart. Eventually, you'll earn favor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though there may be a lack of resources or perhaps some unforeseen delays, interruptions and obstacles, there won't be a wasted moment in the entire day. As long as you stay present to the action at hand, you'll win.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 18). You'll answer a calling this year, and it will open up your world. You'll feel completely embraced by the one you love in March. You'll gain position and authority in May. You have an excellent memory and will benefit from writing about your

life and also from teaching the skills you've acquired. Sagittarius and Scorpio associations bring good fortune. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 2, 35, 15 and 22.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** Keep showing up for your loved one. Familiarity breeds fondness. **TAURUS:** Prove that you don't take yourself too seriously by smiling at your own silly mistakes. Someone will fall in love with you. **GEMINI:** Everyone wants to be around you because of your positive attitude. **CANCER:** You can agree with those you don't like and like those with whom you don't agree. **LEO:** Your enthusiasm will make you stand out in the crowd. **VIRGO:** You'll have the best time when you bring someone you know well to a place you don't know at all. **LIBRA:** Saturday, do whatever a loved one wants, and Sunday, have that person do whatever you want. **SCORPIO:** You will make a spectacular first impression, giving yourself much to look up to. **SAGITTARIUS:** A date goes well because you use strictly positive and uplifting language the entire time. **CAPRICORN:** This is no time to compare yourself to others. Instead, celebrate your uniquely attractive qualities. **AQUARIUS:** A third party will help to cast you in the best possible light for the one you want to impress. **PISCES:** Whether you like it or not, you're playing a game, so you may as well play to win.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Leo and Aquarius are opposites on the zodiac wheel, and they do not always get along. However, their differences add strength to their bond. Because they argue so constructively, each broadens the other's view. Their interaction may be spicy, but it ultimately brings them closer together. This weekend, Leo loves to show off and entertain, while Aquarius is the ideal audience.

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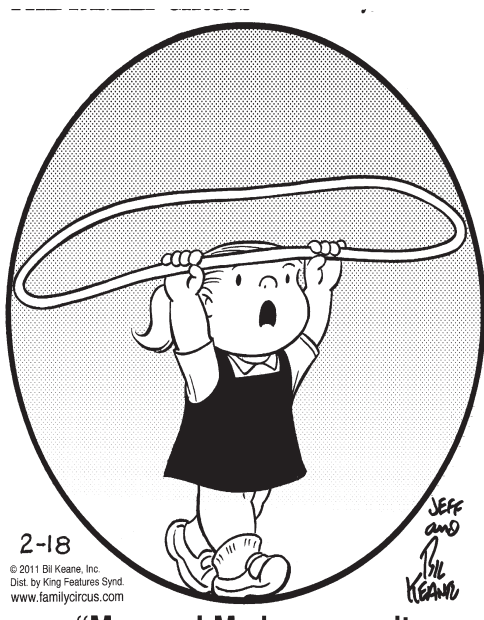
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5:PM ABC	News	Alma	Lopez	News	Noticias	News	King	Faye H.	World	Lyrics!	Cash Cab	Plains Drifter, Marianna Hill	Gangland	Law & Order	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Wizards Now	NASCAR Now	SportsCenter
6:PM ABC	Jeopardy!	Llena de Amor (SS)	Two Men	News	Caso Cer- rado	News	Seinfeld	Door-Wis- dom	Business	Lyrics!	Cash Cab		Ways Die	Bones		Wizards	College Basketball	NBA Basket- ball
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"ANYONE KNOW WHAT MADE ABE LINCOLN FAMOUS?" "HE DUG THE LINCOLN TUNNEL!"

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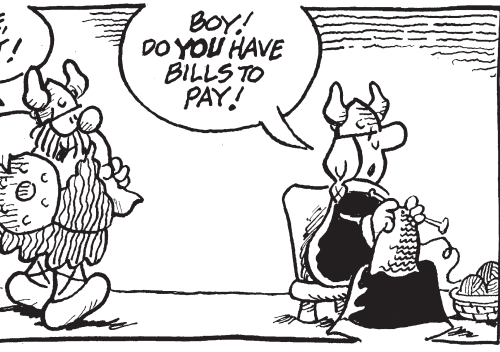
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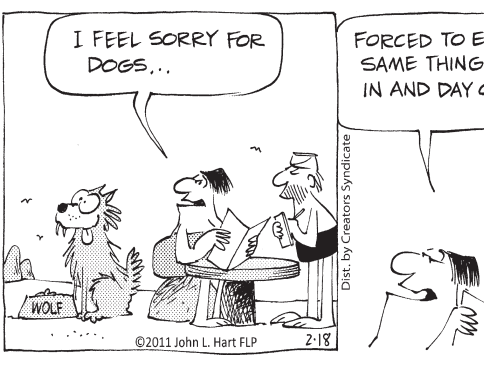
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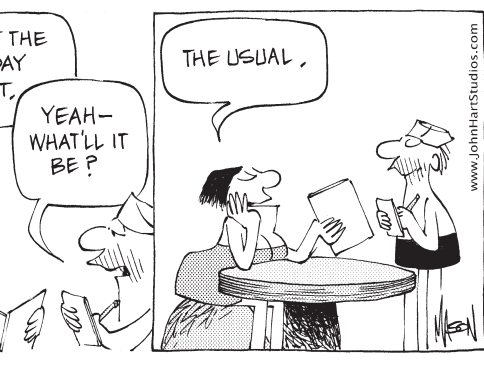
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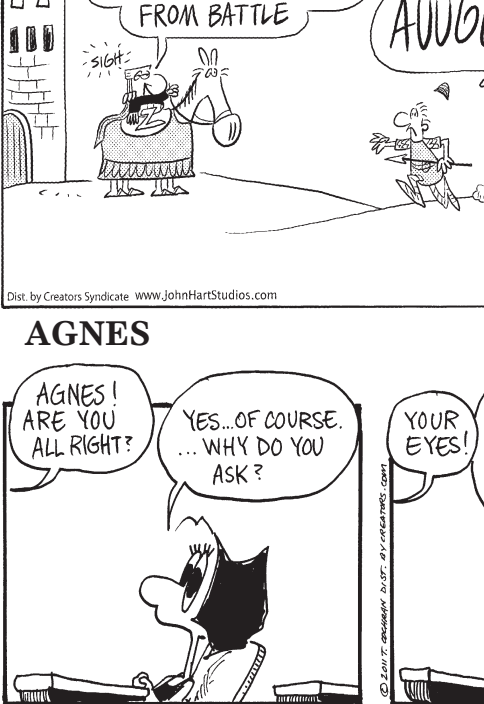
I FEEL SORRY FOR DOGS...

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SIR RODNEY RETURNS FROM BATTLE

AGNES



AGNES! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

HI AND LOIS



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THE OTHER COAST



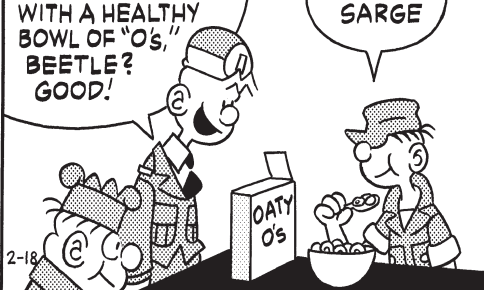
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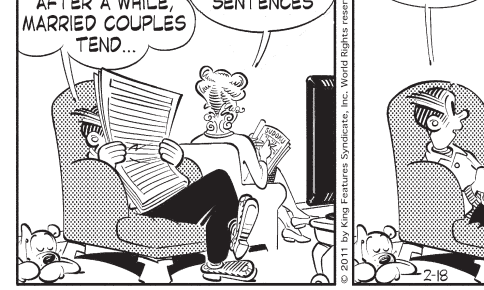


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TO FINISH EACH OTHER'S SENTENCES

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YES, AND... NOT ONLY THAT, BUT

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 2011. There are 316 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 18, 1911, the world's first officially-sanctioned airmail flights were completed as Fred Wiseman, carrying three letters, arrived in Santa Rosa, Calif., in his biplane a day after leaving Petaluma (engine trouble having forced an overnight stop) while in India, French pilot Henri Pequet carried some 6,500 letters and postcards from Allahabad (AH'-lah-hah-BAHD') to Naini (NAN'-ee) in 13 minutes.

On this date:

In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died in Eisleben.

In 1564, artist Michelangelo died in Rome.

In 1735, the first opera presented in America, "Flora, or Hob in the Well," was performed in present-day Charleston, S.C.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as provisional president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.

In 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the U.S. for the first time.

In 1930, photographic evidence of Pluto (now designated a "dwarf planet") was discovered by Clyde W. Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.

In 1960, the 8th Winter Olympic Games were formally opened in Squaw Valley, Calif., by Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

In 1970, the "Chicago Seven" defendants were found not guilty of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention; five were convicted of violating the Anti-Riot Act of 1968 (those convictions were later reversed).

In 1977, the space shuttle Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its maiden "flight" above the Mojave (moh-HAH'-vee) Desert.

In 1984, Italy and the Vatican signed an accord under which Roman Catholicism ceased to be the state religion of Italy.

Today's Birthdays: Former Cosmopolitan editor Helen Gurley Brown is 89. Actor George Kennedy is 86. Former Sen. John Warner, R-Va., is 84. Author Toni Morrison is 80. Movie director Milos (MEE'-lohsh) Forman is 79. Singer Yoko Ono is 78. Singer-songwriter Bobby Hart is 72. Singer Irma Thomas is 70. Singer Herman Santiago (Frankie Lyman and the Teenagers) is 70. Singer Dennis DeYoung is 64. Actress Sinead Cusack is 63. Actress Cybill Shepherd is 61. Singer Juice Newton is 59. Rock musician Larry Rust (Iron Butterfly) is 58. Actor John Travolta is 57. Game show host Vanna White is 54. Actress Greta Scacchi (SKAH'-kee) is 51.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Rum mixer
 - 5 Spots for shots
 - 9 With glee
 - 14 Melville monomaniac
 - 15 Type of tide
 - 16 Less ordinary
 - 17 Kids' fort material
 - 18 Clinton's opponent in '96
 - 19 Says openly
 - 20 Deli freebie
 - 23 "That clears it up"
 - 24 Honored flier
 - 28 Meeting expectations
 - 32 Zellweger of Cold Mountain
 - 33 Feal crummy
 - 34 Milk selection
 - 35 Recipe instruction
 - 36 Cleaner of locks
 - 40 NASDAQ debut
 - 41 Novelist Anita
 - 43 "All bets ___ off"
 - 44 High hairstyles
 - 46 1/2 or 7/8
 - 50 William the Conqueror's adversary
 - 51 Frustate
 - 52 Babe Ruth, for one
 - 58 Marriott alternative
 - 61 Water down
 - 62 Knucklehead
 - 63 Rock guitarist Mann
 - 64 Bolivian bull
 - 65 Not theirs
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- 1 Winery container
 - 2 Cry of alarm
 - 3 Get Smart evil org.
 - 4 Charlotte's Web author
 - 5 Peace Nobel Sakharov
 - 6 Start under new management
 - 7 Timbuktu's country
 - 8 Job detail
 - 9 Water-polo position
 - 10 Adjective modifiers
 - 11 Phrase of confirmation
 - 12 Sleuth Archer
 - 13 Twelve-mo. spans
 - 21 Bass-baritone Simon
 - 22 Mexican painter
 - 25 Self-defense study
 - 26 Like some mikes
 - 27 Ticklish dolls
 - 28 Dick Tracy's topper
 - 29 Protected from the elements
 - 30 Nintendo fan
 - 31 Bit of advice
 - 32 Author Ellison
 - 37 "Good" start
 - 38 Sound from a woofer
 - 39 Kind of navel
 - 42 Had on
 - 45 Brimless hat
 - 47 Chosen groups
 - 48 Swear to
 - 49 Like pinball machines
 - 53 URL starter
 - 54 You of yesteryear
 - 55 Glowering
 - 56 Book before Nehemiah
 - 57 Having a healthy glow
 - 58 Yes, in Yokohama
 - 59 Pup squeak
 - 60 Ovid's "I love"

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