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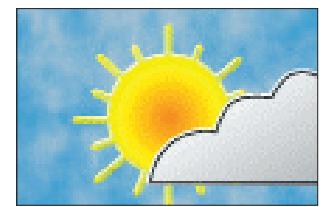
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## State park in peril?

*It's on the legislative hit list; meeting here Friday*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are set to meet with representatives from Big Spring and Howard County Friday to discuss the rather uncertain future of the Big Spring State Park, which has been targeted by the legislature to be transferred out of state control.

The legislature is currently

dealing with a massive budgetary shortfall that is expected to cut into the TPWD 2012-2013 budget by more than 20 percent, equalling a whopping \$162 million cut to the department's estimated coffers.

Part of those cuts involves TPWD transferring more than a half-dozen parks out of state control, as well as the elimination of two state park regional offices.

Among the parks targeted for transfer are Big Spring State Park, Blanco State Park, Daingerfield State Park, Lockhart State Park, Lake Casa Blanca International State Park near Laredo, Sebastopol State Historic Site in Seguin and Wyler Aerial Tramway in El Paso.

According to talking points released by the legislature, See **PARK**, Page 3



HERALD file photo  
**The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, facing extreme funding cuts, may be looking to transfer Big Spring State Park to city or county control.**

## 'Cuckoo's Nest' earns accolades at state festival

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

The judges were cuckoo for "Cuckoo's."

The Howard College Drama Department closed out its spring schedule by staging "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" to highly positive reviews at the recent Texas community college theater festival.

Unlike the Academy Award winning movie — which at times resembled a comedy with dramatic overtones — HC's staging of the play flipped that around — deeply serious with a few light moments interspersed among the drama.

"One of the judges told me this was the first time he

found the play frightening," said Kirk Davidson, head of the HC drama department. "There is a lot of comedy, but yes, it's very dramatic ... This is probably my favorite show we've staged since I've been here."

For those unfamiliar with the play, Davidson described it as sort of a "man vs. society" morality play staged inside a mental institution and the war of wills that ensues between Nurse Ratched, who runs a particular ward at the institution, and McMurphy, a free spirit who joins the population.

"This was written in the 1960s, and it's like some other shows that were written back

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
**Zack Spears, left, and Brody Smith rehearse a scene from "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," which the Howard College Drama Department recently staged at the state community college theater festival.**



Nancy Koger photo  
**Vicki Stewart, left, Relay For Life committee co-chair, and Genia Phillips, banking chair, pose with awards naming the Howard-Glasscock unit the top per capita in the region and top 10 in the nation for 2010. The 2011 Relay For Life is May 6-7.**

## Local Relay recognized among best

By **NANCY KOGER**  
 Special to the Herald

A reminder that Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life is only two months away came at a recent meeting when Co-chair Vicki Stewart unfurled banners announcing that the 2010 Relay was the top community per capita for the 2010 High Plains Division in the and placed in the top 10 nationwide per capita among relays. Relay volunteers are proud to say that to garner such accolades with an event that was rained out and rescheduled indoors months later is "incredible."

In addition to the community

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# Obituaries

## Maurice Gabriel Bennett



A life of love, service, and adventure never seems long enough. Maurice (Mo) Gabriel Bennett, 70, led a life such as this. He was born June 3, 1940, in Raleigh, W. Va., to T.R. and Ocie Bennett. He left this world to be reunited with them March 7, 2011, while being cared for at Midland Memorial Hospital Hospice In-Care Unit. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with the Rev. Dennis Teeters officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Mo found a partner with whom he could share his love of life when he married his wife, Evelyn. During their 29 years of marriage they raised two children, Brandon and Tori. These children in return blessed both Mo, as he was better known and Evelyn with five grandchildren. Many of Maurice's best stories were proud tales of his children and grandchildren's accomplishments. Mo was always ready to embark on a new adventure. That courageous spirit took him from the shores of Florida for shrimping to the oil fields of West Texas for drilling, but his most memorable adventure speaks also of his love of service. Mo was a member of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles." He also served in the Navy aboard the USS Lexington. After his military career, Mo took his adventurous spirit on the road and enjoyed a 40-year career as a truck driver. There was still more he wanted to achieve in life, so at age 50 he enrolled in classes at TSTC and became a certified diesel mechanic.

As with any good adventure, there must be an end, and so Mo retired from his life of traveling to spend time with his family. He would now live vicariously through history books, military movies and classic westerns. The spaghetti westerns of Clint Eastwood and the biopic Patton were his favorites.

Mo was a giving man all the days of his life. He was known to share all he could spare and more with anyone he found in need. Through these selfless acts he taught his children about blessings and the need to share those blessings with others.

The loss of Mo will be felt by all who knew him, but none will miss him more than those he leaves behind: his loving wife Evelyn Bennett, son Brandon Baker and his wife Kasey, daughter Tori Grantom and her husband James, his brother Dan Bennett, and his grandchildren, Kaden Baker, Presley Archer, Leah Grantom, Ryelen Grantom, and the Kohen Grantom.

Mo's life was always lived with joy to the fullest extent. His sense of humor and large laugh will never be forgotten. To sum up his life can best be done with his favorite movie quote, "By God, Woodrow ... It's been one hell of a party."

Pallbearers will be Brandon Baker, James Grantom, Josh Paul, Wayland Boyd, Justin Wilson and Joel Garza. Honorary pallbearers will be Jordan Cherry and Stacey Hogan.

The family suggests memorials to Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, 802 Ventura, Midland 79705 or Hospice of Midland In-Patient Unit, 911 W. Texas, Midland 79701.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Johnny Moore

Johnny Moore, 74, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# Correction

The Monday edition of the *Herald* incorrectly listed an explanation of State Joint Resolution 17 in an article advancing the Tuesday meeting of the Big Spring City Council. The correct description of SJR 17 should have read: a constitutional amendment to restrict the power of the legislature to mandate requirements upon certain local governments.

# Police blotter

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

- RICHARD FLORES, 57, of 1200 Wood, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- MICHAEL LASHAWN VANDERBILT, 17, of 2601 Albrook, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana in a drug free zone - two ounces or less.
- LISA MARIE SOLIS, 25, of 1106 Ridgeroad, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- ELEUTERIO TORRES PADRON, 62, of 509 N. Goliad, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RAMON IGLESIAS ALVEAR, 32, of 906 S. Lancaster, was arrested Wednesday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and public intoxication.
- BONNIE SUE BIRMELIN, 50, of 211 Grant, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- ALBERT TREVINO CARRILLO, 33, of 1500 Mesa, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 3200 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place.  
In the 1700 block of S. Lancaster.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.
- FORGERY was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- ASSAULT was reported:  
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.  
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

# Sheriff

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

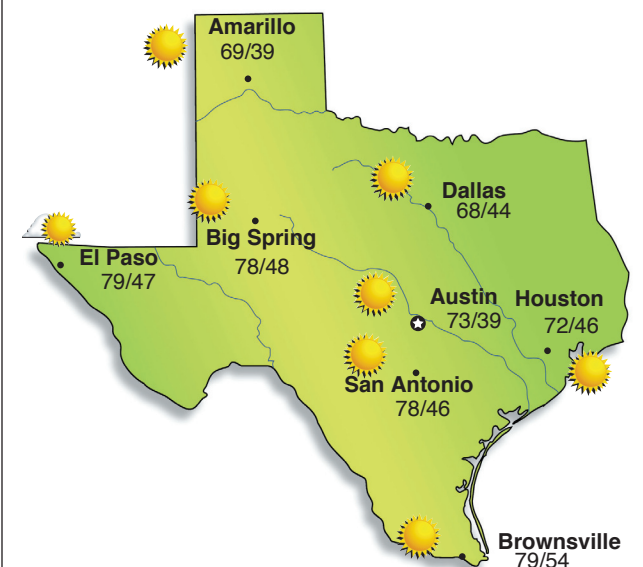
- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.
- RICHARD FLORES, 57, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
  - LONDA NICOLE COPELAND, 38, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
  - ALEXANDER QUINTANA, 30, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a motion to revoke community supervision.
  - MICHAEL LASHAWN VANDERBILT, 17, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana in a drug free zone - two ounces or less.
  - JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER HINOJOSA, 19, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
  - LISA MARIE SOLIS, 25, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
  - BONNIE SUE BIRMELIN, 50, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
  - ALBERT CARRILLO, 33, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and a municipal warrant for criminal mischief.
  - CEDRIC JEFFERSON, 49, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
  - TODD WILLIAM COKER, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of violation of a promise to appear, driving while license invalid (two counts) and municipal war-

# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 3/11	Sat 3/12	Sun 3/13	Mon 3/14	Tue 3/15
<b>78/48</b>	<b>83/48</b>	<b>79/49</b>	<b>78/49</b>	<b>78/46</b>
A mainly sunny sky. High 78F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.	Windy with a mix of sun and clouds.	More sun than clouds. High in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Partly cloudy. High in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	A few clouds. High in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 6:51 PM	Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 6:52 PM	Sunrise: 6:59 AM Sunset: 6:52 PM	Sunrise: 6:58 AM Sunset: 6:53 PM

## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	72	47	sunny	Kingsville	78	49	sunny
Amarillo	69	39	sunny	Livingston	70	39	sunny
Austin	73	39	sunny	Longview	66	37	sunny
Beaumont	71	43	sunny	Lubbock	72	40	sunny
Brownsville	79	54	sunny	Lufkin	69	40	sunny
Brownwood	76	46	sunny	Midland	77	50	sunny
Corpus Christi	74	52	sunny	Raymondville	79	51	sunny
Corsicana	66	43	sunny	Rosenberg	73	45	sunny
Dallas	68	44	sunny	San Antonio	78	46	sunny
Del Rio	79	48	sunny	San Marcos	74	39	sunny
El Paso	79	47	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	63	43	sunny
Fort Stockton	78	49	sunny	Sweetwater	76	47	sunny
Gainesville	64	42	sunny	Tyler	66	38	sunny
Greenville	63	40	sunny	Weatherford	69	42	sunny
Houston	72	46	sunny	Wichita Falls	68	40	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	52	33	windy	Minneapolis	35	21	pt sunny
Boston	45	42	mixed	New York	50	48	rain
Chicago	40	28	pt sunny	Phoenix	85	53	mst sunny
Dallas	68	44	sunny	San Francisco	60	49	rain
Denver	63	41	mst sunny	Seattle	50	40	rain
Houston	72	46	sunny	St. Louis	46	33	pt sunny
Los Angeles	74	53	pt sunny	Washington, DC	58	44	t-storm
Miami	81	54	t-storm				

rants for driving while license invalid (two counts), disregarding an official traffic control device, failure to appear (seven counts) and violation of a promise to appear (two counts).

• ELEUTERIO PADRON, 62, 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:

- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of Third Street and Gregg. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Runnels. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of FM 700. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Johnson. 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 Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 600 block of Settles.



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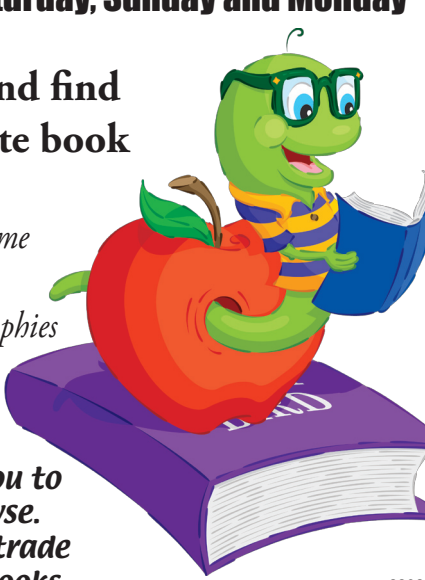
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# News briefs

## Wis. standoff over anti-union measure nears abrupt conclusion after GOP outmaneuvers Dems

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The nearly month-long standoff in the Wisconsin Legislature over explosive union rights legislation rocketed toward a dramatic finish Thursday after Senate Republicans outmaneuvered their missing Democratic counterparts and pushed through the bill.

The dramatic turn of events late Wednesday set up a perfunctory vote Thursday morning in the Assembly on the measure that would strip nearly all collective bargaining rights from most public workers. Once the bill passes the Assembly, it heads to Republican Gov. Scott Walker for his signature.

Within hours after the Senate passed the bill, a crowd of hundreds of protesters grew to about 7,000 in the Capitol, a crowd as large as any seen inside the building over three weeks of demonstrations.

“The whole world is watching!” protesters shouted as they pressed up against the heavily guarded entrance to the Senate chamber.

## Libyan rebels score diplomatic victory in Paris, move more heavy weapons to battle with Gadhafi

RAS LANOUF, Libya (AP) — Libya’s opposition battled for military and diplomatic advantage against Moammar Gadhafi’s embattled regime on Thursday, winning official recognition from France and hitting government forces with heavy weapons on the road to the capital.

France became the first country to formally recognize the rebels’ newly created Interim Governing Council, saying it planned to exchange ambassadors after President Nicolas Sarkozy met with two representatives of the group based in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi.

Both sides in Libya are lobbying for support from Western countries as their leaders debate whether to protect the rebels from Gadhafi’s air force by putting a no-fly zone over some or all of the country. Britain and France have backed the rebels’ calls for a no-fly zone, but the Obama administration has expressed deep reservations about involvement in another conflict in the greater Middle East.

The international Red Cross said dozens of civilians have been wounded or killed in recent days in grueling battles between Gadhafi’s army and the opposition movement trying to oust him.

The fighting intensified on the main front line between the Mediterranean oil port of Ras Lanouf and the city of Bin Jawwad, where the rebels appeared to have established better supply lines bringing heavy weapons like multiple-rocket launcher trucks and small tanks to the battle.

## After days of controversy, homegrown terrorism hearing starts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Extra security will accompany a New York congressman as he chairs a hearing focused on the U.S. Muslim community and its willingness to help prevent radical Islamic terrorism.

Rep. Peter King told The Associated Press that he has had a larger security details for the past

few months because of an overseas threat relayed in December. Since then, round-the-clock security has been provided by the New York Police Department and the Nassau County, N.Y., police.

On Thursday, however, at King’s request, the Capitol Police will be securing the congressional hearing room and surrounding areas, as well as his office, as the House Homeland Security Committee takes testimony.

Rarely does a congressional hearing attract as much advance controversy. In protests ahead of the session, critics have condemned the hearing as anti-Muslim and have likened it to the McCarthy-era hearings investigating communism.

## For Congress, Obama, it’s back to the bargaining table over cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Their opening budget gambits history, lawmakers are returning to the bargaining table in search of a fiscal plan that cuts spending, as voters demanded in the last election, and could carry political value in the next one.

The balance is particularly delicate for senators for re-election next year. Some, mostly Democrats, bucked their parties in a pair of votes Wednesday that sank a slashing budget proposal passed by the House and killed a less onerous Senate alternative.

The two versions were nearly \$50 billion apart on how much spending should be cut over the next seven months. Neither stood a chance of passing. Senate Democrats brought them up to cancel each other out and move forward with negotiations on a compromise.

## PARK

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the proposed budget assumes those transfers will all be willingly accepted by the communities in question and the state parks base operating budget will have been reduced by \$2.7 million, which also includes the elimination of 60 staff positions.

“Should affected communities not agree to take the transferred site, it is possible that these and/or other facilities may be closed,” reads the legislative release. “Because there is

a care-taking cost associated with closed facilities, those costs must be taken into account and it is likely the impact will be more severe. This could result in additional park operational cuts, including reduced service hours or closures in other parks. The exact impact cannot be determined until we know whether the seven targeted sites can be successfully transferred.”

The proposed transfers and budget cuts are part of bills currently being considered in the State House and Senate.

County Judge Mark Barr said similar talks

have taken place in the past between area officials and TPWD, and while he is certainly willing to consider a county takeover of the local state park, there are a multitude of details that will need to be addressed before it can even be considered.

“It really comes down to the details, which we don’t have yet,” Barr said. “If TPWD asks to transfer the state park to the county, it’s something we will definitely consider. However, until we can determine details such as the cost to operate the park, there’s really no way to say what we’ll do, one way

or another.”

Barr said he does have concerns as to whether the county has the necessary equipment to care for such a large facility.

Big Spring District 4 Councilwoman Gloria McDonald said she’s open to discuss the matter with TPWD, but thinks a permanent transfer of the facility might be a permanent solution to a temporary problem.

“No one wants to see the state park closed. It’s a destination, and it needs to keep its state park status,” McDonald said. “However, with the economy in such

turmoil, I understand the state’s dilemma.

“I think the best solution to this problem is for the state to transfer the care of the state park over to the city or county, but only for a few years, maybe two or three years. Then, once the economy has settled down, we could revisit the matter and decide where to go from there. Ultimately, however, I think it should remain a state park.”

State Rep. Jim Landtroop is also expected to attend the meeting, which is set for 10 a.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

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## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Catherine Green, 94, died Saturday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Maurice Bennett, 70, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial with military honors will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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## PLAY

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then, like ‘Cool Hand Luke,’ Davison said. “It’s about a man who doesn’t want to live by society’s rules ... but in the end, society breaks him.”

At the state festival earlier this month, the overall production won an “excellent” rating from the judges. In addition, cast members Eric Valle (who plays McMurphy) and Brody Smith (who plays Chief Brodmen) received awards for their performances and the technical crew was cited as

well.

“(Production designer) Kathy Cox did a tremendous job,” Davidson said. “The look she gave the show ... was very expressionistic. Of the four or five sets she’s done for us, this is by far her best work.”

Excellent work was done by everyone connected with the

production, he added.

“For a lot of the kids, this is the best production they’d done,” Davidson said. “They really shine in this one.”

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## RELAY

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awards, Genia Phillips, banking chair of the local relay committee, accepted a plaque recognizing her as the Top Adult Fund Raiser of 2010, for collecting more than \$3,000.

The 17 teams that are registered for the 2011 Relay, which is May 6-7, have been working since last fall’s kick-off with creative fund-raisers from Halloween spook houses to boot scoots to bake sales. By vote of the teams, the theme for the local Relay this year is “Make Cancer Walk the Plank!” so many of the campsites will feature pirate décor. A prize will be given for the best dressed pirate during the relay.

The final overnight fund-raising event will offer food, exercise, carnival games, celebrations of recovery,

as well as moments of solemn remembrance. The committee emphasizes that all the fun and games have a serious purpose: to raise money to combat cancer and help those who have experienced the disease.

Survivorship Tri-chairs Bonnie Miller, Debbye ValVerde and Koila Strickland are seeking to register as many cancer survivors as possible, even those who do not wish to walk in the Survivor Lap during Relay. Anyone who has or has had any type of cancer qualifies as a survivor, and they would like to have all of

those names on the list. Phone numbers to call are 398-5434 for Miller, 816-1109 for ValVerde and 816-6595 to contact Strickland. Survivors are invited to a reception after the Survivor Lap and are given free meal tickets for Relay.

High Plains Division of the American Cancer Society officials are proud their organization is the lowest in the nation in management costs for non-profits.

That means that all but 3 percent of the money raised goes to research, prevention and detection, and patient services. In Howard-Glasscock counties, the Society provided 322 services to patients last year. The local Relay For Life, as a part of American Cancer Society, affirms that “A World with Less Cancer is a World with More Birthdays.”

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**AN ENCOURAGING WORD**  
  
By Eddy Pitchford

We acknowledge mile-markers as we travel through life. We recognize the changing of seasons. We celebrate birthdays. We honor anniversaries. We call attention to the beginning and the end of school years.  
An oft-overlooked marker that needs more attention is the simple passing of each day. In the worlds of Psalm 90:12, “So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.” By the grace of God, my earthly days have numbered over 19,000.  
Just by reason of time, I have experienced an incredible number of God’s blessings and glimpses of glory. This celebration of God’s faithfulness encourages me to face each day with anticipation. I do not know how many days I have left and I can only live one day at a time so I choose today to love God and love people.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Health Fair time is upon us again

The 2011 Health Fair is coming up. It can be a great time for local health providers to get information out to the community, but you have to get your booth reserved on time.

The Health Fair will take place at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on April 9 from 8 a.m. until noon. The theme this year is "Sowing the Seeds to Good Health."

During this time, local health care providers have the opportunity to reach a good portion of the community. Those in attendance are looking for ways to be healthier and to find out where they are on the health scale. It's the perfect opportunity to reach some people who might not normally be reached.

For those wanting to set up booths, you have options. There are two sizes, booths for \$80 and others for \$100. If you are interested in setting up an \$80 booth reservations must be made no later than March 11. For those wanting the \$100 booths, reservations will be taken between March 12 and March 25. The chamber can be contacted for more information regarding booth spaces at 432-263-7641.

However, don't forget who the health fair is aimed at – the public.

Those attending the health fair will have access to numerous screenings and have the possibility to view demonstrations concerning adult and child airway obstruction and choking. Parents even have the chance to get identification kits for their children. The possibilities are endless.

If you've never been to a health fair this is a great year to attend. If doctor's offices scare you, then the health fair is the place for you. There are no waiting rooms or long hours wondering what will happen. You have the choice to choose what you want to have checked and what you want to avoid. After all, it never hurts to check it out.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we can go that extra mile.

Amen

# Women: Is it their time yet?

Times may have changed, but in reality, how much have they really changed.

Thirty years ago, equality wasn't common among men and women. Even today, equality is encouraged, but not so much enforced. Looking around the office, especially depending on the field you are in, it is easy to see the scales are not equal. There are some careers that are still female-dominated and others that are male-dominated. The co-existence has started making an appearance, but it's still not as equal as it could be. I know I look around the office and I see a divided room, four guys and me. Then on the other side, tables are turned, five girls and a guy. It's amazing how some things just remain unbalanced.

By no means am I a strong, avid supporter of perfect equality or women's rights, but I do believe that women can do any job that they put their mind to. Women do have the right to be treated fairly and respectfully. If a woman believes in herself to do the job, then by all means she should be allowed to do the job.

I myself will stand back and let a man do certain jobs just because I know I cannot perform that task. I know my abilities and I am not going to pretend I can do something I can't.

March is designated as Women's History Month and has been this way since 1987, according to Borgna Brunner's article on the infoplease website. The fact that an entire month has been designated to women's history is a step in the right direction, but the fact that not many people know about it, in a way, defeats the purpose.

During this month, people are encouraged to look at the impact that women have had in

all aspects of our nation. Jone Lewis described the focus of this month as follows: "to increase consciousness and knowledge of women's history: to take one month of the year to remember the contributions of notable and ordinary women, in hopes that the day will soon come when it's impossible to teach or learn history without remembering these contributions."

Since the beginning of time (not that I was around then, but so I hear from history) women have been viewed as the companion not the leader. The woman has been the one to stand by her man's side, support him and take care of him. In the past 10 years, the roles have begun to change. Whether it is due to the economy, increased number of divorces or the decline in marriages women have started to step into the "male" role. There are a growing number of women-headed households. More and more, women are stepping into all areas of the work field (take two steps forward), but at the same time, after their workday is done they are still expected to come home and maintain the household (take two steps back.)

Throughout history, many women have made their marks. Rosa Parks took a stand for equality, not only as a woman but as an African-American. Annie Sullivan made her mark by taking on the task of teaching the "unteachable." Helen Keller, in the same manner, made her mark as not only a woman but as an inspiration to all, in the manner that any task can be achieved as long as you have the belief in yourself. Annie Oakley became famous for her markswoman-ship. Anne Hutchinson, a Puritan woman, made her mark by defying the male dominated colony and settling Rhode Island and New York. These women are just the tip of the iceberg of the marks women have made throughout history.

The accomplishments that can be achieved are endless and only depend on the belief in oneself.

The opportunities that are open and waiting are endless. Women have made enough progress to be able to stake their claim, if they want it. Not all women have to step out of the old, conventional ways, but for those that want to take that step – take it, it is your choice to embrace.

Even in today's society there are too many times that women are overlooked for a position or not even considered, for the simple fact that there are those that still believe women just can't do as good of a job as a man. There are also those times that too often the women are chosen not on their accomplishments or skills, but because of the perceived image of that woman. Even one time of overlooking a woman's ability and judging her on her sex, looks, or age, is too many.

Women may be trying to enter a once male dominated arena, but it doesn't mean that they don't belong there. Just because it's the way that history once said it should be doesn't mean that it's how it should stay. Women should be given equal opportunities and have door opened based on their capabilities.

Who knows, bringing a woman in just might bring in a new perspective and bring about improvement.

In the end, no matter what your belief or support of women's rights and equality, it is undeniable that at some point a woman has made a difference in each of our lives. For most it may simply be our mothers that made that lasting, unforgettable impact on our lives; for others it is a teacher, a friend, or someone you don't even know that just decided to take a stand. Either way, even if it's only for a short moment, take the time to stop this month and thank a woman for the difference she has made in your life.

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## Time to play the 'envy game'

Playing the Envy Game Ah, yes, the "name game song."

Remember? It was a stupid but popular feature of my youth, when like today, many stupid things were popular.

You could take any person's name and insert it into the song. Remember?

Fee-fi-mo-Marc Marc!

It was cute as lace pajamas.

Now, when some corn state governor wants to strip the bargaining rights from union workers, it's the envy song that's goin' round.

See, used to be if an American heard that someone made more money than he did, the American said, "Jeez, how do I get up there where he is?"

No more.

Now, when an American hears that someone else has a bigger paycheck, more vacation or a better health plan, the American says: "That's not fair! How do I drag him down here with me?"

Banana-fana-fo-fenvy.

The one thing every American believes is that everyone else earns too much money. You do not earn too much money. Other people do. In fact, you should make more money. And you can fit any occupation into the "envy game song."

Teachers are easy. They don't work in the summer. They get off work at 3 p.m.

But if you apply the envy song, every occupation is filled with time-serving droolers who make way too much money.

Cops? Yeah. Doughnut-

munching dumb asses who drive around aimlessly all the time. If the cops knew what they were doing, it wouldn't be so easy to buy drugs. These guys oughta be making \$5 an hour.

Insurance people? In my state, car insurance is MANDATORY. What's to sell? Give 'em \$6 an hour, no bennies.

Waitresses? Put on too much eye makeup and carry a tray and, bingo, you're a waitress! Don't tip her. It's not your fault she didn't finish high school.

Middle-level management. Puh-leeze! They don't do the actual work, and they're too stupid to climb into upper management, which means they're too stupid to kiss butt. Forty thousand a year? I don't think so.

Try \$10,000, and make 'em swab out the office crapper. Then you can fire the janitor, who face it, is barely human and certainly doesn't deserve any job at all.

Carpenters? You can teach a monkey to swing a hammer. Mechanics? Wrench-twisting guys in Harley-Davidson shirts who get \$20 an hour for what? Plugging your car into a computer to find out what's wrong. These guys oughta get maybe \$3 an hour.

Firefighters? These people get paid to sleep at work. Sure, they ran into the Twin Towers and died, but if they're worth their bloated pay, how come the towers fell down?

Retail people? C'mon. Those are the monkeys who weren't smart enough to become carpenters. Give 'em \$1 an hour, no breaks.

Small-business owners? Yeah. They "create jobs." If that's true, how come nobody's working? Tax their profits until they're living on \$5,000 a year.

The military? They only work when there's a war. And don't believe that "dying for freedom" crap, either. Most of 'em come home. And for that they get free clothes, free food and free artificial legs. Don't pay these people anything at all. No money. The only reason you join the military is because you're too stupid to get a real job.

Doctors? Sooner or later, all their patients die. Take away their BMWs, and make 'em live on \$7 an hour. Let 'em take the bus to work.

Envy, envy bo-benvy.

What's amazing is that, in this sea of incompetent, lazy spider monkeys, public and private, unionized and otherwise, you have remained pure.

You and only you.

You rise early. You work hard. You give 110 percent, mathematically impossible though that may be. You don't need a union. You can take care of yourself.

If the company replaces your pension with a 401k, you bite the bullet and contribute \$20 a week out of your paycheck because you are self-reliant. Anyway, how long can you live after you retire? Not long if you don't eat.

You're a diamond. An example to us all.

And after they get the money away from the teachers and the plumbers and the cops and the cab drivers, they're going to give you a raise and lower your taxes, right?

Because that's how it always works.

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# Casual cooking with Kris

Welcoming readers to my world where I enjoy simple, sometimes quick, but always delicious meals.

This week's recipe has been a tried and true one for many people for many years. It's an easy but sometimes overlooked dish.

I also wanted to showcase it for younger generations who are growing up with fast food and let them rethink that "it will take too long and my family is hungry now!" I think a lot of older recipes are getting lost and not being taught to our children, which, in turn, leave their children having no sense of what real flavors and vegetables are.

This recipe is Hungarian inspired, like most goulash. It is a stewing of beef or lamb and vegetables mainly seasoned with paprika. There is no exact science to making this dish and the variations are mind boggling.

The way I make mine today is not the way I use to prepare it, nor is it the recipe I grew up enjoying. Goulash, in a nutshell, is a hodgepodge of ingredients put into a pot and flavored with love. My mom used to refer to it as everything but the kitchen sink.

This can be made with ground chicken or turkey, but remember — anything goes. When making mine I have two staples that are a must outside of the obvious and they are corn and beans like pinto or kidney. You can add an assortment of veggies that are leftover in the fridge, or canned or frozen ones. Just remember this is a guideline recipe for your creation. Paprika, chili powder are the main seasonings and that is what I use to use, but I have changed that in the last 1-2 years.

Don't be afraid of experimenting, because some of the best creations come from oopses. I grew up eating goulash with mashed potatoes, so in my house that is a must. You can also serve it with cornbread or buttered white bread (that is what I like) and a little dinner salad wouldn't hurt. Enjoy!



KRIS SOLIZ

## Goulash

- 1-2 lbs of meat (I use ground beef)
- 2 cups of a small noodle (like elbow)
- 1 15-oz can corn
- 1 15-oz can of sliced carrots
- 1 15-oz can of pinto and or kidney beans
- 1 small can of tomato sauce
- 1 15-oz can of diced tomatoes
- 1 15-oz can of green beans
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2-3 garlic cloves, chopped
- Menudo mix, located in the Mexican spice section
- salt and pepper to taste

In a large pot on med/high, place meat and onions and begin to brown the meat. Salt and pepper to taste. Stir often until the meat looks cooked and onions are soft. Add garlic and cook for about two more minutes. Add the menudo mix. Add about 1-2 tablespoons. Stir and add all tomato and veggies. Don't drain the cans first, use the liquid. If you are using frozen or fresh vegetables, you can add water after all ingredients are in the pot. Salt and pepper again as needed. Add noodles and enough water to just cover. Bring to a boil for about 10 minutes, stirring often. Lower to med/low and continue cooking for about 20 minutes until noodles are done. Note if using a stew meat of sorts cook for an extra 20 minutes before you add the noodle step. Now your house will begin to stink good while your potatoes are boiling and the cornbread is in the oven.

Take that, takeout!

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-6-28-29-46-53.  
Number matching six of six: 1. Prize: \$30 million.  
Ticket sold in: Houston.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-17-18-21-28.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-2-1-4. Sum It Up: 16.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-0-6. Sum It Up: 12.



At left, fire rages through the Old Chalk Ranch house south of Forsan Feb. 27. At right, Dane Powell surveys the damage. The house and many family possessions were lost in the fire.

# Family rebuilding after fire

By AMANDA MORENO  
Staff Writer

In the past couple of weeks, numerous houses around Howard County have been lost because of wildfires. Dane Powell and his daughter Jordan are among the families having to rebuild their lives after a fire about 10 miles south of Forsan took their home Feb. 27.

"I was in Colorado City at the time," Dane Powell said. "The calves were behind the house and by the time I got there and got to them, the house was on fire."

Powell is the manager of the Old Chalk Ranch, a historical landmark, according to his daughter Jordan. With the severity of the fire and the danger it possessed,

Jordan only had time to pack a few items before she was forced to leave.

"While I was waiting anxiously ... for his call back, when he finally called he said that we had lost everything," Jordan said.

Aside from the house, several acres four miles of fence at the ranch were lost, and extensive damage was sustained to other property. Thankfully, according to Mr. Powell, the cattle were saved, as were two dogs and a puppy were also saved.

"He left with only the clothes on his back," Jordan said of her father. "He's a hero and it makes me sad to hear him talk about it."

Items can be replaced and with time, the home can be rebuilt,

but the one thing that can't be brought back are the important items that held a special place in Mr. Powell's heart.

"He lost his most precious valuables," Jordan said. "His granddaddy's saddle and his dad's saddle were lost in the fire."

With the help of generous community members and their employers, the Powells are able to start rebuilding their lives.

"I'm not one to take charity," Mr. Powell said. "There are others who lost their homes as well."

An account to help the Powell family has been set up at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union. Designate donations to the Dane Powell house fund.



On Feb. 25, Troy Tompkins with the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club presented Austin Rinard of Coahoma High School with the February Student of the Month award. Pictured with Austin Rinard is Coahoma High School Principal Carrie Conley and parents Tasha and Jim Rinard.

Courtesy photo

## Take note

- Daniel Flores and Crystal Shults lost almost everything to a mobile home fire in Big Spring Monday evening. They are in need of clothing, furniture, appliances and other items and monetary donations. If you would like to help call 432-270-2081.

- The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

- The HCV Section 8 waiting list for the Big Spring Housing Authority is open. The authority is accepting new applications. The office is located at 201 NE Seventh in Big Spring.

- The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will hold its annual pancake supper from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Howard College Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 and can be obtained from any Kiwanis member.

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# Siggins leads Hawk Rodeo

BY CINDY SMITH

Special to the Herald

Josh Siggins earned the All-Around Cowboy title for the weekend and led the Hawk men to a second place team finish last weekend at the Ranger College rodeo in Ranger.

Siggins dominated the tie down roping by winning the first round in 9.2 seconds and a blistering 8.4 in the short round. He finished the average with a 17.6 score.

Siggins teamed up with stand out partner Cullen Teller and the pair made a great leap in the team roping standings. The team finished third in the first round with a 7.4 second effort and clocked in at 12.8 in the short round to finish third in the average.

Hawk bull rider Guthrie Long split third in the first round with a score of 79 then twisted his short round

bull to the whistle for 81 points and the average win.

In the steer wrestling, Hawks Ryan Viva and KC Fryer represented well. Viva won the first round with a 4.7 second run and clocked in at 7.7 seconds in the short round, which left him in sixth place for the round and the average. Fryer posted a 5.5 second score in the first round, but was unable to stop the clock in the short round.

The women's team was well represented by Katie Shaw as she captured her breakaway calves in 3.0 and 4.6 respectively to finish fourth in that event.

In other events, Mecca Hickox finished sixth in the short round and the average for barrel racing, Colton Kreider finished fifth in the

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# Jack leads Hornets to win over Mavs

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Jarrett Jack put his faith in the officials in the tense final seconds and they rewarded him with an unlikely foul call against savvy veteran Jason Kidd.

Kidd was whistled on Jack's flailing 3-point attempt with 8.4 seconds to go. Then Jack capped a 21-point outting with three free throws to complete an 8-0 New Orleans run inside the final minute that lifted the Hornets to a dramatic 93-92 comeback victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night.

"I saw (Kidd) kind of close in on me, so I could swipe under his arm and I was able to get the call, go to the free throw line and knock down free throws," Jack said.

The Hornets trailed 92-85 when Dirk Nowitzki made a technical free throw with 1:13 left, then Marco Be-

linelli hit a 3 and Emeka Okafor put back Belinelli's missed reverse layup with 19 seconds left.

Tyson Chandler, who had 16 points and 13 rebounds in his return from a sprained right ankle, then missed two free throws with 17 seconds to go. That set up the decisive possession on which Kidd, who stopped short of admitting a foul, credited Jack with making a "smart play" to get to the free throw line.

Dallas still had one more chance to win it, but for the second time in New Orleans this season, Nowitzki was unable to convert, his 18-foot rainbow jumper over Okafor's outstretched arm bouncing high off the front rim as time expired.

Nowitzki, who had the ball stolen from him by David West in the final

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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College's Carlos Emory was named MVP of the WJCAC.

# Emory highlights WJCAC honors for Howard College

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks are well-represented as the Western Junior College Athletic Conference honors were announced this week.

Probably the highest honor for Howard was Carlos Emory being named MVP of the conference. Shavon Coleman, Corey Stern and Joe Bright all

earned honorable mention.

With little time left on the clock and the Hawk needing a big shot, Emory was often the go-to guy. The most memorable shot the sophomore took is probably the 3-pointer that gave the Hawks the lead at Midland College with 15 seconds left.

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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Melanie Vasquez and the Howard College softball team easily beat Franks Phillips College in a doubleheader Wednesday 14-0 and 10-0. Clarendon College is on tap at home today at 1 p.m. The Hawk baseball team is also at home today in a doubleheader against Midland College, beginning at noon.

# Denmon, Dixon lead Mizzou past Tech for 88-84 victory

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — After bringing the curtain down on Pat Knight's time as Texas Tech coach, Missouri's Mike Anderson heaped praise on his fired colleague.

"I want to compliment Pat Knight," Anderson said Wednesday night after Missouri held on for an 88-84 victory in the first round of the Big 12 tournament.

"What a class guy."

Marcus Denmon scored 20 points as the Tigers fended off two second-half rallies by the Red Raiders, who knew if they lost it would be the final game for Knight and his staff.

Knight was fired on Monday,

effective whenever Tech was eliminated from the conference tournament. The son of Hall of Fame coach Bob Knight, who coached Tech while grooming Pat for the job, finished 50-61 in three disappointing seasons.

"If anybody's looking for a house in Lubbock, Texas, I know seven that are available," Knight deadpanned.

Twice Missouri (23-9) had big runs and appeared to pull away. But the Red Raiders (13-19) responded each time and made it close before the Tigers finally nailed down the victory to end a three-game losing streak and

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## Sports in brief

### 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

Sign-ups are March 10-12, 17-19 and 24-26. Times for those days are 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and the locations are the same.

The fee is \$60, no fundraiser. Shirts and shorts will be provided. There will be a tour-

nament hosted for every age group. Call Billy Newton at (325) 207-2640 or (432) 394-4294 or Amy Overton at (432) 816-1968 for more information.

### Chicano Golf Association

The association is hosting its individual tournament at 10 a.m. March 13 at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The deadline to register is 9:30 a.m. that day.

### Ragball tournament

The tourney takes place from 6 p.m. to midnight on March 11, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on March 12 and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on March 13. The cost for a team of 10 is \$100 or \$125 for as many as you want. This helps support the Big Spring Junior High School science trip. Contact Katrina Gonzales at 816-6752 for more information.

### Chubby Abrego Scholarship Golf Tournament

This tournament begins 8 a.m. April 9 at Comanche Trail Golf Course. It's a 4-man scramble, the cost is \$60 and that includes a meal. The tournament helps fund scholarships for Coahoma High School athletes. For more information contact Rocky McCullough at (432) 213-4868, DeLloyd Hooper at (432) 816-9051 or Gene Piercefield at (432) 816-1134. Prizes will be included.

### Pony League baseball

Pony League baseball sign-ups will be held at the Big Spring Mall on March 19 and 26 and on April 2. Times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., age 13 to 15. Birth certificate is required.

Cost is \$80 and includes full uniform (except cleats). For more information call Bryan Kligora at 816-2582.

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

Look around you. Soak up the zeitgeist. Take a picture, make a time capsule, or report in a diary. This is the last day of Uranus in Pisces, and the icy distant planet will not return to Pisces until February of the year 2087. A fresh cycle is about to start. Take stock of the present and then turn an optimistic eye to the future.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). There is a certain person who is particularly adept at eliciting strong emotions from you. If (and only if) those emotions are usually positive, then definitely make contact with this person today.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). It is sometimes difficult for you to get away from the world, even in your own home. You need to have a place where you can experience solace and tranquility. The omens are right for you to find such a space today.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your curiosity guides you to unravel a mystery. You may not find the answer to this one today, or ever, but the exploration will lead you to a personal insight or revelation.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You will act as

a kind of gatekeeper. You will be agreeable to those with the correct passes to get in the door, and it is also your job to keep interlopers out.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be inspired by the zeitgeist, and you'll take action to stay relevant in today's mix. A Gemini can "hip you" to the current information, style, vocabulary and technology.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may not consciously realize this, but every day you are making yourself more and more indispensable to someone's life. Likely, it's your stellar work ethic that's to blame!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your social graces are effortless, so you find it surprising when others have trouble moving from introductory remarks into engaging conversation. You'll kindly grease the wheels of social discourse.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People will gather in tight circles to talk about what's wrong with an organization, and seldom do they assemble to express what's going very well. Buck the trend. Bring people together to celebrate all that's going right.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There will be misinformation all around you. Your job is to find out the truth and broadcast it. Instead of making assumptions, ask for clarification from the source.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a fair assessment of a relationship, but you may still be incorrect. As you make the effort to understand the other person, profound feelings arise. Bonds are built.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're so intelligent and creative that you can often make sense of the nonsense around you. But sometimes things just are what they are. You'll have more fun once you let go of the need to justify and explain all that's going on.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Recent events have rocked your schedule, and now it's time to restructure based on your new mood, identity and goals. Whatever ails you can be remedied by a supportive routine.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 10). You'll be celebrated for the way you connect with others and raise their spirits. Your work exposes you to smart people who will teach you new moneymaking skills. April and August bring a surge of financial good luck. June's romantic entanglement is most pleasant! September brings travel. You have a special connection with Aries and Scorpio people. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 25, 41, 20 and 11.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I have 53 living family members, 300 contacts in my address book and 116 friends online. Yet I often feel isolated, like I have no one to talk to. The strange part is that I'm also married with children. Still, I feel I can't tell my husband my true feelings and thoughts. He's a Capricorn, and he wouldn't understand. If I tell him that I'm hurting, he just tries to fix things in some practical way that doesn't make me feel better. I'm a Leo."

Leos are prideful creatures, adept at creating glamour around themselves, which keeps others interested, delighted and excited to be mixing and mingling in Leo's world. But it's important to realize that the various roles you play — dutiful wife, mom of the year, funny friend, hostess with the mostest — though reflections of your personality, are not the real you. There's an infinite core being inside you. That being is talking to you through these feelings of isolation, urging you to tend to the needs of your heart. Listen to what your heart needs through meditation, prayer, spiritual counseling, journaling or whatever makes you feel the most connected to your authentic self.

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**sudoku**

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Sylvia Does It Again**

West dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ Q 10 7 5 4 2  
♥ A Q 9 2  
♦ K 6  
♣ A

**WEST**  
♠ 8  
♥ K 4  
♦ A  
♣ K J 9 8 7 6 4 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ 6 3  
♥ J 10 7  
♦ J 9 8 7 5 4  
♣ 10 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K J 9  
♥ 8 6 5 3  
♦ Q 10 3 2  
♣ Q

The bidding:  
West North East South  
5♣ Dble Pass 6♠

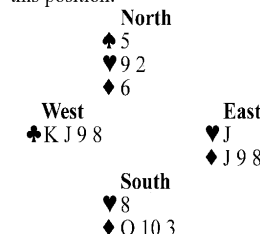
Opening lead — ace of diamonds.  
Some bridge players seem to be accident-prone. The most terrible things happen to them from time to time, sometimes due to their own inadequacies, and sometimes for no apparent reason at all.

It could be said that Sylvia fit into this category, except that she had a habit of turning some of her glaring blunders into unadulterated triumphs. Her penchant for the bizarre occasionally produced a victory that would leave the members of the club talking to themselves for weeks.

Consider this deal. The bidding was certainly questionable, but the result was sensational. Sylvia became declarer at six spades, and West led the diamond ace.

Sylvia had intended to play the six from dummy, but somehow, in reaching for the card, she accidentally selected the king. West then shifted to a club.

Sylvia took the ace, played the A-K of spades, finessed the queen of hearts and cashed the ace. She then led three more trumps, producing this position:



When dummy's last spade was next cashed, East could not part with a heart, so he discarded a diamond. Sylvia thereupon discarded a heart, led a diamond and finessed the ten to make the slam.

Of course, if Sylvia had played the six of diamonds on the opening lead instead of the king, she would have gone down one!

Tomorrow: Double-dummy problem.  
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### DENNIS THE MENACE

Panel 1: "YOU HAVIN' A BAD HAIR DAY, MR. WILSON?"

Panel 2: "ARE YOU KIDDING? I'VE HAD BAD HAIR DECADES!"

Panel 3: "No, you're mistaken. Clean rooms are NOT a MYTH."

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

Panel 1: "No, you're mistaken. Clean rooms are NOT a MYTH."

### HAGAR

Panel 1: "AS A GOODWILL GESTURE, THE KING INVITES ALL HIS SUBJECTS TO VISIT HIS CASTLE..."

Panel 2: "... BUT YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR TAXES..."

Panel 3: "SO YOU GET TO VISIT THE DUNGEON PART OF HIS CASTLE!"

### BLONDIE

Panel 1: "HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT PUTTING RACING STRIPES AND MAG WHEELS ON OUR FAMILY CAR, DAD?"

Panel 2: "THEN IT WOULDN'T LOOK LIKE A FAMILY CAR"

Panel 3: "EXACTLY!"

### BC

#### NATIONAL VENTRILOQUIST SOCIETY

Panel 1: "I HEARD THAT. WHICH ONE OF YOU JUST SAID SOMETHING ABOUT MY MOTHER?"

### WIZARD OF ID

Panel 1: "I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE WAY KIDS TALK THESE DAYS"

Panel 2: "HEY, LOOK AT THIS!"

Panel 3: "AT LEAST ONE THING HASN'T CHANGED - THE KING IS A #?!\*"

### AGNES

Panel 1: "I'M WRITING A LETTER INTRODUCING MYSELF TO HOLLYWOOD."

Panel 2: "People of Hollywood, I am drop-dead average-looking, and I cry frequently... and sometimes I laugh so hard I have to wipe my nose on my arm!"

Panel 3: "I BET I GET MY FIRST MOVIE DEAL BY NOON!"

Panel 4: "WEAR A LONG-SLEEVE SHIRT."

### HI AND LOIS

Panel 1: "I THINK I MIGHT SWITCH YOU TO PAJAMAS TONIGHT, TRIXIE."

Panel 2: "A SURE SIGN OF SPRING. NO FEET ON THE JAMMIES."

### THE OTHER COAST

Panel 1: "SURFBOARD RENTALS: \$25.00, \$40.00, \$5.00"

### SNUFFY SMITH

Panel 1: "NO FAIR, JUGHAID !! YOU CAN SING AN' PLAY TH' GUITAR !! ALL I CAN DO IS BANG ON TH' WASHBOARD !!"

Panel 2: "THAT'S OKAY, JAMEY !!"

Panel 3: "AUNT LOWEEZY SEZ GALS LIKE A FELLER WHO CAN DO TH' LAUNDRY !!"

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### This Date In History

Today is Thursday, March 10, the 69th day of 2011. There are 296 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On March 10, 1876, the first successful voice transmission over Alexander Graham Bell's telephone took place in Boston as his assistant heard Bell say, "Mr. Watson — come here — I want to see you."

**On this date:**

In 1496, Christopher Columbus concluded his second visit to the Western Hemisphere as he left Hispaniola for Spain.

In 1785, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.

In 1848, the Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the Mexican-American War.

In 1880, the Salvation Army arrived in the United States from England.

In 1906, about 1,100 miners in northern France were killed by a coal-dust explosion.

In 1948, the body of the anti-Communist foreign minister of Czechoslovakia, Jan Masaryk, was found in the garden of Czernin Palace in Prague.

In 1949, Nazi wartime broadcaster Mildred E. Gillars, also known as "Axis Sally," was convicted in Washington, D.C., of treason. (She served 12 years in prison.)

In 1969, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty in Memphis, Tenn., to assassinating civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. (Ray later repudiated that plea, maintaining his innocence until his death.)

In 1980, "Scarsdale Diet" author Dr. Herman Tarnower was shot to death at his home in Purchase, N.Y. (Tarnower's former lover, Jean Harris, was convicted of his murder; she served nearly 12 years in prison before being released in Jan. 1993.)

In 1985, Konstantin U. Chernenko, who was the Soviet Union's leader for just 13 months, died at age 73.

**Today's Birthdays:** Talk show host Ralph Emery is 78. Bluegrass/country singer-musician Norman Blake is 73.

Actor Chuck Norris is 71. Playwright David Rabe is 71. Singer Dean Torrence (Jan and Dean) is 71. Actress Katharine Houghton is 66. Rock musician Tom Scholz (Boston) is 64. Former Canadian Prime Minister Kim Campbell is 64. Alt-country/rock musician Gary Louris is 56. Actress Shannon Tweed is 54. Pop/jazz singer Jeanie Bryson is 53. Actress Sharon Stone is 53. Actress Jasmine Guy is 49. Rock musician Jeff Ament (Pearl Jam) is 48. Music producer Rick Rubin is 48. Britain's Prince Edward is 47. Country singer Daryle Singletary is 40. Rapper-producer Timbaland is 39. Actor Jeff Branson is 34.

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#### Answer to previous puzzle

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### Newsday Crossword

**DRILL TEAM** by David W. Cromer  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>            | 65 Flintstone fellow           | 10 Central courtyard         | 36 Wild cat               |
| 1 A majority of          | 66 Dough ingredient            | 11 Special-interest group    | 37 Warhol genre           |
| 5 Gym event              | 67 Gossip-column subject       | 12 Intertwine                | 40 Rich dessert           |
| 9 Talking-animal tale    | 68 Slipper tips                | 13 Half of a figure-eight    | 41 Back muscle, for short |
| 14 Swedish retail giant  |                                | 21 Prepares to surf, perhaps | 46 Den fixtures           |
| 15 Wander about          | <b>DOWN</b>                    | 22 Sort of fastener          | 48 Cashless deal          |
| 16 Almanac section       | 1 Offend                       | 25 Some turns                | 50 Marketable skill       |
| 17 Bend, as an elbow     | 2 St. with a panhandle         | 26 Identical                 | 51 Electric-car company   |
| 18 Iowa city             | 3 Look to be                   | 27 Engine booster            | 52 Beyond the (improper)  |
| 19 Swamp critters        | 4 Prepare for takeoff          | 28 Light source              | 53 Oratorio solo          |
| 20 Medical specialty     | 5 Seek divine guidance from    | 29 Impressive display        | 54 Ends up with           |
| 23 NFL's extra periods   | 6 Easy victories               | 30 Wasn't forthright         | 55 Walking style          |
| 24 Baton Rouge sch.      | 7 "Back to you," in radio talk | 32 Technology-shunning group | 56 Fissure                |
| 25 "Hurry up!"           | 8 Western elevation            | 33 Societal division         | 57 Woodstock-era hairdo   |
| 29 Menu phrase           | 9 Trivia, essentially          | 34 Bygone anesthetic         | 58 Conversation filler    |
| 31 Kitchen spice         |                                |                              | 59 Dozes (off)            |
| 35 Play about horses     |                                |                              | 60 "Wait a minute!"       |
| 36 Doll up               |                                |                              |                           |
| 38 Picture-frame insert  |                                |                              |                           |
| 39 Household bottle      |                                |                              |                           |
| 42 Bistro bill           |                                |                              |                           |
| 43 One who likes to      |                                |                              |                           |
| 44 Sticky stuff          |                                |                              |                           |
| 45 Job opening           |                                |                              |                           |
| 47 Stinging swimmer      |                                |                              |                           |
| 48 Beach patron          |                                |                              |                           |
| 49 Winery container      |                                |                              |                           |
| 51 Driveway material     |                                |                              |                           |
| 52 Conductor's workplace |                                |                              |                           |
| 60 Long-eared mammals    |                                |                              |                           |
| 61 Cardinal point        |                                |                              |                           |
| 62 In that case          |                                |                              |                           |
| 63 Upper crust           |                                |                              |                           |
| 64 Word-game piece       |                                |                              |                           |

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# HAWKS

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Emory and Bright were the only two players returning from last year's national championship squad. The University of Utah and Oregon are two schools Emory is expected to choose from. SMU is among Bright's choices and Texas State and Seattle University are two schools hoping to land Stern.

On the women's side, the Hawks' Tasha Tubbs earned an all-conference selection. Taniqua Ards and Kali Jerrell earned honorable mention selections.

Ards was a force in the paint all season for the Hawks, often seen fighting defenders off for a layup. She, along with Tubbs, was a key sophomore and vital to the team's run to the Region V Tournament after the Hawks missed it last season. Jerrell really came on late in the season at point guard.

Tubbs — a University of Houston signee — was

lethal from the perimeter and the 3-point line this season. She also came up with big shots when the Hawks needed them. She led the team with 14.4 points a game.

Both the men and women got to the Region V Tournament, but probably not as far as they wanted. The women were knocked out of the first round by Grayson County Community College and the men — after beating Grayson in the first round — were knocked out by McLennan.

# RODEO

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first round of the tie down roping and Rhett Anderson paired with Brody Self of Tarleton State University to capture second in the average of team roping with a 20.1 second score.

"I'm very pleased with the way we started off this spring rodeo season," said

HC rodeo head coach Greg Kermick. "We're coming off the long break looking strong and you can't ask for more than that."

Hawk rodeo will be off until after the spring break, returning to action at the Odessa College rodeo March 24 through 26. The hometown favorite Howard College rodeo is slated for April 14 through 16 at the rodeo bowl in Big Spring.

For more on the HC Hawk rodeo team and updated schedule and results, visit [www.hchawk.com](http://www.hchawk.com).

# MAVS

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seconds of the Mavs' 99-97 loss in New Orleans in November, turned and walked toward the tunnel in disgust while Hornets players stormed off the bench, several jumping on Jack's shoulders.

"The last two minutes we kind of did everything wrong to kind of lose

that one," Nowitzki said. "Just a bad, bad execution down the stretch. We really had the game won already. ... It shouldn't have come down to being down one with a couple seconds to go, but you've got to give them credit. They played hard. They hung in there."

"We've had a bunch of tough losses in here," Nowitzki added, alluding to the Mavs' eight straight losses in New Orleans, the latest ending their six-

game road winning streak.

The Hornets outrebounded Dallas 44-31 and did not allow the Mavs an offensive rebound in the second half.

Belinelli finished with 21 points, hitting four 3-pointers, including a half-court shot at the first-half horn to pull the Hornets to 46-43.

West had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Hornets, scoring six crucial points in the final 3:54. Carl Landry added 15 points before fouling out

with 4:35 to go.

At that point, Dallas took an 82-73 lead on Nowitzki's free throws, and a second straight Hornets loss looked a lot more likely than a comeback against a Mavs squad which came in having won nine of 10.

Instead, the Hornets refused to give in and rallied for their third win in four games, all needed in a tight race for one of the final playoff spots in the Western Conference.

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# Money matters: NFL, union wrangle publicly on CBA

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Not nearly enough.

That, essentially, was the NFL Players Association's stance on two vital issues Wednesday as the deadline for a new labor deal approaches. The owners' willingness to reduce the amount of extra money they want up front — from \$1 billion to \$800 million — isn't a sufficient drop. And the financial data the league is willing to reveal isn't what the union seeks.

Both sides spoke much more openly about money matters Wednesday than they have since they entered mediation Feb. 18. The twice-extended deadline for expiration of the collective bargaining agreement is at the end of Friday.

Under the old CBA, owners received an immediate \$1 billion for operating expenses before splitting remaining revenues with players. Owners ini-

tially sought to double that, and while they have lowered the up-front figure they want, NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith tied that to the full financial transparency he's sought for nearly two years in what is a \$9 billion business.

"Just to be absolutely clear, the information that was offered wasn't what we asked for," Smith said, "and, according to our investment bankers and advisers, they told us that information would be utterly meaningless in determining whether to write an \$800 million check to the National Football League" in each year of a new CBA.

"We have requested access to fully audited financial statements since May 2009," Smith said. "We believe that is the appropriate information to analyze the league's request to write a multibillion check to the owners."

NFL lead negotiator Jeff Pash said the union has received unprecedent-

ed financial data, including some information the league doesn't give to its clubs.

"No one is asking anyone to write any checks, I think we've been quite clear on that," Pash said. "It is a fact that the players association in the course of these negotiations has received more and more detailed financial information than it has ever had before."

"Has it gotten everything it wants? Evidently not. Have we offered to provide more? Absolutely. And is it a subject that we're prepared to discuss? Absolutely."

In a letter dated May 18, 2009 — a copy of which was obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press — Smith asked Goodell to "provide audited financial statements concerning the operations of the 32 clubs and the league."

Smith attached a list of 10 categories of information he sought, including:

- total operating income;
- total operating expenses, such as player costs, team expenses, sales and marketing expenses, game expenses, salaries/payments to owners;
- profit from operations;
- net income;
- cash and investment assets.

In the letter, Smith noted the owners' push to expand the regular season from 16 games to 18 as one reason "this information is critical in understanding the fair 'cost/compensation' model for players and teams."

Pash didn't reveal any specifics of the league's offer of financial information. But a person familiar with the negotiations told the AP that the NFL offered to turn over five years of league-wide profitability data to the union.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because mediator George Cohen told participants not to publicly discuss details.

## Spurs bounce back to beat Pistons

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker took over down the stretch and took the San Antonio Spurs back into the postseason.

Parker scored 23 points and the Spurs bounced back from a humbling loss by beating the Detroit Pistons 111-104 on Wednesday night to clinch a playoff berth.

The Pistons cut the lead to five points with 2:27 to play when

Tracy McGrady found a cutting Greg Monroe for the layup, but Manu Ginobili found Parker on the right wing for a wide-open 3-pointer. Parker then made a layup to put the Spurs up 10 with 1:08 left.

"Well, I thought he did a great job throughout the game, being aggressive, distributing the ball, and when we really needed some offense, he was scoring when

(the Pistons) made a run at the end," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "He was fantastic; taking it to them and scoring."

Tim Duncan, who matched a career low with two points in a blowout loss to the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday, finished with 15 points and 12 rebounds in 31 minutes.

The Spurs also clinched their 14th consecutive playoff berth.

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## TECH

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advance to a second-round game Thursday against Texas A&M.

John Roberson had 28 points for Texas Tech.

"We fought hard," Roberson said. "Every-

one came with a lot of intensity. We wanted to win the game for our coach. We came up a little short."

With Denmon and Kim English canning 3-pointers, the Tigers scored the first eight points of the second half and seized a 56-44 lead that ballooned to 58-45 on a bucket by Michael Dixon, who totaled 17 points.

But Roberson followed with a 10-footer and the Red Raiders unreeling an 18-5 run, tying it 63-all on Roberson's fourth 3-pointer. David Tairu, one of five seniors on Knight's last team, drilled a 3-pointer and converted a rare four-point play in the spree.

Then back came the Tigers, with Denmon and Dixon hitting 3-pointers in a 15-4 spurt, taking a 78-67 lead on Steve Moore's layup.

Mike Singletary's bucket halted the spree for a moment, but English, fouled on consecu-

tive trips down the court, sank four straight free throws, giving the Tigers an 82-69 lead.

Another 3-pointer by Roberson ignited a 13-2 run by Tech. Brad Reese's two free throws made it 84-82. Phil Pressey's two foul shots put Missouri back on top 86-82 before Roberson, fouled by Pressey, made two free throws of his own that shrank the lead to 86-84.

"We knew they were going to be a hungry ball club coming in," said Denmon. "The coach was leaving, and they probably wanted to send him out in style. But we came into the game with the same mindset and focus we come into all our games. I knew they were playing for a lot, but we were, too."

With 18 seconds left, Tairu was called for a foul on Dixon, who made one foul shot. Denmon rebounded a Texas Tech miss on the other end and drew a foul. The Ti-

gers' top scorer, with 1.7 seconds left, made one of two foul shots.

Tairu had 16 points for Texas Tech, Singletary 13, and D'walyn Roberts 12.

English had 15 points and four assists for Missouri, which lost to Texas A&M in overtime in the regular season.

Knight remained upbeat.

"(It finished) on a disappointing note. But it was a great chapter in my basketball career. It was 10 great years, seven as an assistant, three as the head coach," he said. "I love the people, the city and the college. It's not like I'm going to be rooting against them. I wish the best for them. I just wish we had won more games."

And yes, he said, he has talked to his father about what happened.

"He's not as understanding as I am. But that's just between the two of us."

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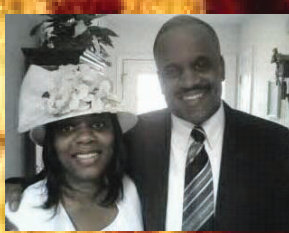
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