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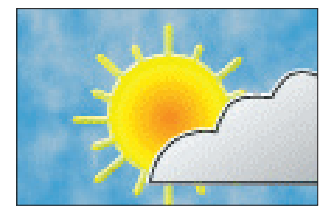


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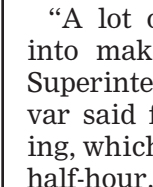
**Kim Howell greets women at Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman booth during a previous health fair. Health Fair 2011, an event sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus. Immediately following, a Healthy Woman seminar on financial planning will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Cactus Room on campus. There is no admission fee for either event.**

## BSISD renews teacher pacts for next year

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
Managing Editor

Big Spring Independent School District is finding other ways to make budget cuts without going to the employee chopping block.

**T h u r s d a y**, BSISD trustees approved contracts through the 2011-2012 for all professional employees.



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"A lot of hard work went into making this possible," Superintendent Steven Saldivar said following the meeting, which lasted only about a half-hour.

Because of state budgetary shortfalls, BSISD is projected

to lose up to \$4 million for the next fiscal year. The fact that personnel costs account for almost 80 percent of the district's budget meant job security was at least an emotional issue. However, Thursday's action by the board means most teachers can be assured they will remain employed. A number of personnel took advantage of a \$1,000 early resignation incentive offered earlier this year and the district has been able to save some funds by not filling vacancies.

In other personnel matters, Saldivar announced Thursday that Business Manager Debbie Green has been

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## Old Sorehead Trade Days is this weekend

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

**STANTON** — What do you get when you mix a festival-style atmosphere with hundreds of vendors hocking wares of every shape and size? The Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton, of course.

The city of Stanton will once again open its arms to West Texas Saturday and Sunday for the annual event, which will feature an array of ven-

dors and services for everyone in the family.

According to organizers, one of the largest draws for the event, which is held three times each year, is the food. This trade days will feature two "food court" areas for visitors to check out. The first will be located by the single traffic light near First National Bank and Stanton Drug, with a second area near the Stanton Community

Center.

"Many visitors come to the trade days just to sample the dishes the food vendors have to offer," said Bud Lindsey, spokesman for the event. "All kinds of food are available. Curly fries, funnel cakes, turkey legs, roasted corn, seafood and Mexican food. There are all kinds of soft drinks and bottled waters in the food court areas."

Odessa's own Gary Mc-

Millan — author of the Ty Watkins series, which includes "Border Trouble," "The Desperate Trail" and "The Crossing" — is expected to be in attendance during the weekend-long event, according to coordinators.

Old Sorehead Trade Days will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and continue until 6 p.m., and resume Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

"Scattered around the town,

a visitor may find just about anything from trash to rare collectibles," said Lindsey. "We'll have antiques for sale in the Antiques on Main store and throughout the trade days — Coca-Cola collectibles, Humble Oil and Sinclair Oil signs, wagon wheels — if you can dream of it, it's most likely at Old Sorehead Trade Days."

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## Voter registration deadline nears for council, amendment elections

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Time is running out for Big Spring residents to register to vote in the May 14 municipal election, as the April 14 deadline is less than a week away.

With early voting set to begin May 2 and run through May 10, Howard County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom said she and her team of election judges are gearing up for the political contests.

"The deadline to register to vote in any election is 30 days, so we're getting really close to that deadline now," Bloom said. "If you're not

yet registered, our office can get you set up in time for election day. Also, if anyone simply isn't sure about their voter registration status, they can give us a call and we can check on it for them. It's much better to find out ahead of time, that way if there is a problem we have time to get it fixed."

Area voters planning to cast their ballot by mail have until May 6 to fill out an application, according to Bloom.

"Voters who are 65 and older, disabled or will be out of the county and unavailable to vote during early voting or election day can apply for

a ballot by mail," Bloom said. "If you want to apply, you need to contact the elections office so we can mail out the form. Voters must request this application, it won't automatically be sent out."

Big Spring voters will have a number of issues to weigh in on, including the District 1 and District 3 seats on the city council, as well as a charter amendment placing term limits on members of the city council.

District 1 Councilwoman Stephanie Horton is set to defend her seat on the council from challenger Marcus Fernandez. Horton and Fernan-

dez squared off for the District 1 seat three years ago, with Horton edging the challenger by a single vote, 33 ballots to Fernandez's 32 ballots.

The race for the District 3 seat has become a triple threat, as incumbent Councilwoman Joann Staulcup will attempt to defeat challengers Shannon Thomason and political newcomer Glenn Carrigan.

The amendment proposed in the petition calls for the following language to be added to the municipal charter:

Sec. 3, Terms of council-

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# Obituaries

## Rosendo 'Toto' Robles



Rosendo "Toto" Robles, 59, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at a friend's residence. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9, 2011, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born January 12, 1952, in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident. He had worked most of his life in the oilfields and had also worked for Fiberflex. He was a Catholic and a member of ALSA.

Survivors include four sons, Rosendo Robles Jr. and Jeffrey Robles, both of Big Spring, Michael Robles of Midland and David Robles of San Antonio; his special friend, Judy Rodgers of Big Spring; two step sons, Manuel Cervantes III and Donny Cervantes, both of Big Spring; three grandsons, Jeffery Robles Jr., Jae Robles and Jadrien Robles; five granddaughters, Destinee Robles, Alexandria Robles, Hannah Robles, Meadow Robles and Carly Robles; six sisters, Martina Esponza, Ida Sanchez, Rosalinda Yanez, Manuela Del Santos and Irene DeLeon, all of Big Spring, and Elida Fuentes of Westbrook; four brothers, Juan Robles Jr., Jose Robles and Oscar Robles, all of Big Spring, and Albert Robles of Boomer, N.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Juan and Angelita Robles; one brother, Ismael Robles; and one sister, Sylvia Robles.

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

*Paid obituary*

## J.C. Woodard

J.C. Woodard, 67, of Big Spring died Friday, April 8, 2011, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Charles William 'C.W.' Brumley

Charles William "C.W." Brumley, 85, of Colorado City died Friday, April 8, 2011, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

# Police blotter

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

- MARK WILLIAM EDWARDS, 53, of 806 E. 16<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- TONY DELAGARZA, 46, of 11002 E. 16<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MATTHEW ELISEO DELAGARZA, 19, of 1608 Young, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for speeding in a school zone.
- VERONICA MARIE ORTIZ, 28, of 800 W. Marcy Apt. 10, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for no safety belt.
- GABRIEL HERNANDEZ, 24, of 1102 Lloyd, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- ROBERT WILLY MILLER, 24, of 632 Tulsa, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CLINTON AARON MUSE JR., 60, of 700 Ohio, was arrested Thursday on a charge of tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.
- SHARON ANNETT JAMES, 52, of 500 N. San Antonio, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of a controlled substance, speeding, failure to appear and a warrant from another agency.
- TERRENCE ALI YOUNG, 22, of 109 N.E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Thursday on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (two counts) and no driver's license - when unlicensed.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1500 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of S. Douglas.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2400 block of W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

# Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.
- LINDA SUE SMITHWICK, 44, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- TOMMY GENE BOBO, 53, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence driving while

intoxicated - third or more offense.

- MARK WILLIAM EDWARDS, 53, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on Somervell County warrants for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and failure to appear.
- MATTHEW ELISEO DELAGARZA, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for speeding in a school zone.
- ANTHONY DELAGARZA, 46, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOSE ALVAREZ BARAJAS, 41, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on Colorado and Georgia warrants for fugitive - failure to appear and trafficking in methamphetamines.
- IRMA VALERIE ORTIZ, 28, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for no seat belt - passenger.
- JESI ELAIN WILKEY, 25, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property.
- BRYANT ANTHONY PARRISH, 21, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of displaying an expired registration (two counts), failure to appear (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear.
- GABRIEL JESSIE HERNANDEZ, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- ROBERT WILLY MILLER, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CLINTON A. MUSE JR., 60, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.
- TERRENCE A. YOUNG, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information and municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license and violation of a promise to appear (two counts).
- SHARON ANNETTE JAMES, 52, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance, speeding, failure to

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## What's Happening

April 9  
**Master the Mountain 5k Run**  
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April 9  
**Health Fair**  
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April 16-17  
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For more info contact  
Big Spring Country Club at  
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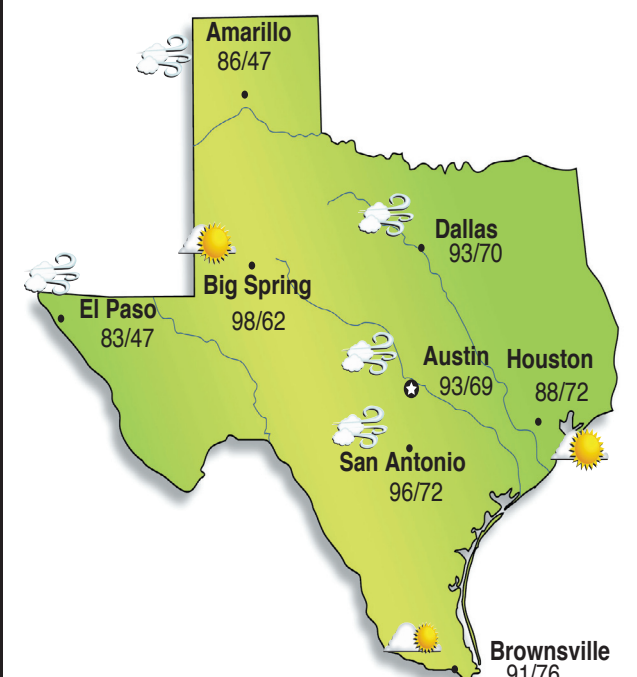


**Today's Weather**

**Local 5-Day Forecast**

Sat 4/9	Sun 4/10	Mon 4/11	Tue 4/12	Wed 4/13
<b>98/62</b> Plentiful sunshine. Near record high temperatures. High 98F.	<b>78/48</b> Sunny and wind. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>85/52</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>89/59</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	<b>92/53</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:25 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:11 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:23 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:12 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:22 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:13 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:21 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:13 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:20 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:14 PM

**Texas At A Glance**



**Area Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	96	66	mst sunny	Kingsville	94	73	mst sunny
Amarillo	86	47	windy	Livingston	90	68	mst sunny
Austin	93	69	windy	Longview	90	70	pt sunny
Beaumont	87	71	mst sunny	Lubbock	91	50	mst sunny
Brownsville	91	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	91	69	pt sunny
Brownwood	98	67	windy	Midland	97	59	windy
Corpus Christi	88	74	pt sunny	Raymondville	95	73	pt sunny
Corsicana	91	69	windy	Rosenberg	89	71	mst sunny
Dallas	93	70	windy	San Antonio	96	72	windy
Del Rio	102	73	mst sunny	San Marcos	93	70	windy
El Paso	83	47	windy	Sulphur Springs	90	72	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	95	60	windy	Sweetwater	97	65	windy
Gainesville	90	66	windy	Tyler	91	70	pt sunny
Greenville	90	68	windy	Weatherford	93	66	windy
Houston	88	72	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	97	63	windy

**SHERIFF**

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appear and a Mitchell County warrant for revocation of probation – possession of a controlled substance.

**Fire/EMS**

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of the airport. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of S. Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3800 block of N. Highway 87. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Indian Hills. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Tubb Loop Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

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• Western Hills Animal Clinic is sponsoring a rabies clinic from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the For-san Fire Station on Main Street. Rabies shots are \$8; K-9 distemper/parvo, \$14; and feline CVR, \$20.

• Friday is live band dance night at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.

• Monday's jury call for 118th District Court has been canceled.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for fall 2011. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 15. More information and the application may be

**BSISD**

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chosen to replace Chief Financial Officer Sandra Waggoner, who is retiring after 22 years in the BSISD business office. Waggoner's contract is through June. Green

will retain the title of business manager but will take over Waggoner's duties. Green has been business manager for three-and-a-half years.

Susan Bryan was named assistant manager of the business department. She is new to

**TRADE DAYS**

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For those that aren't familiar with the streets of Stanton, trade days volunteers will be on duty to help direct visitors to the different areas, including parking areas for the handicapped and overflow

parking. Golf carts will also be available to help get shoppers to and from their vehicles.

Lindsey said those wanting to take in the entire affair may want to plan on spending quite a bit of time in Stanton.

"If you want to see everything at the Old Sorehead Trade Days, you need to plan to come early and stay late," he

**REGISTER**

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men and/or women — The regular term of office for all members of the council shall be three (3) years.

Sec. 3.a. Council member term limits

No member of the council may run for election to the same council position more than two (2) consecutive times. No person may be appointed or elected to the council in a general election or in a special election as provided by Section 2 of this article within two (2) full terms of having previously held a council position.

Sec. 3.b. General restriction

No member of the council may retain office while seeking election or appointment to any other city, county, state or federal office.

The amendment was placed on the ballot by way of a petition circulated by the local concerned Citizens Council.

Confusion as to word-

ing of the amendment has been interpreted by City Attorney Linda Sjogren.

"If the proposed charter amendment passes ... the net effect under this interpretation is that council members may only run for two consecutive terms in one position then must sit out one election — not two — before running again for that same position," said Sjogren.

"Council members may run for any other position than the one they currently hold if their term is expiring or if they are within the last year of their term, without sitting out a term. Council members cannot be elected to fill a vacancy (unexpired term) in any position on

**Take Note**

found on the club website: www.westexags.com

• Howard County Conservatives will host a Tea Party rally from 10 a.m. to noon April 16 at Heart of the City Park in Big Spring. Everyone is invited.

• The Coahoma High School (CHS) Alumni Committee has announced the next all-school reunion is planned for July 23 at the Coahoma school building. Coahoma alumni are asked to e-mail Harold Aberegg at aberegg66@gmail.com with updated mailing addresses and/or e-mail addresses, or call Joyce York Baumann at 432-816-1588. It would be helpful if you included the year of your graduation from CHS, as we hope to work with 10-year increments of alumni.

We would appreciate help getting the date out to all CHS graduates and current and former CHS faculty members.

Reunion planning is scheduled the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Coahoma Dairy Queen and is open to all CHS alumni.

the school district and will begin training before the end of the school year.

Thursday's meeting was a called meeting. Trustees will convene again in their regular meeting April 14 at 5:15 p.m. in the high school board room.

said. "Admission is free and anyone who needs information on the event can call our trade days hotline at (432) 756-2006, or visit us on the Web at www.stantontex.com."

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the council within six years of having served in any position on the council."

For more information on voter registration or the upcoming election, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

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Bobby Sumner, 62, died Saturday. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. today at Life Church. Burial with Military Honors followed at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Teresa Phillips Darden, 44, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Westbrook Cemetery.

Patsy Padilla, 71, died Wednesday. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

J.C. Woodard, 67, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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*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 youth from the Church of the Nazarene, Big Spring junior high students, Big Spring High School student council members, Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, Keep Big Spring Beautiful members, city officials, community members and all those who took part in this year's trash off in hopes of making the community a little bit better.

- Tena & Company for spending their Saturday raising awareness and funds for Victim Services, BACA and domestic violence abuse survivors and victims of abuse.

- American Red Cross and their volunteers. All the help they distribute throughout the year truly does make a difference in the moments after a disaster.

- George Throop for taking the time to walk across America in hopes of encouraging people to live a healthier life and for showing us anything is possible and it all begins with a single step.

- Coahoma kindergarteners for practicing hard for three weeks and delivering a fun, entertaining performance at this year's Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo. They did an amazing job of carrying on a tradition.

*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

**You, Lord, are there for us, may we be there for You. Amen**

# What's wrong with Obama?

As he announces his bid for re-election, President Barack Obama is facing some tough poll numbers.

According to the Rasmussen Reports daily tracking poll, the president's approval index, as of April 4, was a not so stellar -14, which means that 14 percent more of us strongly disapprove of him than strongly approve. It's not quite as bad as it sounds: When you add the number who approve to the number who strongly approve, he gets up to 48 percent, with 40 percent strongly disapproving and another 11 percent disapproving but not strongly.

Of course, daily tracking polls are just that: a quick snapshot of where we are today, not a predictor of where we will be come November 2012. The latest unemployment numbers, the best in some time, should help the president. If the trend continues, the fact that his approval ratings on national security are even lower than the numbers I quoted above should be more than balanced by better numbers on his handling of the economy. And absent a major war, it's always the economy, stupid.

Even so, the lukewarm support for the president is striking. I understand why true believers



SUSAN ESTRICH

on the conservative side are unhappy with this president. He pushed through major health care and financial reform, as well as a major stimulus program complete with lots of new jobs building bridges, repairing infrastructure and the like. He is letting gays serve openly in the military and is refusing to defend the Defense of Marriage Act. He has appointed two progressive women to the United States Supreme Court. He brought the much-hated (and much-respected) Elizabeth Warren in to keep an eye on financial institutions. For a conservative, there are plenty of reasons to strongly disapprove, even if his commitment to Afghanistan and his strong steps in Libya would certainly be applauded if done under the watch of a George Bush.

It's my friends, my fellow travelers, whom I can't understand.

I'm part of the "strongly approve" crowd, which doesn't mean I agree with everything he does. (I'm still waiting for some leadership on Israel's security.) It means I think he has been a strong and forceful leader who has pursued precisely the agenda he said he would as a candidate. Indeed, it's hard to think of a president since Ronald Reagan who has hewed to his campaign agenda as closely and as effectively as Obama. All the things that conservatives strongly disapprove of should be reasons for my friends to strongly approve.

So how come every time I find

myself in a crowd of Democrats (which, living in Los Angeles, is all the time) almost everyone is complaining about Obama? Where are all those people who voted for him in 2008? Why are any of them in the disapprove column?

The president inherited an economy on the brink of disaster. I'm not playing the blame game, which is always a loser. I'm trying to put his accomplishments in the proper perspective. Whoever gets the blame for the crisis, and surely there is plenty to go around, Obama gets credit for the fact that the economy did not collapse, the recession has actually ended and unemployment is going down.

With the announcement of his bid for re-election, it's time for my liberal friends to stop whining and start working. It's time to stop focusing on what our president has done wrong and start reminding ourselves and others of all the things he has done right. The perfect is the enemy of the good.

From where I sit, the president deserves my support. And he has it.

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## Carter: Our Man in Havana

Just as the winds of freedom were blowing all over the planet and as the world's oldest dictatorship needed to find a way to divert those winds,

Jimmy Carter went to Cuba — ready to build political shelter for the Castro brothers.

To have a former U.S. president speaking against U.S. policy while visiting Havana was exactly the kind of diversion Fidel and Raul Castro needed to keep the Cuban people thinking that the winds from North Africa could not reach the Caribbean.

Carter was used to show the Cuban people that their 52-year-old so-called "revolution" is still relevant and that their totalitarian government is somehow legitimate. The Castro brothers always have blamed all their failures on the U.S. economic embargo against the communist island. For them, having a former U.S. president condemn the embargo while visiting Cuba is tantamount to vindication — priceless!

But it's not surprising. When the communist Cuban dictators need a useful fool, they know they can always count on the one U.S. president who has been there for them, the one who claims to stand for universal human rights and then wears horse blinders when they are violated in Cuba, the one who allowed the Cuban dictators to push him around, even when he was in the White House.

Unfortunately, based on his naive leftist bias, Carter always has sanctioned right-wing dictators and embraced leftist despots. And when it comes to Cuba, Carter has a history of being a complete wimp.

During Carter's 1977-81 presidency, while Cuba was exporting violence and revolution to Central America and Africa, he naively kept inviting the Castro brothers to kiss and make up. He agreed to open a "U.S. Interests Section" and allowed the Cubans to open similar offices in Washington. Without getting concession from the Cuban government, Carter lifted so many sanctions that he nearly dismantled the embargo.

Some of those sanctions — on tourist travel and money transfers — have since been restored.

but some are being dismantled by President Barack Obama, again without significant concessions from the Cuban government. But if it were up to Carter, the Obama administration would be making unilateral concessions to the Castro regime. Carter makes Obama look like a hawk!

But there are lessons the Obama administration should learn from Carter's mistakes.

How did the Cuban government respond to Carter's overtures when he lived in the White House?

Remember the 1980 Mariel boatlift, when the Castro brothers lifted the Iron Curtain and thousands of Cubans fled on boats to Florida? Remember how the Castro regime — facing dire economic straits and domestic unrest — needed to release some steam and Carter gave them an escape valve, allowing 125,000 Cuban dissidents to come to the United States within a few weeks? Remember that the Castro regime also sent us Cuba's worst criminals — straight out of prison — and shoved them down President Carter's throat?

"During his presidency, the Castros were able to play Carter like a fiddle," observed the blog "Capitol Hill Cubans" last week.

"And after his presidency, it has been more of the same."

In Havana last week, Carter almost sounded like a Castro spokesman delivering all of the regime's talking points. He came out against the embargo, as he has in the past, but then he also called on Washington to remove Cuba from the list of countries that, according to the U.S. government, support terrorism. And he demonstrated little respect for the U.S. justice system when he argued for the release of five Cuban "Wasp Network" spies currently serving time in U.S. prisons.

When the 86-year-old former U.S. president met with the 84-year-old Cuban dictator last week, Carter said he and Fidel "welcomed each other as old friends."

It was disgraceful and repulsive.

Originally, there was widespread speculation that Carter was going to Cuba to seek the release of Alan Gross, 61, an American jailed in Cuba for more than a year and recently sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for handing out computers and communications equipment so that news-censored Cubans

could have access to the Internet. But now that Carter has met with Gross and come home empty-handed, there is widespread speculation that he will stoop even lower and begin to lobby in Washington for a spy exchange between the two countries.

Our man in Havana apparently wants to give up the five Cuban spies in exchange for Gross.

Nevertheless, some spinsters are trying to sell Carter's trip to Cuba as a great achievement, only because, after three days of meetings with human rights violators, he finally found time to meet with some of their victims.

In meetings with some of Cuba's most prominent dissidents, including blogger Yoani Sanchez and recently released political prisoner Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet, Carter allegedly expressed hope that the Cuban government will learn to be less repressive.

Nevertheless, when he spoke to the Cuban people on radio and television last week, Carter wasted a precious opportunity to tell the Cuban people that the time has come for them to demand freedom and send the Castro brothers packing.

Imagine how much more effective Carter's trip to Cuba might have been if he had challenged the Castro brothers with the courage displayed by Ronald Reagan when he went to Berlin in 1987 and called on Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to "tear down this wall!"

If Carter had said, "Mr. Castro, it's time for you to go," many of us would have found long-lost respect for our former president.

But how often does it happen that a former American president visits a hostile country, denies that country's involvement with terrorism, attacks U.S. foreign policy, questions our judicial system, and calls for the release of imprisoned spies? How many Americans appreciate such betrayal from a former president?

On different occasions, both Fidel and Raul have said that of all 11 American presidents who have been in office since they took control of the Cuban government in 1959, Carter is "the best U.S. president."

Need I say more? In my book, that makes him the worst!

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## ► Church News

### Chapel of Faith

You are invited to attend Chapel of Faith church, located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad.

Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. We have started a new Bible study on the book of Matthew and are currently in chapter five.

The Rev. Scott Willis will be preaching Sunday. The title of his sermon, "Meditating on Dry Bones & Resurrection" is based on Ezekiel 37:1-14.

Encouraging words: "It is impossible for that man to despair who remembers that his Helper is omnipotent." Jeremy Taylor

Our annual Partners & Friends Chili Supper is Saturday. Everyone is invited.

### Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell, the second Thursday at 7 p.m. The Babe Chick Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is Thursday. Potluck fellowship is at 6 p.m. For more information, see our website: [www.signal-emmaus.org](http://www.signal-emmaus.org).

### Calvary Baptist Church, Colorado City

Calvary Baptist Church in Colorado City is holding a Walk Through the Bible's Old Testament seminar Sunday from 10:50 a.m. until 5 p.m. for kindergarten through adults. A meal is provided if you pre-register. The address is 1025 E. 15th St. To register, call 325-728-2262. Cost is \$17 for youth and adults and \$15 for kindergarten through fifth grade.

### First United Methodist Church

Sunday, guest speaker Mike Alexander will give the message at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. service of worship. The 8:30 service is broadcast on KBYG 1400 and the 10:50 service is broadcast on KBST FM 97.5.

Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m. For information about the classes and other special events, go to our website at [www.fumcbs.com](http://www.fumcbs.com).

Members of the Young Families and youth will be going to Midland on Sunday afternoon to see the movie "Soul Surfer." The groups will leave the church at 2:30 p.m. Child care will be available; check with Becky Woodall at the church.

The Lenten service/luncheon next week will be at the Salvation Army.

Palm Sunday is always special at our church, beginning with the traditional procession of children waving their palm branches as they enter the church and proceed down the aisle.

The Methodist Church is involved in a program which will result in no more malaria. On Palm Sunday we will have an opportunity to present our monetary gifts for the To Save A Life campaign. Prayerfully consider a gift through Nothing But Nets.

Another new event will be our "Journey to the Cross" which will be Sunday evening beginning at 5:30. This will be an opportunity for our congregation, all ages, to participate in an interactive program following in Jesus' steps to the cross.

Wednesday, April 20, the final Lenten luncheon will be at the First Christian Church. Maundy Thursday Last Supper will begin at 5:30, Thursday, April 21. Sign up sheets are in the foyer. Good Friday Tenebrae service will involve special music, guest musicians and will last about 45 minutes.

### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist will be observed at 10:30 a.m. in the church. After the service is the second Sunday pot-luck luncheon in the parish hall.

The vestry of St. Mary's will meet Monday at 6 p.m. in the library.

The Inquirers' class meets Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. If you would like more information about the class, call the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris.

The Daily Grind with God - Coffee Hour meets Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

The final lenten pot-luck, meatless supper and study is Wednesday at 6 p.m. The Rev. Kirk-Norris will lead the study on "Lectio Divina."

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

### Spring Creek Fellowship

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at College Park Shopping Center, 501 Birdwell Lane. Our phone number is 432-714-4584. Our website is [springcreekfellowship.org](http://springcreekfellowship.org).

We have several adult "Connections Groups" meeting during the week to fit into your schedule. Some of the current studies include "My Best Friend, the Holy Spirit," "The Purpose Driven Life" and "Women of the Bible," which incorporates sewing into their activities. Contact the church office for more information.

Youth "Connection Groups" meet twice a week Sunday and Wednesday evenings for junior high and senior high students. Youth will see the movie "Soul Surfer" Sunday.

"Kid-Connect" is an exciting place for kids to learn Christian songs, spend time in worship and be involved in Bible study. "Boz and Friends" helps pre-schoolers explore God's world and discover new things with "Boz," the green bear next door. Both groups meet Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Nursery care is available.

At 10 a.m. Sunday, everyone meets at "Holy Grounds Café" for coffee, donuts and fellowship before worship.

Worship begins every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The current sermon series is "Connecting."

United Blood Services will be at Spring Creek Fellowship for a blood drive on April 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Angela Pope at (432) 816-5516 to set up an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

We will celebrate Easter a little early with an Easter egg hunt for the kids Saturday, April 16, at 1 p.m.

Several men from the congregation will be attending the Alpha Men's Conference May 12-14 at Gateway Church in Southlake.

Visit [www.thealphasummit.com](http://www.thealphasummit.com) or contact the church office for more information.

Several women from the congregation are planning to attend Beth More "Live" Sept. 10 at United Spirit Arena in Lubbock. Visit their website at [www.lproof.org/events/schedule](http://www.lproof.org/events/schedule). More information to come!

### First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, met Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. The choir practiced at 6 p.m.

The children's Sunday school began a unit for Lent/Easter called "Women at the Tomb," Sunday. This week's lesson is a computer workshop led by Kay Kennemur, to be followed April 17 by games and puzzles under the direction of Janie Conley and Paula Farquhar. Easter, April 24, Jenn Patterson and Jamie Walker will lead adults and children in an intergenerational event of drama/storytelling. The series will conclude May 1 with Donna Amonett leading a music and worship workshop.

Tuesday evening, the Working Women's Bible study will meet in the church parlor, led by Helen Glass.

Contact Jo Dell Myrick or Patti Horton to purchase Mother's Day cards in support of the Malaria Prevention Program. The funds provide mosquito netting and medicines to prevent and combat malaria in many parts of the world.

We congratulate our own Marj Carpenter, who was recognized as one of nine Women of Distinction for Southwest Texas by the Girl Scout Council of this area March 31.

Part of the Lenten celebration will be a series of Lenten lunches shared with several other churches. Services begin at noon.

Wednesday, lunch will be at the Salvation Army with the Rev. Ken McIntosh preaching and April 20 at First Christian Church, with Capt. Ed Cheshire preaching.

There will be a Maundy Thursday service at First Presbyterian, Coahoma, April 21, and a Good Friday service here April 22.

Liturgist last Sunday was Jennifer Patterson. Sally Grisham will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday. Ushers are Gordon and Susan McDaniel and Jerry and Katie Grimes.

The lectionary for the fifth Sunday in Lent is Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45. Mike Robinson will deliver the sermon. The choir will offer "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arranged by Jack Schrader; the offertory anthem will be "Dry Bones" arranged by Livingston Gearhart.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM., at 11 a.m. You may also visit our website at [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org) where you can listen to several sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

# Henry and the tractor

One of my favorite family stories is an account

that I affectionately call "Henry and the Tractor."

It seems that my grandfather, whose given name was Henry,

was the first man in his rural community to own a tractor. Although Henry never wanted a tractor and didn't see the advantage of owning one, in 1930, he had five grown or almost grown sons who somehow convinced him that farming with a tractor would be more economical than farming with mules.

Giving in to persuasion, Henry traded several good mules for a used F20 Farmall tractor that burned coal oil. The tractor was the envy of his neighbors, the pride of his sons, and Henry's downfall. When the tractor arrived at Henry's front

door, the boys couldn't wait to get it into the field and try it out. Henry watched patiently as his sons took turns driving the tractor around the field.

When the excitement of driving the tractor around in circles started to dwindle, the boys agreed that Henry should be the one to drive it home. However, it took a good bit of coaxing to get Henry on the tractor. Reluctantly, he climbed into the seat and gripped the steering wheel. With advice coming from all five instructors at once, Henry put the tractor into gear and gave it some fuel. The tractor lurched forward, and Henry had the ride of his lifetime.

Amidst shouts of "Keep it on the road, Daddy," and "Keep it straight," the tractor wobbled from one side of the road to the other. Henry yelled back, "How do you stop this thing?"

When Henry found the brake pedal, the tractor jerked to a halt. Henry climbed off the tractor and walked home. He never drove

the tractor again.

Like Henry, we may all feel overwhelmed with the new technologies that invade our lives. Appliances change, computers become obsolete before we get them out of the boxes they were packed in, and the learning curve on gadgets and devices has taken all of the fun out of home entertainment.

Although we are sometimes tempted to give up on learning new things and just walk home, the Scripture admonishes us to keep on learning: "Give instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser, Teach a righteous man and he will increase his learning" (Proverbs 9:9 NASB).

Whether our learning comes from books or life's experiences, we would all do well to keep our minds open to new things. Staying on the road of knowledge is the only way to reach wisdom.

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### First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

There will be a Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m. April 21 at FPC Coahoma and a Good Friday service April 22 at FPC Big Spring.

The weekly Lectionary Bible study, led by Tom and Craig Holstedt, meets Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. in the Big Spring First Presbyterian Church library.

The lectionary for the fifth Sunday in Lent is Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45.

### St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church meets Sunday at 9 a.m. in our sanctuary at 810 Scurry. Pastor Don Rosentreter leads the worship and Sunday school with discussion following in the parish hall.

Wednesday nights are movie nights at St. Paul. We gather at 5:30 p.m. for popcorn, fellowship and discussion. The movie begins sharply at 6 p.m. followed with a brief discussion of the

### East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Our pastor is Keith Weaver and our music minister is Lon Sitton.

Sunday, Teen Challenge will be leading our worship service. There will be a special offering taken.

The adult choir is practicing twice weekly on our Easter musical, "Love Is Alive," to be presented during the April 17 morning service.

Our pastor's wife, Denise Weaver, will host a ladies seminar Saturday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hog Heaven Party Barn. Around 200 pre-registration forms have been received.

It's almost VBS time again and Cathy Reitzer is needing to collect saddle blankets, Spanish blankets, sheets (solids and stripes) silk plants, trees, greenery, clay pots of all shapes and sizes, artificial fruit and wicker baskets, all shapes, sizes and colors. If you wish to donate or loan any of these items for June and July, call the church office at 432-267-2291.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:45 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m.; evening service at 6. Wednesdays, adult prayer meeting and Bible

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First Baptist Church

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**Who should attend:** Registered Girl Scout adults, girl members, age 14 and older, and interested community members. Council delegates and alternates are urged to attend to represent their region and service units.

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study, youth and children's Bible study all begin at 7 p.m. Saturdays, we have men's Bible study at 7 a.m.

For more information, call the church office at 432-267-2291.

**First Church of the Nazarene**

April 23, there will be an Easter egg hunt at the Old Settler's Pavilion in the park. We are going to start at 10 a.m. and enjoy hot dogs and drinks afterward.

May 15, we will be having Biker Sunday. Services start at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.

The First Church of the Nazarene is a host site for Angel Food Ministry. Angel Food Ministry allows anyone regardless of income to purchase groceries (including meats) at cost that do not include retail mark up. Orders are received at the church every third Saturday of the month. Orders are ready to be picked up the following Saturday.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with this ministry, if you are interested or have questions, contact Scott Jimenez at [angelfood@nazfamily.org](mailto:angelfood@nazfamily.org) or go to [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com).

Our Sunday services begin at 10 a.m. and Wednesday group meetings are at 6:30 p.m. We also have small groups throughout the week for all different interests with new groups starting every week.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 432-267-7015. Visit us on the web at [www.nazfamily.org](http://www.nazfamily.org) where you can view a live service. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

**North Birdwell Lane**

**United Methodist Church**

Worship is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. with Pastor Billy Bates leading both services.

Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:30 a.m. The adult class discussion will be "Praise Builds Us Up," led by Madeline Boadle. The discussion is taken from the Book of Jude verses 17-28. The purpose of the lesson is to discuss how authentic worship of God heals divisions, promotes reconciliation and builds up the body of Christ.

Wednesday night Bible study will meet the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the book of James.

Our clean up days have started. Someone will be at the church each Tuesday and Thursday morning. Anyone is welcome to come. Thanks to Pat Evans and Joan Garver for the time spent Tuesday.

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

**First Christian Church**

You are invited to attend the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at 911 Goliad. Sunday starts with a time of fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. The worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth McIntosh will deliver the message "Dem Bones, Gonna Walk A-Roun," based on Ezekiel 37:1-14. We celebrate the Lord's Supper each week. Our communion table is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ regardless of denomination.

Special opportunities include the Lenten Luncheon Series hosted by the Salvation Army at noon Wednesday. The Rev. McIntosh will be the speaker.

The Beth Moore Bible study "To Live Is Christ" will continue Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Child care is provided and the public is invit-

ed. Hat Sunday and the fellowship luncheon will be after church April 17.

The worship committee will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. The CWF Evening Circle will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the McIntosh home. The evangelism and membership committee will meet April 16 at 10 a.m. and invites members to join them as they distribute special invitation flyers throughout Kentwood, inviting people to Easter week activities.

Other opportunities include volunteering at Isaiah 58 Food Pantry on Mondays and Tuesdays and choir practice at 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Our youth group meets with youth from the First Presbyterian and St. Mary's Episcopal churches Wednesdays from at 6 p.m. The youth meeting will be at First Christian Church April 20 and 27.

For questions or information, call the the church office at 432-517-4821 or visit the website at [www.fcbs125@yahoo.com](http://www.fcbs125@yahoo.com).

**College Baptist Church**

A typical Sunday at College Baptist begins with the men's prayer group meeting at 7:30 P.M. for prayer. At 8:15, one of the gentlemen of he church, Lloyd Claxton, goes to the VA Hospital for a devotional, guitar playing and singing. for the patients and any others who want to attend.

Sunday school classes for all ages begin at 9:45 a.m. at the church and worship services at 11 a.m. Evening service is at 6.

Missions is an important part of worship and serving God at College Baptist. During the Disciple Now weekend, April 15-17, the youth will be offering to help senior adults of the church as their mission project. They want to help with jobs that the senior adults need help with around their homes, including housework and yard work. We have a loving, caring, youth group and we are thankful for all of them.

**Alive in Christ Lutheran Church**

**LCMS**

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 264-7818. Our website is [www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx](http://www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx).

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

The sermon this Sunday will be from the lessons for the fifth Sunday in Lent.

Phillip Reid will be reading the liturgy. The readings for this week are Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:1-11, and John11:1-45 or John 11:17-27, 38-53.

Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Hannah Alsobrooks. Our elders are Phillip Reid and Richard von Hassell.

The flowers this week are given to God's Glory from Phillip and Shyrlee Reid.

On Sundays, the adults and youth are studying from the "Growing in Christ" series. Feel free to join our Sunday school classes to learn more about our Lord and Savior. Sunday school classes this week will be "The Passion of Christ," based on Matthew 27:11-66.

Last Sunday the Call Committee presented its list of pastoral candidates to the congregation and a final recommendation. We are on our way to being blest with our first pastor at Alive in Christ.

Mid Week School is beginning a study preparing us for Jesus' last days of His ministry. Wednesday, our Mid Week School will study "The Sanhedrin, Herod and Pilate" from Luke 22:66-23:25.

Lenten services are being held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. The focus for the sixth Lenten service Wednesday is the "The Miraculous Faith of the Roman Soldiers" from the text found in Matthew 27:54. It will be the final Lenten service on Wednesday evening. There will be no Wednesday evening meal or services on the 20th during Holy Week.

Saturday, the LWML spring workshop will be held at church. Ladies from the West Texas Zone will be treated to a patriotic theme and hot dog luncheon. Crafts will be made and then presented to our VA patrons at a later date.

Monday the LWML will serve refreshments at the VA.

The Board of Education will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. The LWML will meet Thursday at 7.

The Board of Assimilation has scheduled a pot luck for Sunday, April 17. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy this opportunity for Christian fellowship and food.

Mark your calendars for the Easter Festival Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. We will have cookie decorating, face-painting, crafts, egg/cake walk, egg hunt and other activities.



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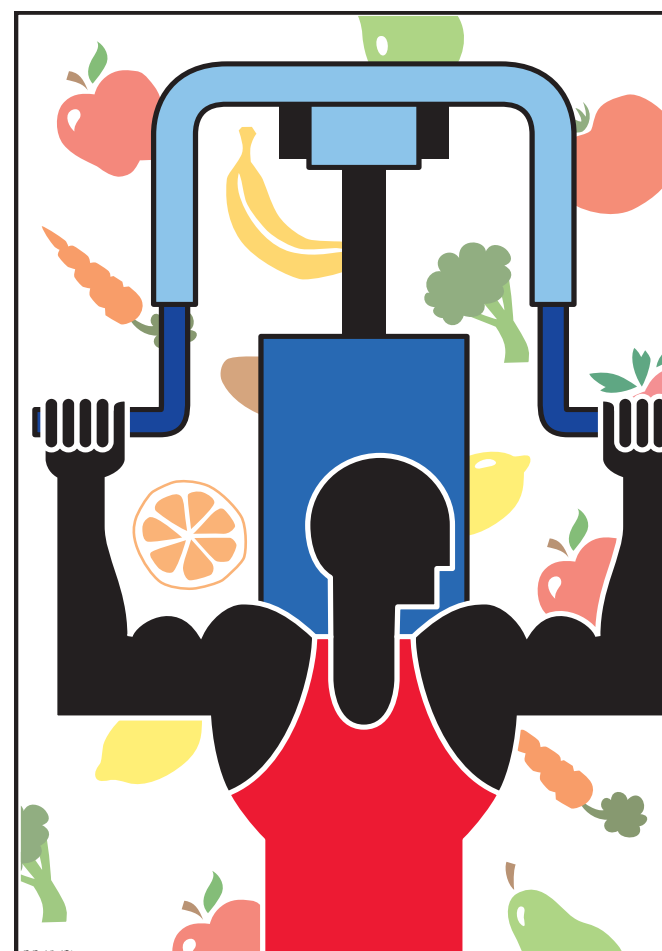
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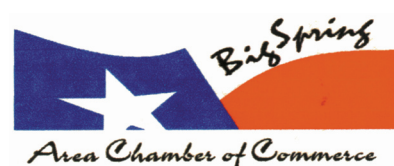
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# McIlroy, Quiros share Masters lead

**NANCY ARMOUR**

AP National Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Rory McIlroy and his buddies bought a football Wednesday night, and decided to test it out in the mall parking lot.

Guess who was watching? “By accident,” Alvaro Quiros said. “I was watching Rory play with a rugby ball with his friends. Did he tell you that? He was doing terrible.”

McIlroy is much better with his golf clubs, as he showed Thursday by shooting a 7-under 65 in the first round of the Masters. A few hours later, Quiros had joined him again — this time atop the leaderboard at Augusta National.

“My target tomorrow is to make the cut,” Quiros said. “It would be stupid to think I can shoot 65 again because it’s not my way. As I said before, 75 was my best round here. It could be just one good

round of golf.” For McIlroy, it could be something bigger.

The 21-year-old from Northern Ireland is the leader of golf’s version of the Brat Pack, a group of kids with big games and even more moxie. He turned pro in 2007, earned his European card without going to Q-school and broke into the top 10 in the world all before he turned 21.

He tied a major championship record by opening with

a 63 at St. Andrews in last year’s British Open, and has tied for third at three of the last five majors, including the last two.

“I seem to play well in the big occasion,” McIlroy said. “I always feel that I have the game to win. It’s just the extra 2 percent here and there that makes the difference. Those are the sort of things I’ve been working on this year. ... But I feel as if I’ve shot good enough rounds in the majors

and I’ve played well enough to believe in myself and believe that I can win a major.”

To do so, he’ll have to avoid a meltdown — similar to the one he had at St. Andrews. He followed his record round with an 80 that dropped him out of contention, and pouted his way around the course like a petulant teenager. He rolled his eyes after bad shots, scuffed his shoes and

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Howard College infielder Jonah Johnston tags out a Western Texas College baserunner during their game last Friday. The Hawks host a doubleheader vs. El Paso Community College beginning at noon today at Jack Barber Field.

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Baseball — El Paso CC at Howard College (DH), noon.  
Softball — Big Spring at Snyder, 5 p.m.  
Softball — Howard College at Western Texas College, Snyder (DH), 1 p.m.  
Softball — Slaton at Coahoma, 5:30 p.m.  
Softball — Post at Forsan, 5:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY

Baseball — El Paso CC at Howard College (DH), noon.  
Softball — Western Texas College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m.  
Track — Coahoma, Forsan, Stanton at District 3-2A meet, Denver City.

To submit a calendar item, call 263-7331, ext. 235.

## In brief

### CGA tournament set for Sunday

The Chicano Golf Association will host an individual play tournament Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament is set for a 10 a.m. shotgun start and a 9:30 a.m. signup deadline.

Fee is \$20 per person.

For more information, contact Bobby Cordova at 935-0410.

### CGA members meeting Tuesday

The Chicano Golf Association will hold a members meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course clubhouse.

For more information, call 935-0410.

### Tournament to benefit Relay for Life

The 2011 Cancer Scramble, which will benefit the Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life American Cancer Society fundraiser, will be held April 16-17 at Big Spring Country Club.

Format will be a four-person scramble.

Entrants can make their own teams or be assigned. The field will be flighted after the first round.

Prizes will be awarded for longest drive, closest to pin and the top three teams in each flight.

Entry fee is \$75 per person plus a \$22 cart fee (private carts are welcome).

For more information, contact the country club at 267-5354.

### Howard to hold cheerleader tryouts

The Howard College Cheerleading Squad will hold try-outs Saturday, April 30 at 9 a.m. in the Harold Davis Fitness Center on the Howard College campus.

A clinic will be held for applicants to learn all try-out material Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29 from 4-6 p.m. in the fitness center.

All interested persons need to fill out the online application, found on the Howard College athletic website (www.hchawk.com).

For more information, please see the website, or contact Hollie Allred at 432-264-8538.

### 3-person scramble set for Seminole

SEMINOLE — A three-person scramble golf tournament will be held April 30 and May 1 at the Gaines County Golf Course.

Cost is \$80 per person plus cart fees.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. the first day, and at 2 p.m. May 1.

For more information, call (432) 758-3808.

### Volleyball showcase May 21 in San Angelo

Registration is now open for the West Texas Volleyball Showcase, scheduled for May 21 in San Angelo.

The tournament will be officiated by TASO-approved officials.

Registration fee is \$225 per team. Registration deadline is May 15.

Play will be held in two divisions — big school (Class 3A and up) and small school (Class 1A and 2A, as well as junior varsity). There is a 20-team limit.

Also, San Angelo will be the site for a volleyball summer league, which runs from June 7 until June 28, officials announced.

Registration fee is \$25 per player. Players can sign up as individuals to be placed on a team.

There will be three divisions — varsity/JV, junior high and elementary.

For more information, contact Chris Cardenas at (325) 374-2910.

## Astros break through for their first victory

By **JOE KAY**

AP Baseball Writer

CINCINNATI — For the first time all season, there was a joyful sound in the Houston Astros’ clubhouse — music, sweet music, bouncing off those cinderblock walls.

“I told them, ‘Go ahead and turn it up loud!’” manager Brad Mills said.

Why not? The NL’s last winless team had finally shed its unwanted distinction.

Matt Downs doubled home the tiebreaking run with two outs in the ninth inning on Thursday and the Astros held on for their first win of the season, 3-2 over the previously unbeaten Cincinnati Reds. They lined up and slapped hands in congratulations behind the pitcher’s mound for the first time.

“Obviously we needed to get one, get it off our back,” said Downs, who had struck out in all three at-bats this season. “It starts building every day, and everybody starts talking about it.”

“Everybody knows in the back of their minds that we haven’t won a game yet.” Though it’s far less than what they wanted, it’s still much better than last season. The Astros dropped their first eight games in 2010, one shy of matching

the franchise record for opening futility.

“I mean, at least we didn’t start 0-8 like last year,” starter Brett Myers said. “I think we just played better baseball today.”

The drama turned their way, too.

Downs doubled off Nick Masset (0-1) for the lead in the top of the ninth, making the most of a second chance. Masset caught him looking at a curve in his previous at-bat, and Downs was ready for that pitch when he used it again.

“In the back of my mind, I thought he was going to come back to that pitch, and he did and left it in a spot where I could hit it,” Downs said.

The Reds had won their first five games — their best start since 1990 — and gave themselves a chance to keep the streak going. Brandon Phillips and Joey Votto singled with two outs in the ninth off closer Brandon Lyon, who blew a three-run lead in the season opener at Philadelphia.

Up came pinch-hitter Ramon Hernandez, who started the Reds’ fast start in an eerily similar circumstance. He hit a two-out, three-run homer in the ninth inning on opening day for a 7-6 win over Milwaukee.

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# Rolling Rangers

Texas getting contributions from everyone in torrid start

ARLINGTON (AP) — After their first World Series last year, the Texas Rangers are on quite a roll.

They are pounding the baseball, even without a home run yet from AL MVP Josh Hamilton. They have already beaten the American League's Cy Young winner and swept two teams. And after an impressive opening week at home, they are the AL's only undefeated team.

"I knew we had a good team to compete and start good. But 6-0, I didn't really put it in my mind," new third baseman Adrian Beltre said. "It's been good, and hopefully we can keep doing it."

The Rangers, who Friday night in Baltimore will try to match the team record for seven consecutive wins to start a season, have been winning with big bats, solid pitching and some spectacular defense.

"What I've learned is we can play baseball, and we can play baseball any kind of way we have to play it," fifth-year manager Ron Washington said. "I know we're not going to blow everybody away and maintain this pace, but it's about being consistent in the main areas, pitching

and defense. If we can stay consistent there, I think y'all enjoy the year that we put together. I know we will."

Texas, already with a three-game lead in the AL West, had a day off Thursday before a nine-game, 10-day road trip.

They begin against the Orioles and former manager Buck Showalter before going to Detroit and then New York to face the Yankees.

Nelson Cruz joined Willie Mays and Mark McGwire as the only players to homer in each of the first four games of a season. Cruz and Ian Kinsler were the first teammates to both homer in the first three games, and Kinsler became the first player ever with leadoff homers in each of the first two games.

The Rangers had 13 homers in the first four games, even getting one from Elvis Andrus, who didn't have a homer all last season. But they also won the last two games without hitting a ball out of the park.

Alexi Ogando, No. 5 in the rotation because of Tommy Hunter's groin injury, threw six shutout innings in his first major league start, a 3-2 win over Seattle.



File photo  
Josh Hamilton and the Texas Rangers are off to the team's best start since 1996.

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"That's what we did all last year," Hernandez said. "It's what we've done so far this year. We go (hard) until the last out is made and anything can happen."

This time, he grounded into a forceout at second, leaving Texas as the only unbeaten

team left in the majors.

Left-hander Fernando Abad (1-0) got his first major league win in relief of Myers, who left in the seventh inning after giving up Scott Rolen's tying pinch-hit homer.

The Reds won their first five with a dominating offense, scoring runs at a Big Red Machine pace. The splurge finally ended, and so did that winning streak.

Houston's pitching staff had

allowed only two homers coming in, one of the best marks in the majors. The Astros gave themselves a chance by getting the Reds into a game of small ball — more suited to their lineup.

Credit Myers for that.

The right-hander didn't let Cincinnati's offense get rolling. Edgar Renteria doubled home a run in the second, and the Reds went on to load the bases with two outs, giv-

ing themselves a chance to break it open. Myers got Drew Stubbs to pop up a full-count pitch.

Rolen's solo homer on Myers' 106th and final pitch tied it at 2 in the bottom of the seventh.

It was the fourth career pinch-hit homer for Rolen, who was out of the lineup in a day game following a night game.

Myers also pitched well in

the season opener, when the Phillies rallied against Lyon for a 5-4 win. This time, the closer held on.

The Astros came in batting only .214 with a league-low two homers. They squeezed out a pair of runs on groundouts: Hunter Pence drove in a first-inning run with a grounder, and Carlos Lee tripled and scored on Brett Wallace's groundout in the fourth.

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slumped his shoulders.

If there had been a door to slam somewhere on the Old Course, he probably would have done that, too.

"Obviously, at the time

I was very disappointed. But looking back on it, it was a very valuable lesson in my development as a golfer," McIlroy said. "It's possible that I can go out and shoot another 65, but I know that it's also very likely that I'm not going to do that. So if I do find myself in a bit of trouble, I'm going

to have to stick in there, grind it out."

Quiros' plan is much simpler: Hit a good drive on No. 1, and go from there.

The 28-year-old Spaniard has five career victories on the European tour, but he came to Augusta National without any expecta-

tions. He played so poorly in his first two appearances here that he once thought maybe he couldn't play this course. When someone asked how he compared with two-time Masters champion Seve Ballesteros, Quiros said Ballesteros had the hands of an artist while he had

the hands of a bricklayer.

"The two previous years, I came to the Masters thinking that I can play well, shoot low. And this was my main mistake," Quiros said. "It's a golf course. It's too tough. Every single situation has to be measured. I mean, the risk, the reward. And today, I was very happy making pars. This is why probably I shoot 65."

"If I push myself to shoot 65 from the first tee, I tell you, probably it will be the same, 75, 76, like the previous years."

Quiros' round was even more surprising considering it was his very first round with his new caddie.

Since winning the Dubai Desert Classic, Quiros has failed to fin-

ish better than 33rd.

"It's like in soccer, or in football. When a team is playing bad, you cannot change the 22 players. The only thing that you can change is the coach, isn't it?" Quiros said. "In my case, it's the same. I cannot change myself. Well, I'm trying to change myself, but it doesn't work."

Whatever he was doing Thursday worked. He had birdies on three of the last four holes to tie McIlroy.

"I was talking with my caddie about it, walking the 18th hole. It looks like I was playing Sunday afternoon in the leading group," Quiros said.

"It was a very nice feeling because normally, I'm watching this situation through the TV, sitting on my sofa."

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Someone will copy what you do. This should be flattering to you — imitation is the most sincere kind of compliment. Still, it is important that you take control of what is yours, especially in regard to intellectual property.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You want a person to want you. You can't force this to happen, but you will make it happen through the art of persuasion. It starts with believing in yourself and feeling whole and complete on your own.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Contribute the best of your talent, and another person will do the same. You will fast become partners, and an easy collaboration ensues. Both parties will feel heard, understood and valued.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You keep your promises to people. This comes easily to you because it's the right thing to do. Because others know what they can consistently expect from you, they keep coming back.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You will get what you desire for one reason only: someone else wants to help you and sees great reward in doing so. Your enthusiasm makes it a pleasure for others to assist you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a right way to do things and a wrong way. Playing by the rules, you'll rise through the professional or social ranks quickly enough.

Therefore, don't even bother looking for shortcuts today.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Find a quiet place where you can concentrate. You will take your work and studies to a new level in this environment. As an added bonus, a relationship improves because of what you learn today.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll make a meaningful, powerful connection when you communicate face to face. Send your intention through your eyes right into the eyes and heart of the one you want to influence.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will feel pulled toward community-building deeds. You'll do your best work in a diverse group. Ask someone from another department, generation or culture to join you in a service project.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are still puzzled over an event in your family history. Did it really happen as others said it did, or is the memory tainted by the hopes and beliefs of those who remember it? Investigate further.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Knowledge that has been handed down cannot be verified as of yet. Still, you feel the truth in your bones. Act on what you know. You'll bond with others who share your beliefs.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Who is better qualified than you to enhance your reputation? You'll find a not so obvious way to get the story started about who you are and what you've accomplished.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 8). Your intuitive inklings, especially about people, will be correct. This month presents the opportunity to bet on a hunch and win. May brings change and travel. In June, a person in need brings out divine levels of compassion in you. There's a professional gain in July that allows you to assist your family. Aquarius and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 25, 12, 33 and 30.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** Being willing to lose in love will ultimately be what helps you win. **TAURUS:** You are the model of stability, which is why a loved one feels free to fall apart around

you. **GEMINI:** The sweetest thing you can do for a partner is to take the time for just talking. **CANCER:** You pay attention to the details of a loved one's life, and it makes a difference in your relationship. **LEO:** You may be appealing to someone who doesn't appeal to you. Change your game. **VIRGO:** An admirer loves how you put a positive spin on things. **LIBRA:** Knowledge is power. Listen to the object of your affection, and listen well. **SCORPIO:** Someone you used to see as a buddy now becomes attractive to you in a different way. **SAGITTARIUS:** You're one of a kind. Subtly point out the completely unique gift you present to the world. **CAPRICORN:** A loved one wants your exclusive attention. Is that what you want to give? **AQUARIUS:** You'll turn a routine meeting into something exciting

and memorable. **PISCES:** You remain calm and in control, even while experiencing passionate emotions.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Gemini and Aries will hit it off beautifully this weekend. Even if they know each other well, the energy is fresh. With the moon in Gemini and the sun in Aries, the chemistry will sizzle. Good-natured kidding is part of their flirtation, but they should be careful to let kindness prevail. Multifaceted Gemini can be the breeze that fuels Aries' fire, or it can be the wind that blows it out.

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3 ♣	Pass	?	?

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2. ♠AJ63 ♥102 ♣Q52 ♦KJ63  
3. ♠AKJ76 ♥742 ♦K973 ♣8  
4. ♠AK95 ♥63 ♦J84 ♣AJ43  
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1. **Pass.** Although partner's three-club bid urges you to bid again, it is not forcing. It merely invites a further bid if you have more than the six or seven points you might have for a suit response on the one-level. With no values beyond those already shown, the best thing to do is pass.

2. **Five clubs.** You are not exceptionally strong in high cards, but what you have should prove very useful to partner. Not only do you have excellent trump support, but you also have first-round spade control, a doubleton heart and the queen of diamonds for good measure.

All these features add up to much more than a simple raise to four clubs, which you would make if you had, say, the queen of spades instead of the ace.

3. **Three diamonds.** There is

surely a game somewhere, but the best contract is uncertain at the moment. The three-diamond bid may be all that partner needs to undertake three notrump, and, furthermore, it gives him room to show three-card spade support.

It is far better to bid three diamonds than three spades. The failure to show your diamonds might result in missing three notrump. The inequality of your two suits should be disregarded in an effort to find the best contract.

4. **Six clubs.** Here you should take the bull by the horns and bid six. Partner has jumped in clubs with a far-from-solid suit (you're looking at the A-J), and, since he has at most five points in clubs and neither the ace or king of spades, he's bound to have substantial high-card strength in both red suits.

There's no way of knowing precisely where the 12 tricks will come from, but that shouldn't stop you from bidding the slam. The only real criterion in these situations is whether you think partner can make 12 tricks — and it would be unduly pessimistic to think he can't. A typical hand for partner would be ♠7 ♥KQ4 ♦AK5 ♣KQ10852, which, opposite yours, would make slam a virtual laydown.

Tomorrow: Choosing between finesses.  
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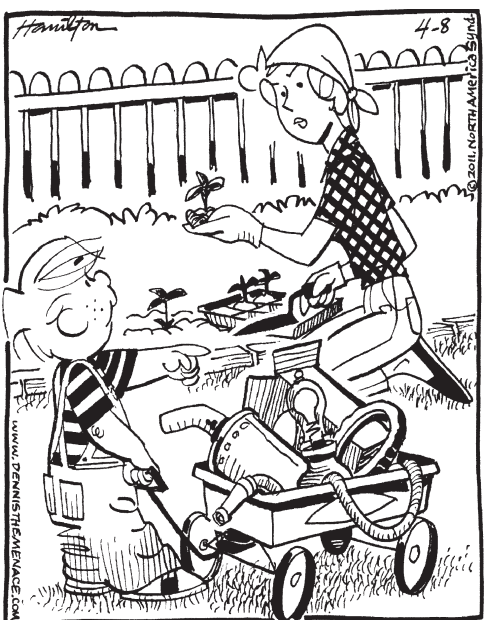
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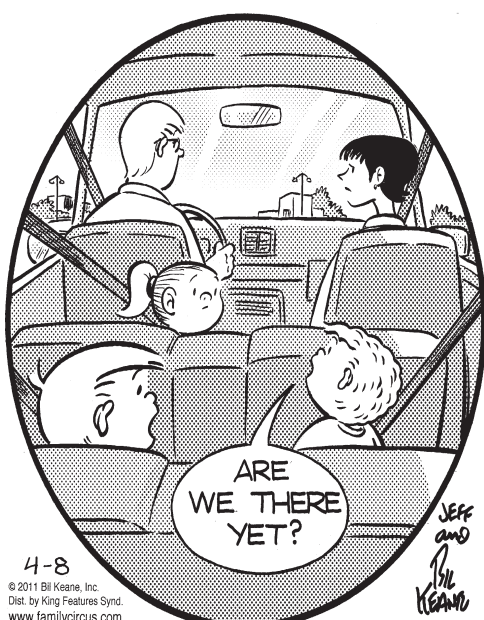
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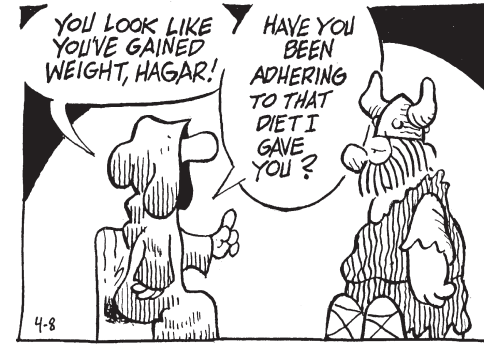
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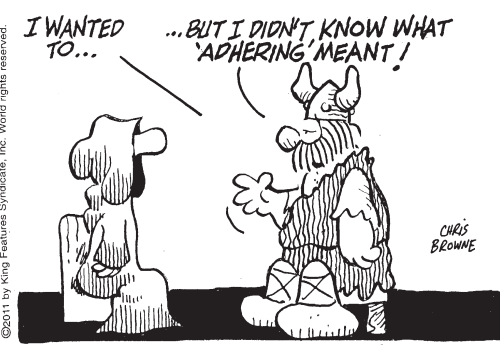


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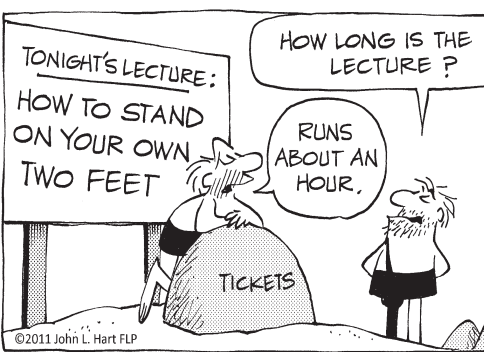
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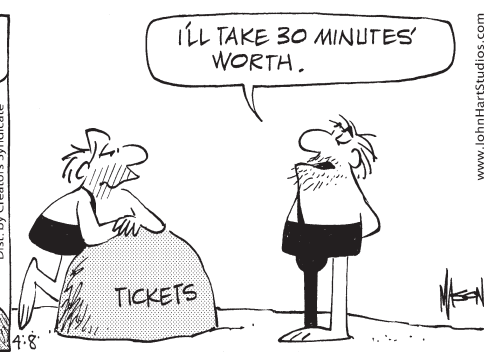
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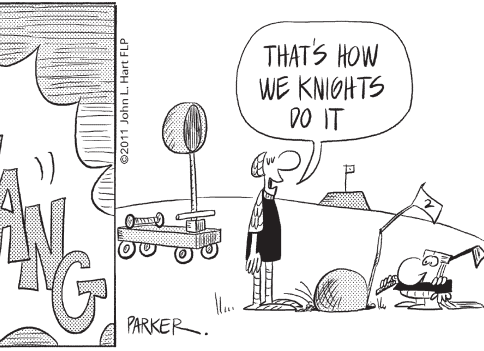
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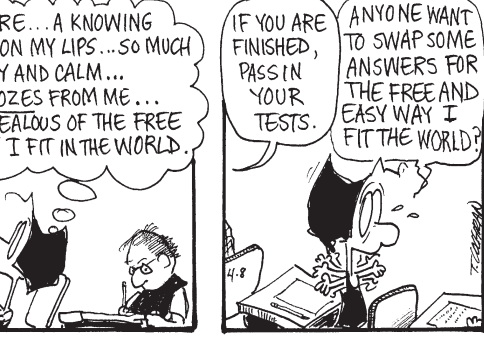
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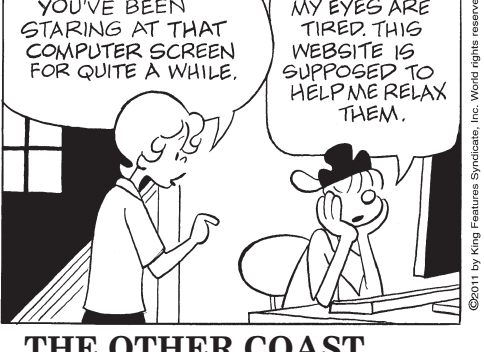
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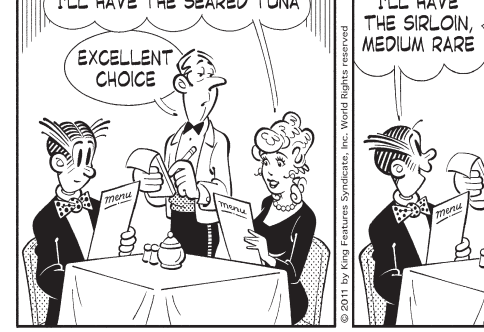
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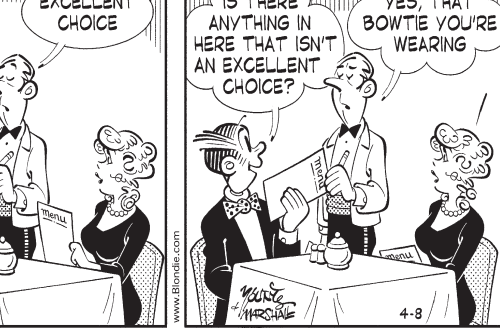
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, April 8, the 98th day of 2011. There are 267 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 8, 1911, an explosion at the Banner Coal Mine in Littleton, Ala., claimed the lives of 128 men, most of them convicts loaned out from prisons.

On this date:

In 1861, Elisha Otis, inventor of the first elevator safety brake, died in Yonkers, N.Y. at age 49.

In 1913, the 17th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for direct popular election of United States senators (as opposed to appointment by state legislatures), was ratified.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act, which provided money for programs such as the Works Progress Administration.

In 1946, the League of Nations assembled in Geneva for its final session.

In 1952, President Harry S. Truman seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike. (The U.S. Supreme Court later ruled that Truman had overstepped his authority.)

In 1961, a suspected bomb exploded aboard the passenger liner MV Dara in the Persian Gulf, causing it to sink; 238 of the 819 people aboard were killed.

In 1970, the Senate rejected President Richard M. Nixon's nomination of G. Harold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record.

In 1981, General of the Army Omar N. Bradley died in New York at age 88.

In 1994, Kurt Cobain, singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.

Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Betty Ford is 93.

Comedian Shecky Greene is 85. Actor-turned-diplomat John Gavin is 80. Author and investigative reporter Seymour Hersh is 74. Former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan is 73. Basketball Hall-of-Famer John Havlicek is 71. "Mouseketeer" Darlene Gillespie is 70. Singer J.J. Jackson is 70. Singer Peggy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 70. Songwriter-producer Leon Huff is 69. Actor Hywel Bennett is 67. Actor Stuart Pankin is 65. Rock musician Steve Howe (Yes) is 64. Former House Republican Leader Tom DeLay is 64. Movie director John Madden ("Shakespeare in Love") is 62.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

DOUBLE TROUBLE by Robert A. Doll  
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- ACROSS
- 1 Kodak competitor
  - 5 Green Goblin in Spider-Man
  - 10 Judge's order
  - 14 Stir up
  - 15 Resort on Lake Geneva
  - 16 Suffer from
  - 17 "Yea, right!"
  - 18 Makes, as money
  - 19 Quartz variety
  - 20 Dull dance?
  - 23 Trike rider
  - 24 Shrinking water
  - 25 One on a beat
  - 28 Stockpile
  - 30 Only one-syllable state
  - 32 Fast farewell?
  - 38 Bit of dinero
  - 41 Van of Gogh hangout
  - 42 Hornswoggle
  - 43 Gaudy garb?
  - 46 Fair-weather clouds
  - 47 Be noncommittal
  - 51 Match part
  - 52 Grape variety
  - 58 Not to mention
  - 59 Doty dog?
  - 61 To a degree
  - 64 Self-evident truth
  - 65 \_\_\_ mater
  - 66 Dumbbell material
  - 67 Dumbbell wt.
  - 68 Designer name
  - 69 PlayStation alternative
  - 70 Barely beats
  - 71 Prepare for painting, perhaps
- DOWN
- 1 Manilow record label
  - 2 Explode, so to speak
  - 3 South American celebration
  - 4 Cantata part
  - 5 Make an objection
  - 6 St. Teresa's birthplace
  - 7 Ultimate
  - 8 Solemn pledges
  - 9 Follow
  - 10 "Hold on there!"
  - 11 Took flight
  - 12 Outdoor climber
  - 13 \_\_\_-Mex cuisine
  - 21 Talk (over)
  - 22 Decorator's buy
  - 25 "See ya!" in Siena
  - 26 Savvy about
  - 27 Reach a high
  - 29 Search thoroughly
  - 31 "Based on \_\_\_ story"
  - 33 Lifeboat implement
  - 34 Debate side
  - 35 Insurance pro's title: Abbr.
  - 36 Worked (up)
  - 37 Buckeyes: Abbr.
  - 38 Sgts.' subordinates
  - 39 Keystone State port
  - 40 Computer command
  - 44 Paycheck letters
  - 45 Spring event
  - 48 Flower named for a Swedish botanist
  - 49 Sundial shadow-caster
  - 50 British kingly name
  - 53 Tiny type size
  - 54 Burdened
  - 55 Breezing through
  - 56 Intact
  - 57 Box-office busts
  - 59 Boomers' kids
  - 60 Rogues
  - 61 TV news hour
  - 62 Poet's planet heard from a herd
  - 63 Something heard from a herd

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