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Panel sets date for redistricting hearing

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A federal court in San Antonio signaled Thursday it will move ahead with the drawing of interim maps for the 2012 election, just a day after a Washington, D.C., court said it could take at least a month to determine whether the state's redistricting plans violate the Voting Rights Act.

In its order, the court told the groups involved in the legal fight to appear at a Feb. 15 hearing, where the panel of three federal judges will hear arguments on "all issues" pertaining to the drawing of interim maps.

The groups also were given a deadline of Feb. 10 to submit briefs and other information that the court can use to prepare the maps.

by the San Antonio court was rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court because it did not give enough deference to the maps passed by the Legislature.

The first set of interim maps drawn

However, the high court gave the San Antonio judges the power to alter the state's maps where they found a "reasonable probability" that changes made by the state violate the Voting Rights Act.

Under the Voting Rights Act, the state's redistricting maps cannot be enforced until the court in Washington, D.C., certifies that they don't disenfranchise minority voters.

Delays in the preclearance process meant that the state's maps could not be used for the 2012 election, necessitating the creation of interim maps.

milestone

concert

'Coming Home' author schedules local book signing

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

1 p.m.

"Coming Home" ... not only what author, Kathleen Rigdon Highley is doing, but it's also the title of her new

Highley — a West Texas native — was raised in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School and Howard College. She will be on hand for a book signing at Inspirations Flowers and Gifts on Saturday, Feb. 11. Her book signing will take place from 9 a.m. until

"Coming Home" tells the story of a woman who had a dream. In order to pursue that dream she left the security of Woodland Park, Colo., and left behind her mother, father and more. Of course, in the process of pursuing her dream, she walked right into a trap.

"Coming Home' is my third novel to be published," Highley said. "Even though my other books are available at other locations in town, I always carry a box with

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them wherever I go." Her first book, "106 Arrow-

head Drive," can be found at the Heritage Museum and her other book, "In Search of Tranquility," can be found at Faye's Flowers and Inspirations Flowers and Gifts.

Highley describes her writing as action, Christian romance which she hopes contains an inspirational message and life skills that give God the glory for all accomplishments.

"You know there's a good guy and a bad guy. The boy always gets the girl," she said. "There is always a happy ending — and everyone keeps their clothes on." She will be set up inside In-

spiration Flowers and Gifts, with Barbie Robbins providing a variety of breads and apple cider for those in attendance. "I will be on site to sign

books and just be friendly and charming," Highley said, laughing. During the book signing,

Highley will have a sign in sheet in order to add names to her database for those wanting to purchase her "This is a great opportu-

nity to pick up a clean novel, with a message, action and hope for yourself, your sweetheart, church library or granddaughter," Highley said. "It's also an opportunity to get to see my reader eyeball to eyeball. An opportunity to make eye contact and swap smiles."

da Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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Hauchen Zhang

30th anniversary event will also feature Respighi

By BILL McCLELLAN

Managing Editor

Van Cliburn gold medalist Hauchen Zhang will be the featured performer when the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra takes the stage Saturday night, but the audience is sure to enjoy other classical music in the show, too, said Dr. Keith Graumann, conductor.

"I think we have put together a very enjoyable evening. This is a concert that will have a lot of emotion, both power and a delicate touch," Graumann said.

The concert was originally scheduled for Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, but delays in renovation of the facility forced a change of venue to Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church. The concert will begin at 8 p.m.

Zhang, of China, is the first gold medalist to perform with the orchestra, according to Graumann.

"The Van Cliburn piano competition ranks right up there with the Tchaikovsky competition in Moscow," said Graumann. "Several Van Cliburn finalists have played in Big Spring, but it is really special to have the gold medalist. Zhang will play Rachmaninoff's "Piano

Concerto No. 2" and other selections. Zhang, who has won piano competitions

all over the world, has performed with many of the best musicians. In the two years following the Cliburn competition, Zhang has performed in nearly 160 tour recitals in the Americas, Asia and Europe, including solos at such celebrated music festivals as Beijing Music Festival and the Gilmore International Keyboard Music Festival. He has also played almost all the best-known piano concertos with world-renowned symphony orchestras such as San Francisco Symphony, Philadelphia Philharmonic Orchestra, London Philharmonic, Israel Philharmonic, Krakow Philharmonic and Hong Kong Philharmonic.

The second half of Saturday's concert will

Quotes from Dr. Keith Graumann, conductor

Anniversary

"Since this is the 30th anniversary season and my 10th year with the symphony I wanted to choose at least some of the repertoire for this concert that would be reminescent of my tenure as conductor. I chose the "Egmont Overture" by Beethoven to open Saturday's concert. I performed it in my first years with the symphony and haven't



Graumann

performed it since then. It is one the best shorter pieces by Beethoven and has both beautiful and very fast, exciting sections.

Zhang

"Initially, I had chosen a Prokofieff piano concerto for Haochen Zhang to perform with the orchestra because Zhang is somewhat of a Prokofieff specialist. But we have not performed Prokofieff during my tenure so I decided to perform something more familiar to our audience. Haochen agreed to play the Rachmaninoff 2nd Piano Concerto, which is one of the standards of the repertoire. Much of the music and many of the melodies will be recognizable.

Pines of Rome "The final work on the concert will be the

"Pines of Rome" by Respighi. Respighi lived and worked in Rome in the early half of the 20th century. He based the work on the centuriesold pine trees that are still prevalent in Rome.

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feature some other special performers. Howard College students of Dan Kiley and Eddie Vandewalker will be joining symphony regulars to perform Ottorino Respighi's "Pines of Rome."

"Respighi is one of the few Italian composers in the early 20th century," said Graumann. "This is a very large work in four sections that describe the centuries-old pines of



Albert "Beto" Chavarria, 58, of

Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 31,

2012, at Medical Center Hospital in

Odessa. Prayer services will be

held at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2012,

at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral

services will be held at 2 p.m.

Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel

with Michael Villareal officiating.

Burial will follow at Mount Olive

He was born Nov. 18, 1953, in Big

Albert 'Beto' Chavarria

Memorial Park.

lifetime resident of Big Spring and worked as a

roustabout in the oil field. He married Maria

Holguin on Aug. 6, 2011, in Big Spring. He was a

He is survived by his wife, Maria Chavarria of

Big Spring; four sons, Albert Chavarria Jr. and

wife Genoveva of Anchorage, Alaska, Felix

Chavarria of Austin, David Chavarria and Rey

Chavarria and wife Bentura, all of Big Spring; two

daughters, Erica Holguin and husband Martin and

Emily Holguin, all of Big Spring; 18 grandchildren;

and four sisters, Yolanda Villareal and husband Ed

of Odessa, Olga Chavarria, Melinda Cano and Rosa

He was preceded in death by his parents; two

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the

• JOSEPH JUSTIN LAROCQUE, 33, of 1406 S.

Runnels St., was arrested Thursday on warrants

for theft – shoplifting, failure to obtain Texas driv-

was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft – shop-

St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public

• IDENTITY THEFT was reported in the 1700

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported

Sheriff

• JOSEPH LAROCQUE, 33, was booked into the

county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of

failure to obtain Texas driver's license within 30

• ALEXANDER FILIBERT HINOJOSA, 23, was

arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving

while license invalid with a previous conviction or

suspension and Tom Green County warrants for

motion to revoke probation for driving while intox-

days, failure to appear (three counts) and theft.

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• PAULA ISABEL LEOS, 30, of 1803 S. Owens St.,

MERRITA CHAMBERS, 59, of 511 N.W. Eighth

er's license within 90 days and failure to appear.

following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7

Chavarria; and one sister, Paula Villareal.

Obituaries

John was born Sept. 6, 1991, to Danny and Maria Spring to Sara and Eulalio Chavarria. He was a

Christian.

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Pineda, all of Big Spring.

John Robert Smithwick



John Robert Smithwick, 20, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012, in Houston, Texas.

Mass of Christian burial will be held Monday, Feb. 6, 2012, at 2 p.m. at St. Louis Catholic Church with Father John Guzaldo officiating. Visitation will be held Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Connally/Compton Funeral Directors and rosary recited at 5

Lourdes Garcia Smithwick in Houston, Texas. He was a resident of Waco and graduated from A.J. Moore Academy in 2011. John was preceded in death by his brother, Albert

Ramon Smithwick; and grandfather, Ramon

Survivors include his parents, Danny and Maria Lourdes Smithwick; brother, James Smithwick; grandparents, Guadalupe Garcia and Albert Smithwick and wife Celia; uncles, John Garcia and wife Irene and John Smithwick and wife Cecilia; and aunts Grace Zarraga and husband Baltazar, Rosie Garcia, Marissa Soliz and husband Robert, Isabel Smithwick, Rose Dominguez and husband Ruben, Alice Smithwick and Linda Smithwick.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the brothers, Edward "Lalo" Chavarria and David Cancer Society or become an organ donor.

Condolences may be offered at connally-compton.

Paid obituary

Charles Ray 'Charlie' Seals



Charles Ray "Charlie" Seals, 68, of Coahoma died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Coahoma Cemetery. He was born June 15, 1943, in

Stamford to Oleain and Charlie Seals. He married Nona Gilbert on March 2, 1963, in San Angelo. They moved to

Howard County 40 years ago from Post. He worked at Howard College, retiring after 23 years. He was a member of Grace Fellowship Church of God.

He is survived by his wife, Nona Seals of Coahoma; one daughter, Belinda Lendermon and husband Jack of Sterling City; three sons, Richard Seals and wife Carol of Sterling City, James Seals and wife Jennifer of Lubbock and Dewayne Seals and wife Olympia of Colorado City; one sister, Dorothy Williams of Lubbock; one brother, Leslie Seals and wife Vera of Post; 11 grandchildren; eight greatgrandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in

death by a sister, Doris Marie Seals.

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• MERRITA CHAMBERS, 59, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of Callahan Road. One person was transported to
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Goliad. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of S. Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of E Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of E.
- Culp in Coahoma. One person was transported to TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of N
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- Yale. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of N.W.
- 12th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Central. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

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

 Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

· Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

 Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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 Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

Parent Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parnts, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 Northside p.m. at Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-

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News in brief

Driver in accident that killed 3 arrested

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A 26-year-old man is charged with intoxication manslaughter and aggravated assault, accused of causing the deaths of three men in a crash along a road next to the Texas Tech campus.

Brian Cody Hawthorne was arrested Thursday and jailed on three counts of each charge. Hawthorne, whose arm was broken in the crash, is in the Lubbock County Jail with bond set at \$150,000. Jail records show Hawthorne had no attorney. Hawthorne was charged four days after he drove

south along University Avenue about 1 a.m. Sunday. His 2001 Toyota pickup jumped a curb and rolled over before striking and killing a 68-year-old man coming home on a bicycle from work.

Also killed in the accident were two passengers in Hawthorne's pickup, 23-year-old Hernandez Almaguer and 27-year-old Kendrick Lamaar John-

West Texas daycare bus driver dies in crash

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — A West Texas woman is dead after the daycare center bus she was driving collided with a car and a sport utility vehicle before slamming into a vacant restaurant building.

A statement from the Odessa police says 27-yearold Victoria Garcia died at Medical Center Hospital after the crash just before 4 p.m. Thursday at an intersection on U.S. 385, one block south of the Odessa College campus. Garcia was alone in the bus.

According to the police statement, the bus apparently ran a stop sign on a side street and slammed into the car and an SUV before crashing through the brick wall of the vacant restaurant building. The SUV driver also was taken to Medical Center Hospital with what police describe as non-life-threatening injuries. The car driver wasn't injured.

Prison for ex-Texas lawyer who stole from clients

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A former North Texas lawyer has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for stealing more than \$200,000 from clients.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Thursday that 61-year-old Donald Driver in 2007 gave up his law license, in lieu of possible disciplinary action by the State Bar. Driver was accused of keeping cash settlements meant for his clients.

Driver, who continued to practice, was indicted in April on six counts of falsely working as a lawyer and two counts of misappropriating assets.

Prosecutors in Fort Worth say Driver pleaded guilty Jan. 6 to misappropriating client funds and falsely holding himself out as a lawyer. He was sentenced the same day.

after death of daughter, 5 HOUSTON (AP) — A mother has been charged

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It is descriptive in nature

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first reported to Houston police as the girl falling off a toilet.

Police say Rosa Gonzalez faces a felony injury to a child charge over Tuesday night's death of Candy Flores at the family's apartment.

Bond has been denied for the 41-year-old mother, whose immigration status has come under federal review. Details weren't immediately available on an attorney for Gonzalez. She was arrested Wednesday after police ques-

tioned the family's story that the girl fell from a toilet and hit her head on the floor. Autopsy results are pending. Police say the child appeared bruised and malnourished. A judge Thursday refused to place the woman's

six other children, in protective custody since the death, with relatives.

Valley man admits going to Mexico for illicit sex

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — A Lower Rio Grande Valley man has pleaded guilty to going to Mexico to have sex with a minor. A U.S. attorney's statement says 57-year-old Car-

men Alonzo of Progreso pleaded guilty Thursday in federal court in McAllen to engaging in illicit sexual conduct in a foreign country. He could be sentenced to up to 30 years in prison when he's sentenced April 11. According to the statement, U.S. border agents

encountered an underage girl last July as she headed south through the Progreso border crossing. Alonzo had worked at the border crossing, and

the agents learned from the girl that he'd had sex with her in Mexico.

Thursday, Alonzo admitted having sex over the first quarter of 2010 with the girl, who was under 16 at the time.

Boy gets 20 years in prison for sister's death

TYLER, Texas (AP) — A judge has sentenced a 16-year-old East Texas boy to 20 years in prison for fatally shooting his sister.

Mark Nathaniel "Nate" Anderson of New Chapel Hill pleaded guilty to murder Thursday in the September 2010 slaying of his 19-year-old sister. Amanda Anderson's body was found at the family home near Tyler with four gunshot wounds to the head.

State District Judge Jack Skeen Jr. sentenced the boy under terms of a plea agreement with prosecutors. Anderson boy was 15 at the time of his sister's death, but a judge ordered him last June to be tried

No motive for the shooting has been revealed. Smith County District Attorney Matt Bingham says Anderson must serve 10 years in prison before becoming eligible for parole.

Man in Austin wreck fatally shot by resident

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Police say a driver who wrecked a car in a Central Texas neighborhood has been shot and killed by a nearby resident.

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Piano Concerto No 2 Respighi: Pines of Rome

Haochen Zhang

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8:00 PM Garrett Hall of First United Methodist Church



are trying to determine whether the driver was attempting to break into a home following the accident. Police received a 911 call from a nearby residence

Austin police are investigating circumstances

Cpl. Chad Martinka says the driver, whose vehi-

cle crashed into a retaining wall, and the resident

apparently had some type of confrontation. Police

that led to the accident and fatal shooting early Fri-

shortly after 3 a.m. Friday.

The names of the man who died and the resident have not been released. Martinka says police are trying to determine if the pair knew each other.

Refinery offers reward in employee's murder case MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Texas-based oil refiner

day.

Valero is offering \$25,000 for information that can help police in their investigation of the slaying of a Memphis employee. Police said 40-year-old Leonard Davidson left his

home before dawn on Jan. 20 to start his shift as an operator at the Valero oil refinery in Memphis. Police said witnesses saw Davidson knocking on doors and asking for help before a truck pulled up and a passenger got out and shot him.

from the refinery.

Memphis officials told The Commercial Appeal that the \$25,000 offer for information is the largest single private reward offered in the history of

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wife, called the reward offer "wonderful."



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Chapel with burial at

Chavarria, 58, died

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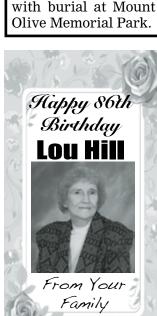
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thing we can, No. 1, to bring justice to a horrible crime like this, but we want to make sure that we demonstrate to our employees and to the communities we have operations that we want to do everything we can...," said Al Philippus, vice president of corporate services and security for San Antonio-based Valero Stacy Davidson, his



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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:

- All participants and supporters of the chili cook-off sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles this past weekend to benefit the Children in Need Fund.
- Baxter Moore for his longtime service to State National Bank. Moore retired as vice president of the bank after 34 years.
- Dominick Bonura for serving in the role of interim provost at SWCID campus until a new provost can be found.
- Dr. Mark Myers for serving SWCID in the position of provost for the past several years and helping contribute to the growth of SWCID and its presence in the community.
- Sherry Hodnett for being named Woman of the Year and Marc Marchesseault for being named Man of the Year during Tuesday night's chamber
- All volunteer firefighters and Big Spring Fire Department firefighters for all the hard work, dedication and service provided this past year and for receiving the Hero of the Year award.

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

With You, Lord, our dreams have the ability to become reality. Amen

Just call them snake oil peddlers

t takes a lot of gall to defend either Newt Gingrich or Mitt Romney in the Hispanic community nowadays. And yet, we see them out there, the Latino GOP surrogates selling snake oil to their own

The Republican candidates have spent months scapegoating undocumented immigrants and sending dog-whistle, anti-Latino messages to right-wing extremists, but their surrogates apparently think Latinos are too dumb to notice. They want us to



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ignore the many times these candidates have played the race and xenophobia cards to score cheap points in just the first few primaries.

They want us to forget about Herman Cain's electrified border fence, Michelle Bachmann's efforts to deny citizenship to U.S. born children of undocumented parents, Rick Perry's alliance with immigrant-bashing Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio. They don't want us to notice Rick Santorum's blatant contradictions when he portrays himself as a deeply religious, pro-family, son of immigrants and yet, he has zero compassion for those who live here without proper immigration documents.

They should be embarrassed to be defending a party that treats their people like dirt, yet they try to convince Latinos to vote for Republicans and in effect, become masochists. Like broken records repeating

talking points assigned by GOP bosses, Latino surrogates keep telling us that the Republican Party "loves" legal immigrants and that their only problem is with illegal immigration. It's hogwash! They want to us ignore the

many times Romney and Gingrich have supported ideas and measures that would trample over the civil rights of all Latinos — including some 12 million expected to vote for the president in November.

Romney and Gingrich support state laws that would lead to racial profiling against Latino Americans. They are both opposed to bilingual education. They both favor the censorship of foreign languages by making English the official language of government.

These are not anti-illegal immigrant measures; they are

anti-Latino sentiments that their Latino political operatives shamefully are trying to sweep under the rug.

Instead of dealing with the issues that really concern Latinos. we see TV commercials where, for example, Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen touts Romney's "vision to restore the country's national security." Really? We've lost national security under the administration that killed Osama bin Laden and wiped our most of al-Qaida?

In the same ad, Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart says we should vote for Romney because he "believes in us." Really? And his lack of compassion even for young undocumented immigrants seeking to complete their education and his pledge to veto the DREAM Act is going to make Latinos believe in him?

Gingrich's Latino political operatives are no better. "It is clear to us that you have not provided a real solution on behalf of the 12-plus million immigrants who live in the shadows of the American communities," some of them charged in a very hypocritical open letter to Romney.

With remarkable impudence, they claim that, "Newt Gingrich is the only candidate that has offered a humane approach to our immigration problem."

Really? Gingrich proposes to create a guest worker program "outsourced to American Express or Visa or MasterCard," and to establish "something like a World War II Selective Service Board" to determine which undocumented immigrants are allowed to stay here.

Yet instead of questioning the sanity of these ridiculous ideas, his Latino political hacks try to sell it as "humane." It's ludi-

Gingrich's proposal would create a permanent underclass of legal, non-citizens. It is probably unconstitutional and not likely to be passed by Congress. Yet his Latino operatives falsely claim that Gingrich "proposes to secure the border, deport criminals, and recognize the remainder through temporary work permits and through establishing legal status for those with American sponsorship and deep ties to their communities."

Really? He is willing to "recognize the remainder"? This is downright dishonest. If fact, Gingrich's proposal only applies to undocumented immigrants who have been here 25 years, which is probably less than a million people and leaves the country with at least another

10 million undocumented immigrants and a broken immigration system.

According to polling and a memo released by President Barack Obama's campaign, Republicans have "sealed the political fate of their party with the Hispanic electorate" because of their "extreme rhetoric on immigration." The memo notes that Obama could win the Hispanic vote by a bigger margin than ever because, "The speeches and policy statements of both Romney and Gingrich or issues like the economy, the creation of jobs, health care, public education, housing, programs for seniors, and immigration are deeply unpopular with most Hispanics.'

Yet because he has the least draconian immigration proposal, Gingrich had the gall to call Romney "anti-immigrant" in a Spanish-language radio commercial in Florida last week.

Of course, Romney is indeed anti-immigrant. He has earned that label by progressively hardening his position against undocumented immigrants in the past few months.

But wait: Sen. Marco Rubio disagrees. "The truth is that neither of these two men is anti-immigrant," Rubio told The Miami Herald. "Both are prolegal immigration and both have positive messages that play well in the Hispanic community." Really? On what planet?

Here's another Hispanic Republican selling snake oil. "This kind of language is more than just unfortunate," Rubio said. "It's inaccurate, inflammatory, and doesn't belong in this campaign.'

You have to wonder why Rubio is not so bothered by the "inaccurate" and "inflammatory" language constantly used by Republicans against his own people. Does GOP support for racial profiling and immigrant bashing

belong in this campaign? If he gets nominated to be the GOP vice president, in a desperate Republican attempt to appeal to the same Latino voters they have harassed and insulted for so long, Rubio may yet become the biggest snake oil peddler of them all.

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Primaries have purpose

f the goal of the primary process is simply to nominate a candidate, essentially to nominate the man or woman most likely to win in the end, then this primary season should be declared over. Clear the stage, and give it to Mitt

Romney. Newt Gingrich's promise to go the next 46 notwithstanding, you couldn't find anyone in Vegas to give you ballpark odds on his winning. And forget about Ron Paul or Rick Santorum. They never had a chance.



SUSAN **Estrich**

But that's not the only thing this process is about. If elections were only about picking winners, there would never be more than two people on a ballot — and sometimes, in "safe" districts, not even that. Independents would be limited to Vermont. Third parties would be told to take their message somewhere else.

Now, I can certainly make the argument that in general-election contests voters shouldn't "waste" their votes on candidates with no chance of winning. I still remember the fights I had with Ralph Nader supporters back in 2000, trying to convince them that the message they wanted to send would elect George Bush.

And I can certainly make the

case that the two-party system,

whatever the flaws of the two particular parties, ensures that a candidate will not be elected based on the support of an ideologically extreme minority (as everyone's favorite example Hitler was), and that a fractured result would effectively give such power to a small minority (as everyone's other favorite example the ultra-orthodox have sometimes wielded in Israel).

But the Constitution protects the rights of losers to run and voters to support them. Ballot access must be afforded to every candidate who can show enough support not to win but to be counted. Elections are about electing people, but that's not all they are about.

And nowhere is this clearer than in the selection of party nominees for president.

Political parties are nowhere mentioned in the Constitution, but in a series of landmark decisions, the Supreme Court has upheld their power to control the nominating process, even against a majority will expressed by state legislatures. The party can limit participants to registered party members, even where the state demands that it be open to all. The party can deem that delegates be bound to vote for the candidate whose slate they ran on, even when state law provides that they should be free to cast their vote to nominate whomever they please. The purpose of these contests, the Court has recognized, is not simply to nominate

delegates or choose a candidate,

but to build the party and shape

its platform. That, win or lose, is exactly what Gingrich is likely to accomplish in these next few months if he stays the course. Under the rules of the Democratic Party, much debated, states are prohibited from holding winner-take-all contests, making it more difficult for the winner to win and far easier for a loser to hold sway. While the Republican Party does not enforce that rule across the board, most of the states that will be holding caucuses and primaries do. So even if he loses, Gingrich will pick up significant representation. And even putting aside the numbers, if he does stay in the race, it all but assures that his more conservative ideology will influence where both Romney and the party end up.

Maybe that will help the Democratic president in the end. Selfishly, I hope so. But there certainly have been cycles in which the Republicans benefited from long races. It doesn't matter. I may not agree with Gingrich about much, but he is absolutely right in saying the media have no business declaring this process over.

And it's not just Gingrich and me saying it. Blame the Founding Fathers.

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Church News

First **Baptist Church**

Disciple Now activities begin today and continue through Sunday. Dr. Richard Shaw from Wayland University will be leading the youth in this series of the meaning of discipleship. This activity is a vital part of our mission at First Baptist Church as we promote the role of youth in the kingdom of Christ, serving Big Spring, our state, our nation and around the world

Thanks to the community for support and participation in Upward Basketball which is nearing the halfway mark. Our next games are Saturday, Feb. 11.

Ladies Bible study will continue Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room.

LLL (Living Longer and Liking it) will meet Tuesday at noon.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. with morning worship at 10:50 a.m.

St. Mary's **Episcopal Church**

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. and Holy Eucharist is at 10:30 a.m.

The Episcopal Church Women will meet in the library after church Sun-

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

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

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church North Birdwell Lane United Meth-

odist Church meets Sunday for worship at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. with Pastor Billy Bates leading both services. Following the evening service, there is Bible study with Jacque Mauch as

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. with Nancy Wagner and Lucy Williams leading the elementary and youth groups.

The adult class discussion on "Justified by Faith in Christ" taken from Galatians 2:15-21 will be led by Madeline Boadle.

During the administrative council meeting Sunday discussion on needed work to be done on the interior of the church, especially the painting of the fellowship hall and Sunday school rooms. Amy Meadors will check into getting bids from painters.

At our fellowship luncheon we welcomed as guests the Big Spring District Superintendent the Rev. Darrel Patterson and his wife, Cindy.

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

Spring Creek Fellowship

"Souper Bowl Party" will be at 4:30 p.m with food and fellowship. Kickoff time is 5:29 p.m. The game will be shown on the large screens in our worship area and there will be plenty of food for all.

"Repo Men" is the sermon series for February. Message titles include: "Repossessing our Homes," "Repossessing the Land," "Repossessing the Church" and "Repossessing our Heritage."

Spring Creek University will be offering the following classes for 2012:

"The School of the Spirit," "Financial Peace University," "Celebrate Recovery," "Weird: Because Normal Isn't Working," "Experiencing God," "Breaking Free," "The Secret to the Marriage You Want," "The Truth Project" and "Be Prepared" (parenting).

Sunday school classes meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. "Holy Grounds Café" is open from 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. with snacks and fellowship. Worship is scheduled from 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

We meet Wednesdays for a meal at 5:30 p.m. Bible study, youth and children's activities are at 6 p.m. and praise team practice is at 7 p.m.

Youth meets Wednesday evenings for junior and senior high students.

A weekly Men's prayer breakfast and fellowship is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in the dining room at the church.

"Between the Lines" women's ministry will meet again Friday, Feb. 17. "Manna House" food pantry is low

on supplies. Contact Casie Fillingim

and Jennifer Boyd for more informa-"Free Indeed," a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship, is in need of donations of new underwear, socks, coats,

etary donations would be greatly appreciated, as well. If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact the church

etc. for the cold months ahead. Mon-

office. Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www. springcreekfellowship.org

First Christian Church

You are invited to attend First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), located at 911 Goliad. Each Sunday starts with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Church starts at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, the Rev. Ken McIntosh will be gone; we have a guest minister bringing the message.

Elders will be Shirley Beauchamp and Paul Smith; Deacons will be Ken Johnson, Mary Beth Johnson, Barbara Ervin and Mary Terrazas. Worship leader will be Shirley Burgess and communion prep will be Mary Beth Johnson and Barbara Ervin. Mary Terrazas will be greeter. Shirley Beauchamp will be in charge of homebound communion.

Isaiah 58 will be open at 4:30 p.m. Monday and 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday at 6 p.m. there will be choir practice in the choir room. Youth will meet at the church at 6 p.m. for their weekly meeting.

Thursday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the library Samaritan Counseling takes place in our church.

For questions or further information, call the church office at 432-517-4821 or view our website at www. fcbs125@yahoo.com or email to fcbs125@@yahoo.com

Alive in Christ **Lutheran Church LCMS**

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is http://www. m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@ crcom.net.

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Bob Boyce will conduct the worship service Sunday. His sermon title is "Preaching the Gospel" based on today's scripture readings.

Bobby Roever will be reading the liturgy. The readings for this week are Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 and Mark 1:29-39. Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke.

The flowers on the altar are given in memory of A. J. and Bertha Kohl by Carroll and Leighrene Kohl. If you are interested in donating flowers, sign up on the flower chart.

Wednesday mid-week school is for all ages. We have a meal at 6 p.m.

Leaping with joy our calendar in alignment with the

Friday.

ible calendar.

attitude.

've never really liked Leap Years. It always seemed to me that an extra day in February just made winter longer and added another day between pay checks. Postponing spring, even by twenty-four hours, is a depressing thought for those of us who don't like cold weather. Although Leap Day

births may be rare, those unfortunate babies born on Feb. 29 are so traumatized by the extended calendar and lack of birthdays that they need a special support group. According to the internet, it is called The Honor Society for Leap Day Babies. Even the Guinness Book of World Records recognizes families who have had the bad luck to

have multiple births on Leap Day. Perhaps the only ones who really

benefit from that extra day in February are those females known as unclaimed blessings. According to an old Irish tradition, women were allowed to propose marriage to men on Leap Day. Any man who refused this offer of marriage was fined. In my search for information about Leap Year, I skimmed over a lot of scientific jargon and academic muck that I didn't care to wade through. However, I pieced together enough information to satisfy my curiosity. Leap years are needed in order to keep

and Bible study at 6:30 p.m. until 7:15

The LWML will meet Thursday at

6:30 p.m. at Jeanie Knocke's home; all

ladies of the church are invited to this

Last Sunday, we had our pot luck.

We had the voters' meeting and lis-

tened to discussion and comments

about the report from the call com-

mittee. A big thank you goes to the

members of this committee for their

hard work and dedication during this

time consuming but very important

The call committee has done an ex-

cellent job representing our members

and church during this extremely

LWML will serve coffee/juice/re-

freshments at the VA on Feb. 13. The

Board of Education will meet Feb. 14

at 7 p.m. at the church. The Elders

meet Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at the church.

The Board of Assimilation will meet

Feb. 28 at 7 p.m at the church.

BONNIE WHEAT

I've decided that I will stop complaining about that extra day of winter and try to be grateful for another In the Scripture the psalmist says, "This is the day which the Lord has

Earth's revolutions around the sun.

Year says that as year follows year,

the day of the month which falls on

Monday will fall on a Tuesday the

next year and on Wednesday the fol-

lowing year. In the fourth year, how-

ever, after February the calendar

"leaps over" Thursday and falls on

Although I don't understand all

the astrological reasoning behind

creating a calendar, I do like the idea

of inserting an extra day here and

there to keep things on schedule.

Sometimes I really need a more flex-

In opposition to my generally nega-

tive view of Leap Year, I heard some-

one recently thanking God for giv-

ing us an extra day in 2012. I've had

to do some soul searching about my

One simplified explanation of Leap

made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24 NASB). Perhaps instead of grumbling

about Leap Day this year, we should all be leaping with joy because it is the day the Lord has made.

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learning about Solomon building the Temple, Noah building the Ark, Nehemiah building a wall, a builder who didn't finish and much more. Children's

classes are taught by Erin and Scott Mackenzie, Ann and Paul Townsend and Shanna Rempe.

We are happy to announce we have 10 youngsters signed up for confirmation class. The students as well as their mentors meet for study with the pastor each Sunday afternoon.

Tuesday, the Methodist Men will have their kick-off breakfast. There will be a full breakfast served in the youth hall at 6:15 a.m. and over by 7:30

Al's Barbeque will cater this week's noon luncheon with serving beginning at 11:50 a.m. The meal will be followed with a prayer time and Pastor Bill bringing the Bible study on "Down the Roman Road."

Real Life Wednesdays is at 5:30 p.m. followed by adult Bible study, children's music and EPIC youth. Meals are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

On Feb. 25 Big Spring's First United Methodist Church and El Paso's Western Hills United Methodist Church will begin a three week mission trip to Matagalpa, Nicaragua. Planning, team building and preparation has been going on for the past eight months. On behalf of the three teams traveling there we thank you for your support and ask that you being to pray for this trip and be sure to sign up for a special prayer time while the team is so far away. The prayer board is located in the sanctuary narthex.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

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

The Session will meet at 5:57 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, in the church social

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First United **Methodist Church**

critical process.

Saturday evening Garrett Hall will be the scene of "Piano Celebration" presented with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra. The presentation will feature Hoachen Zhang, Gold Medalist from the 2009 Van Cliburn Competition. The performance begins at 8 p.m. and is being held at First Methodist Church while renovations are being made to the City Auditorium.

Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins will continue his series from the Old Testament. This week's sermon title will be "God, the Deliverer" with scripture readings from Exodus. Our regular trumpeter, Dan Kiley will be joined by guest clarinetist, Danny Enriquez, playing for communion in both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. service. The bell choir

will also be featured playing a Call to Prayer. Children are reminded to bring something to challenge Beau or Pastor Bill for Sermon in a Sack.

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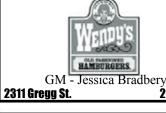
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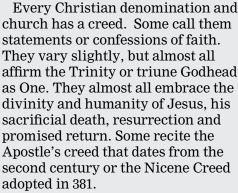
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Reflections

Jesus' Creed

veryone has a creed because everyone believes something. Even atheists have a creed, which is their belief that God does not exist. A creed is simply a statement of what we believe

Every religion has a creed. Islam believes that there is no god but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet. Hinduism believes in reincarnation with a strict caste system and an endless array of gods. Buddhism also believes in reincarnation and promotes an eight-fold path to escape suffering.



Increasingly, people are developing their own customized creeds, blending elements of the world's major religions with their own personal preferences. This is especially true of the vast number of people unattached to organized religion, but it includes many who are regular church attenders and members.

Perhaps it would be helpful to ask, "What was Jesus' creed?"

When Jesus spoke about God He described Him as our Father, teaching us to pray, "Our Father in Heaven." He taught us that the Father knows our needs before we ask Him, that the very hairs of our head are numbered, and that He takes great

pleasure in giving us the Kingdom. When Jesus spoke about himself he

When Jesus spoke about himself he said, "I am the light of the world. ... I and the Father are One. He that has seen me has seen the Father. ... He that believes in me shall never die. ... The reason my Father loves me is

...The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ... I go and prepare a place for you, and if I go I will come again and receive you to myself."

A lawyer once asked Jesus what He

believed about the commandments.
Jesus responded, "Love the Lord
your God with all your heart, with
all your soul and with all your mind.
This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like
it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
All the Law and the Prophets hang
on these two commandments." Many
believe this is the essence of Jesus'
creed. It summarizes every thing he
taught about God and life.

We may or may not know the belief

statement of the church we attend, but we have a core belief that governs everything we do. All of us have a life creed. For Jesus this core belief was built around loving God and loving others. Everything He did and everything He said reflected His love for God and His love for others.

When we stand before God, we

when we stand before God, we will not be judged by the creeds of the churches we attended. Neither will we be judged by the creeds we memorized and recited. We will be judged by how our core belief made a difference in how we lived, what we did and what we said. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

Bill Tinsley reflects on life experience and current events from a faith perspective. For more information visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

Reader's Corner

Hearts

The world has all kinds of hearts there are hearts that are full of only love and happiness while some hearts are full of only hate and bitterness

there are hearts made of chocolate and hearts carved from stone there are big hearts and little hearts

the world has all kinds of hearts and the happiest of hearts are the ones that love because God gave all his children hearts to love one another

not to hate each other.

Love one another as I have loved you \dots John 15:12

Lana Anguiano

Prepare yourself like a man

Christians are suppose to be blessed, but how many times do we feel blessed? How many times do we feel like christians (Christ like)? I can say not everyday.

I woke up one morning and thought to myself, I don't feel blessed so much opposition at times, every where you turn, either someone rises up against you, or something comes up, should christians be exempt from things like child-support, traffic tickets, past due bills?

Should a christian be exempt from persecution? Should a christian be exempt from sickness, disease, accidents, death?

I know Job didn't feel very blessed

as he sat on top of ashes, picking at his sores, his friends criticizing him while he suffered with pain and grief. The book of Job 37:5-7 says God seals the hand. Men cease to work in the face of God's elements, snow and rain and also He does great things which we cannot comprehand.

(Job 38:3-4) Now prepare yourself like a man: I will question you, and you shall answer me. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. I say this, we question God alot of times. Some of us say God where are you?

Like in John 11:21, Martha said to Jesus, Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died. I remember going through a lawsuit and it worked out ok but not the way I had expected it. I felt like saying to God in my disappointment just once, I wish you'd do something for me, do things my way ... which was wrong to even think that way.

We are a feeling, healing people, unless we see it or feel it and not to say those things are not important, and they are to a degree, but we have been called to live by faith. Think about the apostles that were martyred.

Think of those who were naked, tormented and lived in caves. Hebrews 11:36-37 says in whom the world was not worthy of them. I'm sure Jesus Christ as he hung on the cross didn't feeling like a blessing. Hebrews 12:1-2, put aside the weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us and let us run with endurance the race set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, for the joy was set before Him he endured the cross despising the shame. We have a cross to bear. God is there,. Whatever you're going through he is there. Don't be foolish like Jobs wife, but bless God, bless him even more

when you don't feel blessed . We don't have to understand. Just bless God and live by faith.

JoElle Ludington

CHURCH

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The lectionary for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany is Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20; I Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39.

Cornerstone Covenant Chur

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. we will have our new series, entitled "The Power of Prayer".

We just concluded the New Year's Season opener

series, "A Psalm of Praise." We now shift our focus to the importance subject of prayer. What is prayer? What example did Jesus leave us

concerning this much mention, but least done act called prayer.

CCC will meet this Sunday at 4:30 p.m. at Meet-

n-Greet (formerly Skateland) located at 2906 West Eighth for our CCC Family Annual Super-Bowl Party. The event is free of charge, bring the entire family.

We most Wednesdays at 7 n m for Mid week Bible

We meet Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Mid-week Bible study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. CCC offers nursery and children church for both midweek and Sunday services). CCC is located at 706 E. 12 St. For more information, contact our office at 264-0015 or visit us on the web www.cccbigspring. org

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. in the church library. The children's choir now meets at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday. This week the chancel choir will not practice at 6 p.m. but will resume next week.

Elementary Sunday school classes are studying "The Call of Samuel," by making a mobile, practicing listening, retelling the story with puppets, making rain sticks to use with a rap about Samuel, making a heart phone to help focus on what God

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puts in their hearts, and talking about how we need others to help us recognize God's call in our lives.

The youth continue their study of "The Me I Want

The youth continue their study of "The Me I Want to Be."

The Covenant Class begins the final unit in their study God Establishes a Faithful People: "God's Redemption," lessons from Paul's letters to the Galations.

The Discovery Class continues its DVD study of Lee Strobel's The Case for Christ for two more weeks. We will have the annual congregational meeting

after worship Sunday, Feb. 12 following a covered dish meal.
Susan Holstedt is in charge of "Take Ten" re-

freshments this week. Liturgist for February is Marj Carpenter. Communion servers are Mike and Monika Robinson, Dick and Janie Conley and John Yater. Ushers for the month are Rip and Claudie Patterson, Ellen Austin and James F. Little.

The lectionary is Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20; I Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39. The chancel choir will offer the anthem "For the Bread" by V. Earl Copes and sing "Sing Ye Joyfully" by Don Besig for the offertory. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. To have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org" www.fpcbs.org.

First Church of the Nazarene

301 E. 24th

Sunday morning at 10 a.m. will be a new series of

sermons on "Not a Fan," becoming a true follower of Christ. The series will be accompanied by several new life groups meeting different times and locations throughout the week.

The First Church of the Nazarene has partnered with Mid America Foods to provide low-cost, quality food to our community. We will begin distributing boxes Feb. 25 from 11 a.m. to noon. You may order one of three ways:

1) Go to the Mid America Foods website: www midamericafoods.com

2) Call 855-832-7238 to order by Visa or Master

3) Visit us at 1400 S. Lancaster on Saturday

Feb. 18, to place an order by cash or check. We now have a ladies workout group meeting in the church gym everyday at 10 a.m. doing the "in-

sanity" workout.

Church prayer time Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and our adult/children/youth groups meet at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday evening.
Sunday morning youth and children's classes begin at 9 a.m. with children's church following Adults are welcome for fellowship with coffee and snacks prior to 10 a.m. service. Kaylha Martin also keeps the youth energized with IMPACT and Sunday.

day evening activities at 6:30 p.m.

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

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- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- clove garlic, minced 1
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

Blue Cheese Dip

- 1/2 cup Mayonnaise
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- tablespoon onion, grated 1
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme, chopped
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1/3 cup blue cheese, crumbled

Directions

Preheat the barbecue on high.

Cut each wing at the joint to make two pieces, and discard wing tip if still attached. In a large re-sealable bag, whisk together vegetable oil, garlic, spices and vinegar. Add chicken wings and toss to coat.

If using rotisserie basket, spray or brush lightly with vegetable oil to prevent sticking. Place chicken wings on bottom of basket, cover with the top part, and fasten on tightest setting to secure the wings in place. Cooking grids will need to be removed, and a drip pan placed beneath. If using rear rotisserie burner, set to high. If using lower burners, set to medium. Place the basket on spit and in the rotisserie and start the motor. Cook until golden brown and crisp, about 45 minutes to an hour.

If cooking directly on well oiled cooking grids, turn heat to low, and cook, turning frequently until golden brown and crisp, 30 - 45 minutes. Use an instant-read thermometer to ensure that all wings are cooked through and ready to eat.

Stir together all the dip ingredients. May be made ahead of time and chilled until ready to serve with chicken wings, celery and carrots.

More information on grilling and great recipe ideas is available at www.broilkingbbg.com.







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Dexter Kjerstad slides safely into third base during the Hawks' game with Frank Phillips College Thursday afternoon at Jack Barber Field.

Hawks pitch their way to season-opening sweep

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Heading into Thursday's season opener, Britt Smith was counting on pitching to be a strength for the Howard College baseball team.

So far, so good.

Five Howard pitchers combined to surrender only one earned run as the Hawks opened their season with a 7-4, 10-0 doubleheader sweep of Frank Phillips College at Jack Barber Field Thursday after-

In the opener, back-to-back homers by Jordan Allen and Colt Bickerstaff broke open a tie game in the sixth inning and made a winner of Austin Blount, the second of three Howard pitchers in the game. Nick Sawyer pitched a scoreless seventh to pick up the

Starting pitcher Michael Franco, last year's pitcher of the year in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, surrendered only one earned run in three innings of work, but two Howard errors allowed

Frank Phillips to tie the game at 4-all heading into the decisive sixth inning.

"Really, my only complaint about the way we played was our defense," Smith said. "Defensively, we're not very sharp right now."

Howard's pitching staff continued its strong showing in the nightcap as Blake Smith and Spencer Davis combined for a two-hitter. Offensively, the Hawks capitalized on FPC error for five unearned runs in

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A split decision

HC takes men's game, women fall vs. NMJC

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Mark Adams has long been an advocate of defense first in basketball, but even he approved of the offensive fireworks Howard College Hawks set off inside Garrett Coliseum Thursday night.

A scorching first half paved the way for Howard to take a 71-54 win over New Mexico Junior College in Western Junior College Athletic Conference men's basketball action Thursday

The win improved the Hawks to 15-5 overall and 4-2 in WJCAC play, while NMJC dropped to 15-6,

In the women's game, league-leading NMJC's defense proved too tough for Howard to handle as the Lady Thunderbirds claimed a 60-46 victory to improve to 20-2 and 5-0 for the season; Howard dropped to 14-8 and 1-3 with the loss.

Men's game

It wasn't just the Hawks shot well against NMJC

Thursday — for a significant stretch of the first half, they couldn't miss.

Their first two shots

of the game were off the mark, but after that, the

Hawks went 10 minutes before they misfired again, opening up a comfortable 28-14 lead in the process. What made

Thomas

especially noteworthy is that most of the production came from outside — 18 of the Hawks' points during that first-half stretch came from threepoint range.

the offensive explosion

Among those impressed with the outburst was Adams, the Hawks' defensive-minded head coach.

"We were off charts, shot well," Adams said.

"When you shoot like that, it's a mix of good and bad news there's no way you can keep that pace up and there's a tendency to be-

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Report: Hamilton has relapse

DALLAS (AP) — Rangers outfielder and recovering drug addict Josh Hamilton had a relapse this week when he drank alcohol at a bar, The Dallas Morning News reported Thursday night.

The newspaper, citing unidentified "individuals familiar with the episode," reported Hamilton was drinking at a Dallas-area bar on Monday.

In a statement to the newspaper, the Rangers said they were "aware of a situation, but we don't have further comment at this time."

Hamilton, 30, was suspended for more than three years for drug and alcohol use while in the Tampa Bay organization. He missed the entire 2004 and 2005 seasons. He won the AL MVP in 2010.

This was Hamilton's second known

alcohol-related relapse in three years. In January, 2009, he drank to excess in a bar in Tempe, Ariz. Before that, Hamilton said he hadn't taken a drink of alcohol since Oct. 6,

When the Rangers acquired the 28-year-old outfielder from the Cincinnati Reds on Dec. 21, 2007, they were aware of Hamilton's off-thefield problems and came out with a "zero tolerance" policy regarding his drinking.

He is tested for drug use three times a week and has had an accountability partner to support him in his recovery — though that job is now vacant.

The Rangers announced last month that Hamilton's father-in-law had been hired as a staff special assistant to be the accountability partner for the slugger. But Michael Dean Chadwick has since decided against accepting that position due to "family considerations."

Hitting coach Johnny Narron filled that role before he left in November for Milwaukee. Narron joined the Rangers when Hamilton was acquired four years ago in a trade from Cincinnati. His primary role was to support the former No. 1 overall draft pick, who rebounded from his substance-abuse problems to become

one of the top players in baseball. Hamilton can become a free agent after this season, and has said he will not negotiate an extension after he reports to spring training.

He said he plans to leave for spring

training on Feb. 17.

Calendar **TODAY**

Tennis

Big Spring at Andrews Invitational.

Sports

Baseball

Frank Phillips College at Howard College (DH), noon.

Softball

Lamar College at Howard College (DH), 1:30 p.m.

Girl's basketball

Big Spring at Brownwood, 6 p.m. Lubbock Roosevelt at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.

Stanton at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.

Boy's basketball

Big Spring at Brownwood, 7:30

Lubbock Roosevelt at Coahoma,

Stanton at Forsan, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Tennis

Big Spring at Andrews Invitational.

MONDAY

Women's basketball

Howard College at Frank Phillips College, 5:45 p.m.

Men's basketball

Howard College at Frank Phillips College, 7:45 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com

Duncan, Parker lead Spurs to win

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan may not make the All-Star game for the first time in 12 years, or even give the San Antonio Spurs much scoring on most nights.

But even in back-tobacks, he can still resemble his old self.

Duncan scored 19 points, Tony Parker had had 18 and the Spurs ran away from the New Orleans Hornets in the fourth quarter to win their third in a row, 93-81 on Thursday night.

A night after Duncan scored 25 in a win over Houston, it was somewhat surprising he even played. Coach Gregg Popovich has vowed to limit Duncan's

wear and tear — even declaring that the 35-year-old will sit at least one game when the Spurs play four in five nights— and playing the West's worst team seemed to invite a night

On the other hand, Popovich said, Duncan's body is holding up just fine so

"We kept his minutes down," said Popovich, who played Duncan for 22 minutes against New Orleans. "He didn't play that much. As long as the minutes are low, he feels pretty good."

The Hornets didn't make

Carly Landry scored 17 points and Greivis Vasquez added 16 points staring in place of Jarrett Jack, keep-

ing New Orleans close before the Spurs blew on the game in the fourth.

Jack sat out with a sore knee but the pain isn't considered serious. The Hornets have lost 12 of their last 13.

New Orleans trailed by just 3 after the third quarter but was outscored 22-12 in the fourth. The Hornets shot 29 per-

cent in the final period, while the Spurs missed only five shots.

"We lost the last two games in the fourth quarter," Vasquez said. "We play hard in the third quarter and then we do not execute in the fourth. As a point guard it's hard to fill Chris Paul's shoes but I expect myself to be better and

that takes a little work" Tiago Splitter added 16

points and Danny Green had 11 off the bench for the Spurs, who improved to an NBA-best 12-1 at home. They need to stockpile all the home wins they can: After hosting the NBA-leading Oklahoma City Thunder on Saturday night, the Spurs won't be back home for three weeks.

The San Antonio Rodeo runs the Spurs out of town every February — but the franchise has never seen a stretch like this. The compressed schedule in wake of the NBA lockout has San Antonio in the midst of playing 16 of 21 games outside the AT&T Center, the toughest road run in

Spurs history

In brief

50-inning fundraiser Saturday at Steer Park

The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club will host a 50-inning fundraising event Saturday at Steer Park.

The event, which will feature both the varsity and junior varsity baseball teams, will begin at 9 a.m.

Denise Carillo of the booster club said donations will go toward uniform and equipment costs, as well as offsetting team travel expenses.

There is no admission fee and concessions will be available.

For more information, call Carillo at 816-1685.

Little League baseball signups

Big Spring Little League will have signups from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the following Saturdays — Feb. 4, 11and 18 - and on Feb. 13-17 at the Big Spring Mall.

Little League baseball is open to youths ages 4 through 15.

Registration fee is \$80 and a birth certificate is re-

The league will furnish jerseys, pants, belts and

For more information, call Paige Jackson at 213-

Coahoma softball signups Feb. 11

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Girls' Softball League will hold "early bird" registration for players from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Coahoma Junior High School gym. The league is open to girls ages 3 to 18. Cost is \$50 per

For more information, call Billy Newton at 325-207-2640 or Amy Overton at 432-816-1968.

Clowe helps Sharks skate past Stars, 5-2

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Ryane Clowe scored in his first game back from an injury, and four other San Jose players scored as the Sharks stretched their winning streak to three with a 5-2 victory over the Dallas Stars on Thursday night.

Michal Handzus, Joe Pavelski, Joe Thornton and Patrick Marleau also had goals for the Sharks, who beat the Stars for the fifth straight time. Steve Ott and Jamie Benn scored for the Stars, who

have yet to win the second game of back-to-backs this season in nine chances. Thomas Greiss stopped 19 shots to earn his seventh

win for the Sharks. Dallas' Richard Bachman made 32

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the first inning en route to the run-rule

"I guess the biggest difference (Thursday) is when Frank Phillips made mistakes, we were able to score three or four runs as a result," Smith said. "And when we made mistakes, we were able to minimize the damage."

Overall, Smith said he was very pleased with the way his team opened the season.

"Our pitching should be the strength of the team this year," he said. "We didn't even get to Reid Scoggins, and he's been waiting 15 months to get back on the mound (after undergoing Tommy John surgery in 2010) ... He'll definitely see some action (today).

"Offensively, we're good, but not great, but that will get better as the season goes on," Smith added.

The Hawks and Frank Phillips continued their series today with a doubleheader beginning at noon at Barber Field.

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come complacent. But I thought the guys did a good job of maintaining their intensity in the second half. I was proud of the way they played."

As Adams predicted, the Hawks cooled off in the second half, but their defense never allowed NMJC to get closer than nine points at any point. Freshman guard Ja-

cob Thomas led the Hawks with 20 points, 15 of which came from three-point range.

"This was by far our best offensive game of the season," Thomas said. "We've been working on our shot selection really hard in practice ... Coach Adams called

this one of the biggest games of the year for us and everybody came with their best game tonight."

Thomas has battled foot injuries for the better part of two years, but both he and Adams believe he's beginning to reach his full potential.

"He's playing so well right now," Adams said. "And the best thing is that he's going to get even better." "This is the best game

I've had since I've been back," Thomas agreed. "Coach Adams said he wanted me to come out and be aggressive on offense (Thursday) and things worked out

Also scoring in double figures for the Hawks were wing men Shavon Coleman (15 points) and Calvin Godfrey (11).

Howard, which is tied with Midland College and Odessa College for second place in the WJ-CAC standings, returns to action Monday when the Hawks travel to Borger to take on Frank Phillips College. Game time is 7:45 p.m.

NMJC (54) - Lorelle Waters 3 0-0 7; Marvin Binney 3 2-3 10; Alex Phillips 1 2-2 4; Desmond Lee 8 0-0 18; Alexander Ovcharenko 1 2-3 3; Robert Turner 1 0-1 2: Deguan Hicks 2 2-4 6; Ryan Okwudibonye 2 0-0 4; totals 21 7-12 54.

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HOWARD (71) - Leon Cooper 2 2-2 4; Rico Richardson 3 0-0 7; Jacob Thomas 6 3-4 20; Calvin Godfrey 4 3-4 11; Phillip Miller 2 0-0 6: Shavon Coleman 6 2-2 15; Damion McGee 2 2-2 6; totals 25 12-14 71. Halftime - Howard 38, NMJC

22; Three-point goals - NMJC (Waters, Binney 2, Lee 2), Howard (Cooper, Thomas 5, Miller 2, Coleman); Total fouls - NMJC 18, Howard 17; Fouled out Howard (Smith).

Women's game

Howard was able to stay close to the conference leaders for a half, but NMJC came out of intermission with a 12-2 run, and the Lady T-Birds were never head-

New Mexico's edge on offense was its highlow game — guards Kya DeGarmo and Brianna Jones were able to consistently lob the ball inside to post players Te'onna Campbell and Honor Duvall for easy baskets. Campbell and Duvall led the Lady T-birds with 18 and 17 points, respectively. "In the first half, we

their high-low sets," Howard Coach Earl Diddle said. "But in the second half ... they just got hot on us." A bright spot for Howard was the play of point

did a good job against

guard Kali Jerrell, who scored 18 points, but she was the only HC player in double figures. "In the first three or

four minutes of the game, we failed to set the tempo," Diddle said. "And, in the second half, we got out of position a lot on defense, and that really cost us."

Since winning their opener conference against Western Texas, the Hawks have found themselves in a fourgame tailspin, a situation Diddle said he and the team must correct

soon. "It's a 12-game conference schedule, and you have to find some way to keep going," he said. "You just need to find something positive to work on, and go on from

there." Howard returns to action Monday at Frank in Borger. Phillips Game time is 5:45 p.m.

NMJC (60) - Kva DeGarmo 2 0-0 4; Stacie Telles 2 2-2 8; Waleska Perez 5 0-0 11; Valerie Barriga 1 0-0 2; Te'onna Campbell 5 8-10 18; Honor Duvall 6 5-5 17; totals 21 15-17 60.

HOWARD (46) - Kali Jerrell 5 6-8 18; Katlin Luscombe 1 0-0 2; Tori Tucker 1 0-0 2; Zeslie Johnson 3 0-0 6; Marion Lemonnier 3 0-0 7: Carolyn Taylor 2 1-2 5: Brushea Daniels 2 2-2 6; totals 17 9-12 46.

Halftime - NMJC 26, Howard 19; Three-point goals - NMJC (Telles 2, Perez), Howard (Jerrell 2,, Lemonnier); Total fouls NMJC 15, Howard 14; Fouled

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By Steve Becker **Bidding Quiz**

Partner opens the bidding with One Diamond, you respond One Spade, and partner rebids One Notrump. What would you bid now with each of the following four 1. ♠ AKJ63 ♥ 84 ♦ J5 ♣ AJ72

1. ♣ KQ85 ♥ 64 ♦ 943 ♣ KQ72 3. ♠ AQ974 ♥ 9 ♦ AQ65 ♣ 832 4. ♠ AJ87 ♥ J9 ♦ J102 ♣ KQ98

1. Three clubs. Partner's two bids indicate that he has a hand of the minimum class (12 to 14 high-card points) with balanced distribution, most likely 4-3-3-3, 4-4-3-2 or 5-3-3-2. Since you also have an opening bid, game must be reached, but despite partner's descriptive rebid, it is still not clear what the best game

contract is apt to be. Three clubs gives you the best chance to find the proper contract. If partner next bids three spades, you bid four spades; if he bids three notrump, you pass; if he bids four

clubs, you bid five. Note that in the given sequence, it is necessary for you to bid three clubs rather than two to force partner to bid again. This is because after a one-notrump rebid by opener, a simple change of suit by responder is not forcing, and opener is permitted to

2. Pass. Game is unlikely, since

partner has at most 14 points. There is also no point in trying to improve the partscore contract by bidding two clubs. Partner will probably make seven or eight tricks in notrump on high-card values alone, so the most sensible course of action is to pass. 3. Three diamonds. You can't stop

under game after partner's opening diamond bid, so you make a forcing jump in his opening suit to elicit more information. If partner bids three spades, you bid four; if he bids four diamonds over three, you carry on to five; if he bids three notrump, you pass. There is almost no chance for a

slam after partner's minimum rebid, and it is best to disregard those few magic hands he might have that would produce 12 tricks. 4. Three notrump. This is a slight

stretch, but three notrump comes closer to representing your true values than two notrump, which is the alternative bid. If your sprinkling of eights and nines were deuces and treys, two notrump would be the recommended call. As it is, though, one or more of these intermediate cards is likely to prove helpful in producing nine tricks. Intermediate eards are seldom given a value in point-count literature, but these lesser soldiers of the game often make a critical differ-

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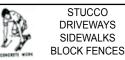
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The balance of nature requires that nothing is "all good." That's

why you fully appreciate the examples of extreme kindness and integrity that show up in your

life today. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are things you wouldn't recommend to your

friends or family but that you choose for yourself nonetheless. It's a function of being intimately acquainted with your own taste and tolerances.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You appreciate one who is charming and clever, but what you love most is when those qualities are coupled with a large dose of practicality. It's the doers who change the world. CANCER (June 22-July 22).

You'll be creative. Much of what you dream up would take so much time and energy to pull off, that you'd hardly find joy in it. But there's at least one idea that you can implement now to instantly improve your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is nothing to be resolved in this day's work. Rather, you'll get the most out of the day if you keep exploring. You'll enjoy testing out your various options and courting new ambitions as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Plan a trip, preferably involving a plane. An aerial view of your life on earth will have an expansive influence on your mindset. The bigger you think, the bigger

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). New patterns are forming in your life. It will be nearly impossible to tell where you are in a cycle until you're reasonably deep in the sequence. Stav aware: assume the best and march on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There will be much that gets lost as people try to relay information verbally. Written correspondence is better, but the best way of all is to show how everything relates in action. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). You are being subtly influenced to step up your game. You realize that the competition is stiff and that the other players are in it to win. You'll send quiet signals that say, "Bring it on." CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

You might not be entirely proud of your production level thus far this week, but go easy on yourself. You tend to forget that you need recreation in your life, too. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Depending on the route, a step sideways is sometimes the best way to move up. You could really use a map, at least figuratively. Ask around to see if anyone knows the lay of the land. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Know what vour unique offerings are. Not everyone can do what you're doing. Others may have the resources, but they don't think like you, and that's what makes the difference. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb.

3). You're not afraid to surrender yourself to admiration, and your enthusiasm attracts new connections and friends. Financial and personal growth opportunities come to you in March. You'll stand behind your loved ones in April and cause them to strive. You'll make a game-changing discovery in May. Leo and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 2, 33, 39 and 50.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You'll say what you feel and be received in the best possible way. TAURUS: You'll give positive feedback and raise the esteem of someone for

whom you care deeply. GEMINI: You'll provide many kinds of support for the one you love. including financial. CANCER: Keep giving where you see a need. Someone is falling in love with your heart of gold. LEO: You'll try new things, and you may not like them, but you'll be invigorated by the experience. VIRGO: Your investigations will prove fruitful. LIBRA: Being loved is about feeling good about vourself when vou're with the other person. SCORPIO: You have a genuine interest in getting to know people, so you'll find it easy to strike up conversations. SAGITTARIUS: Your fiery passion will have the perfect target. CAPRICORN: Everyone needs to feel worshiped once in a while, and it's your turn to have that need satisfied. AQUARIUS: Someone is making you wait for what you want, and your excitement is building. PISCES: You love people for who they are, not what they can give you. Not everyone thinks like you do though.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Aquarius and Cancer are inexplicably drawn to connect and will increase their fortunes by doing so. Aquarius will love Cancer's soulful, caring style and will feel most at home in the nurturing energy that Cancer brings. Cancer will appreciate the Aquarian worldview and be impressed with the generosity of spirit that this sign embodies. Together they could solve a few of the world's problems -- at least hypothetically!

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Dear Margo

A Little Perspective, **Please**

Dear Margo: My best gay male friend recently admitted he's in love with a woman, despite dating men his whole adult life without any bisexual inclinations.

I can handle this sudden revelation, but I am deeply hurt and feel betrayed that it took him months to reveal this information. We're extremely close

and share the tiniest details of our lives. I noticed a behavior change several months ago and repeatedly asked him what it was. He always brushed me off. He's since begged my

forgiveness, but I can't move past the idea of his keeping this secret from me. I find myself so hurt that I can barely speak to him. And I'm not secretly in love with him. I'm gay, as well, and have no romantic interest in men. Where do I go from here? — Allie

Dear Al: What you are calling a betrayal I regard as a "sin" of omission. Your close friend chose not to tell you his news until now, and I frankly can't see why you're so broken up about this. I suggest you accept the fact that he kept this to himself for a while ... for whatever reason. Some things are worth a commotion; this is not one of them. — Margo, forwardly

The Luck of the Draw

Dear Margo: When I started playing poker, I always won. The first tournament in which I played, I came in first. I thought I must have some sort of gift or something. This streak lasted for three months, and then I started reading books and studying the game.

At one point, I played in what was the most important tournament of my poker career. Gavin Smith came to my local poker club, and I won a satellite to the tournament in which he was playing. It was a big

deal. I was steadily grinding about 13 hours a day and doing very well. I am not a donkey. I had the chip lead at

every table I played. It was down to four tables, and long story short, I could have sat there and folded every hand and would have made it to the final table.

Instead, I did the opposite and got involved in a hand I probably shouldn't have. I risked my entire stack and lost it all to someone on a flush draw. I was devastated and cried for weeks.

Ever since then, poker has seemed intimidating, and I haven't made it as far in tournaments as I used to. How is it that an inexperienced player like me could have done so well in the beginning, and then gone to hell?

I had been able to tap into a certain rhythm and was able to trust my gut, but I seem to have lost that. Is there any way to move past this situationandre-embrace what used to come so naturally? Will I ever be able to dominate a room full of men again, or should I just give up and break up with poker for good? — Texas Hold

Dear Tex: I do not know whether you will ever dominate a room full of men again, but I do believe there is such a thing as beginner's luck. I had it when I first started to shoot skeet. Then it went away. Forever. I also started to study something I took pleasure in (symphonic music), but after I took a course, I was so busy parsing movements, etc. that it was no longer enjoyable. Perhaps this is what happened to you. Although I know people who love the game, it is gambling, and if you're on the fence about continuing, perhaps "breaking up with poker" is the emotionally and financially smart thing to do. - Margo, bluff-

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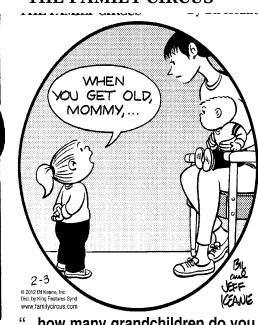


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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 3, the 34th day of 2012. There are 332 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On Feb. 3, 1959, rock-and-roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson died in a small plane crash near Clear

Lake, Iowa. On this date:

In 1783, Spain formally recognized American independence.

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens held a shipboard peace conference off the Virginia coast; the talks deadlocked over the issue of Southern autonomy.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.

In 1924, the 28th president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington,

D.C. at age 67

the United States, William Howard Taft, resigned for health reasons. (He died just over a month later.) In 1943, during World War II,

the U.S. transport ship

Dorchester, which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a German torpedo; of the more than 900 men aboard, only some 230 survived. In 1959, An American Airlines Lockheed Electra

River, killing 65 of the 73 people on board. In 1966, the Soviet probe Luna 9 became the first manmade object to make a soft land-

crashed into New York's East

ing on the moon. In 1971, New York City police officer Frank Serpico, who had charged there was widespread corruption in the NYPD, was shot and seriously wounded during a drug bust in

Brooklyn. In 1972, the XI Olympic Winter Games opened in Sapporo, Japan.

In 1991, the rate for a firstclass postage stamp rose to 29

cents. In 1998, Texas executed Karla

Faye Tucker, 38, for the pickax

cuted in the United States since 1984. A U.S. Marine plane sliced through the cable of a ski gondola in Italy, sending the car plunging hundreds of feet, killing all 20 people inside.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Shelley Berman is 87. Former Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., is 79. Football Hall-of-Famer Fran Tarkenton is 72. Actress Bridget Hanley is 71. Actress Blythe Danner is 69. Singer Dennis Edwards is 69. Football Hall-of-Famer Bob Griese is 67. Singerguitarist Dave Davies (The Kinks) is 65. Singer Melanie is 65. Actress Morgan Fairchild is 62. Actress Pamela Franklin is 62. Actor Nathan Lane is 56. © 2012 The Associated Press.

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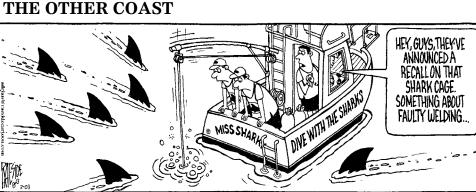
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 - action **31** SUV option
 - 32 "That's amazing!"
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