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Rumor dispelled over voter cards

For most voters, it is not necessary to reapply

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Local election officials say recent rumors that millions of Texans are having their voter registration invalidated because of ongoing litigation surrounding redistricting in the Lone Star State aren't true.

According to Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom, a whirlwind of rumors — mostly in the form of e-mails — have been brought to her attention claiming voters are having their registration status invalidated.

"The voter registration certificates, which go out every two years, expire Dec. 31, 2011. That part of the rumor and e-mails is absolutely correct," Bloom said. "However, that is simply the expiration date for the card. That does not mean the voter's registration has somehow become invalidated."

"Unless you have changed your address, changed your name or had your voter status suspended since you received your last voter registration certificate, you are

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Doctors Chris Haddad, left, and Rudy Haddad speak with U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer after Thursday afternoon's Go Red event and luncheon at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The doctors were the featured speakers for the event.

Go Red: Doctors focus on No. 1 killer, heart disease

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

Heart health was the focus Thursday afternoon at the Go Red event and luncheon, sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman program.

Doctors Rudy and Chris Haddad were guest speakers

and focused on bringing attention to the No. 1 killer of women.

According to American Heart Association, heart disease is the leading killer of women and is the cause of one in three deaths each year.

"Since 1984, more women than men have died from

cardiovascular disease," Dr. Rudy Haddad said. "African Americans are at a higher risk, as are Latinos, than Caucasian."

Heart disease has taken the life of more women than all forms of cancer combined.

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Rep. Landtroop coming Tuesday to Big Spring

State Rep. Jim Landtroop of Plainview, who serves House District 85 in the Texas Legislature, will be in Big Spring at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus to conduct a Town Hall meeting. The main purpose of the meeting is to address the concerns of constituents regarding redistricting in Texas.

Coping with the drought: get smart with landscaping

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

A different way of thinking is what Terri Johansen, owner of Johansen's Nursery, is focusing on.

During a Rotary Club meeting this week, Johansen presented various ideas to landscape property despite limited water resources.

"We need to change the way we do things when it comes to our landscaping," she said.

Despite recent moisture, water conditions are still providing limited resources. Water-friendly yards are made possible not only by the types of greenery used, but also by some of the products used in the maintenance of those lawns.

"We need to keep things as healthy as we possibly can," Johansen said.

She advised to keep an eye out not only for insects that can damage the yards, but also for diseases that can destroy plants. Of course, residents need to keep an eye out for water bandits — weeds.

"Weeds are taking the water and we are needing to get rid of them, this year more than



Johansen

ever," she said. "We need every drop of water we have to go to our grass, shrubs and trees."

Pruning correctly is one way to use less water, according to Johansen.

"If you prune the trees and shrubs correctly then you will cut down on water usage because they won't be using as much water and they will be making better use of the water they do take in," she said.

She also wants to remind people to think proactively when it comes to revamping or taking care of plants. Getting rid of dead shrubs can improve the look of landscapes.

"There are things to do, but we need to think outside the box," Johansen said.

If revamping the yard is an option, Johansen suggests looking for ways to incorporate water-friendly greenery, as well as eliminating space occupied by grass.

"Look for areas where you can plant small patches of grass instead of having a yard full of grass," Johansen said. "Grass can be replaced with rock, concrete or artificial turf."

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News briefs

Gas prices nearing \$4 a gallon could slow recovery, undercut Obama's re-election prospects

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soaring gasoline prices are threatening to undercut President Barack Obama's re-election prospects and offering Republicans an easy target. With prices pushing \$4 a gallon and threatening to go even higher, Obama sought Thursday to confront rising public anxiety and strike back at his GOP critics.

"Only in politics do people root for bad news, do they greet bad news so enthusiastically," Obama said of Republicans. "You pay more; they're licking their chops."

Obama said dismissively that all the Republicans can talk about is more drilling — "a bumper sticker ... a strategy to get politicians through an election" — when the nation's energy challenges demand much more. In a speech in Miami, he promoted the expansion of domestic oil and gas exploration but also the development of new forms of energy.

For all the political claims, economists say there's not much a president of either party can do about gasoline prices. Certainly not in the short term. But it's clear that people are concerned — a new Associated Press-GfK poll says seven in 10 find the issue deeply important — so it's sure to be a political issue through the summer.

"Right now, we're experiencing yet another painful reminder of why developing new energy is so critical to our future," the president said. At an average of \$3.58 a gallon, prices are already up 25 cents since Jan. 1, and experts say they could reach a record \$4.25 a gallon by Memorial Day.

Poll: Millionaire tax popular, but people prefer spending cuts over tax hikes to cut deficits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most people like President Barack Obama's proposal to make millionaires pay a significant share of their incomes in taxes. Yet they'd still rather cut spending than boost taxes to balance the federal budget, an Associated Press-GfK poll shows, giving Republicans an edge over

Democrats in their core ideological dispute over the nation's fiscal ills.

The survey suggests that while Obama's election-year tax plan targeting people making at least \$1 million a year has won broad support, it has done little to shift people's basic views in the long-running partisan war over how best to tame budget deficits that lately have exceeded \$1 trillion annually.

"Everybody should be called to sacrifice. They should be in the pot with the rest of us," Mike Whittles, 62, a Republican and retired police officer from Point Pleasant, N.J., said of his support for Obama's tax proposal for the wealthy. But Whittles said he still prefers cutting government spending over raising taxes because of federal waste and what he calls "too many rules, too many regulations."

Sixty-five percent of the people in the AP-GfK poll favor Obama's plan to require people making \$1 million or more pay taxes equal to at least 30 percent of their income. Just 26 percent opposed Obama's idea.

Yet by 56 percent to 31 percent, more embraced cuts in government services than higher taxes as the best medicine for the budget, according to the survey, which was conducted Feb. 16 to 20. That response has changed only modestly since it was first asked in the AP-GfK poll last March. The question on Obama's tax on the rich was not asked previously.

7 Marines die in one of Marine Corps' deadliest aviation training accidents in years

SAN DIEGO (AP) — An aviation training accident that killed seven Marines — one of the Corps' deadliest aviation training accidents in years — left the military community shaken and was a solemn reminder that preparing for war poses some of the same risks as the real thing.

"It's an unfortunate consequence of the high tempo of operations," said retired Marine Col. J.F. Joseph, an aviation safety consultant. "They're out there working on the edge trying to exploit the maximum capabilities of the aircraft and their tac-

tics. Just by the virtue of that, in becoming combat ready, these unfortunately are not uncommon occurrences."

The Marine Corps and Navy, nonetheless, stand out in their efforts to mitigate that risk and make training as safe as possible, he said.

Officials said it could weeks to determine what caused two helicopters, an AH-1W Cobra and a UH-1 Huey, to crash in midair during a routine exercise Wednesday night, killing all aboard the aircraft. Skies were clear and the weather was mild.

The accident occurred near the Chocolate Mountains along the California-Arizona border — a sprawling desert range favored by the U.S. military because its craggy mountains and hot, dusty conditions are similar to Afghanistan's harsh environment.

Experts say deep, complex causes of obesity may be beyond reach of weight loss drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The battle of the bulge has been a big, fat failure for U.S. drugmakers. But that hasn't stopped them from trying.

For nearly a century, scientists have struggled to make a diet pill that helps people lose weight without side effects that range from embarrassing digestive issues to dangerous heart problems.

But this week, federal health advisers endorsed the weight loss pill Qnexa even though the FDA previously rejected it over concerns that it can cause heart palpitations and birth defects if taken by pregnant women.

The vote of confidence raises hopes that the U.S. could approve its first anti-obesity drug in more than a decade. It also highlights how challenging it is to create a pill that fights fat in a variety of people without negative side effects.

"Having a drug for obesity would be like telling me you had a drug for the fever," said Dr. Mitchell Roslin, chief of bariatric surgery at Northern Westchester Hospital in New York. "There can be millions of different reasons why someone is obese; it's really a symptom of various underlying mechanisms."

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still a registered voter in the state of Texas. As soon as the redistricting litigation is settled, the new cards will go out. However, until that time you are still eligible to vote and can do so with your picture ID, just as you would if you didn't have your voter certificate available or on

you."

Bloom said her office would normally mail out new voter certificates in December, but because many of the district lines are still in question because of litigation, the cards will have to wait.

"Once interim redistricting maps are approved and the county can finalize precinct lines, we will mail new voter registration cer-

tificates to all registered voters," she said.

"If there have been no changes in your address and or name, you do not need to take any action. You will be mailed a new certificate. If there should be any changes, you need to make corrections at least 30 days prior to the election."

Bloom said some voters could have had their status placed on suspension if it's been four

years or more since they cast a ballot.

"If your voter registration status has been placed on suspension, you'll need to re-register," Bloom said. "If you have any question about your voter registration status, the best way to check is to simply call our office. We can check and if there is a problem, we can get you on the path to getting it straightened out."

More information can be found at www.goredforwomen.org. Those wanting to take a heart risk assessment should contact www.heart.org

Contact Staff Writer

You have to register within 30 days of any election you plan to cast a ballot in, so it's better to go ahead and check on these kinds of things now, rather than waiting."

For more information on voter status, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

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Ruby Phillips, 87, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Westbrook Cemetery.

Derwood Zant, 96, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Even though the mortality rate is much higher associated with heart disease, the symptoms aren't as easy to spot as some might think.

"Too often, the symptoms go ignored and by the time the doctor is seen the damage is extensive," Dr. Rudy Haddad said. "Two-thirds of women show no symptoms and less than half

of women show typical symptoms."

Chest pain is the most common symptom associated with heart disease; however, it is not as obvious of a symptom when it comes to heart attacks in women. Some of the symptoms to look for include chest discomfort, anxiety, paleness and increased irregular heart rate.

"There are 9,000 women in the United States who have a heart attack each year," Dr. Rudy Haddad said. "We need

to address the risk factors earlier and more aggressively in order to lower this number."

According to Dr. Chris Haddad, the risk factors associated with heart disease include age, race, family and personal history. Women who are 55 and older are at a two to three times higher risk after menopause. If family members have had a history of heart disease, the risk increases as well. Obesity, physical inactivity, smoking, alcohol

intake, cholesterol and hypertension also play a role in the increased risk of heart disease.

"The best way to deal with heart disease is by sharing the facts and getting the information of what to look for and not ignoring the symptoms," Dr. Chris said.

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PLANTS

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Other additions to yards which are still water friendly include streams, rocks, cactus and water-wise plants. The use of a new chemical product was also encouraged by Johansen.

"The thing to remember is that if the soil is healthy then the plants are healthier," Johansen said.

One product used to help water flow through the soil better is Revive. The product was origi-

nally brought to Johansen's attention by a friend and has proven to be a worthwhile use.

"If we can get the soil to be better then we can have the water work better," she said.

An added tip Johansen provided is the use of mulch and compost. The use of compost will improve the soil, making it work better.

"The compost can be

used at planting and worked in around existing plants," Johansen said. "Mulch is the insurance policy for all shrubs, flower, trees and vegetable gardens."

The use of mulch helps hold water in the soil longer and keeps the ground cooler in summer and warmer in winter. You won't have to water as much when you compost in soil and mulch on top

of soil, according to Johansen.

To find out more water-wise tips or get advice on how to make yards work in the drought conditions, call Johansen at 267-5275.

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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:

- Ashley Buzbee and Mara Sheets from For- san High School for placing second in district debate. The two will advance to state March 12 and 13.

- Hangar 25 Air Museum for hosting the kid patch workshop Emblems of Webb on Saturday. It let the kids experience a little piece of history while making their own meaningful patch.

- Howard College dental hygiene department for hosting the dental health fair and providing a fun, educational way for kids to learn about the proper care for their mouths.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center for being recognized as the 2011 Top Improver and receiving the Press Ganey Associates Inc. award and hosting a reception to allow the hospital staff and community members to celebrate the honor.

- Big Spring Symphony Guild for starting the Phyllis Graumann Memorial Scholarship and offering support to Howard County students who want to pursue their musical talents, whether it be vocal or instrumental.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we display Your heavenly confidence,
Lord, in all that we do.

Amen

Who's in charge of all of this

The fight between Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum doesn't just raise questions about each man's strengths and weaknesses. It also raises, as fundamentally as any battle in recent decades, the question of who, ultimately, is in charge of picking the nominee.

Is it the party elite: the elected officials, the strategists and the smart money, the people who used to huddle in smoke-filled rooms, at least in our collective imagination?

Or is it the grassroots activists: the small minority of Americans who go to caucuses and stay, who not only vote in primaries and run for delegate but spend countless hours knocking on doors and making phone calls?

Romney is the smart money candidate, the strategists' choice, the guy most Republicans would like to run in 2012. Even with the desertion of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, Romney has the endorsements, the party leaders, the money, the organization and the big super PAC.

Santorum is the leader of the ragtag crowd of true believers: activists, tea party types, the 99 percent crew that doesn't donate big bucks but is willing to stay until the last vote is counted in a caucus.

The nomination of George McGovern in 1972 posed this question in spades for Democrats. Actually, it was probably Hubert Humphrey's nomination — with activists at war with the police outside the halls of the Democratic Convention — that began the reform movement in earnest. In its earliest stage (when, ironically, McGovern chaired the Commission on

Party Structure and Delegate Selection), the goal was to bring the activists back into the hall, to democratize the process, to ensure that insurgent candidates had a chance to take on establishment candidates.

After McGovern was nominated, the battles accelerated. The newly empowered reformers wanted to expand reform to include getting rid of "bloc voting" (winner take all) in favor of systems of proportionate representation, ensuring representation of women and non-whites at the convention and pushing for every state to have a democratic selection process. Labor and elected officials started boycotting the convention and complaining that the reformers (a.k.a. radicals, women, gays, blacks, Hispanics, Asian Pacific Americans, Democrats Abroad, all of whom were organized into caucuses) were nominating candidates who couldn't win, even if the candidate they nominated in 1976, Jimmy Carter, did win.

After the election in 1980, the mood concerning reform commissions changed. In 1982, the Democrats created a new class of uncommitted delegates (not equally divided between men and women) selected because they were "Party Leaders and Elected Officials" (read: politicians, labor, state party chairs and national committee members), what I, in one of my great naming moments (on par with "nuts and sluts"), first called "superdelegates."

The Democratic Leadership Council (a.k.a. the "white boys caucus") was founded with the stated goal of giving more conservative southern states a bigger say in the process by all holding their primaries on Super Tuesday (which, in the world of unintended consequences, helped Jesse Jackson more than anyone else). But the effort was on to select electable candidates.

The Republicans never went as far down the reform road as the Democrats (for instance, they kept winner take all) But by the 1992 convention, it was clear that the activists had figured out how to take control of even the more antiquated methods of delegate selection. They showed up en masse at the county and state committee meetings, ran slates of delegates, and pushed the platform so far rightward that no less a conservative than Ronald Reagan took to the podium to argue for tolerance.

So who's in charge now?

For the past few weeks, anyway, it's been the activists. But the establishment may be coming back, pounding home the message that a vote for Santorum is a vote for Barack Obama. The insiders aren't just biting their nails. They're doing everything they can — and that's a lot — to send the message, beginning in Michigan, that Romney is still the likely nominee, and the more contests he gets pounded in, and the more speeches he gives about liking the trees in Michigan, the weaker he'll be.

Unlike his face-off with Newt Gingrich in Florida, Santorum (with less obvious baggage than Gingrich) is making Romney look smaller. He can only shrink so much before his chances of beating Obama shrink with him. That may be the reason why recent polls show the gap narrowing in Michigan. Supporting Santorum is, I have no doubt, a whole lot more fun than supporting Romney. But if the fun ends in November, it won't look that way in retrospect.

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Seems to be no more words

My words are getting jumbled. My thoughts are all cluttered and no matter how hard I try, I just can't find the words to say exactly what I'm thinking.

I know, a journalist, reporter or whatever title you want to label me with, should never be at a loss for words, but this one is.

I know how I'm feeling and the feelings I want to express, but by the time I start to get them out the feeling has changed, the emotions have escalated and my brain just can't function like it used to.

I'm not exactly sure what happened or even when it happened. It's one of those things that slowly slips away. It starts with a small struggle to get through

a column; progresses to a bigger struggle for an idea and then dead on writers block.

However, I'm not sure this is just a case of writers block.

The culprit seems to be something deeper, something bigger than not being able to put pen to paper. The problem has become making sense of what I'm feeling. Finding the belief that my feelings matter and realizing once again that my words make a difference and count for something.

There have been a few situations throughout my life when I have lost my ability to write (according to some people's opinions I have never been able to write) and somehow it has always come back. This time, it seems to be slipping further away. My ability to write the hard, cold facts has never been an issue, but even know it's getting to the point of me not being able to make sense of what is black and white and staring me right in the face.

I'm not sure if it's issues combined inside me that need to be dealt with or just the path I have chosen isn't the right one for me.

I have always believed there is no reason to write something that holds no meaning and maybe that's the problem. Negative comments have always stuck with me and up until recently I have been able to work past them.

One comment I can't get out of my head is that someone described my writing as making no sense and I think that's when it all slipped away.

If my words make no sense, they mean nothing and there is no reason for them to be seen. I want my words to make a difference, to mean something and if they don't then there is no need for them at all.

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Church News

First Baptist Church

Beginning this evening through Sunday, First Baptist Church is honored to host the Texas State Deaf Evangelism Conference. Chapel class will meet Sunday in the dining room because of the conference.

First Baptist Church's schedule for Sunday is: Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m., morning worship is at 10:50 a.m., AWANA (children's Bible study) is at 5:30 p.m. and evening worship and saturate youth takes place at 6 p.m.

Ladies Bible study meets Monday at 9:30 a.m. They are studying Beth Moore's "Mercy Triumphs." There is also an evening study at 7 p.m. Both meet in the conference room.

Wednesday evening's activities begin with a meal at 5 p.m. The children meet for music time at 5:30 p.m. and have royal ambassadors and girl's auxiliary at 6:15 p.m. At 6 p.m., there is adult Bible study in the chapel and youth study in the youth center. The choir rehearses at 7 p.m.

Upward Basketball for children kindergarten through sixth grade play their games in the Family Life Center on Saturdays. If you attended the Howard College Hawk's game last night, you saw the Upward participants honored at the half time of the ladies and men's games. We thank Howard College for making these kids feel special.

The Mission Center is in need of food and clothing donations to restock the pantry and clothes closet. Bring your donations to the church and we will get it to the mission.

Mother's Day Out has begun their yearly fund raiser selling Butter Braids. Call the church office, 267-8232, for more information. We are located at 705 W. FM 700.

Spring Creek Fellowship

"Repo Men" is the sermon series for February. The message this week is "Repossessing Our Heritage."

Spring Creek University classes are starting. "The School of the Spirit" begins Feb. 29, "Weird: Because Normal Isn't Working" and "The Secret to the Marriage You Want" begin March 11. "Financial Peace University" is under way. Contact the church office for more information.

Spring Creek Fellowship has formed a Relay For Life team called "The Cure Connection."

Our first event is scheduled Sunday, March 25 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. We will be hosting the Second Annual Relay For Life "Bowl-A-Thon" at Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama. Bowl for three hours (including shoes) for a donation of any size. Help us "knock down" cancer once and for all.

Our next family movie will be "Facing the Giants" on March 17. Free to the community.

Sunday school classes meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. "Holy Grounds Cafe" is open from 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. with snacks and fellowship.

Worship is scheduled from 10:45 a.m. until noon. Wednesdays meal is 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. Youth will be serving lunch the second Sunday of each month following worship.

Our next lunch is scheduled for March 11, 2012. Donations from these meals go toward youth activities, camp and other youth events.

Men's Prayer Breakfast and Fellowship is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. each Saturday in the dining room at the church. "Between the Lines" women's ministry will meet tonight and Friday, March 16.

"Manna House" food pantry is low on supplies. Contact Casie Fillingim and Jennifer Boyd for more information.

"Free Indeed," a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship, is in need of donations of new underwear, socks, coats, etc. for the cold months. Monetary donations would be appreciated.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact the church office.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring.

Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at

www.springcreekfellowship.org

Gateway Baptist Church

Gateway Baptist Church is located at 2302 Gatesville Road. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. and worship service is at 11 a.m. with Pastor Jim Mills leading the service.

Sunday night service starts at 6 p.m. and Wednesday night service at 6:30 p.m. Both evening services are followed with a fellowship meal. Book of Revelations is the study for both evening services.

Gateway has a clothing ministry and food pantry for individuals who need assistance with these items. They are open Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad Street. Sunday fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Worship service is at 10:50 a.m. The Rev. Kenneth McIntosh will deliver the message "Really?" from Joel 2:1-2, 12-17.

The season of Lent begins Sunday. The board will meet following the service.

The choir and youth group will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Thursday the CWF will meet at 11:30 a.m. for the business meeting followed by the luncheon at noon. Samaritan Counseling is available Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Isaiah 58 needs a new kind of volunteer. The pantry now receives food directly from Walmart three times per week.

This food must be inspected for health concerns, cleaned up and stacked for distribution. FCC is holding an empty egg carton drive for the eggs donated by Walmart. Call 268-9530 or the church office to help. Client hours are Mondays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Isaiah 58 is located at 107 Runnels. For more information, call the church office at 432-517-4821. Email fcbs125@yahoo.com or view the website at fcbigspring.org.

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.

George von Hassell will be reading the liturgy Sunday. The readings are Genesis 22:1-18, Psalm 25:1-10, James 1:12-18 and Mark 1:9-15. Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke.

The flowers on the altar are given by Bo and Heidi Vizcaino to the Glory of God.

If you are interested in donating flowers, sign up on the flower chart. The general consensus is to plan on using the flowers two or three weeks.

Sunday, there will be a called meeting of the voters after church to discuss our options concerning our call process.

Pastor Carroll Kohl is on KBYG every morning for a devotion sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour.

Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts." Lutheran Hour ministries can be heard on KBYG each Sunday morning.

The Board of Assimilation will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the church.

Wednesday mid-week school is for all ages. Join us from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for the meal and from 6:30-7:15 p.m. for Bible studies.

The theme for our Lenten services will be "God's Gift of forgiveness" and will be based on what are known as "Penitential" Psalms.

The remainder of Lenten services will be held Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m.; this Sunday, March 4, March 11, March 18 and March 25.

The LWML will meet March 8 at 7 p.m. at the church. March 12, the LWML will serve coffee/refreshments at the VA.

The Board of Education will meet March 13 at 7 p.m. at the church. The elders meet March 15 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Board of Assimilation will meet March 27 at 7 p.m. at the church.

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.

The lectionary Bible study, led by Tom and Craig Holstedt, at 5:17 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Big Spring, meets Wednesdays, but this Wednesday the congregations of First Coahoma and First Big Spring met at Coahoma First Presbyterian Church for Ash Wednesday service.

Wednesday will be the first of a series of Lenten lunches, meeting at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with Craig Holstedt, First Presbyterian as speaker.

The March 7 lunch will be at First Christian Church, Bill Ivins, First United Methodist, speaker; March 14 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Ken McIntosh, First Christian, speaker; March 21 at First United Methodist Church, Bernard Gulley, speaker; March 28 at First Presbyterian Big Spring, Barbara Kirk-Norris, speaker.

The lectionary is Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; I Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15.

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. Children's choir meets at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday. Chancel choir practices at 6 p.m.

Presbyterian Women Bible study will meet Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the church library for a study, led by Helen Glass, of Lesson 6: Greatly Honored Are the Pure in Heart.

The session held its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 in the church library.

A combined Ash Wednesday service between our congregation and First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma was at First Presbyterian Coahoma at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Our congregation will participate in a series of ecumenical Lenten lunch meetings beginning Wednesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, with the Rev. Craig Holstedt of First Presbyterian Big Spring as speaker. The schedule for the following Wednesday meetings follows: March 7 at First Christian Church with the Rev. Bill Ivins, First United Methodist, speaker; March 14 at Holy Trinity Church with the Rev. Ken McIntosh, First Christian, speaker; March 21 at First United Methodist Church with Father Bernard Gulley, Holy Trinity, speaker; March 28 at First Presbyterian Big Spring with the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris, speaker.

Deborah Jones is in charge of "Take Ten" refreshments this week. Liturgists for the last Sunday of February are members of the youth group.

The lectionary is Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; I Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15. Chancel choir will offer the anthem "A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester" by L. J. White and sing "Do Not I Love Thee?" by David Music for the offertory. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The "Noisy Offering" will be collected during the service.

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

First United Methodist Church

Tomorrow our medical mission team, led by Murray and Diane Murphy and Bonnie Miller will leave for Nicaragua. They will be accompanied by a group from Big Spring and El Paso.

The second group, which will concentrate on education and construction will leave March 4. This group will be led by Paul and Ann Townsend. Others from Big Spring who will join members from El Paso include Chuck Miller, Lucy Wheeler, Murray and Diane Murphy, John Kennemur, Joann Knox and Ann McClarty. Please pray for a successful trip and safe return home for both these groups and the ones yet to travel to Nicaragua.

Sunday there will be a new member/visitor fellowship in the parlor of Garrett Hall at 9:45 a.m. There will be coffee and light refreshments and a time of fellowship with the pastor and other church leaders. A nursery will be provided. There will be a new member dinner in the parsonage Sunday evening, March 4.

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Reflections

The Right Stuff

Fifty years ago, John Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth. I was in high school. Our science teacher slipped us out a side door and led us to his house a few blocks away where we crowded around his black and white television to watch the launch. The tiny speakers strained to recreate the thunder of the Mercury Atlas 6 rocket when it ignited on the launch pad at Cape Canaveral. A shaky camera traced the flame that streaked through the sky hurtling John Glenn toward space. The rocket was little more than a beefed up Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, its warhead replaced by a space capsule. Within four hours, Glenn made three orbits of the earth, and then prepared for re-entry. An entire nation held its breath as Walter Cronkite described the potentially loose heat shield and the likelihood that Friendship 7 would burn up like a meteor.

Years later I visited the Smithsonian and viewed the space capsule in which Glenn made his historic flight. The capsule is about the size of a 1960's Volkswagen Beetle. It was far less sophisticated than a Prius or a Ford Focus. Personal computers would not become available for another twenty years. Because of their discipline and courage, John Glenn and the other astronauts who blazed the first trails into space came to be known as men with "the right stuff."

Few of us will ever experience a heroic moment like John Glenn experienced February 20, 1962. But each of us has the opportunity to be men and women with "the right stuff." Every day we are called upon to live with courage, discipline and

faith. Some face huge challenges.

When I think of people with the "right stuff," I think of my friend Heather. Heather was born with cerebral palsy. She is confined to a wheel chair with limited use of one arm. She is unable to feed, bathe or clothe herself. But she is able to manipulate the joystick on her powered wheel. Although she struggles with a speech impediment, she is articulate and intelligent. As a freshman at Baylor University, Heather gave her life to Christ. Four years later she graduated with a Bachelor's degree in counseling. Three years after that, she completed a Master's degree at Truett Seminary. Since I met her, she has made three trips to India to minister to those who have handicaps similar to her own. Last year she published her first children's book, My Friends and I.

James wrote, "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance." (James 1:2-3). Peter wrote, "In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 1:6-7).

Perhaps the fiftieth anniversary of John Glenn's courageous ride into space can remind us that we must face life with courage and faith. That each of us can live with the "right stuff."

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



BILL TINSLEY

CHURCH

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evening, March 4.

Pastor Bill Ivins will be preaching at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. service of worship.

He will continue his sermon series "Old Testament Challenge" with a lesson titled, "What Indiana Jones was looking for" with scripture text from Exodus 24-30.

The 8:30 a.m. service is broadcast over KBYG-1400 AM and the 10:50 a.m. service is broadcast over KXCS 105.6 FM.

During the Lenten season the noon Bible study and luncheon will be held at various churches as listed below; Wednesday, Feb. 29-St Mary's Episcopal Church, with the Rev. Craig Holsted. March 7, combined churches

will meet at First Christian church with the Rev. Bill Ivins; March 14, the groups will meet at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with the Rev. Ken McIntosh; Wednesday, March 21 at First Methodist, with Msr. Bernard Gulley and March 28 at First Presbyterian with the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris.

Real Life Wednesday will be held as scheduled at 5:30 with the meal followed by different age appropriate activities.

Wednesday there will be three new programs available for adults following the meal. A Beth Moore Study, "Breaking Free", led by Pam Steel; "Man Alive" will be led by James Bell and "A Disciples Faith" led by Pastor Bill.

► Religious brief

Australian evangelist, healer Alan Ames makes his return to Texas

Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, of the Diocese of San Angelo, is bringing Australian healer, Alan Ames, back to West Texas.

Ames will be at St. Mary Church in San Angelo on Wednesday, March 7 and in Rowena

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Mass begins at 6 p.m. at St. Mary Church, 11 Ave N West in San Angelo on Wednesday, March 7.

Mass begins at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph, 506 Edwards in Rowena on Thursday, March 9.

For documented healings and more info, please visit his website: alanames.org.

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Being able to put perfection in the work

Work is a necessity of life. At least that has been my experience.

Yet the lack of a strong work ethic in some people has always been a mystery to me.

As a teacher of small children, I saw the same scenario repeated many times, some children start school with a built-in sense of obligation to finish all their work and do it well. Others see no need to even get started on their assigned work, while some carelessly hurry through the work with no concern for accuracy.

In spite of the efforts of many teachers and parents, work habits often follow children into their adult years.

We find slap-daub workers in all kinds of work places and we find meticulous workers in as

many fields of employment.

For years the work-ethic dilemma has been contemplated and debated. Psychologist and educators have proposed theories about why some individuals are motivated and others aren't.

Teachers have tried to coax and threaten work out of unwilling students and parents have questioned why two children raised by the same parents have such different work ethics.

Although the motivation debate continues, and new theories, as well as recycled ideas, appear in textbooks with each new publication, the mystery has not been solved.

Some people are driven to complete perfect work while others do as little as possible.

Perhaps the ancient Greek philosopher, Aristotle, understood the work ethic issue better than most of his modern counterparts.

He observed, "Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work."

Aristotle was right, when we enjoy what we do, we tend to do

a better job.

Pleasure and perfection join hands to yield success. When work blends into play, productivity increases.

In the Bible, we find another great seeker of truth measuring the quality of our work in a different way. The apostle Paul wrote, "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve" (Colossians 3:23-24).

When we find ourselves compelled to do mundane or unpleasant things in life, perhaps we could find a bit of pleasure accompanied by a touch of perfection in doing these undesirable tasks if we did them for the Lord instead of for the approval of men.

Bonnie Wheat is an author and a minister's wife. She can be contacted at brwheat@suddenlink.net.



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1. ♠AKJ83 ♥AJ74 ♦Q96 ♣10
2. ♠KQ952 ♥AK86 ♦— ♣QJ43
3. ♠AQJ65 ♥KQ942 ♦J8 ♣4

1. **Three diamonds.** Your partner has made two forcing bids, so you should assume that he has not only the necessary values for game, but possibly also the values needed for a slam. Even though you have substantially more than your first two bids indicated — you have 15 high-card points and might have had only 12 — the best you can do at this point is to bid three diamonds.

Three diamonds is forcing, because both you and partner have been bidding constructively all along, and the chief purpose of saying only three diamonds at this stage is to allow partner to reveal whether he has a game or a slam in mind. It would be wrong to bid three notrump instead, because that would indicate minimum values for your opening

bid. It would also tend to describe 5-4-2-2 distribution rather than 5-4-3-1. Your next move will depend largely on what partner does over three diamonds.

2. **Five clubs.** A raise to four clubs would suggest that you had only a minimum opening bid and were responding to three clubs merely because partner had forced you to bid again. But you have much more than a minimum once partner mentions clubs, and you can best show this by leaping to five clubs. The jump-raise in this sequence guarantees four trumps and therefore a void in diamonds. After you jump to five clubs, the rest is up to partner.

3. **Three hearts.** Partner does not know you have five hearts, so you should rebid them to clarify the nature of your hand. You hope partner will either raise hearts or support spades belatedly, in which case you plan to settle for game in the suit of his choice.

If partner next repeats one of his suits, you will show a preference for diamonds, raising four diamonds to five or bidding four diamonds over four clubs. Of course, if partner bids three notrump over three hearts, you will pass.

Tomorrow: Steppingstone to success.

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With heads bowed: Fort Bliss carries on prayer breakfast tradition

María Cortés González
El Paso Times, Staff
Continuing a tradition that began in 1942, Maj. Gen. Dana Pittard and the Fort Bliss community gathered to pray and enjoy breakfast Thursday at the Centennial Club on Biggs Army Airfield. Chaplain Brig. Gen. Charles R. Bailey, deputy chief of chaplains in the Army, was the keynote speaker of the Team Bliss National Prayer Breakfast.

in the military and celebrated the building of a new chapel just two blocks away on Biggs Road. "Very few chapels are being dedicated in the military. Somehow we soldiered through, so how about that?" he asked the crowd. "And we're not going to stop until we get another chapel." Pittard said Congress started the first prayer breakfast during a difficult time in our country. "It was during a cataclysmic time of war. And now we find ourselves here also in time of war," he said. "It's a time when we need to pray,

to pray for our nation and for this world." He asked people to pray for soldiers in all of the military branches and their families. "Faith is powerful," Pittard said. "I just ask that you pray for our soldiers who are in harm's way and their families. Pray for our soldiers and their families who are here and at home. Pray for our soldiers and their families who are hurting every day. "Every day we have two or three soldiers or family members who have a suicide gesture. Take every opportunity to make a difference not only through prayer but through

your acts," he said. Starting with the 1st Armored Division Band, the program was a mix of songs of praise, prayers and readings from scripture by various chaplains and guests. Bailey, the son of a Methodist minister and a chaplain for 30 years, challenged people to think about the way they pray. "We are always asking for something to happen in our lives. But what kind of prayer are we praying of what we want and what we need?" he said. "We beseech God, we want a better job, we want promo-

tions and a better status, but what we need is to do a better job at what we have. We want a better marriage and we want love and communication in our marriage. But what we need is to be a better husband or be a better wife," he said. "We want honest and fair and righteous leaders in our nation, but what we need is to vote and have good votes and honest voting on our side. What we need is sometimes in competition in what we want in our lives," he said. Denise Bonura, wife of Chaplain Col. Dean Bonura, said she enjoyed the prayer breakfast and Bailey's talk.

Dear Margo: What to do about "old" kids

Dear Margo: My girlfriend was in one other serious relationship aside from ours. It lasted three years and ended three years before ours began. She keeps in touch with the ex because they work together a few days a week, and also my girlfriend was close to the ex's three young children. (They all lived together for most of the three years.)



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While they don't spend time together outside of work, once every few months she attends some of the kids' events (school plays, graduations, soccer games, etc.). I'm not threatened by this, because I have no doubts about the innocent nature of these interactions. Also, the ex is established in a new, seemingly serious relationship. The other day, my girlfriend wanted to go to a school awards ceremony for one of the kids and wanted me to go with her and then to dinner with everyone afterward. I felt uncomfortable with this (and also

had no interest), so I declined, which upset her. She thinks it's unfair that I would make her "compartmentalize" her life by not integrating myself into this other group. I want to be supportive, but I don't want to hang out like a big happy family. We're hoping to start our own family after getting married, and I honestly would prefer that the kids from the past relationship were out of the picture (if it were up to me). These are not her kids, she has no financial or legal ties to them, and honestly, I wouldn't expect that a few years in a surrogate parent role would entail an ongoing lifelong relationship. What do you think? — *Wanting a Clean Slate*

Dear Want: My opinion is that your girlfriend is a lovely human being to continue the friendship with the kids, especially because children feel loss and abandonment in a different way than adults do, and she clearly cares for them. I also think she should accede to your wishes about not wanting to be one big happy blend-

ed family. If you felt differently, that would be fine, but you don't, so I think a workable compromise is that she continues as she has with "the old kids," but that she do it on her own. — *Margo, compassionately*

The Hostess and the Shoes

Dear Margo: What is the best way to respond to hostesses who insist I remove my shoes upon entering their homes? My husband is significantly taller than I am, so I wear high heels most of the time, and certainly always for an evening out. Therefore, my pants are hemmed at an appropriate length for heels. When I am asked to remove those heels, I am then stepping on my pants. When I wear skirts, I am standing in my pantyhose with cold feet, anticipating a snag. I take great care to coordinate a full outfit, including accessories and shoes. How can I tell a hostess that I prefer to keep on my shoes? — *Not a Barefoot Kind of Girl*

Dear Not: You raise an interesting question. Usually, the remove-your-shoes girls have white carpets or are trying to live like the Japanese. My guess is that if you, like Bartleby the Scrivener, said, "I'd prefer not to," you would get pushback ... something on the order of, "But it's a rule of the house."

I wonder whether anyone has ever done that and been told to leave. When you mention "hostesses," are you telling me you have more than one friend who tries to relieve you of your shoes at a party? If you really can't stand it, do not accept those invitations. Or ... always wear a skirt, and put a pair of socks in your purse. — *Margo, practically*

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The opposition of Mercury in Pisces and Mars in Virgo is still in effect, giving a terse edge to communication. The good news is that it can be softened with careful wording and, perhaps even more important, an even, friendly tone of voice. The tension breaks this evening, and by tomorrow good humor returns. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Avoid the person who insists on helping you regardless of whether you need or want them to. Notice how this overly helpful energy feels repellent, and heed the warning in that feeling. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You know what you know, and you're not so worried about the rest because you also know where you can find out more if you need to. You show your true intelligence through what you choose to share (and leave out). **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). It's better to be real about who you are and what you can do (and want to do!) than to try for sainthood. A fallen halo becomes a leash. Avoid over-promising. Don't give anyone a reason to have one up on you. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You please people every day, but you're not a "people pleaser" who sacrifices his or her own joy to satisfy others. It just so happens that when you make yourself



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happy, others smile, too. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). "There is no terror in a bang," said the iconic suspense filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock, "only in the anticipation of it." May these wise words from a fellow Leo help you stop fretting and move forward. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Instead of laboring over a decision, you weigh the pros and cons in an instant. You trust your subconscious mind to pick up the details that you miss with your conscious mind and give each item the proper credence. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Avoid asking, "Do you know what I mean?" It's important that you sound incredibly self-assured. The words you choose send a signal to others about what you're trying to say and how seriously to consider your message. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You eventually will outgrow these conditions that right now feel so much like who you are. Disassociate yourself from what is happening for a moment, and acknowledge that you're bigger than this circumstance. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). One way you can tell that you are fully engaged in life is that when you move, the world naturally adjusts and reacts, making way for you. Notice your special power today and enjoy it. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take pause from striving. You don't have to achieve or succeed at anything to be secure in the universe. You always have a place. Whether you are feeling it at the moment or not, you fit. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It would be absurd to avoid reading a story because you're afraid of how it will end. It is equally absurd not to start a relationship because you don't know how it will end. Go forward in good faith. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You have much to give now, and there's a demanding task on the table just waiting for someone to take charge. Self-confidence and dedication will be required, and you have plenty of both.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 24). Your flexible attitude helps you move with the times. Loved ones wine and dine you in the weeks to come, and you deserve the extra attention. You'll sign important documents in March. In June, a fellow adventurer encourages you to move forward into unexplored territory. You'll make money using new skills. Cancer and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 2, 41, 20 and 24. **WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** Your social savvy will save you from boredom and put you right at the center of the action. **TAURUS:** Silly games will bring you closer to the ones you love. **GEMINI:** You have a few hobbies, but you're starting to sense that you need one you can enjoy with your partner, or one that brings you into contact with potential partners. Get on that now. **CANCER:** Your emotional intelligence will grow as you deal with a complicated individual. **LEO:** Just when you think you can read a person, you'll be thrown for an interesting loop. **VIRGO:** Someone from your past resurfaces reminding you of who you used to be. **LIBRA:** You'll sense a connection between you and someone you hardly know. **SCORPIO:** You are extra perceptive, but you need to be careful not to take things too personally. **SAGITTARIUS:** Your fearless attitude will inspire others and help your love grow in new directions. **CAPRICORN:** What you can't buy you can borrow to makethisweekendtrulyremarkable. **AQUARIUS:** You'll ask nicely and get just what you want from a loved one. **PISCES:** Your charisma is undeniable. You will get more attention than you'll know what to do with. **COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Taurus and Pisces use different methods to understand their environment, though they often come to the same conclusion about things. Taurus gets information through smell, taste, touch, sight and hearing and draws a conclusion as to another person's feelings, interest level and, ultimately, devotion. Pisces comes to the same conclusion through dreams, instinct and an intuitive knowing.

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Softball

Big Spring at West Texas Classic, Midland, TBA.
Coahoma at West Texas Classic, Midland, TBA.
Forsan at Lubbock Christian High School tournament, TBA.
Howard College at Temple Classic, TBA.

Baseball

Big Spring at Lubbock Cooper tournament, TBA.
Forsan at Albany tournament, TBA.

Boy's basketball

Stanton vs. Childress, Class 2A area playoff, 6:30 p.m., Abernathy.
Grady vs. Petersburg, Class 1A Div. II area playoff, 6:30 p.m., Post.
Garden City vs. Fort Davis, Class 1A Div. II area playoff, 6:30 p.m., Imperial.
Lubbock Coronado vs. San Angelo Central, Class 5A area playoff, 6 p.m., Garrett Coliseum.
Denton Ryan vs. El Paso Riverside, Class 4A area playoff, 6 p.m., Big Spring High School.
Rankin vs. Bronte, Class 1A Div. II playoff, 8 p.m., Garrett Coliseum.

Golf

Big Spring boys at Midland tournament.
Big Spring girls at Sweetwater tournament.
Forsan girls at Denver City tournament.

Tennis

Forsan hosts Varsity Tennis Tournament.

Track and field

Big Spring boys at San Angelo Relays.

SATURDAY

Softball

Howard College at Temple Classic, TBA.
Big Spring at West Texas Classic, Midland, TBA.
Coahoma at West Texas Classic, Midland, TBA.
Forsan at Lubbock Christian High School tournament, TBA.

Baseball

Lubbock Christian University at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m.
Big Spring at Lubbock Cooper tournament, TBA.
Forsan at Albany tournament, TBA.

Powerlifting

Big Spring at Reagan County meet.

Golf

Big Spring boys at Midland tournament.
Big Spring girls at Sweetwater tournament.

Track and field

Big Spring girls at Comanche Relays, Fort Stockton.

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

Howard women halt streak with win over South Plains

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

After being pushed around for most of the second half of their game against South Plains, the Howard College women's basketball team decided it was time to start pushing back.

The Hawks shook off a recent history of second half collapses and halted a three-game losing streak at the same time, dominating the final minutes en route to a 57-50 victory over the Lady Texans at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Thursday evening.

The victory did little to help Howard's faint hopes for a regional tournament bid, but considering the team's struggles in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play this season, it was cause for celebration, nonetheless.

"This felt good," said Howard point guard Kali Jerrel, who led all scorers with 19 points. "We just came together there at the end ... I'm just glad we got the win."

The Hawks (17-10 overall, 3-8 in conference) dominated much of the first half, leading by as much as 15 points with 8:26 remaining before intermission, before South Plains began rallying. The Lady Texans cut their deficit to eight points at halftime, then nibbled even further away at Howard's lead in the second half.

SPC (8-19, 5-6) twice cut the lead to two points, and considering

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Courtesy photo/Shirley Lee

Howard College's Kali Jerrel scored 19 points to lead the Hawks to a 57-50 win over South Plains Thursday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Hawks fall to No. 1 ranked SPC

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

For 37 minutes, the Howard College men's basketball team were able to hold onto hopes of upsetting the top junior college team in the nation.

In the final three minutes, however, South Plains College showed how it had attained such a lofty ranking.

The top-ranked Texans survived an early Howard blitz, then dominated the closing minutes to take a 72-70 win over the Hawks at Garrett Coliseum Thursday night.

Yanick Moreira scored 20 points and Marshall Henderson added 18 to lead the Texans, who kept their record spotless at 27-0 overall and 12-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. Jacob Thomas led all scorers with 27 points and Calvin Godfrey and Shavon Coleman each had 10 points for the Hawks, who fell to 20-6, 9-3 with the loss.

Howard dominated the opening minutes of the game, using their customary fast start to fashion a 15-2 lead with 14:35 left until halftime. Thomas led the

opening charge, scoring 10 of his points during that opening stretch.

After a time out, however, South Plains settled down and began chipping away at the lead. The Texans' charge was led by Henderson, who collected three consecutive baskets in a run that cut the Hawks' lead to 17-13 at the 9:38 mark of the first half.

From there, the teams basically exchanged field goals until a pair of three-pointers (one each from Jerry Dixon and Rico Richardson) in the final minute of the first half

pushed Howard's lead to 31-22 at intermission.

That lead quickly shrank in the opening minutes of the second half, however. South Plains began pushing the ball inside to Moreira, and the strategy paid immediate dividends — within 3:23 of the final half, the Texans' had cut Howard's lead down to a single point.

From there, the teams exchanged the lead at an almost dizzying rate — neither team led by more than six points for an 11-minute

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In brief

Steers win one, lose one at tourney

LUBBOCK — The Big Spring High School baseball team defeated Hereford, 9-8, then lost to Canyon 13-3, in the first day of action at the Lubbock Cooper High School tournament Thursday.

In the first game, the Steers rallied from a 5-5 deficit with six runs in the fifth inning, then survived a last-inning Hereford rally to take the win. Center fielder Gunnar Kennedy threw out the potential tying run at the plate to preserve the victory.

Kennedy started the game on the mound for Big Spring and earned the win. Joseph Morelion pitched the seventh for the Steers.

Offensively, the Steers rapped out nine hits, led by Morelion, Adam Franco and Jerrod Doport, who each had doubles.

"We didn't panic when we fell behind early," BSHS Coach Burt Otto said. "In fact, we scored all of our six runs (in the fifth inning) with two outs. That was big for us."

In the nightcap, however, little went right for the Steers — they scored the first three runs in the game, then were stamped by Canyon from that point.

Both pitching staffs struggled in the windy conditions, combining for 17 walks, Otto said.

The Steers (2-1) return to action in the tournament today vs. Canyon Randall at 9 p.m., before completing tourney play Saturday with a 9:30 a.m. game vs. Lubbock Estacado.

Lady Steers split, Coahoma loses 2

MIDLAND — The Big Spring Lady Steers had a blowout win and a blowout loss, while the Coahoma Bulldogettes dropped both their games during first-day action at the

West Texas Softball Classic in Midland Thursday.

The Lady Steers started the day with a 19-0 demolition of Amarillo Palo Duro, before ending the day being on the receiving end of a one-sided affair, losing 16-0 to Abilene High School.

Tiffany Gonzales took the win for BSHS in the opener, while Logan Yarbar was tagged with the loss vs. Abilene.

"(In the first game) we put runners on base and did all the right things," BSHS Coach John Sparks said. "You really can't take a whole lot from games like those, but they're nice to have every once in awhile."

The Lady Steers scored all their runs in the first three innings.

In the nightcap, nothing went right for Big Spring. Abilene clubbed three runs and scored nine runs off Yarbar in the first inning.

"We just weren't focused," Sparks said of the second game. "Abilene had a really good game, and we had a really bad game — that's what it all amounts to."

The Lady Steers (3-2) continue play today at the classic with a 1 p.m. game vs. Midland Lee, followed by a 5 p.m. contest against Kermit.

Coahoma dropped a 9-6 decision to Plainview in the Bulldogettes' first game at the classic, followed by a 16-1 loss to Andrews.

The Bulldogettes return to action today with an 11 a.m. game against Ozona, followed by a 1 p.m. contest vs. Odesa.

4-person scramble at country club

The Big Spring Country Club will host a four-person golf scramble Saturday and Sunday.

Entry fee is \$100 per player, plus golf cart fees (private carts are welcome), for the scramble. For more information, call the country club pro shot at 267-5354.

Braun's 50-game suspension overturned

NEW YORK (AP) — NL MVP Ryan Braun said all along that his 50-game suspension for a positive drug test would be overturned. He was right.

Arbitrator Shyam Das threw out Braun's ban on Thursday, making the Milwaukee Brewers outfielder the first Major League Baseball player to successfully challenge a drug-related penalty in a grievance.

"It is the first step in restoring my good name and reputation," Braun said. "We were able to get through this because I am innocent and the truth is on our side."

Braun tested positive in October for elevated testosterone, which was revealed by ESPN in December. He reports Friday to spring training with the threat of suspen-

sion lifted.

"Since joining our organization in 2005, Ryan Braun has been a model citizen and a person of character and integrity. Knowing Ryan as I do, I always believed he would succeed in his appeal," Brewers owner Mark Attanasio said. "It is unfortunate that the confidentiality of the program was compromised, and we thank our fans and everyone who supported Ryan and did not rush to judgment."

Braun's sample was collected on Oct. 1, a Saturday and the day the Brewers opened the NL playoffs. The collector did not send the sample to the laboratory until Monday, thinking it would be more secure at home than at a Federal Express office during the weekend.

Baseball's drug agreement

states that "absent unusual circumstances, the specimens should be sent by FedEx to the laboratory on the same day they are collected."

MLB executive vice president Rob Manfred said management "vehemently disagrees" with Das' decision.

Travis Tygart, chief executive officer of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, called the decision "a real gut-kick to clean athletes."

During the hearing, Braun's side challenged the chain of custody from the time the urine sample was collected by Comprehensive Drug Testing Inc. to when it was sent, nearly 48 hours later, to a World Anti-Doping Agency-certified laboratory in Montreal, two people familiar with the case said.

They spoke on condition

of anonymity because what took place in the hearing is supposed to be confidential.

"To have this sort of technicality of all technicalities let a player off ... it's just a sad day for all the clean players and those that abide by the rules within professional baseball," Tygart said.

Das, who has been baseball's independent arbitrator since 2000, informed the sides of his decision but did not give them a written opinion. He has 30 days to do so.

Technically, the decision was on a 2-1 vote. Manfred and union head Michael Weiner are part of the arbitration panel, and management and the union almost always split their votes, leaving Das, the independent panel member, to make the decision.

"MLB and cable sports

tried to sully the reputation of an innocent man," Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers said on Twitter. "Picked the wrong guy to mess with. Truth will set u free"

An evidentiary hearing on Braun's appeal was held Jan. 19-20 in New York, ending the day before the player accepted the NL MVP award at a black-tie dinner.

"We provided complete cooperation throughout, despite the highly unusual circumstances. I have been an open book, willing to share details from every aspect of my life as part of this investigation, because I have nothing to hide," Braun said in his statement. "I have passed over 25 drug tests in my career, including at least three in the past year."

Stewart, Kenseth win qualifying races

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Roush Fenway Racing will have three cars at the front of the season-opening Daytona 500.

Matt Kenseth won the second of the twin 150-mile qualifying races Thursday with a bold pass of teammate Greg Biffle. The victory gave Kenseth a spot on the second row for Sunday's race — right behind teammates Carl Edwards and Biffle.

Tony Stewart, the defending NASCAR champion, won the first race and will line up next to Kenseth at Daytona International Speedway.

Biffle was leading headed into the final lap, but he tried to block Kenseth, who dove to the inside and used a push from Jimmie Johnson to take the lead.

"Well, we were going so much faster that we were going to go by him regardless," Kenseth

said. "I think that was his only hope, is to try to get up the track, try to line my front bumper up where I had to push him. The problem was, I was going too fast. Even if I wanted to slow down, which I didn't want to on the last lap, I couldn't have."

Robby Gordon and Michael McDowell earned the two spots up for grabs in the first race, while Joe Nemechek and Dave Blaney each

raced their way into the 500 in the second qualifying race.

Two-time Daytona 500 winner Michael Waltrip failed to qualify for the race after wrecking as he tried to return to the track surface after a late pit stop.

The accident means it will be the first time since 1972 neither Darrell Waltrip or Michael Waltrip will be in NASCAR's biggest race of the season.

"I just went the wrong way and lost the car," said a dejected Waltrip. "I feel like I let everybody down. I don't know what to say. It's just sad."

The two qualifying races could not have been more different, and both were far calmer than Saturday night's exhibition Daytona 500. That race was the first display of new rules NASCAR implemented to break up the two-car

tandem racing that fans vehemently opposed.

But the return of pack racing led to three multi-car accidents and a sling-shot pass at the end of the race that gave Kyle Busch the win over Stewart.

The first race on Thursday had one early five-car accident that began when McDowell ran into David Gilliland, who shot directly into Juan Pablo Montoya and Paul Menard.

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stretch in the half. In the final three minutes, however, the

Texans asserted their dominance, outscoring the Hawks 14-4 in that stretch to take the win.

Howard Assistant Coach Justin Einerson said South Plains' in-

side advantage was the difference in the game.

"They are one of the best defensive teams in the league. That's why they're ranked as high as they are, and they

did a very good job of rebounding in the second half," Einerson said. "This wasn't one of our best offensive games of the year, that's for sure."

SPC Head Coach Steve Green, who coached at Howard in the late 1980s and early 1990s, said he took a page from the playbook of his counterpart, HC Coach Mark Adams, in the second half.

"Actually, we ran Mark's offense in the

second half, to tell you the truth," Green said. "We couldn't stop them in the first half, so we said, 'What the heck, let's give it a try.'"

The Hawks return to action Monday vs. New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, N.M. Game time is 7:45 p.m.

SOUTH PLAINS (72) — Yarnick Moreira 9 2-5 20; Devonte Smith 1 3-7 5; Stanton Kidd 2 1-1 5; Marshall Henderson 7 2-2 18; Tymell Murphy 5 3-3 14; Greg Gainey 3 0-0 6; Terrence Durham 1 2-2 4; totals 28 13-21 72.

HOWARD (60) — Jerry Dixon 2 3-4 8; Leon Cooper 1 0-0 2; Rico Richardson 1 0-0 3; Jacob Thomas 9 3-4 27; Calvin Godfrey 4 2-4 10; Shavon Coleman 2 6-6 10; totals 19 14-18 60.

Halftime — Howard 31, South Plains 22; Three-point goals — South Plains 3 (Henderson 2, Murphy), Howard 8 (Dixon, Richardson, Thomas 6); Total fouls — South Plains 19, Howard 20; Fouled out — Kidd; Technical — Moreira.

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Howard's recent history of second-half woes, there was every reason for HC fans to be nervous as the game entered its final two minutes.

The Hawks, however, had different ideas.

After Stephanie Moore hit two free throws to cut Howard's lead to 49-47 with 3:08 remaining, Tori Tucker, who ended the game with 12 points, came up huge for the Hawks.

First, she hit a jumper at the 2:20 mark to put Howard back up by four. Then, after a South Plains free throw brought the Lady Texans back to within three, Tucker drove the lane with a minute left

for a basket that gave the Hawks a crucial five-point advantage.

"That was a huge basket right there," HC Coach Earl Diddle said. "Tori took it right past her defender and had a great finish. That gave us a little bit of a cushion."

Forced to foul, South Plains sent Jarrel to the free throw line twice in the final seconds, and the sophomore from Oklahoma City converted all four of her chances to seal the victory.

"We pushed back," Diddle said. "Give South Plains credit; they came back in the second half. But I thought we finished strong. We played well down the wire and I've got to give the kids credit for the adjustments they made and way they

played defense."

Howard returns to action Monday at Hobbs, N.M. vs. New Mexico Junior College. Game time is 5:45 p.m.

SOUTH PLAINS (50) — Ashley Roberts 5 2-2 16; Avril Matthews 0 1-2 1; Raely Parada 3 1-2 8; Moneeka Carter 3 0-0 6; Sydney Hearn 2 0-0 4; Stephanie Moore 5 5-6 15; totals 18 9-12 50.

HOWARD (57) — Porsche Young 2 0-1 4; Kali Jerrel, 7 4-4 19; Tori Tucker 6 0-0 12; Zeslie Johnson 4 0-0 8; Kelli Merrick 1 2-2 4; Marion Lemonnier 0 2-2 2; Carolyn Taylor 3 0-0 6; Brushea Daniels 1 0-0 2; totals 24 8-10 57.

Halftime — Howard 29, South Plains 21; Three point goals — South Plains 5 (Roberts 4, Parada), Howard 1 (Jerrel); Fouled out — none.

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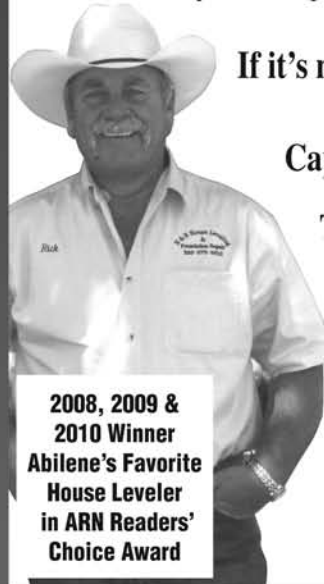
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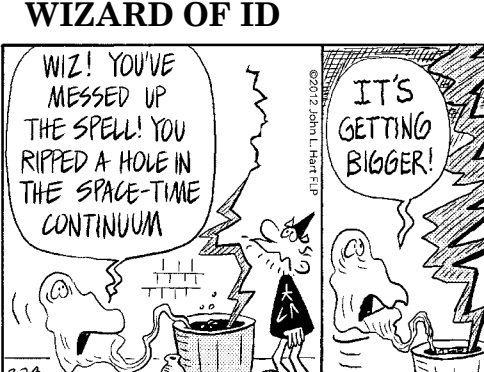
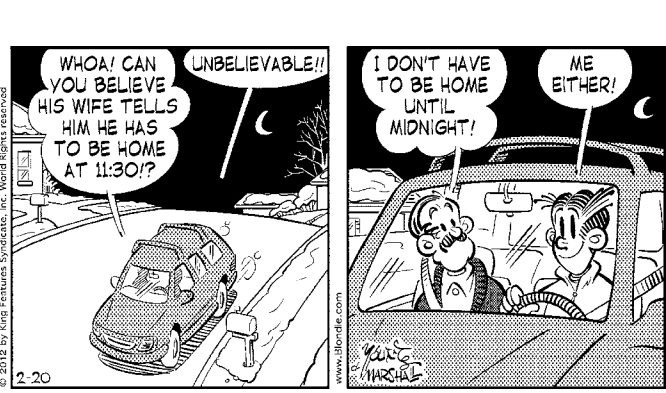
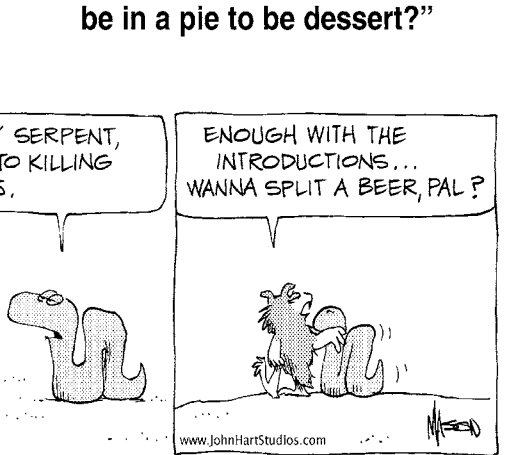
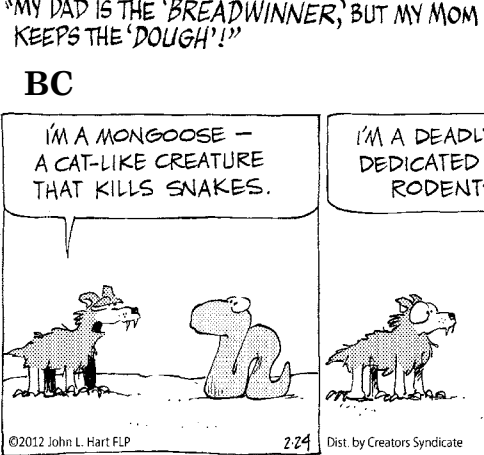
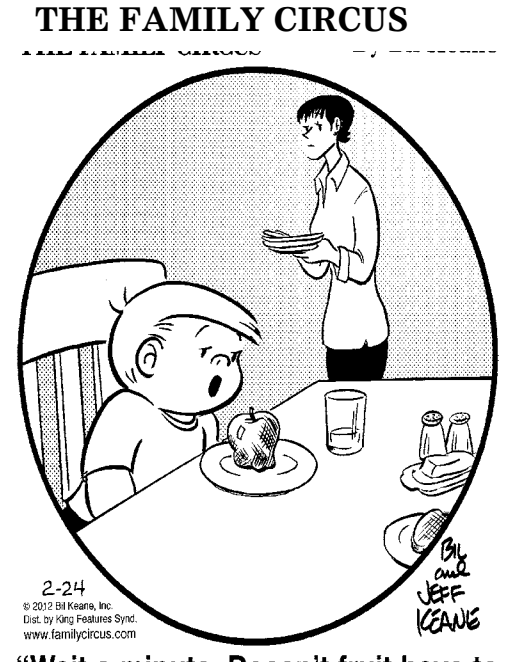
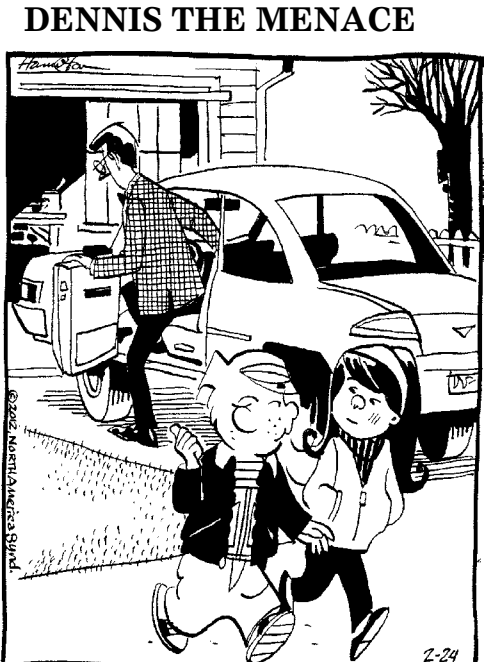
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7:PM	Shark Tank	El Talismán (SS)	Kitchen Nightmares	Undercover Boss	Una Maid en	Millionaire	Seinfeld	Upd	Wash. Need	Nikita	Gold Rush	Movie: Cujo, Daniel Hugh Kelly	Law & Order	Movie: Ali, Jon Voight	Jessie	ANT Farm	Phineas	Boxing
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In 1711, the opera “Rinaldo” by George Frideric Handel premiered in London.

In 1803, in its Marbury v. Madison decision, the Supreme Court established judicial review of the constitutionality of statutes.

In 1821, Mexican rebels proclaimed the “Plan de Iguala,” their declaration of independence from Spain.

In 1868, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

In 1912, the American Jewish women's organization Hadassah was founded in New York City.

In 1918, Estonia issued its Declaration of Independence.

In 1920, the German Workers Party, which later became the Nazi Party, met in Munich to adopt its platform.

In 1946, Argentinian men went to the polls to elect Juan D. Peron their president.

In 1961, the Federal Communications Commission authorized the nation's first full-scale trial of pay television in Hartford, Conn.

In 1981, Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Britain's Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer.

In 1992, Nirvana lead singer Kurt Cobain married Hole lead vocalist Courtney Love in Hawaii.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Abe Vigoda is 91. Actor Steven Hill is 90. Actor-singer Dominic Chianese (kee-uh-NAY'-see) is 81. Movie composer Michel Legrand is 80. Sen. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., is 70. Actor Barry Bostwick is 67. Actor Edward James Olmos is 65. Singer-writer-producer Rupert Holmes is 65. Rock singer-musician George Thorogood is 62. Actress Debra Jo Rupp is 61. Actress Helen Shaver is 61. News anchor Paula Zahn is 56. Country singer Sammy Kershaw is 54. Actor Mark Moses is 54. Singer Michelle Shocked is 50. Movie director Todd Field is 48. Actor Billy Zane is 46. Actress Bonnie Somerville is 38.

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Answer to previous puzzle

ACT	AGILE	OMIT
HOW	DROOLS	POME
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MANTRAS	EMINENT	
COEN	GRIND	
ADIOS	PAY	GABON
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- ACROSS**
- Elevation of influence
 - Recipe abbr.
 - Bless, with “on”
 - Where most live
 - Solo performance
 - ignores, with “out”
 - Mammals with wings
 - Cotton pod
 - Ancient storyteller
 - Educational toy shop patrons?
 - Frosty
 - Sound of fright
 - Ring place, perhaps
 - L.A. summer setting
 - Drilling expert: Abbr.
 - Walkman descendant
 - “Shucks!”
 - Showed displeasure
 - Chi preceptor
 - Where to buy a Maid Marian Bouquet?
 - One way to stand
 - Parody
 - Mannered males
 - Throw off
 - 48 Hours network
 - Drive-thru alternative
 - Zilch
 - HS auxiliary
 - World Factbook producer

- DOWN**
- Synagogue leader
 - Designer Mizrahi
 - Do nothing, with 61 Across
 - A pushover
 - Netbook alternative
 - Tolerate
 - Grain storehouse
 - Foisted
 - Oldest of the Beatles
 - Certain cereal
 - Weigh- (boxing rituals)
 - One of the fire signs
 - Particularly: Abbr.
 - Moistens
 - Flip-chart holder
 - Choose to participate
 - Be a braggart
 - Cuts and pastes
 - According to 30
 - Knuckleheads
 - Presidential cabin at Camp David

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