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## Garcia receives 35 years

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man found guilty on multiple counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child this week in 118<sup>th</sup> District Court was sentenced Thursday to serve 35 consecutive years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility.

Ernesto Dutchover Garcia, 60, 1300 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place, was found guilty by a jury on one count of indecency with a child and two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child, according to Assistant District Attorney

Robin Orr. Thursday, the jury sentenced Garcia to 5 years for the single count of indecency with a child, 20 years in prison for one of the charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child and 15 years for the second account. However, 118<sup>th</sup> District Judge

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Garcia



HERALD file photo

Last year's Gem and Mineral Show drew a sizeable crowd to the Howard County Fairbarn. The 43rd annual event is planned this Saturday and Sunday at the same location. Entry is free.

## Rocky start expected for annual gem show

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Lola Lamb has been intrigued by rocks since the 1970s, when her mother got her interested in the Big Spring Prospector's Club.

"It's a learning process every day. Every rock you cut open, you are the first to see what the good Lord made there," she said with a smile. "it's never ceased to amaze me how just a dull rock can hold something so beautiful inside."



Lamb

Crossroads area residents will have the opportunity to see some of what Lamb is talking about — and a whole lot more — at the 43rd Annual Gem and Mineral Show, set this weekend at the Howard County Fairbarn. Times will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Children receive a tumbled rock when they enter, and door prizes are given away each hour.

This weekend, fair barn visitors will find rough rocks, finished jewelry, glass and stone beads and a wide variety of other merchandise. There will be displays made by the Big Spring, Lubbock and Midland prospector's clubs. Show goers can vote on their favorites

and at the end of the day, one club will win the People's Choice Award.

At least 10 vendors from across Texas will be selling wares.

One other popular item is the spinning wheel. Children — and adults — pay a nominal fee to spin the wheel and win a prize fashioned by Lamb herself.

"I've been working on them since way back in the summer," she said. "It started out years ago as something for the kids, but a lot of adults spin the wheel, too. There are no losers. Each spin wins a prize and each prize is worth more than the 50-cent fee."

Also available will be a full snack bar with chairs and tables. Hot dogs, hamburgers and nachos will be among the fare, as will all types of drinks and sweets.

Those attending can also learn about the Big Spring Prospector's Club, which maintains a clubhouse near the downtown area. The club accepts all ages, including children.

"Very seldom do you find a kid that doesn't like rocks. So we don't have any trouble identifying with kids," Lamb said with a laugh.

Bill McClellan can be contacted at 432-263-7331, ext. 230 or by email at [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com)

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## Moore assigned to bigamy trial now

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Former 118<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Robert Moore of Big Spring has

been assigned to the bigamy trial of a former lieutenant to polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs.

Moore, a senior state district judge, will replace District Judge Barbara

Walther as presiding judge of Wendell Loy Nielsen's trial, scheduled to begin

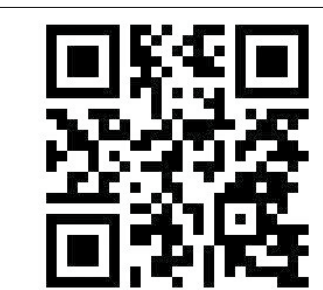
March 21. Judge Dean Rucker, presiding judge of the 7<sup>th</sup> Administrative Judicial Region, ordered the change in a terse court order. The document gave no reason for the change, and Walther declined to comment, the *San Angelo Standard-Times* reported.

Last month, Walther moved the trial from San Angelo to Midland.

The defendant, a 71-year-old ex-president of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, renounced a plea deal in November and said he'd go to trial on three counts of felony bigamy. He is accused of marrying three women in 2005.

Nielsen and 11 other FLDS

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## Local men identified as burn victims

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

ODESSA — Officials with the Ector County Sheriff's Office have identified two of the three men injured in a flash fire reported Wednesday morning at a pipeline as Big Spring residents.

According to a press release issued by the Ector County Sheriff's Office, two of the victims involved in the fire have been identified as Ralph Allen White, 41, and John Delaney, 22, both residents of Big Spring.

A third victim, Fidencio Ortgega, 32,

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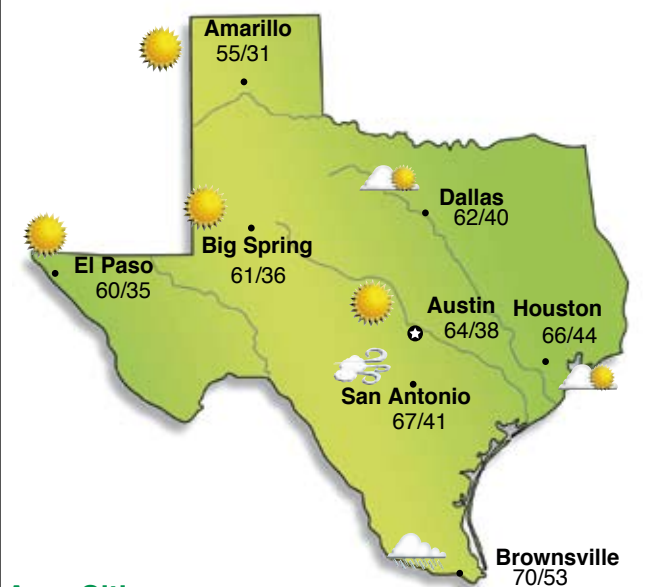
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

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<b>61/36</b> Abundant sunshine. High 61F. Winds NW at 10 to 15 mph.	<b>75/42</b> Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.	<b>74/47</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>70/50</b> Windy with a mix of sun and clouds.	<b>76/53</b> Windy with times of sun and clouds.
Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 6:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 6:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 6:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 6:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 6:49 PM

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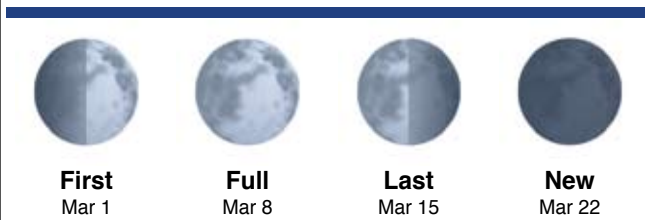
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	55	31	sunny	Kingsville	73	48	windy
Austin	64	38	sunny	Livingston	66	39	pt sunny
Beaumont	67	44	pt sunny	Longview	63	40	pt sunny
Brownsville	70	53	drizzle	Lubbock	57	31	sunny
Brownwood	64	41	sunny	Lufkin	65	40	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	71	49	windy	Midland	61	39	sunny
Corsicana	61	38	pt sunny	Raymondville	72	50	drizzle
Dallas	62	40	pt sunny	Rosenberg	66	43	pt sunny
Del Rio	69	41	sunny	San Antonio	67	41	windy
El Paso	60	35	sunny	San Marcos	65	39	sunny
Fort Stockton	60	39	sunny	Sulphur Springs	60	41	pt sunny
Gainesville	59	37	sunny	Sweetwater	61	39	pt sunny
Greenville	59	37	pt sunny	Tyler	62	39	pt sunny
Houston	66	44	pt sunny	Weatherford	61	38	pt sunny
	66	44	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	60	38	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	57	37	t-storm	Minneapolis	30	19	sn shower
Boston	51	32	rain	New York	56	38	rain
Chicago	37	26	mixed	Phoenix	70	45	sunny
Dallas	62	40	pt sunny	San Francisco	69	48	sunny
Denver	47	34	mst sunny	Seattle	50	42	rain
Houston	66	44	pt sunny	St. Louis	47	30	windy
Los Angeles	78	50	sunny	Washington, DC	62	40	rain
Miami	87	70	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



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Obituaries

Victoria 'Mommy' Escovedo



Victoria "Mommy" Escovedo, 71, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012, at Hospice of Midland Inpatient Unit. Vigil service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at noon Saturday, March 3, 2012, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born July 19, 1940, in Brownsville, Texas, to Francisca and Ramon Hernandez. She has been a resident of Big Spring for more than 60 years. She worked a number of years at Medical Arts Hospital and later at Bauer School Cafeteria. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

She is survived by five daughters, Irene Yanez and husband Abraham, Maryann Escovedo, Frances Ramirez and husband Kevin, Estella Linferral and husband Joey and Laura Yanez and husband Fermin, all of Big Spring; four sons, David Escovedo Jr. and wife Ashli, Ricky Escovedo and wife Monica, Ernesto Escovedo and wife Jessica and Gabriel Garcia, all of Big Spring; two brothers, Ramon Hernandez of Phoenix, Ariz., and Jesse Lara and wife Irene of Kermit; one sister, Celia Rodriguez of Phoenix, Ariz.; 25 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Juan, Lupe and Ramiro Lara; and one sister, Martha Alvarez.

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

Support Groups

FRIDAY

• 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

SATURDAY

• 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.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

• PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

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

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

Police blotter

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

• MICHAEL DALE PRESTON, 27, of 2100 Morrison, was arrested Thursday on charges of duty on striking unattended vehicle, driving while intoxicated – third or more offense, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle with a previous conviction.

• LUIS ADOLFO PENA, 33, of 1105 E. 14th St., was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.

• SAMANTHA CYBIL LINDQUIST, 26, of 1306 Tucson, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft.

• STEPHANIE ELAINE BAKER, 31, of 1606 Settles, was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault – family violence.

• SONYA GAY BIDDLE, 42, of 908 W. Fourth St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault – family violence.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

In the 500 block of Morgan Avenue.

In the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 600 block of Scurry.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 100 block of Davis Road.

• THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Main Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

• LUIS ADOLFO PENA, 33, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a parole violation.

• SAMANTHA CYBIL LINDQUIST, 26, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

• SONYA GAY BIDDLE, 42, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of assault – family violence.

• RANDY JOE HURRINGTON, 51, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and open container.

• JODY DAWDY, 47, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

• STEPHANIE ELAINE BAKER, 31, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of assault – family violence.

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Yale. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

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# Texas briefs

## Amtrak, TxDOT consider DFW-to-Shreveport train

MARSHALL, Texas (AP) — Amtrak and Texas transportation officials are studying starting passenger rail service from Dallas-Fort Worth to Shreveport-Bossier City, La.

In a joint statement, Amtrak and the Texas Department of Transportation said they've agreed on the scope of a feasibility study of adding the service.

Amtrak already runs its San Antonio-to-Chicago Texas Eagle service on the Union Pacific route from Fort Worth to Marshall with stops in Longview, Mineola and Dallas.

The proposal would add Amtrak stops at the CentrePort/DFW Airport station of the Trinity Railway Express, as well as stops in Mesquite, Forney, Terrell and Wills Point.

Amtrak says that if the study shows state-funded Amtrak service should be considered, the final decisions would rest with the Texas and Louisiana legislatures.

## Cockfight, gunfire leaves man dead

ATHENS, Texas (AP) — Investigators say gunfire during an illegal cockfight in East Texas has left a man dead and authorities seeking the shooter.

The Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office said Thursday that 21-year-old Luis Rodriguez was declared dead at East Texas Medical Center in Athens.

Sheriff Pat Burnett says officials believe the shooting happened early Sunday at a residence north of Athens, about 70 miles southeast of Dallas.

Rodriguez was transported to the hospital by a private vehicle. The cockfight location was determined after deputies who arrived at the hospital to investigate spoke to some witnesses.

More than two dozen animals were confiscated, including 10 roosters.

Texas laws make it illegal to possess birds meant for cockfighting and to attend a cockfight.

## Texas woman convicted of starving deaths of horses

WAXAHACHIE, Texas (AP) — A North Texas woman convicted in the starving deaths of two horses has been sentenced to a year in jail.

A judge in Waxahachie later suspended the sentence and put 52-year-old Barbara Renee Lee of Denton on community supervision for a year.

Lee must also pay a \$2,500 fine, serve 30 days in jail as part of her supervision and has been barred from owning any more horses.

An Ellis County jury on Wednesday convicted Lee of cruelty to animals over the horse deaths when she lived in Red Oak. Two other malnourished horses were rescued.

Prosecutors on Thursday said that Lee testified she believed she did nothing wrong.

## Austin leaders approve 2013 disposable bag ban

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Austin City Council has approved a ban on disposable plastic and paper bags at checkout counters for retailers.

The ban approved early Friday takes effect next March.

Reusable bags that are allowed include those made of cloth, durable materials or thicker paper and plastic bags with handles.

The ban has exemptions, including single-use bags for newspapers, bulk foods and carry-out items from restaurants. Charitable groups relying on single-use bags to distribute food and other assistance are also exempt.

Supporters of the disposable bag ban raised trash and other environmental concerns.

Leaders of the Texas Retailers Association and other critics have said they fear the bag ban will affect business.

Austin city officials plan to spend \$2 million on an education campaign about the ban.

## HOA reverses demand that girl get rid of kangaroo

SPRING, Texas (AP) — A suburban Houston homeowners association has rescinded orders that a family get rid of a kangaroo that's become the beloved companion of a 16-year-old girl with Down syndrome.

The Houston Chronicle reports The Estates of Legend Ranch Homeowners Association wrote to Nick and Jeni Dreis last week to demand removal of Mike, the 6-month-old red kangaroo that's their 16-year-old daughter Kayla's pet.

Amid intense Internet publicity, the HOA board reversed itself.

Spokesman Jeff Crilley says it was "unaware that the kangaroo was being used for therapy purposes."

Nevertheless, Crilley said the board expects the family will "be working in good faith to find a more suitable home for the animal."

The family intends to keep Mike for a year before moving him to a wildlife park they're planning.

## Grid operator expects summer electricity pinch

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The operator of the main Texas electric power grid says it expects a slim margin this summer between demand and capacity for generating electricity.

In its annual preliminary summer assessment released Thursday, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas says efforts are already under way to enhance voluntary reductions in power demand during peak hours this coming summer.

In a statement, ERCOT Vice President Kent Saathoff said above-normal temperatures are expected this summer, although not as extreme as last summer's.

If those expectations are borne out, he says ERCOT expects to be able to meet peak demand for electric power unless there are an unusual number of generation outages.

# TRIAL

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Timothy Yeats stipulated Garcia will have to serve the 20- and 15-year terms consecutively, basically turning the two terms into one 35-year prison sentence.

"The presiding judge in a case such as this has the ability to take the jury's sentence and decide whether the terms will run consecutive or concurrent," Orr said following the sentencing phase of the trial, which ended Thursday. "In this case, the judge had the option to let the sentences run concurrent — meaning they would

run at the same time, effectively making this a 20-year sentence — or consecutively, making it a 35-year sentence.

"Garcia will have to serve one-half of his sentence — a total of 17-and-a-half years — before he is eligible to begin accruing good time toward parole."

Garcia was indicted Nov. 18, 2010, on four counts of indecency with a child (second-degree felony), three counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child (first-degree felony) and a charge of continuous sexual assault of a child (first-degree felony).

According to court records, the alleged attacks go as far back as

2003, listing dates of offense as Dec. 31, 2003, Feb. 26, 2004, and the most recent being Aug. 29, 2010.

Garcia faced 5 to 99 years to life in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000 on each of the first-degree felony charges and two to 20 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000 on the second-degree felony charges.

Jury selection in the trial began Monday morning, with the first witnesses taking the stand for the prosecution Tuesday.

"I felt like the trial went very smoothly," Orr said. "We were able to present our evidence and witnesses in a very

timely fashion. We had eight witnesses for the prosecution we were able to get in before 3:15 p.m., which I found a bit surprising, but, overall, I was pleased with the way the trial went."

Orr said he wasn't surprised when Yeats made the two sentences consecutive, given the nature of the crime.

"When you look at the evidence, I wasn't at all surprised," he said. "Each of the victims was basically 6 years old when the sexual assault began, and around the time they turned 8 years old, he was through with them."

Garcia was represented by local attorney Robert Miller.

While the jury did not convict Garcia on all of the charges he was indicted on, Orr said he has no problem with their overall decision.

"The jury has a very difficult job to do. They have to weigh the evidence in the case," Orr said. "In the end, I have no quarrel with the decision they rendered. I feel like the victims have received their vindication."

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# VICTIMS

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was also injured in the fire, which was reported at a location owned by Plains Pipelines on S. Highway 395, south of FM 1787, according to emergency officials.

White reportedly suffered burns to 55 percent

of his body in the flash fire, including burns to his body, arms, legs and back of torso. He was flown to University Medical Center in Lubbock, where he is being treated, according to emergency reports.

Delaney, who is also hospitalized at this time, suffered burns to both arms, according to emergency officials. Ortega

was treated and released Wednesday.

According to officials with the Ector County Sheriff's Office, workers were attempting to remove a valve from a pipeline when the fire occurred.

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Ruben Thomas, 85, died Monday. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. today at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Deidra Whatley, 84, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Victoria "Mommy" Escovedo, 71, died Wednesday. Vigil service will be held at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at noon Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ann Baker, 76, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Judy Tucker, 56, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# MOORE

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members were indicted after a 2008 police raid at the church's remote compound in West Texas. Jeffs, the ecclesiastical head of the church, was convicted in August and sentenced to life in prison for sexually assaulting two of his child brides. Prosecutors said Jeffs had two dozen underage wives in all.

Walther has presided over all of the FLDS trials to date. Sect attorneys have repeatedly asked that she be replaced, accusing her of bias against sect members. Walther signed the search warrants that led to the April 2008 raid on the Yearning For Zion ranch near Eldorado, about 45 miles south of San Angelo.

Miller was unavailable for comment this morning.

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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:*

- Terri Johansen for offering landscaping advice to area residents and for continuing to push water wise tips in order to help try and conserve the water we do have with the restrictions we are faced with.

- Doctors Chris and Rudy Haddad for being the featured speakers at the Go Red event and luncheon sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Healthy Woman.

- Janie Harrison for her book signing held at the Heritage Museum on Saturday which featured her book *Guns, God and Texas*.

- Hollis McCright for providing weekly updates about what the Howard County Library has to offer. The updates of new arrivals and revisiting of a few old favorites allows residents to have a sneak peak before entering the library.

- Kaleb Hill for getting the ball rolling for another benefit concert in the Big Spring community. Through the concert he is not only providing a little bit of help for local charities, but also bringing something for residents to attend.

*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

**When we trust in You, Lord, and we walk with You we are smarter than we think we are.**

**Amen**

# He may have barely survived but it's not a loss for Romney

Who'da thunk it? Mitt Romney, who walked away with Michi-

gan even as he was losing the nomination four years ago, barely surviving the Michigan primary this time? Much less doing so against a guy who thinks it's snobbish to want to go to college and that a speech by John F. Kennedy makes him want to "throw up."

No wonder the markets are preparing for an Obama victory.

And here's a prediction: While Romney is still the nominee apparent, his problems aren't even close to being over. If it ever looks like he's cinched this thing, he'll start losing again. My guess is that if Michigan voters hadn't been told (countless times) that they needed to save him, he wouldn't have eked out that three-point "triumph."

Republican talking heads may be trying to put a positive spin on this, claiming that Romney is becoming a better candidate and that, like Obama, he'll emerge stronger from the process. But with all due respect (meaning, as one of my favorite judges puts it, with none at all), that dog don't hunt.

Obama emerged stronger because he beat a worthy opponent in a race that required him to be his best. Romney is getting weaker because he's struggling to beat a series of can't-win opponents, and it is his struggle



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because he is constantly tripping over himself. He's looking, well, for want of a better word, terrible.

His wife drives two Cadillacs. Two? Cadillacs?

He's friends with the guys who own NASCAR teams.

Can this man possibly understand the problems of people like us? That is the most important question in political polls.

And the process. There could not have been a worse year for Republicans to put into effect rules that make it harder for the winner to win, which was the criticism of the old Democratic rules that we spent years trying to fix fairly.

Romney's triumph in Arizona is subject to a credentials challenge because those delegates, under the new rules, were supposed to be divided proportionately. The calendar has been retrofitted to mean that in a multi-candidate race, it takes longer for the frontrunner (which Romney still is because there is no one else who can seriously be anointed with that title) to amass the necessary delegates. His money and organization aren't giving him the leg up they normally would, because he's running against candidates who are succeeding in scoring points by not having the kind of money and organization he does.

And Romney's defensiveness? He's not going to light his hair on fire to win conservative votes. I'm not exactly sure what that means, but if I were a conservative voter, it wouldn't sound very appealing. So you don't want us, huh? Maybe we don't

want you, either.

One of my smartest friends says opposites are alike. I can't put myself in the shoes of a conservative ideologue, but I certainly can imagine how a Romney-like Democrat who was being shoved down my throat would look to a liberal ideologue. Like bad-tasting medicine.

I remember the feeling I had back in 1980, when we were being told that we feminists "had" to support Jimmy Carter even though he had done nothing to support the Equal Rights Amendment and responded to a Supreme Court decision effectively denying poor women the right to choose by saying that "life's not fair."

Yes, the Democrats ended up nominating Carter, but not before they rejected him in primary after primary, particularly in those taking place after he "officially" clinched the nomination. Swallowing a poison pill is never pleasant. And for many Republicans, that is what Romney has become.

Pretty soon you'll start hearing the conversations about why better people don't run for president. And it won't be Democrats doing the talking.

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# Rejecting the Latino vote is the choice handed down by Romney

He has vowed to support the most extremist anti-immigrant and anti-Hispanic measures that have been floated in this country in many years.

He says he would oppose comprehensive immigration reform, veto the Development Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act, stop the federal government from suing states that violate our civil rights, and make undocumented immigrants so miserable that they would want to "self-deport."

And just when you think there is nothing else Mitt Romney can do to alienate Latino voters, when you think he already has suggested all the wrong ideas, welcomed all the wrong endorsements, and made all the repugnant statements Latinos need to hear, when there is no more room for him to pander to the right — surprise! There's more!

In just the last week, Romney said Arizona's infamous immigrant-bashing SB1070 is "a model" for the nation. When he outlined his so-called conservative record in the Arizona debate — as if throwing red meat to xenophobes — Romney bragged about how he enabled Massachusetts state police to enforce federal immigration laws "so that people could be taken out of our state that were (there) illegally" and how he "campaigns for and fought for English immersion in our schools."

Then, as if that wasn't enough, Romney was endorsed by Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, one of a handful of extremist politicians who have earned deep resentment in the Hispanic community.

He already had received or sought the endorsements of other xenophobia peddlers such

as Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, architect of state racial profiling laws that have been rejected by the courts, and Arizona sheriffs Paul Babeu and Joe Arpaio, both under investigation for abusing their power.

What is he going to do next, resurrect the ultimate anti-immigrant spirit of Pete Wilson? Well, yes.

Amazingly, the man who provoked the biggest pro-immigrant backlash in U.S. history, when he was governor of California, is now in Romney's camp. Pete Wilson is Romney's "honorary California chairman."

This really takes the cake.

If you were advising the Romney camp on how to completely alienate the overwhelming majority of Latinos, you couldn't think of a better script.

Pete Wilson? Really?

"I'm honored to have Gov.

Pete Wilson's support, because he's one of California's most accomplished leaders," Romney said in a prepared statement.

Really? What about the part when Wilson's anti-immigrant Proposition 187 led to the thrashing of the Republican Party in California in 1998?

At that time, the backlash against Wilson's draconian measures helped California Democrats regain control of the governor's office for the first time in 16 years, and it helped elect more Latinos to important state positions than ever before.

In 1998, California voters, including a record number of Latinos, went to the polls to punish the immigrant bashers.

At that time, it was said that Republicans didn't just lose an election but a whole generation of Latino voters. And now, with Romney becoming the new Pete Wilson, it looks like history is repeating itself.

Apparently, these politicians don't learn from history. Perhaps Romney doesn't know that in California many Latinos who had been apathetic about

becoming involved in the political process reacted to Prop 187 by becoming American citizens, registering to vote in record numbers and giving Democrats the governorship and control of both legislative chambers.

Unfortunately, Latinos don't act; they react.

Unless some politician really rattles their lives, they are apathetic about participating in the electoral process. But when someone such as Wilson or Romney comes along, look out.

And who is advising Romney on Latino voters and issues? What can they possibly be telling him that he would dig himself so deep? Are the xenophobia voters so numerous? And does he need them so badly in the primaries that he is willing to give up the general election?

For Pedro's sake! He once had undocumented immigrants mowing his lawn. He once favored comprehensive immigration reform. Does he know how offended Latinos are by his repulsive hypocrisy?

At a time when most political analysts agree that the Latino vote is likely to swing the "swing states" and determine who gets to be president, when even the Time magazine cover story assures us that Latinos will decide who gets to live in the White House, what could possibly make him throw it all away?

It's truly inexplicable.

If you are Barack Obama and you are concerned about the Latino vote, because you know you failed them in many ways, you can't wish for an easier opponent than Mitt Romney.

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# Church news

## First United Methodist Church

Sunday our second mission team will be leaving for Nicaragua. This group will be leaving from the church back parking lot. Join the group for a prayerful send off on this important construction and educational mission. Those from Big Spring, joining a group from El Paso, are Paul and Ann Townsend, Murray and Diane Murphy, Chuck Miller, Lucy Webster, John Kennemur, Joann Knox and Ann McClarty.

Keep this group, as well as the one returning, in your prayers for their successful mission and safe return. Pastor Bill Ivins will be preaching at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. service of worship. He will continue his sermon series, "An Old Testament Challenge."

Sunday school classes are at 9:45 a.m.

There will be a new member dinner at the church parsonage, 715 Edwards Blvd., at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Wednesday noon Bible study and luncheon will be a part of the Lenten lunch schedule for the next several weeks. Wednesday the event will be held at First Christian Church, with our own pastor, Bill Ivins as the speaker.

Real Life Wednesday meets in Garrett Hall with the serving of the meal at 5:30 p.m. Following the meal at 6:15 p.m. the children have music and crafts, the youth have EPIC meetings and the adults have brand new studies. There is a new Beth Moore Bible Study "Just For Women" being led by Pam Steel. For the men, James Bell is leading a study titled, "Man Alive." Pastor Bill is beginning a study for new members and believers, "A Disciple's Path." If you are planning to attend both the studies as well as the meal be sure to make your dinner reservations by filling out the insert in Sunday's bulletin or by calling the church office at 267-6394.

Sunday the 8:30 a.m. service is broadcast on KBYG-1400 AM while the 10:50 a.m. service is broadcast over KXCS 105.5FM.

We offer hearing assisting devices for those who need them. See an usher before the service.

## First Baptist Church

The Boy Scouts will have a banquet Saturday from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

The Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church, continues his sermon series, "Final Words," on Sunday morning during the 10:50 a.m. morning worship with the sermon, "The Provision of Love." A

new organ has been delivered and is installed. Sunday's schedule also includes Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., Awana at 5:30 p.m. and evening worship and saturate youth at 6 p.m.

The Upward Basketball program will complete its game tomorrow in the Family Life Center. We are grateful for the volunteers and the people from a number of churches who assisted this year. The end of season awards ceremony will be held in the Family Life Center at 2 p.m. Sunday.

LLL meets at noon Tuesday. This group of senior adults meets each month to eat, enjoy a program and play board games. Any senior adult is welcomed to come and enjoy this time of fellowship. The group meets in the dining room which is located in the southeast corner of the church.

The Beth Moore Bible studies continue Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. It's not too late to join them. Both groups meet in the conference room.

Wednesday we will begin the evening's activities with a meal at 5 p.m. The children will begin their music time at 5:30 p.m. followed by the mission activities at 6:15 p.m. Adults and youth have Bible study at 6 p.m. Choir is at 7 p.m. in the choir room.

Last weekend, we were honored to host the 175 attendees who came to the Texas Baptist Deaf Evangelist Conference.

First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700. Call 267-8223 for further information.

## Spring Creek Fellowship

Sunday, Feb. 26 Reagan Phillips was baptized. Eloy Hernandez Jr., Spencer Wells, the Roberts family and the Miracle family joined our church family. George Franklin and Vonnie Downing were recognized as senior deacons.

Michael Walker, missionary to Botswana, will be our guest speaker Sunday. He will share testimony of what God is doing in Africa and preach. The sermon series starting March 11 will be "CSI: Jerusalem."

Spring Creek University classes have started "The School of the Spirit" and "Financial Peace University" are meeting weekly. "Weird: Because Normal Isn't Working" and "The Secret to the Marriage You Want" begin March 18. 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 for Sunday, March 25 from 2-5 p.m. We will be helping sponsor the second annual Relay For Life "Bowl-A-Thon" at Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama. Bowl for three hours, includ-

ing 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 tickets available at Johanson's Nursery, Sportz & Trinketz, KBYG, Slaton Insurance Agency, the Firehouse Grill and the church office.

Sunday school classes/Connection groups meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. "Holy Grounds Café" is open from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. with snacks and fellowship. Worship is scheduled from 10:45 a.m.-noon.

Join us Wednesdays for a Meal at 5:30 p.m., Bible Study, youth and children's activities at 6 p.m. and praise team practice at 7:15 p.m.

Youth meets Wednesday evenings for junior and senior high students. Youth will be serving lunch on the second Sunday of each month following worship. Our next lunch is scheduled for March 11. 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. Saturday in the dining room at the church. "Between the Lines" women's ministry will meet tonight.

If you would like to help our "Manna House" food pantry, contact Casie Fillingim and Jennifer Boyd for more information.

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

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad. 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 message is "Do You Look Good on Wood?" from Matthew 16: 21-28 this Sunday.

Elders will be Shirley Burgess and Shirley Beauchamp; Deacons will be Shelane Roberts, Mary Terrazas, Karen Reagan and Bo Reagan. Worship leader will be Paul Smith and communion prep will be Shelane Roberts, and Karen Reagan. Greeter will be Mary Terrazas and homebound communion will be Shirley Burgess.

Wednesday we will host the second Lenten luncheon in the fellowship hall at noon.

Saturday, March 17 we will have our next men breakfast at Crispy's Café at 8 a.m.

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

Wednesday at 6 p.m. there will be choir practice will have their prac-

tice time in the choir room. Youth will meet at the church at 6 p.m. for their weekly meeting.

Thursday at 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the library Samaritan Counseling takes place in our church Thursdays. We have an Outreach committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the church.

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

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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

The Daily Grind with God — Coffee Hour will not meet Wednesday.

Our evening Lent service continues Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the church. Evening prayer will be offered followed by the stations of the cross. Wednesday will also be Rite II and Contemporary Stations.

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

## 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 meets at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday. The chancel choir practices at 6 p.m.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study met Tuesday, Feb. 28 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.

Our congregation will participate in a series of ecumenical Lenten Lunch meetings which began Feb. 29 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 Rev. Bill Ivins, First United Methodist, speaker; March 14 at Holy Trinity Church with 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 Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris, speaker.

Nancy Hale is in charge of "Take Ten" refreshments this week. Liturgist for March is Danny Kennemur. Ushers for the month are Christine and Don Boling, Nancy Hale and Sarah Burch. Communion servers are

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# Sometimes it pays to keep our mouths shut

President Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States, had the reputation of being a dour man of few words.

Having earned the nickname of "Silent Cal," the President seemed to have carefully cultivated his reputation.

On one occasion, the President was supposedly approached by a lady named Dorothy Parker who was seated next to him at a dinner party. Hoping to generate a conversation with the man of few words, she said, "Mr. Coolidge, I've made a bet against a fellow who said it was impossible to get more than two words from you." The President's famous reply was: "You lose."

In spite of the President's lack of words and apparent social skills, he and his vivacious wife, Grace, often hosted and attended dinner parties in Washington D.C. When asked why he attended so many parties that he obviously disliked, President Coolidge replied, "Got to eat somewhere."

Although President Coolidge was a man of few words, he was also known as a good public speaker. Some of his quips made it into the archives of famous quotes by famous people.



BONNIE WHEAT

True to his philosophical leanings, Mr. Coolidge left this bit of wisdom for all of us to contemplate: "I have never been hurt by what I have not said."

Being a practical man of sharp wit, President Coolidge advised, "If you don't say anything, you won't be called upon to repeat it."

In another display of verbal skill, Mr. Coolidge said, "You can't know too much, but you can say too much."

Having been compelled at times to listen to those who told all they knew, I have to agree with Mr. Coolidge. Sometimes it is better to be a man or woman of few words than to tell everything we know. When knowledge is exhausted, words are often repeated for the sake of fueling the conversation, and conjecture is often represented as truth in order to keep the wick of communication burning.

In the Bible, King Solomon, the probable writer of Proverbs said, "Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut" (Proverbs 10:19 NLT).

Although a certain amount of conversation is required to maintain good relationships, sometimes the best thing any of us can do is keep our mouths shut.

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## Encourage yourself! He's your God, too

**1** Samuel 30:6, King David encouraged himself in the Lord after returning from war to find the Amalekites had attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire. Amalekites took all their women and children, great and small.

1 Samuel 31:4, David's men lifted up their voices and wept 'til they had no more power to weep. And the Bible speaks of how the people were so grieved they thought of stoning King David.

I know it's human nature to hurt others when we are hurt or to want them to feel our pain and begin to blame someone else. Maybe it is their fault. But nevertheless, the enemy would remind us of our past defeats, which is where the enemy would have you focused on. But if we cry out to God, He'll remind us of the victories we've had and our destiny. God will

recall his promises. Those who know their God shall be strong and do exploits, Daniel 11:32 in the midst of conflict, in a world full of sin we have this promise.

David encouraged himself and inquired of God 1 Samuel 30, Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?

And He answered him "Pursue for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all." David was a man after God's own heart. If you have questions, God has answers. I'm sure David did, but even after they burned his home, took his wives, his sons and daughters, there was something they couldn't take away his faith in God.

John 14:27, Peace I leave with thee, my peace I



JOELLE LUDINGTON

give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let it be afraid. The enemy would have you to take the back seat, stand in line, such as the expression goes — take a number. But God would never have you stand in line. He is omnipresent. He can be everywhere at the same time He is omnipotent, powerful. Is it not written where God says is there anything too hard for me.

He is the God of Israel. He is God, and as the great Charles Mahaney wrote, "He's my God, too." He's your God, too. King David recovered all that was taken away that day from him and his army and more.

Yes there were wicked and worthless men who didn't want to share with those who stayed behind because of their weakness.

1 Samuel 30:22, But David said, "My brethren, you shall not do so with what the Lord has given us, who has preserved us and delivered into our hand the troop that came against us. For who will heed you into this matter? But as his part is who goes down to the battle, so shall his part be who stays by the supplies; there shall share alike. This makes me think of how maybe we can't go to other countries where missionaries go, but we can be a part of it by giving. The battle is the Lords.

Inquire of the God of Israel. He's your God, too. Pursue! Overtake without fail and recover all. David, a king, a leader, now we have men of God that go through so much. Those in leadership need our encouragement. Pray that when all fails in their lives they be strong and encourage themselves, and pursue and overtake and recover their losses.

Joelle Ludington is a freelance writer.

## Reader's Corner

### Tears from heaven

Drugs and crime is rampant on our streets. Our children are tired and faced with defeat. Tears fall from heaven because of the violence, and hatred in our world of existence.

As the preacher's preach and teacher's teach, advocates of the devil prey on the weak. Churches holds up for a righteous stand, while the devil and the ungodly try and ruin God's plans.

Be merciful toward me Lord as I cry to you daily, the wicked ways of this world never cease to amaze me.

God's love for us all is so great, he stretch forth his hand giving us a second, third and fourth chance.

He's hoping we get our hearts right with him before he makes his final call.

As tears from heaven continue to fall ...

While our friends are shooting up, doing drugs, getting arrested going to jail and living in sin.

Tears from heaven continue to fall ...

While our women are selling their bodies to thugs for drugs

Tears from heaven continue to fall ...

While mothers and fathers take food from their children's mouths to feed their addictions

Tears from heaven continue to fall ...

We have brothers and sisters who kill everyday

Tears from heaven continue to fall ...

All our people that are of this world and lost in sin

Tears from heaven continue to fall ...

"One day this world will soon come to an end." Tears from heaven will never fall again.

Tony Watters

## CHURCH

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Helen and Lynn Glass, Joe and Patti Horton.

The lectionary is Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38. The chancel choir will offer the anthem "My Song Is Love Unknown" by John Ireland and sing "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" arranged by Larry Shackley 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. Visit our website at www.fpcbs.org.

### 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.

Wednesday was 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.

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

Tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., registration begins at 8:30 a.m., the Reformation Theological Conference will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 3000 W. Golf Course in Midland. Register

at www.GraceLutheranMidland.org or by contacting one of the sponsoring congregations. The cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. The four main sessions considered are The Cross - Justification, The Cross — Sanctification, The Cross — Witness and The Cross — Boasting. Lunch will be served and the conference will conclude with a speakers' round table discussion. Sponsoring congregations include Grace Lutheran Church, Christ Church Midland and Providence Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Bob Boyce will conduct the worship service Sunday. His sermon title is "The object and content of our faith." Bo Vizcaino will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 5:1-11 and Mark 8:27-38.

The flowers on the altar are given by Bo and Heidi Vizcaino in honor of Noah and Lidia's birthdays.

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. Lenten services will be this Sunday, March 11, March 18 and March 25.

The remaining sermon titles for Lenten services are Lent 2: "Make haste to help me" from Psalm 38; Lent 3: "Against you and for me" from Psalm 51; Lent 4: "But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever" from Psalm 102; Lent 5: "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God" from Psalm 143; Maundy Thursday: "Delivered" from Psalm 116; Good Friday: "Divine forgetfulness" from Psalm 130; Easter vigil: "Destroying the enemy" from Psalm 118 and Exodus 14; and Easter Sunday: "The path of life" from Psalm 16 and Mark 16:1-8.

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

The LWML will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the church.

Last Sunday's pot luck had some wonderful dishes. Thank you to everyone who brought dishes to share. At the voters' meeting held afterward, we decided to begin the next step in finding a shepherd to lead our flock.

A women's conference has been scheduled for Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room. This conference, "Be Still and Know I am God," is a free event for women of all faiths. A meal will be available for purchase for \$8 through Howard College. RSVP for the meal by calling Bean's World Café at 432 263-1133 by noon May 11.

Monday, March 12, the LWML will serve coffee/

juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet the second Tuesday, 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.

## sudoku

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

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Bidding Quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

West North East South  
1 ♠ Dble Pass ?

What would you bid with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ 96 ♥ 732 ♦ Q543 ♣ Q543
- ♠ 72 ♥ K85 ♦ K96 ♣ KJ982
- ♠ 84 ♥ Q763 ♦ KQJ3 ♣ 954
- ♠ 10 ♥ Q874 ♦ KJ95 ♣ AJ86

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1. **Two clubs.** Partner's takeout double guarantees the values for an opening bid. He might have anywhere from 13 to more than 20 points; you can't tell at this stage how many he has. Ordinarily, he will have support for all of the unbid suits, but he could have a powerhouse, or possibly five diamonds and four hearts and be planning to correct a two-club response by you to two diamonds. All that matters at this point is that he is asking you to bid, and you are obliged to do so regardless of the strength of your hand. The only question is whether you should bid two clubs or two diamonds.

From the standpoint of economy, it is better to bid two clubs. This leaves partner room to bid diamonds at the two-level if he lacks club support. But if you respond two diamonds, there will be no corresponding chance to locate a club fit without going into the three-level.

2. **Three clubs.** You can't bid two clubs with this hand and also the pre-

ceding one and expect partner to know that this time there is a reasonable chance for game. The usual way of showing strength in response to a double is by making a jump-response in your longest suit. The single-jump response normally indicates nine to 11 high-card points, but you don't need quite that many if your hand is distributionally very promising.

3. **Two hearts.** Here you're just a bit short of the values for a jump-response, but there is still a realistic possibility of game. It is therefore better to respond in hearts than diamonds, because partner is more likely to bid again over a major-suit response. If partner raises two hearts to three hearts, you should happily bid four.

4. **Two spades.** Game is extremely likely in one of your three suits — you have 11 high-card points plus a singleton in the opponent's suit but you don't know which of your suits should be trump. So, instead of guessing which suit to jump-respond in, you force partner to choose the trumps by cuebidding West's suit.

Partner can't misconstrue the meaning of your bid, since you would have passed one spade doubled if you had length and strength in spades. The cuebid indicates a game-going hand that contains two or three potential trump suits. You plan to raise partner to game in whatever suit he names in response to your cuebid.

Tomorrow: One play does it all.

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO Larry Rodgers speaks to the Rotary Club during a program held at the hospital recently.

## Reader's Corner

### Band aid

Life is full of all kinds of hurts and sometimes they leave scars on our bodies, hearts and our souls.

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—Lana F. Anguiano

## Today, state celebrates 176th anniversary of declaring its independence from Mexico

### The Lufkin News

Staff writer

For people whose families have lived here for generations and to people who just came yesterday, being a Texan should be something to be proud of. Today we celebrate Texas Independence Day; Texas declared its independence 176 years ago. The history of our state and the heritage that has been passed to us by those who have made Texas unique is worthy of remembering and emulating. It is certainly worth celebrating.

Our state's name comes from the Caddos, one of the original tribes in Texas and the Spaniards. The Caddos called the Spaniards "tayshas" their word for friend. In Spanish the word came out as "tejas" which eventually became Texas. We are still a friendly state.

Many flags of state have flown over Texas beginning with the Spanish, French and Mexican flags. Like the original 13 colonies, Texans fought and won a war for their independence. After securing our independence in 1836 we became a Republic before joining the United States.

Texas is a big state with 262,017 square miles, but it used to be larger. Our holdings included another 98,300 square miles with some prime Rocky Mountain real estate. Texas joined the Union in 1845 and in that agreement Texas retained the right to divide into four states in addition to the original Texas.

Texas assumed the boundaries that exist today with the Compromise of 1850 where Texas sold parts of what is now Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Wyoming to the federal government for \$10 million in what seemed like a good idea at the time. Despite the sale, Texas still remained the largest state in the Union until Alaska declared her statehood in 1959.

Texas has about 400 years of written history. Throughout our history, March has been a key month in the development of this great state, culminating with our Declaration of Independence on March 2, 1836.

On March 9, 1731, a group of immigrants from the Canary Islands founded the first organized civil government at the Presidio of San Antonio de Bexar.

On March 29, 1813, 23 years before the Alamo fell at that same Presidio, the Battle of Rosillo was fought just nine miles south of there. In that battle, locals defeated Spanish loyalists, captured San Antonio and set the stage for the first Republic of Texas.

Of course, Texans gathered at Washington on the Brazos and unanimously voted to declare independence from Mexico on March 2, 1836. Four days later the Alamo fell and on March 27, 1836, Fannin's command was massacred at Goliad. Texas won its independence from Mexico at the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21 of that year. In a surprising coincidence, General Sam Houston, who commanded the Texas forces that day and later became the first elected President of the Republic of Texas, was born on March 2, 1793.

Happy birthday, Texas! 176 years ago our freedom was purchased with the blood and treasure of those early Texans. It is fitting that we should remember their struggles that helped create the greatest state in the Union. Let's do all we can to keep it that.

## Take Note

- Benefit for the oldest Harley shop in Texas, Walker family, to be held March 17 at Xiled Clubhouse. There will be food, fun and games with special auction. Gates open at noon and charge is \$10 at the door. Contact 432-270-1212 for more information.

- An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

- As the 8th annual Powwow is coming near, organizers are seeking people interested in native American culture. The group is a family oriented organization that is looking to expand. You do not have to be native American to join. For comments, questions and answers, call Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Connie Lesser at 432-816-6772.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

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# Hawks end regular season on high note

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

The Howard College women's basketball team ended its season on a winning note, but the Hawks needed every second on the clock to do it. Senior guard Kali Jerrell hit

two free throws with no time remaining to give Howard a 61-59 victory over Frank Phillips College in the regular-season finale for both teams at Garrett Coliseum Thursday evening.

In Thursday's nightcap, the Howard men's team needed

no such late heroics as it tuned up for the upcoming Region V Tournament with a 75-54 win over Frank Phillips.

The Howard women finished the regular season with a 19-11 record, while the men improved to 21-7.

### Women's game

Someone forgot to tell Frank Phillips it hadn't won a conference game in two years.

The Lady Plainsmen, coached by former Howard assistant Eric Rodewald, didn't have the size to compete with Howard inside, so they

didn't even try. Instead, they unleashed a flurry of three-pointers that twice erased double digit deficits and came within a tick of the clock of forcing overtime. Frank Phillips ended the evening

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Big Spring's Hayley Dimidjian slides safely into second base during the Lady Steers' game vs. Lubbock Estacado at the Tower Crossroads at Roy Anderson Complex. Big Spring lost to Estacado and Permian, but defeated Fort Stockton in Thursday action. Big Spring faces Odessa junior varsity today at 2 p.m., followed by a 3:30 p.m. game against Colorado City. The tournament continues through Saturday.



Courtesy photo

Grady's E.J. Rodriguez (22) brings the ball downcourt during the Wildcats' playoff victory against Turkey Valley earlier this week. Grady opens play at the Region I-1A Div. II tournament today vs. Nazareth.

## Area teams hope to earn state berths

*Garden City, Sands, Grady in regional action today*

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Two more wins. The Grady Wildcats, Sands Mustangs and Garden City Bearkats hope to add two more wins to their resumes this weekend. A spot in the state basketball tournament awaits the teams that accomplish that goal. Grady, Sands and Garden City all take the court

today at their respective regional tournaments — Grady (26-3) faces Nazareth and Sands (26-6) takes on Texline at the Region I-1A Div. II tournament in Levelland, while Garden City (23-11) takes on Grafard at the Region II-1A Div. II tournament in Abilene.

Grady, which finished the regular season ranked ninth in the state Class 1A

Div. II poll, is seeking to return to the state tournament after a one-year absence.

"I thought we'd be good all along," Grady Head Coach Thomas Clay said. "We graduated eight seniors off last year's team, and a lot of people thought we'd fall off the face of the earth, but with Zeke (Clay) and Branson (Richards) returning, I thought

if that if could get some guys around them who could play, then it would just be a matter of blending them together."

So far, so good. Zeke Clay and Richards have led the Wildcats in scoring this year, but have been augmented by the play of juniors Brett Glaze, Michael Jimenez

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## Sports Calendar

### TODAY

#### Baseball

Big Spring at Snyder tournament, TBA.  
Coahoma at Crane tournament, TBA.  
Howard College at Odessa College (DH), noon.

#### Softball

Big Spring and Forsan at Big Spring tournament, TBA.

#### Boy's basketball

Grady vs. Nazareth, Region I-1A Div. II tournament, 1 p.m., South Plains College, Levelland.  
Sands vs. Texline, Region I-1A Div. II tournament, 2:30 p.m., South Plains College, Levelland.  
Garden City vs. Grafard, Region II-1A Div. II tournament, 7 p.m., Abilene Christian University, Abilene.

#### Track and field

Forsan at Grape Creek meet.  
Big Spring girls at Tall City Relays, Midland.  
Big Spring boys at Canyon Reef Relays, Snyder.

#### Tennis

Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan at regional team meets.

#### Golf

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

#### Rodeo

Howard College at Weatherford Rodeo.

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#### Powerlifting

Coahoma at Monahans meet.

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# Sources: No deadline for deal on MLB playoffs

NEW YORK (AP) — The Braves are remembered for one of baseball's epic collapses.

Too bad for Atlanta the playoffs weren't expanded a year earlier.

Negotiators for baseball players and owners are working toward an agreement to increase the postseason field to 10 teams this season. They had hoped to reach a deal by Thursday, but both sides said talks could continue if they needed additional time to deal with the details of adding a second wild-card team in each league.

The sides spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because the

talks have not been public.

If there had been additional wild-card teams last season, the Braves would have made the playoffs in the NL, while the Boston Red Sox would have qualified in the AL. Instead, each missed the postseason by a game, both going down with historic September swoons.

"I would've taken it last year," Atlanta manager Fredi Gonzalez said Thursday.

The sides have said for weeks a deal is likely. When players and owners signed their agreement for a new labor contract in November, the section covering the postseason established a March 1 goal for deciding whether the

playoffs would increase by two teams for 2012 or 2013.

The deal would establish a new one-game, wild-card round in each league between the teams with the best records who are not division winners, meaning a third-place team could win the World Series.

Don't count on it, said Braves pitcher Tim Hudson.

The wild-card winner would face a major disadvantage going through the rest of the playoffs, according to Hudson. Last season, St. Louis passed the Braves for the wild card on the final day and went on to capture the World Series. Hudson said it would've been much hard-

er for the Cardinals or the Braves to advance if they had played an extra game against each other first.

"The only good thing about it is one more team (in each league) gets in the playoffs," he said. "But it totally handicaps the wild-card team. Both teams will probably have to expend their best pitcher to win that game. Plus, it's another day they have to use their bullpen. Even if you get by that one game, the chances of winning the next round are not very good."

The Cardinals became the fifth wild-card team to win the World Series since the playoff field doubled in 1995, going from two division win-

ners in each league to three division winners and a wild card. Other wild-card champions were the Florida Marlins in 1997 and 2003, Anaheim in 2002 and Boston in 2004.

Adding two more playoffs teams this year has been complicated because the regular-season schedule was drafted last spring and summer, and the extra game has to be put in place in a manner that doesn't disrupt the World Series schedule. In a further complication, the sides reached a consensus that ties for division titles would be broken on the field with a tie-breaker game under the new format, and not by head-to-head record.

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with more three-pointers (13) than two-point goals (nine).

Considering the Hawks were coming off an emotional upset of Western Junior College Athletic Conference leader New Mexico Ju-

nior College, Howard Coach Earl Diddle suggested another possible reason for Thursday's close outcome.

"I thought we had a little bit of a letdown," Diddle said. "That's not an excuse — Frank Phillips played a great game. They may have come into this game with an 0-11 (conference) record, but they played re-

ally well the past two or three games. They just don't have the post play they need to win."

Howard appeared to have the game firmly in hand when Jarrell's jumper with 16:16 remaining gave the Hawks a 40-23 lead, but Frank Phillips' outside shooters had different ideas.

The Lady Plainsmen responded by outscor-

ing Howard 26-8 over the course of the next nine minutes to tie the game at 48-all, and eventually grabbed a 56-53 lead on a Kinjita Kelley three-pointer with 3:36 left in the game.

Jerrell and Porsche Young — who led all scorers with 18 points — sandwiched three-pointers around a trey from Kelley to tie the game at 59-59, which was the score when Howard got the ball back for its final possession with four seconds remaining.

Jerrell took the inbounds passed and hurried upcourt, getting off an off-balance jumper just as the final buzzer sounded. However, the Austin sophomore was fouled and calmly sank both free throws to seal the victory.

"I was proud of the team," Diddle said. "They could have fold-

ed. This was a grinder game, and we haven't had a lot of luck in those types of games this season, but we found a way to win tonight."

FRANK PHILLIPS (59) — Shardena Hudson 3 0-0 8; LaChrista Nash 5 2-6 14; Laura Martinez 3 0-0 9; Nancy Castillo 1 0-0 3; Shay O'Neal 4 0-0 9; Kinjita Kelley 6 0-0 16; totals 22 2-6 59.

HOWARD (61) — Porsche Young 7 0-0 18; Kali Jerrell 5 5-6 17; Tori Tucker 4 0-0 8; Zeslie Johnson 5 2-2 12; Kelli Merrick 1 0-0 2; Carolyn Taylor 1 0-1 2; Ja'Keyma Williams 1 0-0 2; totals 24 7-9 61.

Halftime — Howard 31, Frank Phillips 23; Three-point goals — Frank Phillips 13 (Hudson 2, Nash 2, Martinez 3, Castillo, O'Neal, Kelley 4), Howard 6 (Young 4, Jerrell 2); Total fouls — Frank Phillips 10, Howard 11; Fouled out — none.

### Men's game

Frank Phillips' men's team took a page from the women's squad and used three-pointers to make things interesting for awhile Thursday night. But Howard squelched the potential rally with some long-range bombs of its own.

The Hawks dominated the first half, leading by 22 points at intermission, before FPC opened the second half with a barrage of three-pointers to eventually cut the lead to six points with 11:02 remaining.

At that point, however, Howard apparently decided enough was enough. Shavon Coleman, who led all scorers with 20 points, hit a three-pointer from the left corner to jump-start a 28-8 run that ended with the Hawks comfortably in control with a 73-47 lead with 2:41 remaining.

That brief lapse in the second half, however, was what Howard Coach Mark Adams focused on during his post-game comments.

"Those first few min-

utes of the second half, I thought we played very poorly," Adams said. "It's unfortunate this late in the season to be so up and down on both ends of the floor."

Another area of concern for Howard was the health of shooting guard Jacob Thomas, who has battled foot problems for the past two years and was limited to only seven points Thursday.

"His foot started acting up again," Adams said, "So we wanted to play him sparingly (Thursday)."

But Adams was not all doom and gloom in his assessment of the team's efforts.

"Shavon had a tremendous game," Adams said. "And (point guard) Jerry Dixon had a very solid game for us."

The Hawks have a week off before opening play in the Region V tournament against Weatherford College Thursday. The tournament will be played at the Rip Griffin Center on the Lubbock Christian University campus.

FRANK PHILLIPS (54) James Boonstoppel 2 0-0 6; Ronald Scott 6 2-2 18; Akeem Johnson 6 0-0 14; Rodshard Davis 4 1-1 11; Ben Murphy 1 0-0 3; Demetris Lafontant 0 2-2 2; Mike Evans 0 0-2 0; totals 19 5-7 54.

HOWARD (75) — Jerry Dixon 2 0-0 6; Leon Cooper 1 0-0 2; Rico Richardson 5 0-0 14; Jacob Thomas 3 0-0 7; Calvin Godfrey 4 2-3 10; Phillip Miller 1 2-2 4; Shavon Coleman 8 1-1 20; Dameron McGee 4 2-3 10; Marsalis Stewart 1 0-0 2; totals 30 5-6 75.

Halftime — Howard 39, Frank Phillips 17; Three-point goals — Frank Phillips 11 (Boonstoppel 2, Scott 4, Johnson 2, Davis 2, Murphy), Howard 10 (Dixon 2, Richardson 4, Thomas, Coleman 3); Total fouls — Frank Phillips 9, Howard 14; Fouled out — none.

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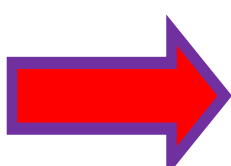
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and Uziel and Ivon San Juan, as well as sophomore Taylor Polsen and freshman E.J. Rodriguez.

Coach Clay said a tough schedule — which included a pair of games against district rival Sands — helped prepare the Wildcats for their playoff run. Grady defeated the Mustangs twice — by 10 points at Lenorah, then by two points in the rematch at Ackerly.

But to set up a potential rematch with the Mustangs, Grady must first get by traditional Class 1A power Nazareth. Clay said the game will feature a stark con-

trast in playing styles.

"We want to get up and down the floor in a hurry, while I think they'll want to slow it down some," Clay said.

Regardless of the opponent, however, Clay said his team has only one goal in mind — the aforementioned two more wins.

"Branson and Zeke are the team leaders, and they're really focused on state and they've got the other guys focused on it as well," Coach Clay said. "Getting to the regional tournament is not enough. I know Zeke wants to win state so bad he can taste it."

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You may suffer from a kind of urban ennui. The bustle around you seems like a rerun of yesterday's drama. Break the pattern by finding reasons to laugh out loud. You'll probably have to go out of your way.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). No matter what you achieve, however big or small it may be, you don't forget your roots. You feel gratitude toward the people who have helped you, and you'll be sure to express it.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You tend to concentrate on one thing until you're sure it's solved. It's a bit like your mind is a television show, and you don't want to change the channel until the end credits roll.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Avoid being so conscious of returning favors that you don't enjoy the kindness that others are trying to give you. You're a good person, and your heart is in the right place. All

will balance out in the end.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It's natural that you would want to hold on to certain things for sentimental reasons. However, if you have hundreds of such items, the feeling is diluted. Let go of old possessions, and make way for the new.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Even when you are overwhelmingly happy with a result, you believe there's always room for improvement. This mindset is what keeps you learning and growing all day long.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Much good comes from your ability to delay gratification. If you catch yourself thinking of the short term, stop and go for a broader perspective. Before committing to an action, ask yourself what it will likely lead to in the long run.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's something tangible you want to have by the end of the day. You will narrow your choices and home in on your top priority. You wisely realize that if you chase everything, you get nothing.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are a certain number of half-finished projects in your past, and you have that in common with many other creative people. Seize today's opportunity to complete a journey, or at least commit to completing it.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). All skills require time, patience and practice to learn. As much as you wish for instantaneous knowledge, the very nature of knowing is that it happens through a process. So relax and get ready to go through all of the steps.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Wanting something else doesn't lessen the value in what you already have. Take measures to care for and protect what you have, and you'll see the great power and opportunity in it.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Checklists will be involved. There's something wonderful about doing exactly what you expected to be doing. Feeling like you are in control of your time will bring you great happiness.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 2). The next seven weeks represent the end of a cycle, and you'll celebrate accomplishment and completion. May brings new adventures. Quality time with family and relationship-related events could cause you to change your career trajectory in June. A hobby that has nothing to do with your job will feed your spirit in August. Aries and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 2, 12, 25 and 40.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** ARIES: You may think you know someone well, but the best is yet to come. TAURUS: Your tone of voice will determine the level of attention a loved one gives you. Try tenderness, and bring the other person into your heart. GEMINI: You'll feel free to express your quirkier side, and you'll be a hit. CANCER: The moon in your sign helps you own what you're feeling. The weekend will be most enlightening. LEO: Your need for attention is overshadowed by someone else's more pressing need. You're almost too generous. VIRGO: You show the world that you don't take yourself too seriously, and someone could fall in love with you for this. LIBRA: Compromise only as a last resort. It's about time you got your way. SCORPIO: The logistics of your environment will affect your love life. SAGITTARIUS: You are slowly warming up to a rather cool individual. These things take time. CAPRICORN: Give your hugs freely, but be judicious with your kisses. AQUARIUS: Your skills will complement the talents of an interesting someone. PISCES: Once you admit that you want to be taken care of, you will be.

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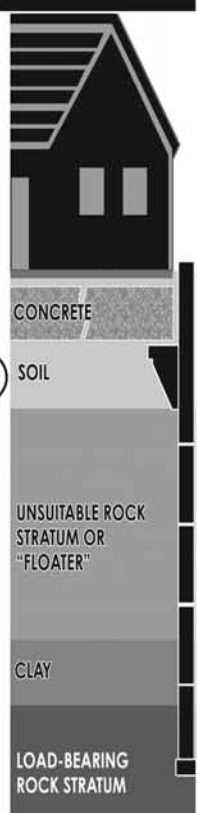
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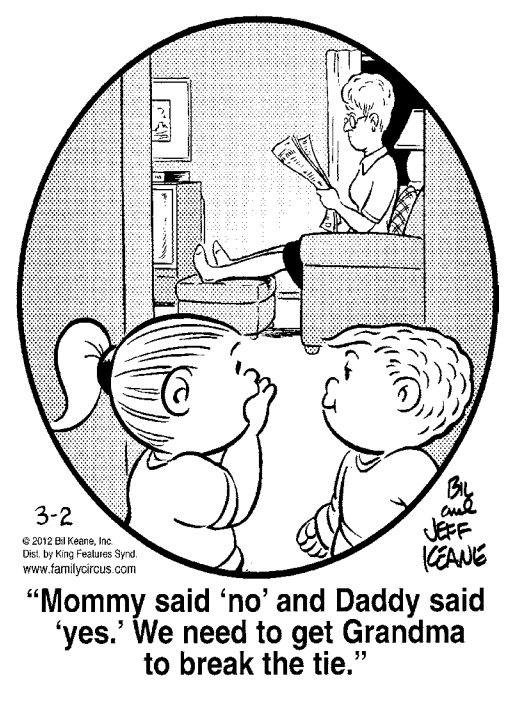


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<b>9 PM</b>	News	Impacto	How I Met	News	Noticias	News	Upd	Charlie Rose	King	Gold Rush	Comic Book Men	Auction	Movie: Diary of the Dead	(15) Movie: 10,000 B.C., Cliff Curtis	Wendy Williams	ANT Farm	SportsCenter	
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<b>11 PM</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Hasta-Dinero	Law Order: CI	Late	Decisiones (SS)	Late Night	Angels in the Outfield, Tony Danza	Dr. Yohanan CCM	T. Smiley (Off Air)	Roseanne	Gold Rush	Auction	Auction	Auction	ANT Farm	NFL Live	SportsCenter	
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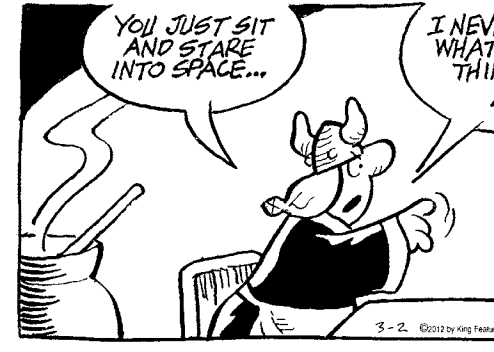
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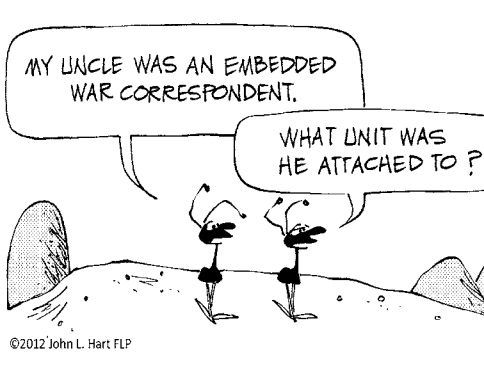
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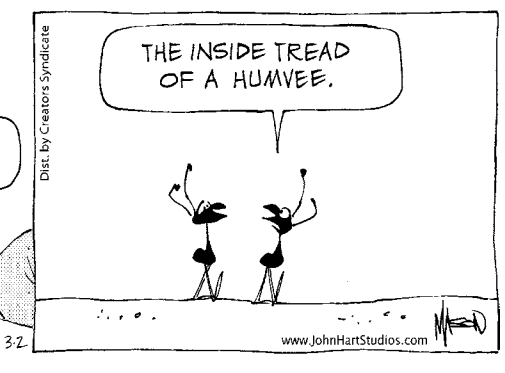
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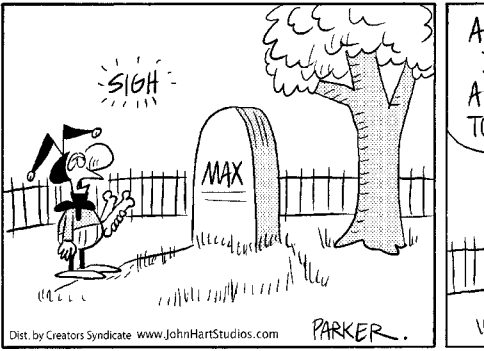
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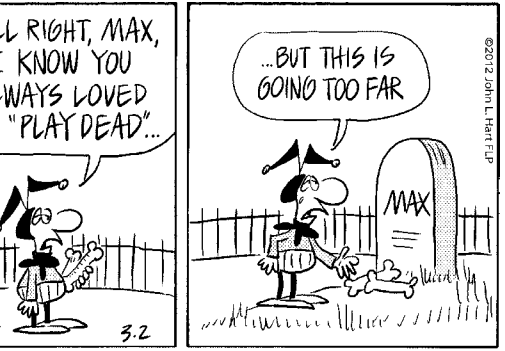
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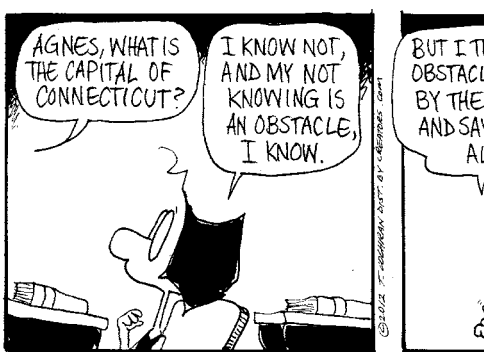
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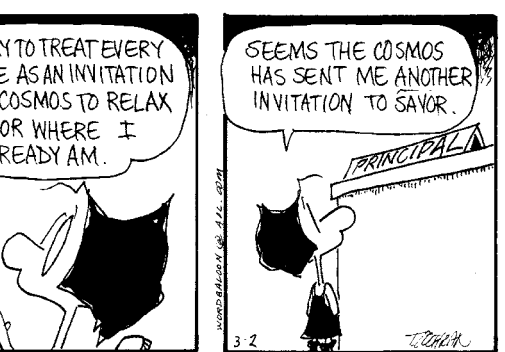
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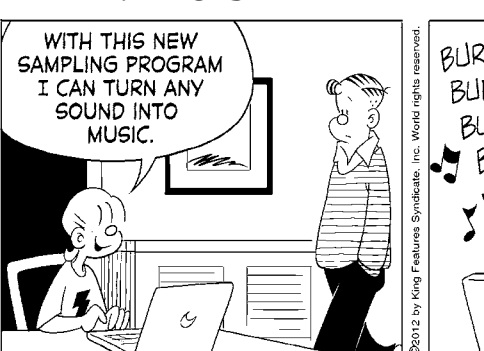
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 2, the 62nd day of 2012. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 2, 1962, Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points for the Philadelphia Warriors in a game against the New York Knicks, an NBA record that still stands. (Philadelphia won, 169-147.)

On this date:

In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.

In 1836, the Republic of Texas formally declared its independence from Mexico.

In 1861, the state of Texas, having seceded from the Union, was admitted to the Confederacy.

In 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won

the popular vote.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship as President Woodrow Wilson signed the Jones-Shafroth Act.

In 1932, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, which moved the date of the presidential inauguration from March 4 to January 20, was passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification.

In 1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli (pope Pius XII) was elected pope on his 63rd birthday; he took the name Pius XII.

In 1943, the World War II Battle of the Bismarck Sea began; U.S. and Australian warplanes were able to inflict heavy damage on a Japanese convoy.

In 1951, the East beat the West, 111-94, in the first NBA All-Star Game, which took place at Boston Garden.

In 1972, the United States launched the Pioneer 10 space probe, which flew past Jupiter in late 1973, sending back images and scientific data.

In 1989, representatives from the 12 European Community nations agreed to ban all production of CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons) by the end of the 20th

century.

Today's Birthdays: Actor John Cullum is 82. Author Tom Wolfe is 82. Former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 81. Actress Barbara Luna is 73. Actor Jon Finch is 71. Author John Irving is 70. Singer Lou Reed is 70. Actress Cassie Yates is 61. Actress Laraine Newman is 60. Former Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., is 59. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar is 57. Singer Jay Osmond is 57. Pop musician John Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 56. Tennis player Kevin Curren is 54. Country singer Larry Stewart (Restless Heart) is 53. Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi is 50. Blues singer-musician Alvin Youngblood Hart is 49.

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Newsday Crossword

T FORMATION by Richard Silvestri

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Fill a space
  - 5 Taproom display
  - 9 Something to make or steal
  - 14 Oratorio performance
  - 15 Conversation filler
  - 16 Tourist center of Egypt
  - 17 Ancient Brit off to one side?
  - 19 One multiplying by dividing
  - 20 Stick fast
  - 21 Pointed comedies
  - 23 Certain sweater
  - 26 Lamblike
  - 27 Greenish blue
  - 31 Potions teacher at Hogwarts
  - 33 Weightlifting maneuvers
  - 35 Threw with force
  - 37 Sidekick
  - 40 Chance to use an atomizer?
  - 43 Frat letter
  - 44 Flaxen
  - 45 Construction worker
  - 46 Accepted eagerly
  - 48 British islanders
  - 49 Browser module
  - 54 Accomplishment
  - 56 Clothing lines
  - 58 Ferocious
  - 63 Phones
- DOWN**
- 1 Hemingway nickname
  - 2 Rain-starved
  - 3 Highly caloric
  - 4 Duchess of Cambridge, in headlines
  - 5 Matures
  - 6 NATO charter member
  - 7 Marie's sea
  - 8 Hardens
  - 9 Shade of gray
  - 10 Chef's spice
  - 11 Bring to bear
  - 12 One of the Prize guys
  - 13 Obliterate
  - 18 Biblical vessel
  - 22 Emissary
  - 24 Where everybody's going
  - 25 Like a hawk
  - 27 Highest point
  - 28 Say uncle
  - 29 "Major" in astronomy
  - 30 Elev.
  - 32 Indiana school
  - 34 Weep audibly
  - 36 Bubble source
  - 37 It's southwest of Bologna
  - 38 Loads
  - 39 Wild feline
  - 41 China piece
  - 42 '60s war zone
  - 47 Grinding tool
  - 49 Lots of plots
  - 50 First-quality
  - 51 Pound fractions
  - 52 Draft pick
  - 53 Twisty turns
  - 55 Small portion
  - 57 Washer cycle
  - 59 Really big
  - 60 Clarinet range
  - 61 Hidden valley
  - 62 Make out visually
  - 65 Ruckus
  - 66 Call for help

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