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CISD discusses safety, hires principal

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By STEVE REAGAN

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COAHOMA — Unfortunately, campus security is the topic de jour at schools these

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Keeping students safe was the main topic of discussion during Coahoma Independent School District's trustee meeting Thursday night.

Several topics were broached during the meeting, although no action was taken, Superintendent Amy Jacobs said.

The two major concrete proposals discussed were adding a security camera system to the campuses, as well as hiring or contracting for security personnel, but Jacobs said the overall tone of the discussion was more general in nature.

"It basically dealt with all the challenges facing our

students and what's going on in that area," she said. "Our school district will look at all our options. In addition, there will be a lot of things coming down from (the Texas Education Agency) and we'll be working with them."

CISD is open to constructive

suggestions from all corners, she added.

"We sent a letter home with students following (the Newtown, Conn., school shootings in December) and one of the things we asked from

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Howard College officials take safety seriously

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Student safety isn't just an issue for public schools — college officials are looking for ways to make their campuses more secure, as well.

While the lion's share of concerns about student safety

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has centered on centered on the grade-school level, college personnel, including those at Howard College, realize they have a stake in the is-

sue. "As just about every institution has, we've

conducted review of our safety procedures," HC President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

In fact, the college recently completed a state-mandated audit of its security protocols. While no major problems were uncovered, Sparks said having a safe and secure learning environment at Howard is a top priority.

"Certainly, there are things we can always improve upon," she said. "It's something we strive for ever day. It's a constant vigilance that's required of us."

By its very nature, a college environment poses different problems and concerns from public schools — night classes and students living on campus, for example — that require different solutions, Sparks said. Unlike public school cam-

puses in the area, Howard has contracted with a private firm to provide a constant security presence on its campus. In addition,

the college works closely with local law enforcement in drawing up responses to various scenarios.

"We try to have a security presence on campus throughout the day and evening," Sparks said.

Howard is a gun-free campus, but recent action by the Texas Legislature could change all that. A bill allowing students to bring guns on campus was defeated during the 2011 session of the legislature, but is expected to be reintroduced this year.

Sparks said she does not want the legislature telling her whether she should allow armed students at Howard.

"Every college campus is different," she said. "We're taking the position that local trustees should be the ones to take what they determine is the best course of action for

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Cargill Beef has announced it will close its Plainview processing plant — which employs 2,000 workers in a town of 22,000. The company said the drought has deplinished the supply of cattle.

Cargill meatpacking plant cuts 2,000 jobs

Drought impacts West Texas community

BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Cargill Beef announced Thursday that it will idle one of its two West Texas meatpacking plants and lay off all 2,000 workers because of a tight cattle supply following years of drought.

The number of cattle in the U.S. has been dropping for years, but the pace accelerated during the past two years as ranchers in central



off millions of animals they couldn't afford to feed after drought dried up pastures and sent the prices of hay and other feed skyrocketing. The slaughter began to slow in the fall as many ranchers

and southwestern states sold

tried to hold on to the relatively few cattle they had left.

Ranchers have said it will take years to rebuild their herds once the drought ends, and Cargill said it didn't expect business to rebound

soon. "The decision to idle our Plainview beef processing plant was a difficult and painful one to make and was made only after we

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to support teachers using or planning to use the lessons found in the recently published book. Books will be available for \$89.96. In addition to teachers and administrators, the book may interest

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Obituaries

Carla Lowe

Carla Lowe, 89, was born Dec. 5, 1923, in Plainview, Texas, to Henry Sr. and Ada Adair Johnson. She obtained her LVN nursing degree at Plainview Medical Center. In 1944, she married Willie Lee Lowe and co-owned Lowe's Drive-In, also known as the Malt-Stand in Plainview.

She moved to Big Spring, Texas, in 1976 and continued working as a nurse until retiring in 2004. She was a member of Church of Christ in Plainview and became a member of Highway 80 Church of Christ after moving to Big Spring.

Carla was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Lee Lowe; sisters, Lynece O'Neal, Vaurice Goss, May Pearl Goss, Lu Ellen Johnson and Jo Ada Johnson; brothers, Milton Goss, Heazie Goss, Samuel Johnson and James Johnson. Survivors include a brother, Henry Johnson Jr.

and wife Rachel of Herford, Texas; daughters, Susan Lowery of Plainview and Jo Ellen Smith of Lakewood, Wash.; six grandchildren; five greatgrandchildren; eight great-great grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, at Highway 80 Church of Christ, 3900 West Highway 80, Big Spring. Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013, at Plainview Memorial Cemetery and Memorial Park, 100 S. Joliet St., Plainview.

Police blotter

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

- WILLIAM MATTHEW GARZA, 30, of Lake Jackson, Texas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication. • JAMES LYNN RICHARDSON, 22, of 2621
- Chanute, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for public intoxication. • BOBBY HAROLD DAVIS, 38, of 3303 Cornell, was arrested Thursday on warrants for wrong/ficti-
- tious/altered/obscured registration insignia and failure to appear. • BILLY MANN KIRK JR., 38, of 408 S. Lancaster. was arrested Thursday on charges of forgery, no driver's license - when unlicensed (two counts). failure to signal required distance before turning,
- to interfere or without safety. • HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON, 28, of 1511 S. Scurry Apt. A, was arrested Thursday on five warrants from other agencies.

displaying fictitious license plate and backing so as

• ALEJANDRO MIER. 29. of 4200 Muir. was arrested Thursday on a warrant for criminal mischief – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

• JESSIE HILARIO FIERRO JR., 42, of 1802 State. was arrested Thursday on a warrant for driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

- ROBBERY was reported in the 800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.
- THEFT was reported in the 1000 block of

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail

reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report. • JUAN ANTONIO HERNANDEZ, 41, was booked

- into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • TONYA RENEA COGBURN, 42, was arrested
- Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check, a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance and municipal warrants for running a red light and failure to appear. • WILLIAM MATTHEW GARZA, 30, was booked
- into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JESSE JAMESRUBIO MATA, 26, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JESSIE FIERRO JR., 42, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON, 28, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for bondsman off bond – possession of a controlled substance (two counts), bondsman off bond - tampering/fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair, bondsman off bond – failure to comply with sex offender registration and bondsman off bond – manufacture/ delivery of a controlled substance.
- MICHAEL SHANE SHULTS, 34, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of taking a weapon from a peace officer.
- BILLY MANN KIRK JR., 38, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on charges of forgery, no driver's license – when unlicensed (two counts), failure to signal required distance before turning, displaying fictitious license plate and backing so as to interfere or without safety.
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Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
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- Morrison. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 2300 block of
- Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC. GAS LEAK was reported in the 1500 block of
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 200 block of Channing.

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- Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432 268-7730.
- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-
- Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999 or come by 602 S. Main.

Volunteers are needed in many categories including patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Training is offered free of charge.

- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one nour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
- 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.
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events. and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.
- The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
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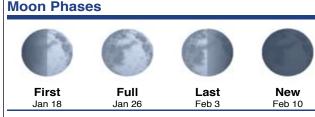
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West Texas doctor pleads guilty in drug case

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — A West Texas doctor faces at least 10 years in prison for writing fake prescriptions for hydrocodone and sometimes not even seeing those patients.

Investigators in Midland say Dr. Barrett Doyle Whitefield of Odessa pleaded guilty Thursday to conspiring to possess with intent to distribute and distributing controlled substances.

No sentencing date was immediately set for Whitefield in cases since mid-2011. Investigators say Whitefield wrote prescriptions for hydrocodone to numerous individuals upon request — sometimes without examining them. Prosecutors say Whitefield knew that several co-

defendants were selling the hydrocodone pills in the Midland and Odessa areas. He also delivered methamphetamine to a person in Lamesa (luh-MEE'-suh) on orders from his co-defendants. Four other people pleaded guilty this week to con-

spiracy counts and await sentencing. Three other suspects face trial.

South Texan convicted in 2003 fire death of wife GOLIAD, Texas (AP) — A South Texas man has

been sentenced to life in prison over a 2003 house fire that left his wife dead. A judge in Goliad on Thursday sentenced 45-year-

old Delbert Mills after convicting him of murder in the death of 32-year-old Patricia Mills. Her relatives wanted the June 2003 case reopened.

Mills was charged in 2011. The Victoria Advocate reports prosecutor Mi-

chael Sheppard says Mills had an affair and sought to avoid paying for a divorce or child support for his son. Sheppard also says Mills in recent years talked to many different people about being able to start a fire and not get caught. The defense said there's no evidence proving

Mills started the fire and the source of the blaze was never determined.

Mills did not testify.

2 arrested in ATMs theft scheme

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — Two men from Mexico have been arrested and about \$211,000 seized after some ATMs in South Texas were drained of cash. McAllen police have linked last weekend's thefts

to nearly 1,000 fake credit cards. Investigators believe Mexican banks were targeted with stolen data from hundreds of accounts loaded on to credit cards, which can be used for cash advances.

McAllen police Chief Victor Rodriguez said Thursday that the investigation began Monday after bank officials confirmed some ATMs were empty. Bank surveillance video was used to help locate a vehicle Wednesday and one suspect, who led to another man. Officers recovered about \$211,000 in suitcases and hundreds of bogus credit cards. Federal charges are pending. Authorities believe

the two men were provided the account information and continue to investigate the source.

South Texas woman indicted in stepson's drowning

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A South Texas woman has been indicted on a capital murder charge after her 6-year-old stepson drowned while in her care during a beach outing. The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reports a Nuec-

es County grand jury Thursday indicted 47-yearold Laura Lee Day of Corpus Christi. She's also charged with injury to a child with intent to cause serious bodily injury and endangering a child. Day, who remains in the Nueces County Jail,

could face execution if convicted in the Oct. 5 death of Taylor Syring. Police say Day told them she let the boy remove his life jacket while swimming alone in shallow water as she watched him.

His mother, Kelly Syring, says Taylor wasn't a strong swimmer and she would never let him go

into the water by himself.

Houston-area man gets 45 years in child porn cases HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-area man has been

sentenced to 45 years in prison in a child pornography investigation in which he described himself as A federal judge in Houston on Thursday afternoon sentenced 37-year-old D.J. Christopher Lowe,

who in 2011 pleaded guilty to possession, distribution and production of child pornography. Investigators say Lowe exploited six children, including a toddler. Prosecutors say Lowe spoke at the court hearing

and called himself a "monster" in cases going back to 2009.

Lowe's activities were discovered in an investigation into online chats and images involving a man in Italy. That led to Lowe's home being raided in August 2010. Investigators located more than 17,000 images and hundreds of videos of child pornography.

Closings set in trial over boy's dehydration death

DALLAS (AP) — Jurors are about to begin deliberations in the trial of a Dallas woman accused of denying water to a 10-year-old stepson who died of

Closing arguments are scheduled for Friday in the trial of Tina Marie Alberson, who's charged with felony injury to a child in the July 2011 death of Jonathan James. Jonathan collapsed at his father and Alberson's south Dallas home. Authorities say he'd been kept in the home without water for days as punishment for bed wetting, sneaking food and other supposed mistakes.

Alberson testified in her own defense, saying she saw no sign that the boy was in medical distress.

Alberson faces up to life in prison if convicted.

CISD

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parents were their suggestions in this area," Jabos said. "We've had some excellent input from our parents." Jacobs said safety and security issues will continue to be at the forefront of the district's agenda.

"We have a security plan in place, and we will continue to update it as needed," she

In other business, trustees:

 Approved a one-year extension to Jacobs' contract. It now runs until 2015. Hired Charlotte Stovall as

- the new elementary campus principal. Stovall, who was selected from among 25 applicants, comes to CISD from Colorado City, where she was principal at Hutchinson Elementary.
- Approved the applica-

tion for several waivers from TEA. Those waivers, Jacobs said, are routine requests the district annually makes regarding issues such as early release dates and staff development schedules. Voted to lower adult meal

prices at the school cafeterias by 50 cents.

 Learned the latest enrollment figures show 839 students enrolled in CISD classes, an increase of 40 students from the same time last year.

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COLLEGE

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our campus."

When discussing possible solutions to the increasing prob-

lem of student safety, Sparks said one area that's been overlooked is mental health.

"We're seeing that everywhere, not just at the college," she said. "We are seeing more students with more personal problems and stresses, which is reflected in our society, as well. We really need to look at what we're doing in the area of mental health."

Regardless, however, Sparks stressed officials will continue

to take whatever steps they deem necessary to safeguard students and college staff. "It has always been a focus to

maintain a safe and secure environment to learning here," she said.

than most."

CARGILL

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conducted an exhaustive analysis of the regional cattle supply and processing capacity situation in North America,' Cargill President John Keating said in the release.

The company said workers in Plainview will be let go Feb. 1, and plants in Friona, Texas, Dodge City, Kan., and Fort Morgan, Colo., will get cattle that previously would have been sent to Plainview.

Cargill is the largest employer in Plainview, said Mayor Wendell Dunlap.

to have a major effect on our economy," said Dunlap, who's been mayor since March 2012 in the city about 50 miles

Cargill will take applications for its other plants from workers targeted for layoffs, and the city will have its own job fair in early February, Dunlap said. "But we have a long-

north of Lubbock.

range plan in the works for attracting new businesses and bringing new jobs to the city," he said.

Cargill Beef, which is based in Wichita, Kan., also has plants in California, Nebraska, Penn-

"Our town has about sylvania and Wiscon- long it could, hoping the 22,000 people. We lose sin, along with two in drought would break, this cycle in the past, 2,000 jobs, it's bound Canada. It said it would pastures would rebound although this one is try to move some workers from Plainview to its other operations.

> The United Food and Commercial Workers Union, which represents workers at the Plainview plant, expressed concern in an emailed statement about transfers to other Cargill plants, saying workers should retain their seniority and other rights.

> Cargill said it could reopen the Plainview plant if cattle numbers rebound in coming

> Keating said the company delayed the decision to idle the plant as

and ranchers would be able to hold on to their animals.

"Unfortunately, drought has not broken, feed costs remain higher than historical averages and the herd continues to shrink," Keating said. "The in-

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Give us patience, dear Lord, to deal with people and computers.

Amen

The promise and the pontificators

y eyes filled with tears as I listened to the parents of the victims of the shooting in Newtown, Conn., speak out, many for the first

time. They gathered to announce the founding of a nonprofit group, Sandy Hook Promise. Their purpose was to engage in the public dialogue about what they called "gun responsibility." They want something positive to come from their children's deaths.



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They did not endorse a specific proposal. They said they needed more time to do that; they lost their children a month ago. They said that before they speak out, they want to educate themselves more. They also said that the discussion must not be limited to gun control, that it must include issues relating to mental health. On the same day, freshman

Rep. Steve Stockman announced in a statement that if President Barack Obama were to use executive orders to control access to guns, he would file articles of impeachment against him because the orders would "infringe on our constitutionallyprotected right to keep and bear arms." For her part, conservative columnist (and law school graduate) Ann Coulter urged Republicans to shut down abortion clinics if the president or congressional Democrats impose limits on guns.

If it weren't for the fact that they spoke out on the same day as the mourning parents, I'd ignore the noise from Stockman and Coulter altogether. But the dignity of the parents stands in such contrast to the indignity of those who should know better that it deserves to be addressed.

What this country needs, as

the Sandy Hook parents recognize and the loudmouths don't, is a dialogue, not a collection of threats that, if carried out, would themselves be unconstitu-

Even high-school students know about Marbury v. Madison, the famous decision in which Chief Justice John Marshall established the rule that the Supreme Court determines the unconstitutionality of laws, not a congressman or a colum-If Stockman is of the view that

the president's executive orders or bills that might be passed by Congress are unconstitutional, then he and his friends in the National Rifle Association can (and, no matter how reasonable the actions, most surely will) challenge them in the court.

If Coulter objects on Second Amendment grounds, she is free as a lawyer to participate in the briefing of the case, to organize an "amicus" brief to make her arguments clear, and of course to write about it. You don't deprive one group of its constitutional rights because you think a law or executive order on an entirely different subject is unconstitutional.

Reading the pained, determined, sober statements of the grieving families of Newtown against the loudmouthed rantings of attention getters (and yes, I know, there are attention getters on both sides who are equally uninterested in facts) demonstrates with painful clarity exactly what is wrong with public discourse in America. With few exceptions — Sandy Hook Promise being one of the very few — the people who scream the most loudly get all the attention. No wonder we are divided into politicized and partisan corners — or at least no wonder it seems that way. On the same day that the

Newtown families were standing up for civility and those in

the Stockman/Coulter crowd were screaming through their megaphones and getting plenty of attention for their extremism, a new study from the Pew Research Center revealed that in fact, there is more consensus on gun regulation than it sounds like from all the noise. According to the Pew study, conducted earlier this month, 85 percent of Americans support closing the "gun show loophole" and making private and gun show sales subject to background checks, and 80 percent are in favor of laws preventing mentally ill people from purchasing guns. Support is strong from both parties. As for a federal database to track gun purchases, 49 percent of Republicans support the idea. and 67 percent of the public (including 84 percent of Democrats) is in favor.

I don't understand why half the Republicans surveyed would be against a database. Law-abiding gun owners have nothing to fear

But it's precisely the sort of conversation we need to have, the kind of public dialogue that needs to take place, the sort of discourse that the Stockmans and Coulters would drown out if they had their way.

I don't know that there is anything — anything — we might accomplish that would ease the pain of losing a first-grader. But at the very least, the rest of us owe it to the courageous parents of Sandy Hook to join in their promise — and make good on it — no matter how many people, on either side, are screaming in the background.

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Pharaoh's funeral, grave to dance on

and give him a pharaoh's funeral. His opponents will dance on his grave and try to stomp his ideology into oblivion.

That's the way it is with Hugo

Chavez. Even though he is apparently on his deathbed in a Cuban hospital, there is no middle ground for the cancer-stricken Venezuelan president. You either love him or hate



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When he dies i soon, there will be a huge fight over whether Venezuelans should honor or dissolve his legacy. In elections that would have to be held within 30 days of the president's death, Venezuelans would get another chance to proceed with or reverse the course of Chavez's Bolivarian (and distinctly anti-American) Revolution.

And for the sake of democracy, let's hope they seize this opportunity to stop their country's march toward Cuban-style totalitarianism.

Let's face it: Under Chavez, Venezuela was well on its way to becoming a democratically chosen dictatorship. His takeover of most media, his stacking of the courts and government offices with his followers, and his use of Venezuela's oil wealth to buy elections has allowed him to treat the Venezuelan constitution as if it was written in pencil.

And even if you are softened by his bout with cancer, if you begin to feel compassion for a fellow human facing death, if you can even forget the many terrorist atrocities he has defended and promoted, Chavez is there to remind you

Tis followers will make that he is above the Venezuelan spected and Chavez had been constitution — so you can continue to either love him or hate him without remorse.

> In his latest violation of the Venezuelan constitution, Chavez not only missed his own inauguration but then he got his Supreme Court stooges to say it was all constitutional. While the Venezuelan consti-

tution calls for presidents to be sworn-in on Jan. 10 after their election, it also stipulates that if there is any "intervening reason" that makes the inauguration impossible, the president can be sworn-in by the Supreme Court with no date specified.

This gave the Chavistas the loophole they needed to retain power and postpone an election, although Chavez, who was reelected to another six-year term in October, is not even in the country or making any sort of public statements. With Chavez obviously too ill

to return to Venezuela, with no public sighting of the president since the Dec.

11 cancer surgery, with no evidence that he still is even capable of ruling, and with rumors that he could even be in a coma or on life-support, the Venezuelan supreme court decided that Chavez is still in power from Cuba. In effect, the court deputized

Vice President Nicolas Maduro, Chavez's handpicked successor, to run the country while Chavez's condition is clarified and while Chavistas prepare their votebuying machine for the next election.

While Maduro's term as vice president expired on Jan. 10, the high court gave him the opportunity to run as a media manipulating and vote-buying incumbent, just like Chavez.

Of course, the Venezuelan opposition is rightfully outraged.

forced to relinquish power by the 10th of January, another Chavista caretaker, National Assembly President Diosdado Cabello would be in power temporarily and perhaps Maduro would not be able to make so much use of the government's wealth to buy the presidency.

When Chavez dies, Maduro is expected to run against opposition leader Henrique Capriles, who lost to Chavez in October's presidential election.

Charging that the delay in the president's inauguration is unconstitutional, and that the current government is illegitimate, the Venezuelan opposition has called for a "massive demonstration of force on the streets of Venezuela" on Wednesday, Jan. 23.

They say their government has been usurped from Havana, that there has been a hijacking of the constitution and a "state-coup." They say they really don't know who is giving the orders any more since they are coming from Communist Cuba.

Imagine an American president going abroad for medical treatment, keeping a lid on the seriousness of his ailments, staying away for more than a month, missing his own inauguration ceremony and leaving his country in fear that its being led by a man on artificial respirator. Even worse, by the leaders of another country! Not even Hollywood would dare

try to sell such a ridiculous storyline.

It's too unbelievable, isn't it?

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National, world news in brief

Some travelers unshaken by Boeing 787 safety concerns

DALLAS (AP) — Some frequent fliers say they aren't worried about safety aboard Boeing's problemplagued 787 aircraft, while many lessseasoned travelers are often unaware of what model of plane they're flying

That makes it anyone's guess whether Boeing Co., or the airlines that use its planes, will pay a price for concerns surrounding the 787. The planes were grounded worldwide on Thursday after a battery fire on one. and an emergency landing on another after pilots smelled something burn-

"I'm as excited today to get on a 787 as I was a year ago," says Edward Pizzarello, a travel blogger who has logged four flights on the 787, which Boeing calls the Dreamliner. "Boeing will fix this, and I'll be flying on this plane for many years."

Lee Simonetta, a research engineer at Georgia Tech, said he too would hop on the Dreamliner again. He was among the aviation fanatics aboard the plane's first trip with paying customers, an All Nippon Airways flight from Tokyo to Hong Kong in October 2011. It was a time to marvel at a jet made of composite materials that make it lighter and far more fuel-efficient, and at its use of electrical systems to do just about everything.

That was before a series of incidents including fuel leaks, cracked windshields and overheating batteries gained worldwide attention. Photos of charred battery boxes from the planes popped up all over the Internet. Safety officials around the world took a second look at the planes, and the Federal Aviation Administration grounded 787s in this country — United Airlines is the only U.S. carrier to fly them, but several foreign airlines use them on flights to and from the

Algeria's deadly hostage crisis not over, U.K. says; death toll unclear

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — An Algerian military raid to free hostages from at least 10 countries at a remote Sahara natural gas complex and wipe out their Islamist militant captors unleashed bloody chaos, and the British government said Friday that the situation was not yet over.

The fate of the fighters and many of the captives remained uncertain. and dueling claims from the military and the militants have muddied the world's understanding of an event that angered Western leaders.

By nightfall, Algeria's government said the raid was over. But Britain's Foreign Office said Friday morning that "the terrorist incident remains ongoing." It said it could give no further details. Manuel Valls, France's interior minister, said the situation remained murky.

At least six people, and perhaps many more, were killed — among them Britons, Filipinos and Algerians. Terrorized hostages from Ireland and Norway trickled out of the Ain Amenas plant. Dozens more remained unaccounted for: Americans, Britons, French, Norwegians, Romanians, Malaysians, Japanese, Algerians and the fighters themselves.

"This remains a fluid and evolving situation and many details are still unclear, but the responsibility for the tragic events of the last two days squarely rests with terrorists who chose to attack innocent workers, murdering some and holding others hostage," British Foreign Secretary William Hague told Sky News from Australia.

Looking to rebound, GOP eyes new election laws in states Obama won

BOSTON (AP) — After back-to-back presidential losses, Republicans in key states want to change the rules to make it easier for them to win.

From Wisconsin to Pennsylvania, GOP officials who control legislatures in states that supported President Barack Obama are considering changing state laws that give the winner of a state's popular vote all of its Electoral College votes, too, Instead, these officials want Electoral College votes to be divided proportionally, a move that could transform the way the country elects its president.

Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus endorsed the idea this week, and other Republican leaders support it, too, suggesting that the effort may be gaining momentum. There are other signs that Republican state legislators, governors and veteran political strategists are seriously considering making the shift as the GOP looks to rebound from presidential candidate Mitt Romney's Electoral College shellacking and the demographic changes that threaten the party's long-term political pros-

"It's something that a lot of states that have been consistently blue that are fully controlled red ought to be looking at," Priebus told the Wisconsin Journal Sentinel, emphasizing that each state must decide for itself.

Democrats are outraged at the potential change.

Justice Department decision leaves food servers more vulnerable to threats over food allergies

WASHINGTON (AP) — People with severe food allergies have a new tool in their attempt to find menus that fit their diet: federal disabilities law. And that could leave schools, restaurants and anyplace else that serves food more vulnerable to legal challenges over food sensitivities.

A settlement stemming from a lack of gluten-free foods available to students at a Massachusetts university could serve as a precedent for people with other allergies or conditions, including peanut sensitivities or diabetes. Institutions and businesses subject to the Americans With Disabilities Act could be open to lawsuits if they fail to honor requests for accommodations by people with food allergies.

Colleges and universities are especially vulnerable because they know their students and often require them to eat on campus, Eve Hill of the Justice Department's civil rights division says. But a restaurant also could be liable if it blatantly ignored a customer's request for certain foods and caused that person to become ill, though that case might be harder to argue if the customer had just walked in off the street, Hill said.

The settlement with Lesley University, reached last month but drawing little attention, will require the Cambridge, Mass., institution to serve gluten-free foods and make other accommodations for students who have celiac disease.

At least one student complained to the federal government after the school would not exempt the student from a meal plan even though the student couldn't eat the food.

"All colleges should heed this settlement and take steps to make accommodations," says Alice Bast, president and founder of the National Foundation for Celiac Awareness. "To our community this is definitely a precedent."

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Hagel pick echoes **Tower nomination fight**

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the middle of a bitter fight over a Republican president's nominee for defense secretary, a former White House occupant pleaded with senators to give the president his choice for the Pentagon

"Unless there is conclusive evidence against the nominee, the Senate should respect the right of a new president to choose the men and women he believes are best qualified to serve in his Cabinet," former President Richard Nixon said in March 1989.

Nixon's request fell upon deaf ears. The Democratic-controlled Senate, on a largely party-line vote, defeated the nomination of John Tower amid allegations that he was an excessive drinker, womanizer and held close ties to defense contractors — all charges that he denied.

It was an ignominious outcome for the former four-term Texas senator as it marked the first time the Senate had rejected one of its own for a Cabinet post. Republican President George H.W. Bush, on the job barely two months, absorbed the political blow.

More than two decades later, President Barack Obama's nominee for defense secretary, two-term former GOP Sen. Chuck Hagel, faces stiff opposition from fellow Republicans who are willing to ignore Nixon's plea and perhaps even toss aside their own words from 24 years ago — and vote against Hagel.

As Tibetan burnings increase, China seizes residents, TVs, goes on propaganda offensive

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese authorities are responding to an intensified wave of Tibetan self-immolation protests against Chinese rule by clamping down even harder — criminalizing the suicides, arresting protesters' friends and even confiscating thousands of satellite TV dishes.

The harsh measures provide an early indication that the country's new leadership is not easing up on Tibet despite the burning protests and international condemnation.

For months, as Tibetans across western China doused themselves in gasoline and set themselves alight. authorities responded by sending in security forces to seal off areas and prevent information from getting out. but those efforts did not stop or slow the protests. The self-immolations even accelerated in November as China's ruling Communist Party held a pivotal leadership transition.

Then the government went on the

offensive in December, announcing through a state-owned newspaper that the burnings are the work of foreign hostile forces keen on separating Tibet from the mainland and that those who help others self-immolate are liable to be prosecuted for murder. Arrests quickly followed.

Colo. theater reopens, months after mass shooting; some survivors boycott ceremony

AURORA, Colo. (AP) — One survivor had to pause on his way into the theater and pray. Another braced for flashbacks as he entered the auditorium where 12 people died and dozens were injured during a massacre six months earlier. Others refused to come, viewing the reopening of the multiplex as insensitive.

The former Century 16, now renovated and renamed the Century Aurora, opened its doors to victims of the July 20 attack on Thursday night with a somber remembrance ceremony and a special showing of "The Hobbit."

Theater 9, where neuroscience graduate student James Holmes allegedly opened fire on a midnight screening of "The Dark Knight Returns," is now an XD theater with a wall-to-wall screen and stadium seating.

"We as a community have not been defeated," Aurora Mayor Steve Hogan told victims, officials, and dozens of police officers and other first responders at the ceremony.

Bolshoi Theater's artistic director attacked with acid in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — The artistic director of the Bolshoi Theater's ballet troupe was attacked with acid in Moscow and his eyesight is threatened, the theater said Friday.

Sergei Filin, a 42-year-old former ballet star, was approached Thursday night by an unknown man who splashed acid on his face as he got out of his car outside his home in central Moscow, Russian television report-

Bolshoi spokeswoman Katerina Novikova, who visited Filin at the hospital Thursday night, told The Associated Press that his condition is stable but his eyesight is threatened.

Filin was appointed artistic director of the Bolshoi's ballet company in March 2011. He danced for the Bolshoi on and off from 1988 to 2004 when his sustained a severe injury onstage.

The theater's director general Anatoly Iksanov told Russia's Channel One that he believes the attacked is linked to Filin's work.



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What Is God Like?

7hat is God like? It is an important

answer determines our worldview, how we see ourselves, how we see others and how we measure what is important. If God doesn't exist,



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as some assert, we can only view the world as a collision of random accidents. We live accidental lives on an accidental planet in an accidental solar system moving through accidental galaxies. Ultimately our lives have no reason or purpose. We simply are, for a few short years, and when we die, we are no more.

Others see God as the "prime mover." He designed the physical laws of the universe and set it in motion like a wind-up clock or toy. But He is not involved in His creation. It is simply unwinding itself, spinning along according to its primal design. We each live our lives as infinitely insignificant cogs in the master machine.

Some view God as an "all seeing eye" watching us.

He is personally cognizant of our lives and our actions and He is watching everything we say and do. We each live our lives like Truman Burbank, Jim Carrey's character in "The Truman

Still others envision God as a god of vengeance. He delights in taking note of our sins and punishing us. Our journey on this earth is little more than a process of being beaten into submission by a god who punishes us for every sin we commit. Entire religions have been built around methods of sacrifice and penance to appease this angry god.

Jesus had a different answer. I

f you want to know what God is like, Jesus said, think of your father. Of course not all fathers are good. There are some deadbeat dads out there who spoil the image. But the vast majority of fathers love their children and would do anything for them.

That is why we honor them on Father's Day. I was one of the fortunate ones to have a good father. He was, and is,

He was neither famous nor rich. He had no lasting achievements. He died when he was 53. But he was a good man, the best man I ever

He corrected me when I was little and did wrong things. He taught me a better way and set a better example that has served me for a lifetime. If I needed anything, he was there to help. That

is why Jesus said. "Don't worry. Your Father who is in heaven knows what you

Now that I am a father with children and grandchildren of my own I better understand what Jesus meant when he said, "If you being evil know how to give good things to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give what is good to you!" This helps me enormously. If God is like that it changes how I see myself, how I see others and how I see the world.

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

Church News

Forsan Baptist Church

With the start of a new year, we are beginning the march toward Spring and Easter. Much of our Sunday morning messages will be devoted to the ministry of Jesus as He made His journey toward the day of salvation. Sunday evenings, we are conducting a verse-by-verse survey of the Book of Romans, and on Wednesdays we will begin a study called, "The Seven Stages of Peter's Life." Our sanctuary remodel is moving rapidly. We

hope to be in our new structure by the end of this month or early February. Plans for this renovation phase will encompass the expansion of our stage area with the addition of a choir loft and moving the baptistery. We are also raising the ceiling, installing a new sound system, replacing the carpet, dry-walling texturing the interior, replacing windows and giving the interior an overall facelift. Check out our Facebook page for pictures of the

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday youth activities have resumed and will continue throughout the school year. We will provide a meal and refreshments for these activities.

Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for praise and worship followed by the Word. Last week, Elder Preston Harrison delivered a wonderful message titled "Is There Hope for Me?" which was taken from John 1:40-42a. This week, Pastor Willard will begin a new series called Strengthening and Maintaining Unity, with the title of "Give No Place to the Devil!" Main scripture will be taken from Ephesians 4:27.

Discipleship 101 Bible Study will be on Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

Overcomers: Recovery & Restoration class has been moved to Thursday evenings, from 6:30-8 p.m. and will be located in the "Green Room" of the east wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter in through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. (For more info please contact church office.)

CCC offers ministries in the following areas: New Beginnings (Newborn to 18 months); Tiny Tots (19 months-kindergarten); Kovenant Kids (1st-6th grade); Chosen Generation (7th-12th grade); Covenant U - College Ministry (18-24 years); Men's & Women's Ministries; and Marriage Enrichment.

CCC meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Discipleship 101 Bible Study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. Sunday morning services are recorded, so if you'd like a free copy of a CD for those services, contact our multimedia department. Mother's Lounge and Children Church are offered for both mid-week and Sunday services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street, (on the corner of 12th and Owens St.) For more information, contact us at 264-0015, or check out Covenant Connect on Facebook, Twitter or Myspace.

College Baptist Church Pastor Ken McMeans preached on biblical lead-

ers in the church this week. His sermon was, "The Song of the Servant." He spoke of God's leaders being Christ centered, Holy Spirit motivated, God ordained, and biblically directed. I just wanted to say something about our lead-

ers and teachers in the Children's Department of College Baptist Church. They take care of our very young ones from babies to kindergarten age. They don't just "baby sit" except for the smallest babies, instead, they teach. Even very young children have a hunger to learn about Jesus and these teachers prepare each week to teach them in a way they can understand. The children then go into the 1st through 5th grade classes prepared to get more advance teaching. We have excellent teachers there who take up where the others left off.

We urge you to bring your children to church from the time they are babies and let them grow in the knowledge of the Lord. In Proverbs 22:6 in the Bible, it tells us that if we train up a child in the

way he should go that when he is old, he will not depart from it.

There will be a men's fellowship meeting tonight at the church. A meal will be served and the men will watch a video called,"The Man Code" by Dennis Swanburg. You may call the church at, 432-267-7429 for more details.

-Submitted by Dean Priest

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. in the church library and the Chancel Choir practices at 6 p.m. Wednesday. The Children's Choir practices Wednesday at 4:45 p.m.

The Boy Scouts meet in the entrance room of the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. Monday.

Presbyterian Women/Working Women will meet for Bible study and business Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the library. Jean Ann Farley will lead Lesson 5 from the Dispatches to God's Household study book. This lesson is based on I Peter 3.

Claudie Patterson is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Marj Carpenter is liturgist for January. Ushers for the month are Lynn and Helen Glass, Don and Christine Boling. The lectionary for the Second Sunday after Epiph-

any is Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; I Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11. The Chancel Choir will present "Hear My Words"

by Stephen Paulus for the anthem and "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love" by Everett Titcomb for the offertory. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. There, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins will continue his sermon series "Kingdom Quest", exploring the hidden treasures found in the opening chapters of the Book of Acts. Services are at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes for all ages are at 9:45 a.m.

This Sunday the children's department will have its January Launch, "Under the Big Top," eight weeks of learning about the "gifts" God has given us. You are invited to join them on the third floor for popcorn, lemonade and lots of fun as they begin this new study of God's gifts and eternal love.

The Young Families Sunday School Group is also beginning a new course of study, "Crazy Love." Taught by Jim and Leslie Clements, the study relates that The God of the universe loves us with radical unconditional, self-sacrificing love and asks the question, "what is our response?" This is a 10 week course that meets at 9:45 each Sunday on the third floor.

If you are interested, come to any or all of the

Kids are reminded to bring something to church for the "Sermon in a Sack" with Pastor Bill and Beau. After that fun session you may go to youth hall for Children's Church for singing praise music and studying the "Fear Knot" series. This Sunday, our fear is "Scary Movies." God wants us to choose good movies to watch,

not scary movies. The word of the week is

"think." 2Timothy 2:8 says,"Think about Jesus Christ".

Wednesday Noon Bible Study and Luncheon is back on schedule with Pastor Bill bringing the study. This coming week the meal will be catered by Cowboy's at 11:50. Real Life begins at 5:30 Wednesday evenings beginning with serving of the meal followed by activities for EPIC Youth, Children's Choir (JAM) and adult studies. The new Beth Moore Bible study, "Jesus, The One And Only" is an 11 week course; however participants may attend any or all of them.

On Feb. 3. we welcome Charles Webb who will be playing the organ at both services of worship. Webb, who will participate in that weekend's presentation of the Big Spring Symphony, is remembered by many for his time spent at Webb Air Force Base and his contribution to musical programs

A big thanks you to Chuck and Bonnie Miller, cochairpersons of our Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) for the wonderful all-church New Year's celebration. Those traditional blackeyed peas, cornbread, ham and all the fixings were a big hit and a great fellowship to start the new year.

First United Methodist Church is located in the heart of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry; you are always welcome.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Our pastor is the Rev. Lannon Martin.

Our motto is "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives.' We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kent-

wood Subdivision in Big Spring. The church phone

number is 264-7818. Our website is http://www. m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/. Our e-mail ad dress is aliveinchrist@crcom.net. Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with Bible Study at

10:15 a.m. Mid-week classes on Wednesday begin with meal and fellowship at 5:45 p.m. and Bible study beginning at 6 p.m.

Bobby Roever will present the readings this week. The readings reference "Superman — the Savior."

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional 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 wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

A website offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available. The site, www.jcplayzone.com, promises fun and Christian educational based games and videos. Fun for all ages and offered in several languages, this safe internet site is something to check out.

First Christian Church

You are invited to attend First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), located at 911 Goliad. Each Sunday starts with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school for all ages at 9:45. Church starts at 10:50. We celebrate Communion every week. The Lord's Table is the center of our worship each time we worship. We practice an open table, which means anyone who is a follower of Jesus is welcomed at the Communion table. Christ is remembered as we offer to one another the bread and cup of remembrance.

This Sunday will be the Second Sunday after the

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Local Family History Center helps dig up roots

Millions of people in the United States are becoming increasingly interested in their family tree. Genealogy, the study of one's ancestors or family history, is said to be one of the fastest growing hobbies in the country and has flourished substantially in the digital era.

For Donna Menges, genealogy research has brought her closer to deceased relatives as well as peace, joy and happiness. "It's fun to do research and find

family members that I million microfilms. Pernever knew about before, Menges said. "It has brought great joy into my life." million microfilms. Personal assistance is provided to both the novice and experienced family historiansl. Currently,

Menges is one of many volunteers who operate local family history centers. Sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, these family history centers are free and open to the public. Access to many premium subscription genealogical websites is provided free along with access to approximately 2.5

million microfilms. Personal assistance is provided to both the novice and experienced family historiansl. Currently, more than 4,600 family history centers operate in 126 countries around the world. Each center is run by volunteers, like Menges, who love helping people research their roots.

Pauline Hillger is one of the many patrons of the family history center. "I have learned quite a bit about genealogy research. I have found family members that I didn't know existed. There is still so much I want to learn. I found my great-great-grandfather along with so many other family members. I am still searching! I am really excited to have this information."

Free, personal assistance is provided to both novices and experienced family historians. But visiting a family history center or library is no longer the only way to access records and track down deceased rela-

tives. Progress in modern technology has done a tremendous amount to help even the most inexperienced ancestor hunter hunt like a profrom his or home.

Family Search.org, also sponsored by the LDS Church, is one of the most popular genealogical resources in the world, receiving more than 10 million hits a day. This free online application is available in seven languages and allows visitors to search government and church

records for births, marriages and deaths, censuses, probate records, land records and draft cards. More than 80 million digital images are added to these files every year.

ery year.

The Big Spring Family History Center is located at 1803 Wasson Road just inside the southeast entrance. It is open Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and by appointment.

For more information, contact Ruth Ann Mc-Kay at 432-553-8127.

Religious Briefs

remove classroom religious signs BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A schoolteacher is suing

NY teacher sues after being told to

her district after being told to remove religious displays from her classroom or risk being fired.

Joelle Silver, a science teacher at Cheektowaga Central High School in a Buffalo suburb, describes herself as a devout Christian. A federal lawsuit filed Jan. 10 says the district

was overtly hostile toward her religion and violated her constitutional rights when it directed Silver last year to remove from her classroom several posters and other displays quoting Bible verses.

Superintendent Dennis Kane said by phone that a

student had complained about the material to the Freedom from Religion Foundation, a Madison, Wis.-based watchdog group, which prompted the district to seek legal guidance.

Silver's lawsuit, filed by the American Freedom Law Center of Ann Arbor, Mich., said the district's actions "send a clear message to (Silver) that she is an outsider, not a full member of the political and school community because she is a Christian."

New plaintiffs join suit that alleges sexual abuse coverup by church

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Five people have joined a Maryland lawsuit that claims a Kentucky-based evangelical church group covered up allegations of sexual abuse against children and failed to alert police and shield children from known sexual predators.

The new plaintiffs join three women who filed a civil lawsuit against Sovereign Grace Ministries in October. The suit accuses church leadership of encouraging parents of alleged victims to refrain from reporting abuses to police.

CHURCH NEWS

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Epiphany in the Christian Calendar. The Rev Ken McIntosh's message will be "Why are We Christian who Feel?" from Psalm 6.

After church today election of 2013 board members will be held by the congregation.

Elders will be Shirley Beauchamp, and Shirley Burgess; deacons will be Jo Best, Diana Best, Barbara Ervin and Eulaine McIntosh; worship leader will be Dan Miracle, communion prep will be Diana Best and Barbara Ervin; Children's Church will be Diana Best; greeter will be Deloris Levier; homebound communion will be Shirley Burgess.

Each week Isaiah 58 is open from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Mondays, and 3 until 5 Tuesdays. We are working Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 11, so we need volunteers for those days to help.

Also, every Monday evening, the TOPS Group will meet at the church fellowship hall at 5 p.m. for weigh-in. The meeting is at 5:30.

On Wednesday at 12:30 the Stewardship Committee will meet, also there will be choir at the church at 6:30 p.m. Call Ruth Jackson for more information

We believe the church is built by people worshipping together and we welcome you to visit at any time. For questions or further information, call the church office 432-517-4821 or view our website at www.fcbs125@yahoo.com or email to fcbs125@@vahoo.com

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ invites everyone to meet our new minister, Mr. Greg Surles, and be inspired by the word of God this Sunday.

Mr. Surles and his family are moving here from Buda, Texas, near Austin. He recently graduated from Southwest School of Bible Studies and worked in the church as a deacon for 10 years before pursuing a career as a minister.

Our church is located at the corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane in Big Spring. We have Bible class starting at 9 a.m., worship services at 10 and 5 p.m. Wednesday Bible class begins at 7 p.m.

Why not change your color?

Tam amazed at the wisdom of children. Sometimes they instinctively see the truth that adults have worked so hard to disguise. With simple words, they can cut through a cloud of foggy thinking, exposing the obvious.

This week. I saw one of those priceless gems

of wisdom posted by a friend on Facebook. This great quote, shared by my friend,

came from an eight-year-old girl named Hanna: "If you're feeling blue, try painting yourself a different color."

I confess that I have had a few

days when a coat of sunshiny yellow paint would have lifted my spirits. Even a few splotches of hot pink, bright orange, or lime green would have brightened my day. However, instead of daubing on some more cheerful colors, I let my blues fade into some depressing shades of gray.

Not discounting the reality of clinical depression, sometimes our moods need only a new coat of paint to make us feel better. Just the effort of applying the paint can be a good mood enhancer. The challenge of choosing a new color may also be a boost to our sagging psyches.

Although much has been written about the pursuit of happiness, many are still searching for that elusive thing that will make them happy for the rest of their lives.

A great American by the name of Abraham Lincoln understood the problem with searching for happiness. He unveiled a stark reality when he said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Although we can't always change our circumstances in life, we do have control over our attitudes. In his books about happiness, Christian psychiatrist, Frank Minirth points out that happiness is a choice. Each of us must decide whether or not we really want to be happy or to wallow in the comfort of our grievances, self-pity, and depression.

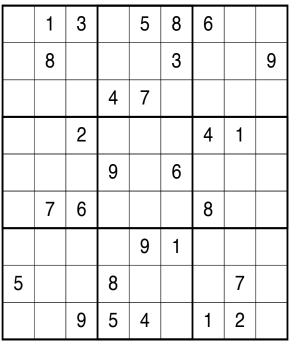
In the Scripture, the apostle Paul makes a distinction between temporary happiness, which is often dependent upon circumstances, and real joy, which is grounded in our relationship with God. The apostle also links joy to thankfulness: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! ... Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:4, 6-7 NASB).

When we shop for a new bucket of paint to cover up our blues, perhaps we should read the label carefully to be sure that thankfulness is one of the ingredients.

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

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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By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable, and North opens One Diamond, over which East bids One Spade. What would you bid with each of the following five hands?

1. ◆ AQ6 ▼ 872 ▼ 963 ♣ 9754

1. ♠ AQ6 ♥ 872 ♦ 963 ♣ 9754 2. ♠ Q94 ♥ AJ8 ♦ AQ7 ♣ Q872 3. ♠ KJ9852 ♥ 97 ♦ 84 ♣ Q63 4. ♠ K8 ♥ 102 ♦ AQ95 ♣ AKJ53 5. ♠ 97 ♥ 962 ♦ AJ87 ♣ AQ96

1. Pass. You presumably would have responded one notrump if East had passed, but you are relieved of that obligation after East intervenes with one spade. The temptation to bid one notrump to show that you have the spades stopped should be resisted, since such a bid, voluntarily made, indicates a good seven to 10

points rather than just six.

2. Two notrump. The requirements for a jump-response of two notrump — balanced hand with 13 to 15 points — are the same whether there is an intervening bid or not. True, your spade stopper is a bit tenuous, but this minor blemish does not nullify the descriptive advantage to

be gained by bidding two notrump.

3. Pass. If you play that a double would be for penalties in this situation, there is certainly a strong temptation to take that action here, but from a tactical standpoint, this would be the wrong thing to do. Whenever you double for penalties after partner has opened the bidding, you are

encouraging him to double anything else the opponents bid — and here you are not at all prepared for such a development. Moreover, you guarantee you will take further action of some kind if the overcaller's partner runs to a different suit and your partner passes — and you aren't ready to do that, either.

4. Three clubs. The best way to alert partner to the possibility of a slam is to start by jump-shifting in clubs. This shows at least 17 points, including distributional values. By bidding clubs now and raising diamonds later, you will imply shortage in either spades or hearts, or possibly both. Once you jump-shift and then support diamonds, you should leave the rest to partner.

5. Two clubs. Here you are confronted by a fairly common situation: Your values are too good for a raise to two diamonds and not good enough for a (forcing) raise to three diamonds. In other words, your hand is worth a bid of about two-and-a-half diamonds.

The usual way to try to resolve this dilemma is to first bid a new suit, compelling partner to bid again, and then raise diamonds later to encourage him to continue bidding. An alternative, now popular with many players, would be to bid two spades, a cuebid of the opponent's suit, to indicate a hand of 11 or more points with diamond support.

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Howard College's Marion Lemonnier takes a shot during a game earlier in the season. The Lady Hawks lost Thursday to New Mexico Junior College 55-49.

Hawks squads fall to visiting **Thunderbirds**

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

Howard College women's basketball team fell to 1-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play Thursday after losing to New Mexico Junior College

The Lady Hawks led the Lady Thunderbirds for much of the first half, but NMJC managed to pull ahead by a point headed into the break.

The second half was a backand-forth battle.

Taking advantage Howard turnovers, NMJC increased its lead seven at one point, but back-toback three-point shots by Stephanie Carrillo cut the Lady T-Bird's lead to a basket.

It wasn't enough for the Lady Hawks, as three consecutive free throws and a two-point basket put the game on ice for NMJC.

Reeling from their second straight loss, HC Head Women's Basketball Coach Earl Diddle hopes his team is learning quickly that in order to win in the WJCAC, you have to be relentless for the entire game.

"New Mexico obviously has a very good team," Diddle said. "But we tuirned the ball over at critical

times and gave up some easy points. Our inability to read defenses has had us discombobulated at times, a good team — if they can get you — will capitalize on it."

Diddle was pleased with the defensive effort, which kept the Hawks in the game.

"We played well at times defensively," Diddle added. "Overall, I was pleased. We just have some players that need to be more productive and we need to be more consistent when the game is on the line."

There isn't much downtime for Diddle and the Hawks as they will host Southwest Texas Junior College in a make-up game Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawk men fell behind early during Tuesday's game against New Mexico Junior College at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, but they battled back to take a one-point lead just before halftime.

Bronx, NY native, DaShaun Wiggins racked up 31 points for HC, but the Thunderbirds went home the victors, edging HC 55-50 in a low-scoring affair.

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With Te'o silent, hoax questions mount

TOM COYNE

existed.

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Manti Te'o has already tried to explain how his heartwarming story of playing through adversity was a lie he wasn't responsible for, how he was the victim of a cruel hoax about a dead girlfriend who never

He still has questions to answer, with many wondering whether he was a victim or participant in the scam. Those doubts even extended to his own campus, where he is one of the most popular players in Notre Dame's storied history.

"Whenever Manti decides to speak I'll bet the entire campus will stop what they're do-

ing and watch what he has to say," Notre Dame student body president Brett Rocheleau said Thursday. "I think the majority of students believe in Manti. They just want to hear him answer these final few questions and hear the story from his point of view."

When Te'o will do that, like so much else about this story, is still a mystery.

An Associated Press review of news coverage found that Te'o talked about his doomed love in a Web interview on Dec. 8 and again in a newspaper interview published Dec. 10. He and the university said he learned on Dec. 6 that it was all a hoax — not only was she not dead,

she wasn't real.

On Thursday, a day after the bizarre news broke, there were questions about whether he story has been comclaimed, or whether he and the university were complicit in the hoax and misled the public, perhaps to improve his chances of winning the Heisman. He came in second, propelled by one of the most compelling plot lines of the

Yahoo sports columnist Dan Wetzel said the case has "left everyone wondering whether this was really the case of a naïve football player done wrong by friends or a fabrication that has yet to play to its conclusion."

Gregg Doyel, national

columnist for CBSSports.com, was more direct.

"Nothing about this really was duped, as he prehensible, or logical, and that extends to what happens next," he wrote. "I cannot comprehend Manti Te'o saying anything that could make me believe he was a victim."

On Wednesday, Te'o and Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick said the player was drawn into a virtual romance with a woman who used the phony name Lennay Kekua, and was fooled into believing she died of leukemia in September. They said his only contact with the

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PSU's O'Brien wins Bear Bryant Award

JORDAN GODWIN

Associated Press

HOUSTON - Penn State coach Bill O'Brien said he didn't think he stood a chance of winning Thursday night.

Then again, that's what many said about his first season at the helm of a program in

O'Brien won the 2012 Paul "Bear" Bryant College Coach of the Year Award on Thursday night, beating out five other finalists.

O'Brien led the Nittany Lions through an 0-2 start and NCAA sanctions to an 8-4 finish in his first season at Penn State.

"It means so much to the kids and everyone else who stuck with us," O'Brien said. "This was a program award. But we've got a long way to go to get Penn State back to what it once was."

The man he replaced last January, the late Joe Paterno, was the first Bryant Award winner in 1986.

O'Brien won his third national coach of the vear award after previously winning the Maxwell Club and

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IOC VP, Armstrong must tell 'whole truth'

STEPHEN WILSON

AP Sports Writer

LONDON Lance Armstrong's doping confession to Oprah Winfrey was "too little, too late" and failed to provide any new information that will help clean up the sport he tarnished through years of cheating, the vice president of the IOC said Friday.

A day after stripping Armstrong of his bronze medal from the 2000 Sydney Olympics, the IOC urged the disgraced former Tour de France champion to supply details to anti-doping authorities in order to "bring an end to this dark episode."

In an interview with The Associated Press, IOC vice president Thomas Bach said Armstrong's admission to Winfrey that he performance-enhancing drugs — after years of vehement denials —was not enough.

"If he thinks this interview would help him get credibility back, I think this is too little, too late," said Bach, a German lawyer who leads the IOC's anti-doping investigations. "It's a first step in the right direction, but no more.

"If he really loves his sport and wants to regain at least some credibility, then he should tell the whole truth and cooperate with the relevant sports bod-

Armstrong is under pressure to come clean to the World Anti-Doping Agency, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and the independent commission set up the International Cycling Union.

"We have three sports bodies he can address," Bach said by telephone. "He needs to give testimony under oath. After ly-

ing for more than a dozen years, he needs to be questioned by experts and not just in a wellorchestrated interview."

In a statement from Lausanne, Switzerland, the IOC said: "We now urge Armstrong to present all the evidence he has to the appropriate anti-doping authorities so that we can bring an end to this dark episode and move forward, stronger and cleaner."

In the interview with Winfrey, Armstrong acknowledged that he used EPO, testosterone, human growth hormone and blood transfusions in order to win the Tour de France seven times.

'This is not enough," said Bach, who is a leading contender to succeed Jacques Rogge as IOC president in elections in September. "I hoped he would

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Girl's Basketball

- Greenwood at Big Spring, J.V., 5 p.m.; Varsity, 6:15 p.m.; 9th, 7:30 p.m.
- Tahoka at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.
- Coahoma at Denver City, 6:30 p.m.
- Grady at Borden County, 6:30 p.m.
- Lamesa at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.
- Garden City at Blackwell, 6:30 p.m. Wellman-Union at Sands, 6:30 p.m.

Boy's Basketball

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you make a The move. weeks to come will bring people like-minded people with similar goals and helpful motives.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). = Remember

people's names. It's the only way to interact fully. If you can remember people's names, you'll be at ease and relate in a manner that's meaningful to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As for the less than optimal habits you've picked up along the way, you'll lose them in much the same way — by taking action one day at a time. You're the master of baby steps.

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21). You will let yourself heal. It's a simple and relaxed process. You'll steer your mind well and without force, finding peace and forgiveness inside yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll gravitate to those who compliment you — it's only smart. don't seek acknowledgement, but you know who is likely to give it to you. You'll get the encouragement you need to move forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you accept an idea as the truth without examination, you are in a hypnotic state of sorts. In some sense you will hear the snap of fingers and wake up, realizing that the situation you're in requires a different level of awareness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everyone likes a mystery, especially when it comes in the form of a person. You'll be the new one in a room. Leaving out major details of who you are will create a problem to solve.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

23). When events unfold haphazardly there is always a chance for a doover in the theater of your mind. Play the scene over, only this time behave in exactly your preferred manner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Whatever your feeling, in that moment it seems you will always feel that way. But feelings are like clouds — they change and pass. It's something to consider before you make major decisions based on them.

SAGITTARIUS 22-Dec. 21). You're a teacher and so is your student. Today's experience of sharing will humble you both, even whilst making you both masters.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even though pretty you're selfsufficient, you still like to be reminded every once in a while that you're doing a good job, fighting the good fight, and generally trying to do what's best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

for what you want or accept what is? Maybe a little of both. As long as you're paying attention, you'll know which way to go at any given moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll pick up on what's going on just outside the range of your vision. This relates to your eyes and also your spirituality. Your peripheral vision is related strongly psychic awareness.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 18). You'll hone a talent in the next three months. New methods and levels of relaxation help you get more comfortable and masterful. March brings a loving force into your world. Children imitate you and family gives you important responsibility. May is the start of a study you'll enjoy for years to come. Pisces and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 22, 31 and 19.

WEEKEND FORECAST: ARIES: It's not always the case, but LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. Feb. 18). Should you fight traditional roles are best

will seek warm women. TAURUS: You can't build relationship someone and compete with hat person at the same time. GEMINI: It's never too late to get to know a person all over again. CANCER: When compliments, you make them specific so the other person knows you've been paying close attention. LEO: You'll appreciate the differences in the genders — it's part of what makes the world interesting. VIRGO: Love and patience go together. Slowing down to another person's pacing is an act selfless devotion. LIBRA: Negativity repellant, even if it's clever. That's why you go the other way — and your smile stands out. SCORPIO: It really is possible to create a new first impression, and it's fun too. SAGITTARIUS:

right now. Strong men You'll feel better after you get some information out in the AQUARIUS: The one you're thinking about is thinking about you too. PISCES: Nothing is completely Yin or Yang. Everything has a seed of the opposite in it.

COUPLE OF WEEKEND: The Taurus Moon and Capricorn Sun highlight these mutually adoring earth signs. Their attraction is instant and encompassing. is maintaining hard healthy boundaries and between these space magnetically charged signs. Also, both signs like to lead, which can be a problem. Taurus is wise to step down and let Capricorn take the reigns this weekend.

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Dear Margo: Whose life is it, anyway?

Massachusetts, where a With Dignity initiative was defeated on the Nov. 6th ballot. Do you think physician aid dying is really necessary when palliative care available to patients who have terminal illnesses? How do you feel about allowing patient choice at the end of life? Have you had any personal experiences with a dying relative or friend? Help me sort through this stuff! — *Undecided*

Dear Un: I, too, live in Massachusetts, and both my physician husband and I voted for the measure. I am propalliative care, but I also know that some illnesses do not respond to opioids. My mother, for example, had multiple myeloma, totally and no drug addresses bone pain. She said more than once that if she were able, she would bring down the curtain. I, myself, have a little list of illnesses that I would not want to see through to their natural conclusion. When life is no longer life, when there is little function, great pain and no pleasure, what is served by "letting nature take

Dear Margo: I live in its course"? I have an aunt, now 95, who has had Alzheimer's since the early '90s. One can only imagine what the days are like for her and her family.

> To answer question, I think physician aid in dying would be a wonderful gift to suffering patients. Many of the older docs are steeped Hippocrates' "first do no harm," but my hope is that the younger ones understand that oath to mean "let no one for life

punishment Theatrical merit aside, I very much agree with the title of the play, "Whose Life Is It Anyway?"

The states that have approved physicianassisted dying have shown no abuses and rather low rates of people requesting help. An interesting side note is the emotional comfort of such a law being in place. Many patients secure the means but do not use them.

If the religious lobby succeeds in blocking this initiative, people need

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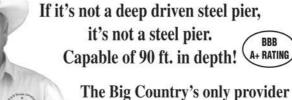
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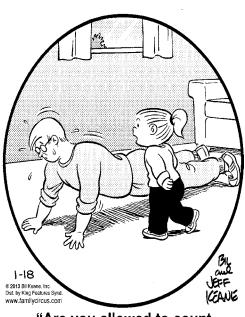
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gents in the Warsaw Ghetto

launched their initial armed

resistance against Nazi troops,

who eventually succeeded in

crushing the rebellion. The

Soviets announced they'd bro-

ken through the long Nazi siege

of Leningrad (it was another

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lifted). In the U.S., a ban on the

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Captain James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands." In 1862, the tenth president of

the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Va., at age 71, shortly before he could take his seat as an elected member of the Confederate Congress. In 1871, William I of Prussia

was proclaimed German Emperor in Versailles (vehr-SY'), France. In 1911, the first landing of an

aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor. In 1913, entertainer Danny

Kaye was born David Daniel Kaminsky in New York City. In 1919, the Paris Peace

Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending World War I, opened in Versailles (vehr-SY'), France. In 1949, Charles Ponzi, engi-

neer of one of the most spectacular mass swindles in history, died destitute at a hospital in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at age In 1957, a trio of B-52's completed the first non-stop, round-

the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft. In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who

claimed to be the "Boston

Strangler," was convicted in Cambridge, Mass., of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed in prison in 1973.)

In 1970, David Oman McKay, the ninth president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died at the age of 96.

on board. In 1993, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed

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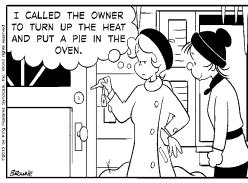
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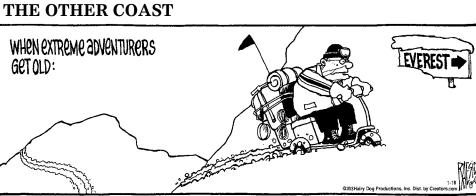
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BIG SPRING HERALD

Mavs rounding into form just in time

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks are finally playing like the team they thought they built after Deron Williams spurned them in the offseason.

If they keep this up, it might not be too late to extend their playoff streak to 13 seasons.

The Mavericks have won a season-best four straight games since dropping 10 below .500 for the first time since their last non-playoff year in 2000. Dirk Nowitzki shows a new sign of his old self nearly every game as he recovers from knee surgery that sidelined him the first two months.

Mark And owner Cuban has declared the "Bank of Cuban is open" a year and a half after he chose financial flexibility over bringing back key pieces of the franchise's first championship team.

"We're making baby steps each day and having little setbacks along the way, too," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "We want to be healthy and have all our guys and see what we can do with this thing.'

Barely more than a week ago, the Mavericks were a mess. They had lost nine of 10 — another skid that hadn't happened since 1999-2000 — and Nowitzki was days removed from saying a championship team couldn't be built

The big German was referring to the Mavericks missing out on Williams in free agency — the former Dallasarea high school star stayed with the Nets for their Brooklyn debut – and to talk of them going after Chris Paul or Dwight Howard this

Cuban maintained he had to let Tyson Chandler and other players go or else risk the ability to upgrade the roster later.

The resulting collection of short-timers around Nowitzki and point guard Jason Kidd didn't work last season, with the defending champs getting swept by Oklahoma City in the first round of the playoffs.

The Mavericks ended up with the same model after Williams' decision was followed by Kidd reneging on an agreement to return and joining the New York Knicks instead. Dallas traded for point guard Darren Collison, signed free agents O.J. Mayo and Chris Kaman and picked up Elton Brand in an amnesty waiver

Those newcomers and holdovers Shawn Marion and Vince Carter had to figure out how to survive without Nowitzki when he couldn't make it through training camp and had his first knee surgery less

than two weeks before stand since the latest the start of his 15th season. Dallas went 12-15 with their star watching and struggled with too many turnovers, not enough rebounds and the inability to make plays late in close

It actually got worse whenNowitzkireturned because they were easing him back in during a difficult stretch of the schedule. Dallas started 1-8 with Nowitzki, losing by more than 20 points three times but also dropping three other games in overtime including on the road to last year's finalists, Oklahoma City and Mi-

"When he first came back, we were really relaxed and it was like, 'OK, Dirk's back. Now we can chill," said Mayo, who became the focal point for defenses and struggled with consistency after scoring 22 or more points in six of seven games early in the season. "But we have to remain aggressive to help him out and help us out."

Cuban answered Nowitzki's frustration by vowing not to trade his star, declaring he was prepared to upgrade through trades and warning that if anyone had given up on this season, "I will kick them to the curb faster than I can lift a boot."

The Mavericks are 3-0 on the four-game homefrom their outspoken owner, and they've done it with better ball movement, some strong games from Collison and Mayo, and defense. Two of the three opponents shot less than 40 percent, and several key defensive stops helped them hold off a Houston rally in Wednesday's 105-100 win.

Brand had a seasonhigh 20 points Monday against Minnesota. and a critical block of a layup attempt by James Harden with the score tied in the final minutes against Houston. "We're still a piece

of work," said Nowitzki, who has scored in double figures nine straight times after failing to get there the first four games back. "We Minnesota let around, same Houston. We're giving our leads away too quick. Even when we're up, we have to play like we're down."

Carlisle warned that winning streak the might be "fool's gold" since Dallas caught three straight teams on the second night of back-to-backs.

"Well, I like our chances in any game where we come out and play with a disposition and an attitude and an mindset," unselfish said Carlisle,

"That's going to be my universal answer for the year."

HOAX

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woman was via the Internet and telephone. Te'o was not at the news conference; the school released a 225-word statement from him.

Te'o also lost his grandmother — for real the same day his girlfriend supposedly died, and his role in leading Notre Dame to its best season in decades endeared him to fans and put him at the center of one of college football's feel-good stories of the Relyingoninformation

provided by Te'o's family members, the South Bend Tribune reported in October that Te'o and Kekua first met, in person, in 2009, and that the two had also gotten together in Hawaii, where Te'o grew up.

Sports Illustrated posted a previously unpublished transcript of a one-on-one interview with Te'o from Sept. 23. In it, he goes into great detail about his relationship with Kekua and her physical ailments. He also mentioned meeting her for the first time after a game in Califor-

"We met just, ummmm, just she knew my cousin. And kind of saw me there so. Just kind of regular," he told SI.

Among the outstanding questions: Why didn't Te'o ever clarify the nature of his relationship as the story took on a life of its own?

Te'o's agent, Tom Condon, said the athlete had no plans to make any public statements in Bradenton, Fla., where he has been training with other NFL hopefuls at the IMG Academy.

Notre Dame said Te'o found out that Kekua was not a real person through a phone call he received at an awards ceremony in Orlando, Fla., on Dec. 6. He told Notre Dame coaches

about the situation on Dec. 26.

The AP's media review turned up two instances during that gap when the football star mentioned Kekua in public.

Te'o was in New York for the Heisman presentation on Dec. 8 and, during an interview before the ceremony that ran on the WSBT.com, the website for a South Bend TV station, Te'o said: "I mean, I don't like cancer at all. I lost both my grandparents and my girlfriend to cancer. So I've really tried to go to children's hospitals and see, you know, chil-

In a column that first ran in The Los Angeles Times, on Dec. 10, Te'o recounted why he played a few days after he found out Kekua died in September, and the day she was supposedly

"Shemademepromise, when it happened, that I would stay and play," he said on Dec. 9 while attending a ceremony in Newport Beach, Calif., for the Lott Impact

On Wednesday, when Deadspin.com broke the story, Swarbrick said Notre Dame did not go public with its findings sooner because it expected the Te'o family to come forward first.

Asked if the NCAA was monitoring the Te'o story for possible rules violations, NCAA President Mark Emmert

"We don't know anything more than you do," he told reporters at the organization's convention in Dallas. "We're learning about this through the stories just the same as you are. But we have to wait and see what really transpired there. It's obviously (a) very disturbing story and it's hard to tell where the facts lie at

this point. "But Notre Dame is obviously looking into it." and there will be a lot

AWARD

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AT&T ESPN awards last month. Penn State's season began with an 0-2 record before the Nittany Lions won eight of 10.

In July, the NCAA sanctioned Penn State with a four-year postseason ban and loss of 40 scholarships over a four-year period. O'Brien said winning the award was a testament to those who remained with the program.

"It's not going to be easy," O'Brien said. "This first year was a good start that gave us a good foundation, and hopefully,

TRUTH

Dr. Ferrari."

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be more precise, that

you would get an idea

of who were the people

behind him. He's even

protected the famous

Bach was referring to

Italian doctor Michele

Ferrari, who worked

closely with Armstrong

we can come out of the sanctions in decent shape."

Other finalists for the award were Texas A&M's Kevin Sumlin, Ohio State's Urban Meyer, Kansas State's Bill Snyder, Stanford's David Shaw and Vanderbilt's James Franklin.

Snyder, Sumlin and Shaw were each finalists at the end of

O'Brien said he thought Sumlin, who led Texas A&M to an 11-2 season in the school's first season in the SEC, would be the winner. Instead. Sumlin was denied for his third time as a Bryant Award finalist.

"I'm a big fan of 'All My Children," Sumlin said with a grin in

and has been accused

of being a mastermind

of the cyclist's doping

"In some parts of the

interview he was pretty

evasive, in some parts

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a speech shortly before O'Brien was announced the winner. "I'll be very proud to be Susan Lucci. You can invite me back every vear because it must mean we're doing something right."

Former Brigham Young coach LaVell Edwards was the ceremony's other honoree, receiving the Bryan Lifetime Achievement Award given by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters

Association. Edwards retired in 2000 with 257 victories, 22 bowl appearances and one national championship in 1984.

The awards were given in conjunction with the American Heart Association.

HAWKS

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The Hawks extended their lead to three early in the second half, but the T-Birds kept the

Howard found itself down by five, but a Phillip Miller three-pointer and a layup by Cameron Forte gave the Hawks a one-point advantage with minues left on the clock.

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costly as NMJC capitalized from the line. The T-Birds sank three-outof-four and had a fivepoint lead with seconds remaining. The deficit insurmountable and the Hawks suffered their second WJCAC loss of the season.

Howard College will travel to Odessa College on Monday. Game time is slated for 7:45 p.m.

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his teammates and led to the stripping of his Tour titles and a lifetime ban from Olympic sports.

"We have no new facts — not a single new fact going beyond the USA-DA report," Bach said.

Armstrong denied in the interview that cycling body UCI covered up positive tests or helped him avoid detec-

Bach said the interview provided no allegations that would put cycling's Olympic status in jeopardy. Senior Canadian IOC member Dick Pound, a former head of WADA, suggested this week that cycling could be kicked out of the Olympics if there was proof of UCI collusion with Armstrong.

"I still hope for a full inquiry, but in general, you have to consider the anti-doping system since then has changed very much for the better," Bach said. "The UCI has introduced the blood passport, there is more target testing and out-of-competition testing and better methods for detecting EPO. You cannot draw conclusions from 10 years ago."

In Lausanne, the IOC said it "unreservedly condemns" the actions of Armstrong and all drug cheats.

"This is indeed a very sad day for sport but there is a positive side if these revelations can begin to draw a line under previous practices," the statement said. "It is the IOC's firm

expectation that all parties involved will draw the necessary lessons from this case and continue to take all measures to ensure a level playing field for all athletes."

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