

Auction to benefit Kids' Zone

Boys Club items, some 50 years old, will go on the block Saturday morning

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Buy a bus and help Kids' Zone.

Or buy some woodworking equipment or any of several items up for auction Saturday and help Kids' Zone.

A 20-passenger bus will be the most visible item on the block Saturday when the Big Spring Rotary Club holds an auction to raise money to help renovate the Kids' Zone playground area.

The auction will be held at the old Boys Club building on Third Street between Johnson and Runnels. Items will be available for inspection starting at 9:30 a.m. and the auction is set to begin at 10 a.m.

Rotarians are partnering with the Boys Club to help liquidate assets from the old building, which has been vacant for more than a year.

"Boys Club wanted to do something to help Kids' Zone and they had to liquidate the property," said Ed Moughon of the Rotary Club.

The auction is the highlight of Rotary efforts to raise \$25,000 for the renovation of Kids' Zone, which was heavily damaged by arson in December.

"Club President Jim Little and Hollis McCrigit were instrumental in getting this established," Moughon said.

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Cowboy concert

Western theme to highlight season's final symphony performance

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Symphony will mix with sagebrush when the Big Spring Symphony holds its final concert of the season at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Big Spring High School auditorium.

"The Bard and the Balladeer" will feature cowboy music and poetry from guests Don Edwards and Waddie Mitchell, as well as western-themed music from the symphony. General admission prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students.

The symphony was uprooted from its former home — the municipal auditorium — after that facility was closed because of accessibility issues. Direct

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

A Howard County Volunteer firefighter sprays water on a hot spot at the site of a grass fire just off Moss Lake Road Thursday afternoon. Officials estimated that between 25 and 30 acres were scorched in the fire, but there was no major injuries or structure damage.

Meet at the Spring youth event set March 29

Herald Staff Report

Area youth are invited to gather at the historic spring March 29 in Comanche Trail Park for a "trash off" contest, hot dogs, singing and prayer.

Meet at the Spring is a fifth Sunday project sponsored by the First Christian Church.

It will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and is designed to bring various youth groups together for a shared service mission project.

Youth ministers and sponsors are welcome as well. First Christian asks that youth groups planning to take part call (432) 517-4821 so plans can be made for food and drink.

"This is going to be a good event for young people in Big Spring," said the Rev. Ken McIntosh, Ph.D., First Christian Church minister. "We'll serve a dinner snack and together we can praise God and pray for our churches, our schools, our city, our nation, our world."

Obama reaches out to Iran

By PHILIP ELLIOTT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is reaching out to the Iranian people in a new video with Farsi subtitles, saying the U.S. is prepared to end years of strained relations if Tehran tones down its bellicose rhetoric.

The video released Friday was timed to the festival of Nowruz (no-ROOZ), which means "new day" and marks the arrival of spring. It's a major holiday in Iran.

"So in this season of new beginnings I would like to speak clearly to Iran's leaders," Obama said in the video. "We have serious differences that have grown over time. My administration is now committed to diplomacy that addresses the full range of issues before us, and to pursuing constructive ties among the United States, Iran and the international community."

Obama has signaled a willingness to speak directly with Iran about its nuclear program and hostility toward Israel, a key U.S. ally. At his inauguration, the president said his administration would reach out to rival states, declaring "we will extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist."

It's been a rough start for Obama. Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has criticized Obama

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HC rodeo off to strong spring start

Special to the Herald

The Howard College rodeo team has participated in two rodeos to open the spring season with a strong showing in each of them.

On March 5-7 the Hawks traveled to Ranger College, bringing home a second-place finish for the men's team and a sixth-place finish for the women.

Tie-down roper Cole Carpenter made his way to the short round of

the competition, posting a 9.6 second run in the long-round. Carpenter tied his short-round animal in 10 flat to finish third in the round and the average.

Teammate KC Curtis joined Carpenter in the top long-round competitors with a time of 10.5 seconds. Curtis finished the contest in seventh place with a time of 30.3.

Wacey Cody won second in the long-round of the bareback riding with a 76 point ride. After marking a

67 in the short-round, Wacey finished sixth in the average.

In steer wrestling action, Calvin Brevik and Ryan Viva qualified for the short-go. Brevik won the long-round with a 4.4 and fourth in the short-round with a 5.0 to hold down second in the average.

Viva split sixth in the long round with a 5.7 and was third in the short-round with a 4.8 to finish fourth.

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Abrams on fire

Senior guard nails 8 3-pointers to lead Texas past Gophers

By AARON BEARD

AP Sports Writer

GREENSBORO, N.C. — A.J. Abrams' 3-point shooting was a key reason Texas got within a game of the Final Four last season. Now the Longhorns are moving on again thanks to the senior's latest long-range shooting flurry in the NCAA tournament.

Abrams hit eight 3-pointers and scored 26 points to help Texas beat Minnesota 76-62 in the first round of the East Regional on Thursday, helping the Longhorns win their NCAA opener for the fourth straight season.

Damion James added 18 points and nine rebounds for the seventh-seeded Longhorns (23-11), who hit 11 of 20 3s overall to put their recent struggles behind them.

Now they're preparing for a matchup against Duke in Saturday's second round.

It all began with Abrams, who had a run of six straight 3s to blow open a close game and give Texas a comfortable lead midway through the second half against the Golden Gophers (22-11).

"I guess I'm just kind of a laid-back person," he said. "I don't let the excitement just overwhelm me. I guess that's what it is. But I know these games are high stakes."



AP photo/Haraz N. Ghanbari

Texas' A.J. Abrams (3) shoots over Minnesota's Lawrence Westbrook (20) during the second half of a first-round NCAA Tournament game in Greensboro, N.C., Thursday.

Aggies throttle BYU in NCAA first round

By ROB MAADDI

AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bryan Davis drove to the basket, drew a foul and tossed the ball up over his head with his back to the net.

Like most of his higher-percentage shots, it went in.

With Davis leading the way, Texas A&M beat Brigham Young 79-66 in the first round of the West Regional on Thursday.

Davis scored a season-high 21 points, Donald Sloan had 14 and the ninth-seeded Aggies handed the Cougars their seventh straight opening-round loss in a rematch from last year. Both teams drew the same seeds last March when A&M won 67-62.

"He had it going," Aggies coach Mark Turgeon said of Davis. "I told him to play with energy and play

with poise. He made a couple shots today, I think his eyes were closed."

The Aggies (24-9) will meet top-seeded Connecticut on Saturday. The Huskies (28-4) routed Chattanooga 103-47.

Jimmer Fredette scored 18 and Lee Cummond added 17 for BYU (25-8).

Looking for its first tournament win since 1993, BYU came out flat. An outstanding perimeter-shooting team during the season, the Cougars couldn't make a shot early.

Meanwhile, the Aggies couldn't miss. A&M made its first 10 shots and built a 22-7 lead less than eight minutes in. Davis had eight of those 22 on three mid-range jumpers and a reverse layup.

The Cougars missed six straight shots after Jackson Emery started the game with a 3-pointer. They were

3-for-15 at one point, and finished 23-for-59 (39 percent), far below their season average of 48.7 percent.

BYU trailed 26-8 when coach Dave Rose called a timeout before the midpoint of the first half. Whatever he said worked. Jonathan Tavernari and Cummond hit consecutive 3s, sparking a 16-6 run that pulled the Cougars within 32-24.

But the Aggies quickly answered with a run of their own. B.J. Holmes nailed a pair of 3s to make it 40-27 and A&M took a 42-30 lead into halftime.

"It makes it really tough. It's almost like an irreversible momentum," BYU's Chris Miles said of A&M's strong start. "It seemed like it was 15 points the whole game. They were hitting everything including some tough shots."

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

NCAA Tournament Memphis avoids unlikely upset

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — After overcoming heartbreak and tragedy just to get to the NCAA tournament, the Matadors of Cal State-Northridge could not get past the greatest game of Robert Sallie's life.

Sallie, averaging 4.5 points all year for Memphis, scored 35 and the second-seeded Tigers beat the plucky Matadors 81-70 Thursday, dodging what would have been one of the biggest upsets in tournament history.

Sallie kept Cal State-Northridge at bay during a lackluster first half for Memphis (32-3) and wound up hitting 10 of 15 3-pointers, a first-round tournament record.

Since the NCAA went to a 64-team format in 1985, only four No. 2 seeds have lost to a No. 15 in the first round.

Connecticut 103, Chattanooga 47

PHILADELPHIA — With their coach in the hospital, A.J. Price and Hasheem Thabeet scored 20 points apiece to lead top-seeded Connecticut to its first postseason win in three years.

UConn coach Jim Calhoun missed the game because he wasn't feeling well and was hospitalized for tests. He will be kept overnight for observation.

Stanley Robinson topped the Huskies with 24 points.

They'll meet Texas A&M in Saturday's second-round game of the West Regional.

The 56-point difference was the third-largest margin of victory in the NCAA tournament.

Purdue 61, Northern Iowa 56

PORTLAND, Ore. — E'Twaun Moore had 17 points and fifth-seeded Purdue held off a late charge to advance.

JaJuan Johnson added 14 points for the Boilermakers (26-9), who led by as many as 14 in the West Regional at the Rose Garden Arena before the Panthers made it interesting down the stretch.

Maryland 84, California 71

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Grievius Vasquez had 27 points and Maryland shut down the nation's best 3-point shooting team.

Tenth-seeded Maryland (21-13) disrupted Cal with its pressure defense, rarely giving the Bears a good look from the perimeter. Vasquez controlled the offense and Dave Neal chipped in 15 points, helping the Terps advance past the first round in their ninth straight NCAA appearance.

Maryland will face No. 2 seed Memphis on Saturday.

Washington 71, Mississippi State 58

PORTLAND, Ore. — Quincy Pondexter scored a season-high 23 points and fourth-seeded Washington took advantage of early foul trouble to Mississippi State's menacing Jarvis Varnado.

Jon Brockman had 14 rebounds and 10 points for the Huskies (26-8).

Barry Stewart had 11 points but was able to get off just five shots for

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Sports in brief

Results from Thursday's PBLA Playday at BSCC

Permian Basin Ladies Association held a playday at the Big Spring Country Club Thursday.

Winning the first flight gross was Lisa Beck of Midland Country Club with a 76. Big Spring's Joan Daniel posted the top net score with a 71.

Jane Joes of BSCC took won the third flight with a gross of 97, while Patsy Sharpnack posted the lowest putts in the group with 35.

Lady Steers boosters meeting March 30 at ATC

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club is meeting at 5:30 p.m. March 30 in the Athletic Training

Center.

All parents of Lady Steers athletes in junior high or high school are encouraged to attend.

Moss Creek hosting ATV and side-by-side races

The Texas Crossroads Racing Circuit is having an event hosted by Moss Creek Lake Sunday.

Events feature a variety of ATV and side-by-side vehicles.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. with the first races taking place at 8 a.m. A required \$15 for TCRC membership will be charged along with entrance fees for each individual race.

For more information or directions to to event,

visit www.texascrc.net.

BSCC hosting 3-person scramble April 4-5

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 3-person scramble tournament April 4-5 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome.

Entry includes barbecue on the course April 4 and practice rounds the day before.

Field will e flighted by first round score with number of flights determined by entries.

Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.

Obituaries

Henry Clayton Franklin

Henry Clayton Franklin, 71, of Coahoma, formally of Sundown, went to be with his Lord Jesus Christ Thursday, March 19, 2009, peacefully at home with his family and friends from Hospice of Big Spring.

Henry was born in Brownfield July 8, 1937, to Dovie and L.C. Franklin.

He married Frankie Jewel Boring Aug. 6, 1966, in Mexico. He worked in the oil field and was a heavy equipment operator. After retirement, Henry moved to Coahoma to be close to his family. After moving to Coahoma, Henry gave his life to Jesus and spent his last days sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to all of his friends.

He is survived by his son, Odis Clayton Franklin and wife Sissy; his grandchildren, Madisyn Franklin, Drew Wells, Jarod Wells and wife Suzanna; great-grandchildren, Hannah Ruthe Wells and Landon Debbs Wells; and his sister, Gwenlyn Frasier.

Henry was preceded in death by his wife, Frankie Franklin; and a brother, Carson Franklin.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, March 21, 2009, at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma with graveside services following at 3 p.m. at the Sundown Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mr. Franklin include Eddie Cooper, Bobby Little, Lonnie Bilbrie, Butch Davis and Elmer Lindsey. Personal services provided by Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors of Brownfield.

Paid obituary

Wayne Drewery

Wayne Drewery, 63, of Coahoma died Thursday, March 19, 2009, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2009, at the Midway Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Binnix and the Rev. Walter McCall officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 19, 1945, in Loraine and married Glynn Webster Jan. 8, 1965, in Lovington, N.M.

Wayne worked as a production supervisor for Sid Richardson for 34 years, retiring Oct. 7, 2007. He was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Glynn Drewery of Coahoma; a son and daughter-in-law, Preston and Seanna Drewery of Keller; a daughter and son-in-law, Shona and Darrell Aberegg of Leander; his mother, Lilla Drewery of Big Spring; three grandchildren; one brother, Dale Drewery of Tyler; five sisters, Audine Harris of Aubrey, Dot Ditto of Big Spring, Nadelle Williams of Anniston, Ala., Darlene Bennett of Scottsburg, Ind., and Shirlene Gunter of Farmington, N.M.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Virgil Drewery; and one brother, Kinard Drewery.

The family suggests memorials to Midway Baptist Church, 6200 S. Service Rd., Big Spring 79720; Compass Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720; or to American Cancer Society, Relay for Life c/o Sandy Griffin, 1217 E. 17th St., Big Spring 79720.

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

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 7000 block of the I-20 S. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of State Park Drive. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4100 block of Muir. One person was transported to SMMC.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 49 inmates at the time of this report.

- BRENT WALTER WHITNEY, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a Midland County warrant for aggravated assault – violation of probation.

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Viola Hodnett

Viola Hodnett, 86, of Big Spring died Thursday, March 19, 2009, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2009, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Walter McCall, chaplain with Compass Hospice, officiating.

She was born March 23, 1922, in Coleman and married Leonard Hodnett April 21, 1942, in Vealmoor. He preceded her in death March 19, 1974.

She farmed in the Ackerly Community for many years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Nelda and Charlie McKinney of Granbury; one son and daughter-in-law, Freddie and Sandra Hodnett of Big Spring; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Anna Lou Stewart of Big Spring, Patsy Humphrey of Austin and Ruth Stepp of Florida.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Rufus and Lizzie Mae Neff; three brothers, Floyd Neff, Hubert Neff and Arthur Neff; two sisters, Velma Morris and Virginia Kline; and a grandson.

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

Eustolia Haro

Eustolia “Emma” Haro, 87, of Big Spring died Friday, March 20, 2009, in Midland.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Police blotter

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

- FELIX SALAS, 39, of 400 N. Gregg St., was arrested Thursday on a Potter County warrant.
- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 44, of 423 Westover Rd., was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 1400 block of State Park.
- THEFT was reported: in the 700 block of FM 700. in the 1000 block of Gregg Street. in the 900 block of Willia. in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 600 block of 18th Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Support Groups

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

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

TUESDAY

- Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

Your Local Weather

Sat 3/21	Sun 3/22	Mon 3/23
 70/53 Cloudy in the morning followed by isolated thunderstorms during the afterno.	 76/55 Windy with a possible thunderstorm.	 78/47 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
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Bulletin Board

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TODAY

- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LU-LAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 17-6-33-25. Bonus Ball: 5.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 26-9-10-21-8.
Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$23,899

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-7-7-1. Sum It Up: 24

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9-2-8. Sum It Up: 19

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► News Briefs

House passes bill taxing employee bonuses at AIG, other companies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Denouncing a “squandering of the people’s money,” lawmakers voted decisively Thursday to impose a 90 percent tax on millions of dollars in employee bonuses paid by troubled insurance giant AIG and other bailed-out companies. The House vote was 328-93. Similar legislation has been introduced in the Senate and President Barack Obama quickly signaled general support for the concept.

“I look forward to receiving a final product that will serve as a strong signal to the executives who run these firms that such compensation will not be tolerated,” the president said in a statement.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif, told colleagues, “We want our money back now for the taxpayers. It isn’t that complicated.”

The outcome may not have been complicated. But the lopsided vote failed to reflect the contentious political battle that preceded it.

Black mayoral contender in Mississippi’s largest city wants to solve crime with ‘noose’

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Down here in the Deep South, calls to bring back the hanging noose are coming from an unlikely source: a 62-year-old, black Republican mayoral candidate in Mississippi’s largest city.

Long-shot George Lambus acknowledges his in-

flammatory platform has made some residents of Jackson slam doors in his face. Others walked out of a church where he spoke. Yet he insists his tough stand is welcome in some quarters of a state capital racked by crime, much of it black-on-black.

As the only GOP hopeful among nearly a dozen Democrats and four independents, his chances of winning the June election are slim: the majority-black city of about 180,000 is so heavily Democratic that no Republican has won the mayor’s race in modern history. Yet, Lambus hopes to stand out in a crowded field by packing a silver pistol and talking bluntly about crime.

“Crime can only be alleviated by a noose and a stout tree limb,” Lambus wrote in one of several homemade flyers he passes out in Jackson neighborhoods. “I will provide the noose and when the economy improves, I will get the jobs here.”

Industry inspectors failed to find festering problems at Peanut Corp.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The mortgage meltdown exposed the weakness of self-regulation in financial markets. Now the salmonella outbreak is doing the same for the food industry.

A House subcommittee Thursday released new documents that showed how private inspectors contracted by Peanut Corp. of America failed to find long-standing sanitary problems at company facilities. Peanut Corp. is at the center of a nationwide outbreak that has sickened nearly 700 people and is blamed for at least nine deaths.

Lawmakers said the food industry’s private inspection system failed to catch filthy conditions because the company itself hired the inspectors.

“There is an obvious and inherent conflict of interest when an auditor works for the same supplier it is evaluating,” said Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce investigations subcommittee. He termed it a “cozy relationship.”

Last summer, Peanut Corp.’s private inspector, a company called AIB, awarded the peanut processor a certificate in 2008 for “superior” quality at its Plainview, Texas, plant. This year, salmonella was discovered there.

Gov’t report says energy production of all kinds causes steep drop in bird populations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy production of all types — wind, ethanol and mountaintop coal mining — is contributing to steep drops in bird populations, a new government report says.

The first-of-its-kind report chronicles a four-decade decline in many of the country’s bird populations and provides many reasons for it, from suburban sprawl to the spread of exotic species to global warming.

It shows that birds in Hawaii are more in danger of becoming extinct than anywhere else in the United States. In the last 40 years, populations of birds living on prairies, deserts and at sea have declined between 30 percent and 40 percent.

SYMPHONY

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tor Keith Graumann said moving to the high school was the best alternative.

“This next concert would have been a sellout at the (municipal) auditorium ... and there’s no other comparable place in town that can seat the same number of people,” Graumann said. “So the high school was the logical choice.”

Saturday’s concert will feature cowboy singer Edwards and cowboy poet and comedian Mitchell in an Old West-themed evening of music and verse.

“One doesn’t usually think of a symphony orchestra and cowboy music as the same genre. But let me tell you, once you’ve heard the beauty of Don Edward’s performance along with the lush sounds of the symphony, you’ll be convinced from now on,” Graumann said. “Add the sentimental poetry

and ... humor of Waddie Mitchell, and we’ll have an evening no one will forget.

“Don Edwards is an old farmhand ... who sings cowboys songs,” Graumann said. “He has a beautiful voice and he wrote a number of those songs himself.

“Waddie Mitchell is perhaps the best-known cowboy poet in the country,” Graumann added. “He’s won numerous awards ... and he’s very funny. Both of these men performed here several years ago

and were a big hit.”

The symphony will begin the evening with “Hoe-Down” by Aaron Copland, followed by a medley of songs sung by Edwards.

Mitchell will entertain with his poetry, “Waddie’s Words” and “Sounds a Cowboy Hears.”

The evening will also include performances of “Ghost Riders in the Sky,” “West of Yesterday” and “Santa Rosa Serenade.”

To address the accessibility issues which

plagued the municipal auditorium, handicapped patrons and those needing assistance should enter by the flag pole entrance east of the high school auditorium entrance on 11th Place.

Wheelchairs will be available and members of the Interact (Rotary) Club of the High School will assist those in need, Graumann said.

Graumann said he was unsure if the move to the high school would be permanent.

“We’ve had talks with

a lot of other organizations, including the college and several churches in the area,” he said. “We might very well perform somewhere else next season.”

For more information, contact the symphony association at 264-7223.

AUCTION

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“The money will go to the city, to be earmarked for the Kids’ Zone project.”

So far, the Rotarians have raised about \$10,000. Moughon is hopeful that the auction will raise the remainder

of the club’s goal.

Aside from the above-mentioned bus, a 1984 Ford that club members said is in very good condition, other items available at the auction will include an extensive set of woodworking tools, pool and air hockey tables and antique toys, Moughon said.

“There is really an impressive amount of

items available for auction,” he said.

The Rotarians are just one of many groups that have stepped up to help renovate the playground area.

“It doesn’t surprise me that so many people want to help,” Moughon said. “The people of Big Spring are extremely giving. When you look at all the projects the

people of this community support, it’s obvious that our citizens give a lot. This is just another example of why this community is such a good place to live.”

While the auction begins at 10 a.m., officials said the bus will go on the block about noon.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331

OBAMA

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as merely a continuation of President George W. Bush’s policies toward Tehran’s enemy, Israel. Khamenei has called Israel a “cancerous tumor” that is on the verge of collapse and has called for its destruction.

In his message Friday, Obama had a warning for Tehran: “This process will not be advanced by threats. We seek instead engagement that is honest and grounded in mutual respect.”

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has said Iran would welcome talks with the U.S. — but only if there was mutual respect. Iranian officials have said that means the U.S. needs to stop accusing Iran of seeking to build nuclear weapons and support-

ing terrorism, charges Tehran has denied.

On Friday, Tehran sought to play down the significance of Obama’s video.

Ahmadinejad’s press adviser said that “minor changes will not end the differences.”

Ali Akbar Javanfekar told the Iranian state-run English-language Press TV satellite station that Iran will never forget U.S. meddling in Tehran’s affairs. The two countries broke off relations after the 1979 Islamic revolution.

Obama and his foreign policy team are looking for opportunities to engage Iran and help reduce tensions between the two countries, which increased during Bush’s time in office.

“You, too, have a choice. The United States wants the Islamic Republic of Iran to take its rightful place in the

community of nations,” Obama said. “You have that right, but it comes with real responsibilities, and that place cannot be reached through terror or arms, but rather through peaceful actions that demonstrate the true greatness of the Iranian people and civilization.”

The White House said the United States still has serious differences with Iran, particularly on the threat a nuclear-armed Tehran poses to the region. But aides said the president’s message was a way to speak directly to Iranians about the U.S. commitment to work with the country.

The video also was as much an attempt to reach out directly to the Iranian people as it was a gesture toward the country’s leadership. While Obama has advocated direct diplomacy

with Tehran, he also has said there are multiple elements within Iran with whom the United States could have a dialogue.

The White House said a Farsi subtitled version of the video would be given to select news outlets in the region. At the same time, the video would be available online in English and with Farsi captions.

The holiday Nowruz is not Islamic; Iranians of all religions celebrate the 12-day event. Traditionally, the U.S. president and secretary of state release statements for Nowruz.

“For nearly three decades relations between our nations have been strained,” Obama said in his video message. “But at this holiday we are reminded of the common humanity that binds us together.”

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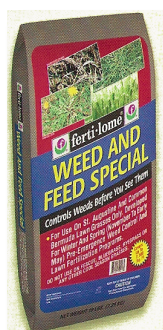
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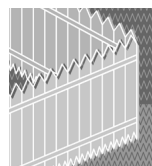
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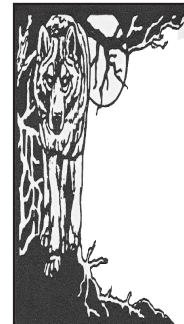
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OUR VIEW

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Members of Keep Big Spring Beautiful, which has joined the Texas Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program and will now be responsible for a two-mile portion of FM 700 from Business 20 to Wasson Road.

- Channing Martin, a senior at Big Spring High School, who was been named as the Rotary Student of the Month for January. She is the daughter of Johnny and Karen Martin.

- All those who took part in the National Weather Service's Skywarn class held at the Big Spring City Council chambers Thursday night.

- The more than 100 young people who attended the Rock Big Spring RockBand 2 Xbox 360 tournament at the Dora Roberts Community Center, as well as event sponsors Spanky's Coffeehouse and the Computer Store. The event raised about \$2,000 that will go to the renovation of Kids' Zone at Comanche Trail Park.

- The Heritage Museum, on its current exhibit honoring the Texas & Pacific Railroad Co., entitled "All Aboard." The exhibit celebrates the role the T&P Railroad played in the founding of Big Spring.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Our opportunities to improve our circumstances, Lord, come from You. May we come to You through prayer.

Amen

The pursuit of happiness...

The pathway to personal joy is often blocked by terrible circumstance and detoured by colossal failure, but living life means going after it.

Even the founding fathers of our country knew that happiness is something we have to chase after, which is why they wrote about our God-given right; not to happiness — but rather the pursuit of it.

I think God blesses pursuit. God loves it when we go after things. I can't tell you how many times the money showed up after I started trying to make a trip happen or I connected to the right people after I started working on a project. A lot of the pieces we need to make something work will not fall into place until after we are already committed to the outcome.

God is funny like that and I love it. So when it comes to happiness, we have to be committed to it before we actually get good at it. I think the founding



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fathers nailed it in penning the pursuit part of that sentence. If you want to be miserable then just sit and hope something good happens. As sure as shooting, you'll end up bitter that nothing did. But if you really want to live life to the fullest then you have chase after your highest potential.

Proverbs 13:12 says: "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life."

What if you could be happy? What if you hated your situation but still loved your life?

The Good News is you can! It's that kind of paradox that successful Christians have been living in for 2000 years. Learning to love your life is one of the greatest benefits of real Kingdom living. The pursuit of happiness is all about learning to love the life God has trusted you with.

THE HAPPY MEAL

One of the biggest reasons we fail to really see the tangible promises of God fulfilled in our lives is simply because we won't get off of our blessed assurance. Were just not motivated enough to really go after things. I also think one of the greatest reasons

so many of us are not happy is because we don't take responsibility for being happy.

The attitude I see so much of today, and it's poison to our society, seems to be "If I'm not happy, it's your fault."

"According to Sonja Lyubomirsky, a psychologist at the University of California at Riverside, research shows only 10 percent of our well-being is determined by circumstances, while 40 percent is a matter of intentional activity. The bottom line? Happiness is a choice we are responsible for. Commit to living a better life, and chances are — you will.

This point, here, is a lesson that all of us need to be reminded of.

The circumstances that are beyond our control have little to do with our being happy.

Every day, as we wake up with zoo breath to an irritating buzzer, we need to purpose to be happy this day.

Psalms 118:24, "This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

The Rev. Troy Brewer welcomes your comments. He can be contacted through his website at www.FreshFromTheBrewer.com.



A new season now at hand

Much bluster is made about the coming in and the going out of March. Children learn early on about its strange combination of lion and lamb-like tendencies and it is the only month typically linked with ideo.

It's not the only month with ideo, but it's the only one heightened by a highly-significant assassination. Yep, March 15 is the date Julius Caesar went down. It's also the month millions of Americans mutter about the need to be working on income tax, but almost never do.

Let's give March its due. How about "March Madness," intercollegiate basketball's "second season" when 65 teams vie to make it to the national championship? Many Americans, who barely acknowledge the sport during regular season, join sports conversations at water coolers, yipping and yapping as if they've followed every bounce of basketballs since November.

One new wrinkle I never expected to see in our unraveling cultural fabric bodes ill for many folks. We shouldn't hold March responsible, but that's the month Six Flags Over Texas is expected to start selling beer, despite objections by many community leaders in the Metroplex.

There'll be much joking about "feeling drunk," and not knowing whether to blame the brew or the rides.

Sadly, we see yet another salute to the almighty dollar, without regard for documented dangers associated with drinking.

An aside concerns the patient who deeply inhaled for his first

whiff of anesthesia. "Hey, Doc," he said. "This stuff makes you feel like you're drunk, doesn't it?"

"I don't know," the doctor answered. "I've never had anesthesia."

Digression shoved to the side, let's return to "March Madness."

For the regular season, coaches pretty much made comments that had been heard many times before. Pat Knight, who succeeded his dad as coach at Texas Tech, offered a new one. Suspended for a game after criticizing officials, he claimed that sometimes coaches have to fall on hand grenades to get the attention of the Big 12 Conference.

Maybe my bias as a former university CEO is showing through, but it appears to me that Texas Tech University leaders have far better reasons for lobbing hand grenades than Red Raider coaches do covering them.

I'll join the masses watching the NCAA Tournament, pulling not for the best or best-known, but instead for whichever school has the smallest budget, whose coach's salary is in the low six figures and perhaps needs exposure the most. There may even be a team whose uniforms may seem a bit ragged for the national stage.

Oh, I realize there aren't many such teams. And usually, they don't survive the first game.

I know the odds, but I can dream.

Speaking of odds — and dreams — we were big dining winners at a restaurant new to us during our recent visit to Las Vegas.

The steak of our dreams wasn't at some glitzy place on The Strip, where flashing lights dazzled. No, it was Charlie Palmer Steak, off the lobby of the Four Seasons Hotel. The meal and all the trappings were regal.

Here I'd thought for many years that the best steaks were served in Texas.

My only regret is that we didn't budget quite enough time for both dinner and the show following, so we had to rush. I would have enjoyed chewing each bite longer, but hey, that's a reason to go back to Vegas one of these days.

I don't know if they grant last meal requests on Nevada's death row, but if they do, I'm guessing Charlie Palmer's is at the top of the list.

As a person barely on speaking terms with anything mathematical, I keenly remember that statistics brought me to my knees during doctoral study almost 40 years ago. And here I am writing about numerical odds and such. Be assured that it won't happen often.

Our preacher Mike — the one to whom we had nothing to confess relative to visiting Las Vegas — described the likes of me recently. He spoke of the bumbling mathematician who claims that finally, there are only three kinds of people — those who can do math, and those who can't.

Parishioners' expressions didn't change as the humor whizzed over our heads before falling limply to the foyer floor. So, he repeated the story, word for word, this time emphasizing three kinds of people.

Then, many people chuckled, and the rest of us broke into laughter on the drive home. (And if you haven't smiled yet, re-read it: Three kinds of people — those who can do math, and those who can't.

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Tomorrow’s Horoscope

The new year is here! Sure, it started back on Jan. 1 — and then again on Jan. 26, the Chinese New Year of the Ox. And now it’s the zodiac’s turn to recognize a fresh cycle. The entrance of the sun in Aries breathes spring air into our souls. If any of your previous resolutions are already broken, you can start anew now!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Avoid taking the middle road. Mundane aims are accompanied by boring problems. If you choose interesting goals, the accompanying problems will be so interesting that they hardly seem inconvenient.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your subconscious will project you into different realities so that you can try them on. Tell yourself what to dream tonight and write down your dreams first thing tomorrow morning.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Instead of careening thoughtlessly into the future, you will form a strategy. You may feel clueless now, but you’ll soon get a hot hunch about how to move a relationship forward.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). No person succeeds alone. Your alliances will lead to opportunities. The quality of the opportunity depends on the person



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with whom it is connected. Select your company with this in mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). One road leads to another, but you will only see this when you travel. Say yes often and you will keep moving along the path. Seize an opportunity this afternoon and you will get three more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is a reason for your current good luck. Consider what you’ve done to reach this state. Certain shining moments will leap to the fore. You’ll be able to recreate your best achievement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are easily discouraged lately, perhaps because the tape playing in your head echoes an early time in your life when things weren’t going so well. Tell the past to let go of you. You are new in this moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Someone reminds you of a lovely part of the past. Were the glory days really all that glorious? Stay motivated. Your previous benchmarks may be impressive, but they pale against your potential.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just as it is dangerous to approach a stray dog, it is also dangerous to get involved with a person who has veered far from his purpose. Stay on the safe side and offer help from a distance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will be rubbing elbows with a

different sort of crowd. You’re not sure if you fit in, but you think you’d like to investigate further. Someone mysterious longs for you to uncover a secret or two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may not be in the mood to create, but you will still be a key part of someone else’s creative process. You may even be the main muse for someone’s most important work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You’ve brought support, education and inspiration to a relationship. Now you’ll see why this matters. A loved one does a great job and is offered a rare opportunity, all thanks to you.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** Exercise, get lost in a new neighborhood or window shop. You’ll feel energized and attractive afterward. **TAURUS:** Someone who asks you for advice might not follow it. What this person really wants is your attention and maybe your love. **GEMINI:** You must let down your guard if you want a certain interesting person to enter your world.

CANCER: Broadminded and versatile people are drawn to you, and you’ll be surprised at what they tell you, too. **LEO:** Loved ones require your most compassionate and gentle self. **VIRGO:** You’re attracted to a person who commits caring and generous acts. **LIBRA:** Cook, decorate and exhibit your excellent

taste every chance you get — you’re so impressive to potential loves. **SCORPIO:** You appreciate passionate people — it takes one to know one. **SAGITTARIUS:** A lovely someone might play on your weakness for beauty, much to your delight. **CAPRICORN:** Your powers of regeneration are strong now. You could heal an ailing relationship or make a good one even better. **AQUARIUS:** The one you are fond of is also quite fond of you. **PISCES:** Your flirtatious demeanor might start people fighting over you.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Aries gets a burst of feel-good energy as the sun enters the ram’s realm of the zodiac and suddenly wants to live life bolder. Sagittarius is so attracted to the gleam in Aries’ eyes and just knows that Aries is going to be up to something daring, adventurous, romantic and altogether too good to pass up. Fiery Sagittarius is ready to seize almost any thrilling possibility that Aries suggests.

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One Would Call This “Romantic”

Dear Margo: I have been dating this guy for a year now, living with him for nine months, and there have been discussions about marriage.

I see a grand future for us, as he has a stable job, my parents and friends love him, and he is supportive of whatever I want to do for my own future.

The problem is that one day, while discussing our future, he mentioned that he had a mental list of the things he wants to see in me before popping the question.

He asked me if I wanted to know what was on the list, but I said, “No, thank you.”

My reasoning was that in my haste to get a ring I might subconsciously do or become all the things he wants, temporarily.

I am who I am. My guess would be that the things on the list aren’t major personality changes — more akin to picking up a little more around the apartment.

But now I find myself constantly thinking about the stupid list. I just wish he would never have mentioned it. How do I forget about this and get on with my wonderful life with him? — *Curious Cat*

Dear Cur: “Curiosity killed the cat, but satisfaction brought it back.” I find it kind of strange, and not all that flattering, that Henry Higgins would have “a list.”

He has put himself in the position of being, well, the decider, and I fail to see the romance in that.

I think you should ask what’s on “the list,” but frame it as a discussion, saying you’d like to find out what’s important to him. (Most couples find ways of revealing these things without there being a list.)

One saving grace is that your guy at least offered to share this information with you, and I would not worry about play-acting as the girl of his dreams. As you said, you are who you are. — *Margo, straightforwardly*

When the Neighbors Hear It All

Dear Margo: I’ve read numerous advice columns over the years dealing with people overhearing neighbors who are noisy lovers.

Well, I’m one of those noisy lovers and I don’t know what to do. I live in a duplex with what I thought were relatively thick walls, but apparently they’re not as thick as I thought! (Got a nice note from my neighbor, but I was still mortified.)

I have a boyfriend with whom I have a phenomenal sex life, and unfortunately, we both are quite vocal during our lovemaking.

I really don’t know what to do about keeping the noise level down. Moving is not an option. Suggestions? — *Princess*

Dear Prin: Soundproof tiles on the common walls? Short of wearing muzzles, that’s about all I can think of — and I’m not even sure there is such a thing for humans. Just thinking about



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this problem and mentioning muzzles, however, makes it a certainty that the next time I see a muzzled dog I will laugh. Good luck. — *Margo, remedially*

The Clergy Are Not Necessarily Perfect People

Dear Margo: My family is at their wits’ end with a major upset, courtesy of my grandparents.

They have decided to leave everything (down to the dust on the floor) to their church, where my uncle is the pastor. My family is not upset about the money (there really isn’t that much). It is more the personal items that have sentimental value.

We cannot be 100 percent certain, but we think that my uncle had this planned all along and was just waiting for the right time to manipulate my grandparents.

He will receive it all, and he has power of attorney, as well as being the executer. He has yet to face the family and explain why he felt the need to have it all, and my grandparents are so convinced this is the right thing to do that they can’t see how this is tearing everyone up.

My mother is a wreck, as her parents have left her nothing to remember them by. She was promised personal trinkets (worth nothing to anyone else, but worth the world to her because of the memories).

I am only a granddaughter, but I was promised my grandmother’s button collection, which will probably be sold at an estate sale for a few bucks.

My grandparents refuse to discuss it. I live out of state and am hearing everything by phone, but I’m trying hard to keep it together for my mom.

She is not angry but hurt. Is there a way we can still receive these items? Is it wrong to pursue this? Is it wrong to ask for some small mementos? — *Longing for Buttons*

Dear Long: In some situations, not all the children pay attention to elderly parents, so the attentive one is favored in the will.

I don’t get the idea this is the case in your family. Whether or not your clergyman uncle made it his project to inherit everything we do not know.

In addition, you don’t say whether or not your grandparents are of sound mind. Because the old folks are not interested in discussing this, my only suggestion would be to ask your uncle, when there is an actual estate to be divided, if he’d consider letting various family have mementos that were promised.

Perhaps he could be reminded of the Good Book’s dictum that it’s better to give than to receive. — *Margo, benevolently*

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Annie’s Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I am a 22-year-old single woman and was in an exclusive relationship with “Matt” for six months.

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wouldn’t return my calls.

I dealt with the breakup as best I could. However, at my recent annual doctor’s visit, I was shocked to learn I had an STD.

How could this be? Matt and I always used condoms, and I wasn’t with anyone else before and haven’t been since.

Please explain how this could have happened. — *Devastated on Staten Island, New York*

Dear New York: While condoms are very effective, they are not foolproof and on rare occasion have been known to break and leak.

Also, STDs can be transmitted through oral sex, and some can be spread through any contact with an infected area.

The important thing is that you be treated promptly. For more information, contact the American Social Health Association (ashastd.org) at 1-800-227-8922.

Dear Annie: Last August, I gave birth to my daughter, Anna. I found out during my seventh month of pregnancy that Anna had a severe brain disorder and, at best, would be severely handicapped.

I carried to term, but sadly, Anna died two days after she was born.

I occasionally mention to people that I had a daughter, and when they find out the details it’s almost as if they write it off because she only lived for two days — as if that makes her life less meaningful.

My own family has ignored her existence. My sister commented

over Christmas that she had forgotten I’d had a daughter.

I don’t know how to respond to these people. My daughter was important to me. Is it wrong to want her to be important to other people, as well? — *Denise in Rochester, N.Y.*

Dear Denise: It’s not wrong, but you are expecting too much to think others must care as much as you do. You



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bonded with Anna for your entire pregnancy.

Others knew her for a much briefer time. When a child dies, especially so soon after birth, many people have no idea how to deal with it and they minimize the tragedy because it is easier to process.

They don’t truly understand your loss. If you have not had some type of memorial service, please consider it. And we also recommend you contact SHARE

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Support (nationalshareoffice.com) at 1-800-821-6819. Our deepest condolences.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from “Dad’s Crazy,” whose newly divorced father plans to let a young woman move in with him.

Her 52-year-old father is now single and his children are grown. While newly divorced women might take time before dating again, men who become single need to feel we can still attract a woman.

We tend to rush into intimate relationships much sooner. We can also enjoy this time without the guilt factor of thinking we are cheating.

I hope she won’t be too hard on her dad. He still loves her and his grandson, but has to deal with his divorce in his own way, which will most definitely be different from that of her mom.

This young woman may be the best thing that’s happened to Dad in a long time, even if she isn’t in it for the long haul. And I hope “Dad’s Crazy” will let her father know she still loves him, whether or not she agrees with all his new choices. — *A Man’s Point of View*

Dear Man: Thanks to all our male readers who wrote to share a man’s perspective. We, too, hope his daughter can be forgiving.

Annie’s Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie’s Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie’s Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Church News

Rx A prescription for marriage

My wife and I will soon celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. Overall, there has been happiness and peace. Oh, there have many ups and downs in our marriage. After all, we have five children. But through it all, we have stayed married and stayed in love. We have known couples who start with everything but end up with nothing, nothing but pain, failure and regret. Many are outwardly happy but inwardly miserable. So we talked about what makes our marriage successful, joy-filled, and affair-proof. Here is what we found to be some inter-related contributors to a loving, forever marriage:

Love. We always remember what attracted us to each other and how much we loved each other the day we said, “I do.” We remember it because we choose to stay in love. Love is an act of the will; emotions and feelings of good-will follow. Our love is not the same kind of love it was in the beginning; our love changes because we change. Sometimes I do things that are not very loving; in short, I’m unlovable. My wife loves me through that episode, and others before it, and probably others after. I didn’t think I could love my wife any more than I did on our wedding day, but the years have added layers to my love. With years we build memories and expectation of future memories. I can say, “I still do.”

Commitment. Many couples get married using the standard words of the marriage ceremony, words derived from an Old English marriage contract. Let me use the husband’s vows: “Will you have this woman to be your wedded wife, to live together after God’s ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love, honor, and keep her, in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, be faithful to her, so long as you both shall live?” The wife’s vows are the same. Marriage is a commitment for life. Does that mean there will be no pain? No, there will be pain. But commitment means removing the word “divorce,” the Big D, from your vocabulary. If you don’t consider the Big D as an option, it doesn’t become one, and you will work through the pain together. If you consider it an option, it becomes an option, plain and simple. Get married for life.

Covenant. This is an archaic term, but one that God still uses. A marriage covenant is between a man, a woman and God. God wants us to have a vital, strong, resilient, loving relationship centered on Him. Marriage is a picture of what He wants us to have with Him. God promises He will be with us in times of plenty and in times of pain. When God is part of the marriage, not just the ceremony but the marriage, then peace and happiness will ensue.

I can go through pain and have peace that God is still in control, that God loves me and that God will work the situation to His glory. Without God, there is no peace and no happiness. With God anything is possible. And I mean anything. God doesn’t break His promises, and woe unto anyone who breaks one with God. A bumper sticker put it this way: Know God, know peace. No God, no peace.

If you follow this prescription for marriage, you will have a strong, vital, loving marriage for life, just as God intended.

Scott Jimenez, MDiv, BCC is a chaplain at the West Texas Veterans Health Care System in Big Spring.



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Salem Baptist

Salem Baptist Church will be holding a one-day revival Sunday. Bro. David Garrett will be the speaker and song leader for both the morning and evening services. Please join us for worship in word and song. A fellowship meal will follow both services.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m., morning service is at 11 and evening service is at 6 p.m. A nursery is available for all Sunday services. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

Salem is pastored by Bro. Monroe Teeters and is located at the corner of Old Colorado City Highway and Salem Road. For more information, call 394-4655.

First United Methodist

This Sunday’s sermon topic for both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. services of worship will be “Which Jesus Do You Want?” based on Matthew 27:17. Sunday school classes for all ages are held at 9:45 a.m.

Immediately following the 10:50 service, parents and children interested in summer camp are asked to stay for a brief meeting with Brent Williams, youth director. He will have dates, costs and other pertinent information.

Orders for Easter lilies are due by March 29. Order blanks will be in each week’s bulletin and the church office.

Monday, an American Cancer Society support group called “I Can Cope” will meet in the HATS room. Our own Jill Brue will lead this group. All interested persons are urged to attend at 6 p.m.

This next week’s Lenten luncheon will be held at noon at First Christian Church. The final one will be April 1 at St Thomas Catholic Church. During this time the regular mid-week services and lunch are not being held in Garrett Hall. During Holy Week, beginning Monday, April 6, a devotional and light lunch will be served each day by our adult Sunday school classes.

A Seder meal will be served Maunday Thursday of that week. There will be subsequent information regarding all the activities for the week leading up to Easter.

“Our Hope for Amy” Relay For Life Team is organizing different fund-raisers. Sunday, March 29, the Epworth Class will have a bake sale between the two services of worship. At noon, the Pathmaker’s class will be selling Al’s barbeque sandwiches.

And on the following Sunday, the Philathea Couples class will be selling breakfast burritos. So, come hungry to church; fill your stomach as well as your soul.

Check out our new Web site, www.fumcbs.com, First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

First Baptist, Coahoma

First Baptist Church in Coahoma invites everyone to a Family Movie Night this Saturday. Our fellowship will be showing the movie “Fireproof,” which is a wonderful film featuring Kirk Cameron and Erin Bethea. The movie was a great hit in theaters last year and we are excited about sharing this film with our friends and neighbors in the Coahoma and Big Spring area.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for our youth concession stand where our church youth will be selling refreshments to raise funds for their summer activities. Everyone is invited to come and bring their family and friends. We will also be hosting a second film for the younger children in a separate part of the building so the parents can watch the movie with little interference.

This is a great film that everyone needs to see. It will have a tremendous impact on you and your family. Come join us.

All activities will be held in the church fellowship hall, located at 201 South Avenue in Coahoma. For more information, call (432) 394-4348 or (432) 394-4990.

First Presbyterian, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sundays to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger

The Frolic was held March 14. Attendance was light, but the company was enjoyable.

The Presbyterian Women of Coahoma met Wednesday at the church social hall. Linda Luce led Lesson 7 in the Bible study, “The Oppressed Are Set Free,” based on Luke 13:10-21; 14:1-6. Monika Robinson prepared the meal.

The lectionary for the fourth Sunday in Lent is Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

Bible study met at 5:17 p.m., but the youth group did not meet. Choir practice was at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Wednesday, St. Mary’s Episcopal Church offered lunch, devotional and communion. First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, will host the noon meeting March 25; and the April 1 event will be at St. Thomas Catholic Church, 605 N. Main. Everyone is invited to come and share these services for Lent.

Janet Payne is in charge of “Take Ten” refreshments Sunday.

The Session met at 6 p.m. in the church library last Monday.

The lectionary for the fourth Sunday in Lent is Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21. The choir will present “Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace,” by René Frank and “Psalm 130,” by Paul O. Manz. Rev. Bert Bronaugh’s sermon, entitled “Night Visit,” is based on John 3:14-21.

East Fourth Street Baptist

Ladies, don’t forget the seminar Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Moms, if you have a 16 -year-old daughter, she’s welcome to attend with you.

If you have registered but have not paid your check, please bring it with you to pay before the seminar begins.

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By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

East	South	West	North
1 ♦	Dble	1 ♠	Pass
Pass	?		

What would you do now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ A7 ♥ KQ98 ♦ K3 ♣ AK654
- ♠ KJ73 ♥ AQ5 ♦ 109 ♣ A1062
- ♠ K82 ♥ AK7 ♦ 6 ♣ AKQ1043
- ♠ AQ3 ♥ K92 ♦ AJ8 ♣ KQJ5

1. **Double.** This is still a takeout double, just as the previous one was. It asks partner to bid one of the two unbid suits. At the same time, the second double implies that you have values beyond those originally expressed.

A two-club bid would be wrong on two counts. First, it would not represent quite as strong a hand as the one you have. Secondly, it might also result in playing the hand in the wrong suit. Partner should be offered the chance to choose which of the two unbid suits he prefers. The one he selects will almost surely be the better trump suit for the combined hands.

2. **Pass.** You’ve already told your story, and there’s nothing more to add. Partner had a chance to respond, but turned it down. As you have no

extra values, you should pass.

Besides, the opponents are playing in your best suit and might go down, so why disturb them?

3. **Three clubs.** The jump-bid, combined with your double, indicates a very powerful hand. In effect, you’re saying that your hand wasn’t only too good for a two-club bid on the first round, but is even too strong for a two-club bid at this stage.

Three clubs invites partner to bid three notrump with a diamond stopper. If partner has as little as, say, ♠ Qx ♥ xxxx ♦ QJxx ♣ xxx, three notrump is virtually assured, and he should bid it since you have promised a hand containing eight or nine sure tricks.

4. **One notrump.** Although this may appear to be a sizable underbid (you have 20 points), the realities of the situation indicate that partner has a miserable hand. There isn’t much left for him to have when you hold half the deck in high cards and both opponents have already bid.

This time, as contrasted with the distribution and high cards you held in the first problem, you’re lacking the requisite trump support that a second double would imply. The suggested notrump bid does not stop partner from making a suit bid if his hand warrants it.

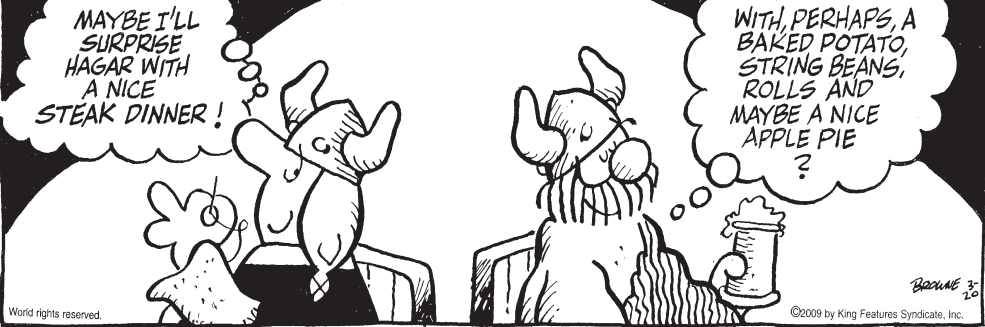
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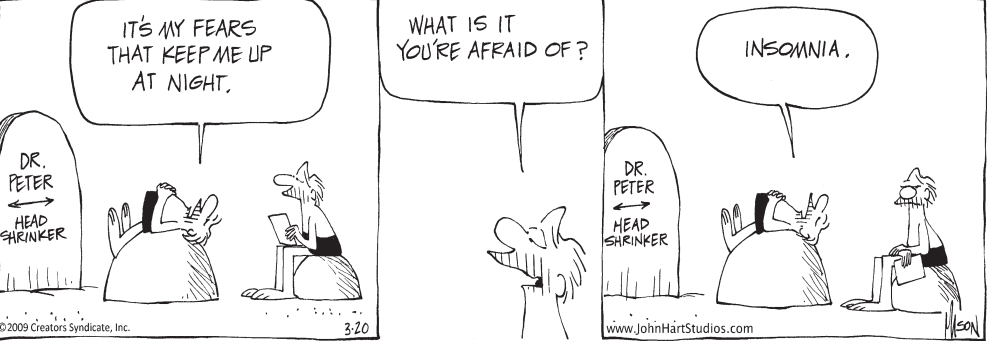
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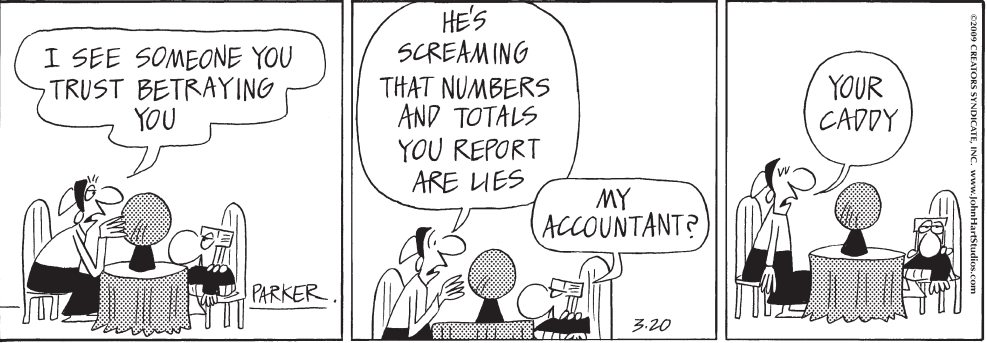
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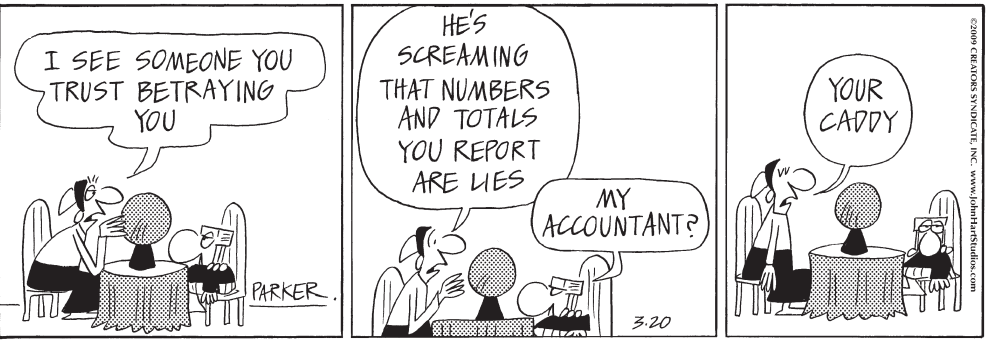
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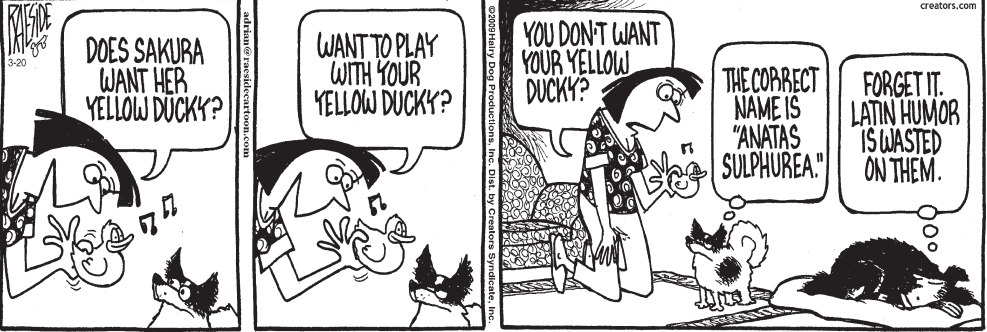
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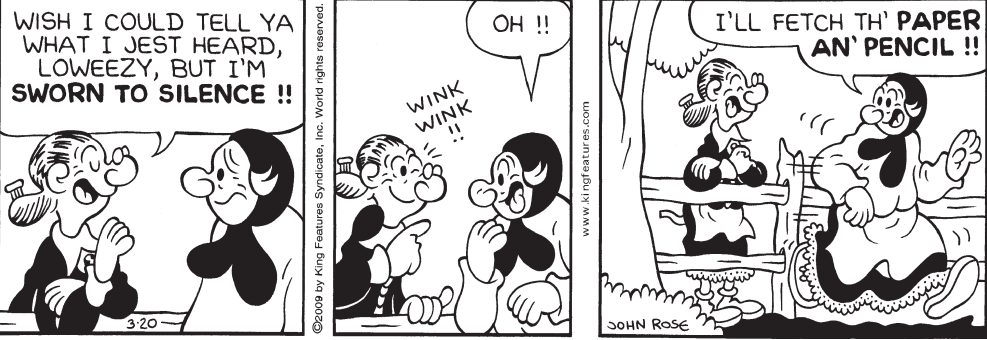
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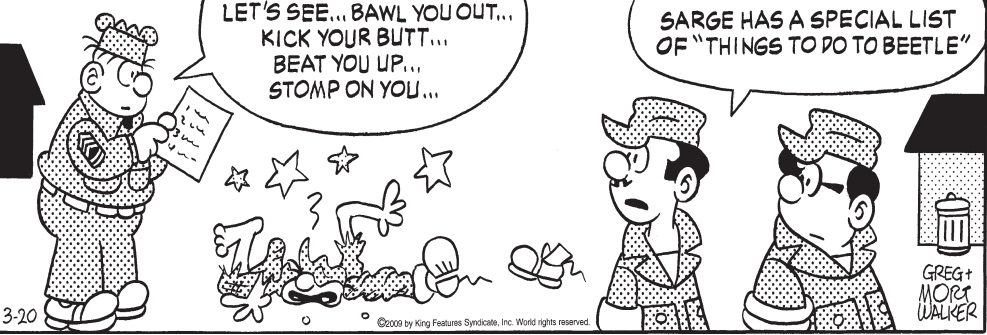
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 20, the 79th day of 2009. There are 286 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 20, 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte returned to Paris after escaping his exile on Elba, beginning his "Hundred Days" rule.

On this date:

In 1413, England's King Henry IV died; he was succeeded by Henry V.

In 1727, physicist, mathematician and astronomer Sir Isaac Newton died in London.

In 1828, poet-dramatist Henrik Ibsen was born in Skien, Norway.

In 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's influential novel about slavery, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was first published in book form after being serialized.

In 1899, Martha M. Place of Brooklyn, N.Y., became the first woman to be executed in the electric chair as she was put to death at Sing Sing for the

murder of her stepdaughter.

In 1956, union workers ended a 156-day strike at Westinghouse Electric Corp.

In 1969, John Lennon married Yoko Ono in Gibraltar.

In 1977, voters in Paris chose former French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac to be the French capital's first mayor in more than a century.

In 1985, Libby Riddles, of Teller, Alaska, became the first woman to win the Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race.

In 1995, in Tokyo, 12 people were killed, more than 5,500 others sickened when packages containing the poisonous gas sarin were leaked on five separate subway trains by Aum Shinrikyo cult members.

Today's Birthdays: Producer-director-comedian Carl Reiner is 87. Actor Hal Linden is 78. Former Canadian prime minister Brian Mulroney is 70. Country singer Don Edwards is 70. TV producer Paul Junger Witt is 66. Country singer-musician Ranger Doug (Riders in the Sky) is 63. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Bobby Orr is 61. Blues singer Marva Wright is 61. Blues singer-musician Marcia Ball is 60. Actor William Hurt

is 59. Rock musician Carl Palmer (Emerson, Lake and Palmer) is 59. Rock musician Jimmie Vaughan is 58. Country musician Jimmy Seales (Shenandoah) is 55. Actress Amy Aquino is 52. Movie director Spike Lee is 52. Actress Theresa Russell is 52. Actress Vanessa Bell Calloway is 52. Actress Holly Hunter is 51. Rock musician Slim Jim Phantom (The Stray Cats) is 48. Actress-model-lifestyle designer Kathy Ireland is 46. Actor David Thewlis is 46. Rock musician Adrian Oxaal (James) is 44. Actress Liza Snyder is 41. Actor Michael Rapaport is 39. Actor Alexander Chaplin is 38. Rocksinger Chester Bennington (Linkin Park) is 33.

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- Pip
- Like some fans
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- Go too far on the boards
- Wear well
- Was generous
- Of timbre
- Part of NASCAR
- Lovers of Greek mythology
- Barrister's wear
- Strapped
- Key Largo star
- Scurry
- Word of resignation
- Put up with
- Hat for Ataturk
- Assist with a crisis
- Electrical unit
- Restraints
- Simile center
- Venerable
- Abutting
- Martin's car partner
- Diminutive suffix
- From media advertisers
- Give a summons to
- "Round up the usual suspects" speaker
- Water color

- Bellicose
- Olympian
- Sister of Urania
- Absolute requirement
- Pain in the neck
- Crenshaw, for one
- Toll road

DOWN

- Starfleet journal
- Jazz home
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- Spreadsheet worker
- Vend
- Mixed with
- Role for Craig
- Leaning ltr.

- Take-out order
- Mercury, for one
- Diploma word
- Bedtime reading
- Barn bird
- Battery terminal
- __ California
- Grad
- Summer place
- Horned viper
- Hard
- Barracks furniture
- Exclamation of admiration
- Rouse
- Punch ingredient?
- Part of QED

- Founder of Stoicism
- Shackles
- PBS benefactor
- Office machine
- "No fooling!"
- Hold on the mat
- Greek vowel
- BMI rival
- Skyline sight
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Ephesians 3:17-18

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and all things happen just
as he decided long ago.

Ephesians 1:11

NCAA

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Mississippi State (23-13), which reached the NCAAAs for the sixth time in eight years.

South Regional North Carolina 101, Radford 58

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Tyler Hansbrough took quick care of his latest record pursuit, then helped North Carolina advance in the NCAA tournament without one of its star playmakers — guard Ty Lawson. Hansbrough set the Atlantic Coast Conference career scoring mark in the opening minutes and finished with 22 points South Regional’s top seed another easy tournament opener in its home state. The Heels improved to 26-1 in NCAA games played in North Carolina and advanced to face LSU on Saturday.

LSU 75, Butler 71.

Butler has put together quite a few upsets in recent NCAA tournaments. Marcus Thornton scored 30 points to keep LSU off that list. Tasmin Mitchell had 14 points and Chris Johnson added 12 for the Tigers (27-7), seeded eighth in the South Regional. They shot 49 percent against

one of the nation’s toughest defenses in advancing to Saturday’s second round against North Carolina.

Michigan 62, Clemson 59

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Manny Harris scored 21 points and Michigan stymied Clemson with its 1-3-1 defense, then survived a late scare in its first NCAA tournament game in 11 years. The Wolverines (21-13) showed little sign of nerves in their first NCAA game since a booster scandal rocked the program in the 1990s, handling — for the most part — Clemson’s frenetic press to move onto the second round.

Oklahoma 82, Morgan State 54

A dominant Blake Griffin had 28 points and 13 rebounds and survived an ugly fall that got another player ejected as Oklahoma rolled. Griffin missed most of two games because of a concussion he sustained on Feb. 21. The second-seeded Sooners (28-5) lost those two games and four of their last six before stumbling into the NCAA tournament.

Gonzaga 77, Akron 64

PORTLAND, Ore. — Josh Heytvelt scored 22 points — seven during a decisive late run — and the Bulldogs

rallied to get past determined but ultimately overwhelmed Akron. Micah Downs added 15 points for fourth-seeded Gonzaga (27-5), which won for the 19th time in 20 games. The Zags are in their 11th consecutive NCAA tournament. Gonzaga faces Western Kentucky on Saturday.

Western Kentucky 76, Illinois 72

PORTLAND, Ore. — Western Kentucky, which made an unexpected run in the NCAA tournament last year, pulled off another first-round upset. Steffphon Pettigrew had 17 points to lead 12th-seeded Western Kentucky (25-8), which led by as many as 17 points but had to hold off a late charge by the fifth-seeded Illini (24-10). It was the 19th time in the last 21 years that a 12 seed has beaten a No. 5.

East Regional Duke 86, Binghamton 62

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Jon Scheyer scored 15 points to lead six players in double figures, and the Blue Devils made Binghamton’s first appearance in the NCAA tournament a quick one. Lance Thomas added 14 points and Gerald Henderson and Nolan Smith added 13 apiece for the Blue Devils (29-6), the No. 2 seed. They shot 49

percent, put the game away with a huge run to open the second half and advanced to a second-round matchup with seventh-seeded Texas on Saturday. Villanova 80, American 67 PHILADELPHIA — Dwayne Anderson and Dante Cunningham each scored 25 points, and Villanova rallied back from a 14-point hole. The third-seeded Wildcats (27-7) lost their home-court advantage and nearly lost the game, needing a late 19-2 run in the East Regional to fend off the Patriot League champions. The Wildcats play UCLA Saturday.

UCLA 65, VCU 64

Darren Collison pressured VCU’s Eric Maynor into a missed 17-foot jumper at the buzzer and the sixth-seeded Bruins held on to beat the Rams. Josh Shipp scored 16, Jrue Holiday had 13 and three other Bruins (26-8) scored in double figures. Maynor led Virginia Commonwealth with 21 points. The Rams (24-10) from the Colonial Athletic Association were a popular pick to pull off a 6-11 upset against the Pac-10 powerhouse — even President Barack Obama circled VCU in his bracket. But UCLA wasn’t ready to go home.

RODEO

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Jake Ward won the long-go in the team roping with a 6.2 second run. After a leg penalty in the short-go, he finished sixth in the round and fifth in the average with his team roping partner Tel Flewelling of Eastern New Mexico University. Cody Samora found himself in third place after the long-go of bull riding competition with an 86-point ride. Unable to hang on for the full eight seconds in the short-go, Samora came up with a third place finish in the average. For the Lady Hawks, Jana Jasper was the only one to see short-go action

in more than one event. Jana qualified to the short-round in barrel racing, finishing fifth in the short and seventh in the average and also qualified to the short-round in team roping. Kelly Murphy led the Hawk women for the weekend with a second-place finish in the barrel racing. Murphy posted a 16.77 run for fifth in the long-round and a 16.86 was fast enough for second in the short-go. March 12-14 found the Hawks in Canyon at West Texas A&M University for their second outing this spring. Calvin Brevik posted a 9.6 second run in the tie-down roping to finish sixth in the long-round of competition. Brevik tied his short-round calf in 9.9 to win second in the round and finish second in the aver-

age. The weekend performance has moved Brevik to the top 5 in tie-down roping standings. Ryan Viva continued to hold on to the No. 1 spot among Southwest Region steer wrestlers. Viva posted times of 6.1 and 6.0 to finish third in the average for the week-end. Jake Ward again found himself atop the leaderboard in the team roping with a 6.4 second run in the long round of competition. A no-time in the short-round took Ward and partner Tel Flewelling (ENMU) out of contention for a place in the average. Cody Samora saw short-round competition after marking 76 points to finish 10th in the long-go. Unfortunately, Samora was just shy of the whistle in the short round. Nikki Richmond finished the week-

end in twelfth place among her barrel racing peers to lead the HC women’s team. The rodeo team has several members at the top in standings with the men’s team currently sitting in fourth place in the tough Southwest Region. Individual standings are as follows: Ryan Viva, first, steer wrestling; Calvin Brevik, fourth, tie-down roping and 13th, steer wrestling; Wacey Cody, seventh, bareback; Cole Carpenter, 12th, tie-down roping; Codee Reynolds, 10th, tie-down roping; JW Townsend, seventh, tie-down roping; Jake Ward, ninth, tie-down roping; Cody Samora, third, bull riding; Shane Esco, 15th, bull riding; Kelly Murphy, 11th, barrel racing. The Hawks will be in action next March 26-28 at Odessa College.

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Woman, God's feminine design

Through the years, I have shared my views and thoughts about the family and home life in churches, seminars, and private gatherings and I am often asked questions pertaining to the role of women in today's society. With this in mind, I want to address some of my personal beliefs regarding true womanhood, all based from the Bible.



JERRIE STOCKS

In today's world, it seems that everywhere you turn society has a message to the women. Fashion magazines, TV, billboards along the highways, and movies are all using different words and images to communicate the same message, and the message is this: If you are truly a modern, successful woman then you must strive for perfection, both physical and professional, and you must be independent.

Personally, I believe these sources are giving mixed signals and have a flawed view of the place and priority of women in today's world. The feminist agenda attacks

the values of the Christian and biblical home, insisting that women do not need men or a family holding her back in her race for success. But years later, these same women often find themselves alone and unhappy, longing to love and be loved.

Dr. Jeannie Enstrop, professor of sociology at the University of Massachusetts, said "We should demand that the ancient occupation of motherhood fall into disrepute and that women commit themselves to other occupations." She went on to say, "Women must be liberated to enjoy the fruit of other occupations, whether they want to or not."

She considers motherhood to be enslavement and insinuates that a woman cannot be successful if she has a committed marital relationship.

However, it is obvious that Dr. Enstrop does not understand that her beliefs in no way line up with biblical teachings regarding women.

In contrast to what society is communicating to women today, the Bible has a different message — the true message of womanhood. God has elevated the position of womanhood and given every woman a place of honor, respect, and near reverence in the Christian home and the

work place, as well.

Our relationships as men and women are not based upon envy or imitation, but rather in recognition that our roles and responsibilities in life are different but of equal value.

God created man and woman distinctly and uniquely wonderful. Every woman is far superior to a man ... at being a woman, and man is far superior to a woman ... at being a man.

We were created with different responsibilities, roles and personalities.

When God created woman, the Bible says, "He fashioned her with His own hands as a helpmate to the man." She was never meant to be his competitor, but his completer. Each and every woman created by God is the only one of her kind, and the same holds true for man. I like the way the Living Bible phrases it. When Adam woke up, and saw the woman, he said, "This is it! You did it right, God," and ladies, when God made you, He did it right. In His eyes, you are a valuable treasure.

If you are a woman reading this column, you may be asking yourself what it takes to be a happy and successful woman in today's world. How do I live differently from what society tells me?

What is my true place in the world and in my home?

I think the 31st chapter of Proverbs holds the answer. God gives us a model of true womanhood for every woman, both married and single. If, however, you are single and desire to marry, you must first be the right person before you can find the right person.

When we, as men and women, cultivate character in our lives, we will attract those of like character and commitment.

Proverbs 31:10-12 tells us what God is saying to women who desire to be successful in their homes in today's world. "Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. The heart of her husband safely trusts her, so he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil all the days of her life."

In verses 28-31, it says, "Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praises her. Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates." These verses give us three essentials that make up

the profile of a truly successful woman.

The woman described in Proverbs 31 is a woman of value. A Christian woman is of inestimable value to her husband. She is a treasure no one can buy. Since man is described in the Bible as the head of the home, Proverbs describes the woman as the crown and the glory of that home. Proverbs 12:4 says, "An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones."

A crown symbolizes dignity and strength, not something to be tread upon.

This woman is a valuable treasure that God has given to her husband. What makes a woman valuable? It is her Christ-likeness and virtue. If more women today maintained virtue and a Christ-like attitude, they would walk in the dignity and strength they deserve.

If you are wondering what gives a woman that quality, verse 30 is the key. It says, "Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised."

This is the dignity and strength all women secretly desire.

(To be continued next week.)

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CHURCH NEWS

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also, don't forget to sign up to work with our VBS June 22-24, as well as the Colorado mission trip in July. We are eager to hear the outcome of the mission trip to Reserve, La. We know there were some souls saved and a lot learned in doing all that work. God bless each one who was a part of that mission.

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Wednesday, March 24, at 5:30 p.m., the confirmation class will be led by Bobby Roever. A simple meal will be served at 5:45 p.m. prior to the Lenten service at 7 p.m.

April 5, we will celebrate Palm Sunday. April 10, we will have Good Friday services and on Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Mark your calendars and join us for any of these activities.

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For those looking for a church home, we invite you to visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane, two blocks north of the 700 loop on the left. Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children's church is during the morning worship for children ages 3-12. A nursery is provided. For a ride to services, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. for ages 3 to adult. You will find a friendly church, good Bible preaching along with choir and quartet singing. Midweek service is 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Stella Lee will celebrate her 100th birthday in our fellowship hall at 2 p.m. Saturday. She invites you to come and help her celebrate.

In the fellowship hall there will be a ladies meeting Saturday at 10 a.m. The men will have a breakfast at 9 a.m. along with a workday to get ready for the Preachers Fellowship we plan to host Tuesday, April 7.

Tuesday, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. will be our senior saints game night and fellowship.

For further information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

St. Paul Lutheran

The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is to serve Jesus Christ in word and deed, through the power of the holy spirit, proclaiming the love of God so that everyone may have eternal life.

St. Paul is located at 810 Scurry. We are led in worship at 9 a.m. by Pastor Wayne Frost. Adult, youth and children's Sunday school classes follow at 10:15

a.m.

Our congregational monthly dinner will be held Sunday, March 29.

Operation On Going Support for our troops continues through March. Suggested items include Gold Bond Foot Powder, small Kleenex packages and small to medium packages of trail mix. You can also donate to the AT&T Phone Card Fund. This allows our troops to call home. Items can be dropped off at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Small group Bible study classes are available for anyone wishing to attend. You may contact the church office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 267-7163.

The Lutheran Hour radio program is presented at 7:30 a.m. Sunday on 1070 FM. This is always full of good news and worship for listeners.

Special worship services in celebration of the Lenten season are April 9, Maundy Thursday, at 7 p.m. and April 10, Good Friday, at 7 p.m.

Baptist Temple

During March, Baptist Temple is having its own version of "The Biggest Loser." During our Sunday morning worship, we are looking at different desires and behavior patterns that all of us need to lose. This Sunday, we will be focusing on "Losing My Need To Sit and Not Serve."

This week, we are starting a weight-loss support group. It meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Baptist Temple fellowship. There is no cost and it is open to anyone interested in attending.

We have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sundays. Our worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. We also have activities for all ages Wednesdays at 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Our 12-Step Recovery program meets 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. We are taking a short break from it but will re-start in a few weeks.

For more information, call us at 267-8287 or check us out on the Web at btcbigspring.org.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church welcomed its new interim pastor, Chris Rodriquez, with a luncheon immediately following the Sunday morning worship service. Pastor Rodriquez comes to us from Midland and will be with us until June.

Sunday morning worship is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages beginning at 9:30 a.m. Bible

study is the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. Both groups meet at the church.

The Sunday school discussion for the adult class will be "Prophecy New Life," taken from Ezekiel 37:1-14 and will be led by Shelia Welch.

The March Angel Food distribution will be March 28 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Once again, we welcome all of our volunteers and say a great big thanks. This non-qualifying food ministry could not continue without the help of the many volunteers, not only from our community, but from the surrounding communities.

The \$30 food box will feed a family of four for one week and a senior citizen for one month.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church is at 2702 N. Birdwell and welcomes anyone wishing to serve the Lord by sharing and telling of his love through local mission work. for more information, call 267-2203 or 267-3241. Please leave a message.

First Church of the Nazarene

New and exciting things are happening at First Church of the Nazarene! Our new pastor, the Rev. Calvary Callender, wife Ceresa and daughter Morgan joined our family in March. We invite you to come and hear anointed, vision-oriented messages each Sunday morning.

Classes and activities for all ages keep Wednesdays and Sundays fun and uplifting. There is a place for everyone, from newborn to mature adult, to experience God's love; so come check us out.

Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. A fellowship time with coffee and donuts begin at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday evening classes begin at 6:30 p.m. with your choice of studies including "Highway to Holiness" study or a look through the book of John.

Prime Timers join together mature adults the first Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall Join in the fun again April 5.

Sunday at 10 a.m., children from age 4 through

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MEN IN BLACK

1st Annual Steak, Bean and Pie-Off
March 28 at Trinity Baptist Church
Parking Lot

\$50 entry fee for steaks
(we provide the steaks)

\$10 entry fee for beans and/or pie

Plates will be sold after judging

1st place gets a BIG trophy and bragging rights!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO RELAY FOR LIFE!

Contact Stephanie at **816-7171**
to register or for more info

Register by March 21

TEXASTONE QUARRIES SUPPORTS RELAY FOR LIFE!



TexaStone Rockers were top fund-raisers in 2008 for the Howard-Glasscock County Relay for Life. So come see us on Saturday, March 21, 2009 from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m., for our Stone and Scrap Sale, all proceeds go to the AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY. Call for Details 432-354-2569.

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How to handle a sorehead

The community just west of the Crossroads boasts of being the home of 3,000 friendly people and a few old soreheads. I've often wondered what questions the census takers might have asked to separate the friendly folks from the soreheads. Is there some kind of test to determine sorehead status? Do the grumpy folks have "sorehead" stamped across their drivers licenses? Is there a website that gives the names and addresses of the soreheads?

The truth is that every town has a few soreheads, and they don't have

to be pointed out. Everybody knows who they are. The soreheads yell at barking dogs and laughing children. They don't like anybody's loud music except their own. They post no-trespassing signs on their gates and drop trash in other people's yards. They complain about the weather whether it's hot or cold. They fuss about dry spells and get mad about being cooped up inside when it rains.

Soreheads hate paying taxes, and they never make charitable contributions. They don't like the mayor, the governor, or anyone else who holds an elected office. They blast the church for being full of hypocrites and criticize the schools for not doing their job. They have an opinion about everything, but they do nothing to im-

prove things. They write scathing letters to the editor about the injustices in the world and write off the efforts of those who try to befriend them.

There must have been some soreheads in Nazareth where Jesus grew up because He gave his disciples some advice about how to handle them. In the Sermon on the Mount, He said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:43-44 NASB).

Who knows what might happen when we start praying for the soreheads in our community. They probably won't change much, but we might learn to love them.



Risks of premarital SEX

A special youth praise service

Are those few minutes of pleasure worth the risk or consequences?

Now that I have your atten-

tion and curiosity churning, would you like to know what I am talking about? I am referring to teenage premarital sex.

Did you know that more than half of all teenagers have experienced premarital sex? And one out of every three sexually active teenagers has a sexually transmitted disease. Even condoms are not fool-

proof. Three out of every 10 condoms are defective.

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you and your youth to attend our March Youth Praise Service to learn about the risks of teenage premarital sex. Registered Nurse and Family Nurse Practitioner Kim Shafer will present, "Telling It Like It Is," at 6 p.m. March 28, at Cornerstone Covenant Church, at 706 E. 12th, Big Spring.

Talking to teenagers about sex is not easy. But talking to them about sex and the disturbing possible effects of

having sex is even harder. Kim Shafer, R.N., F.N.P. has a factual program to help better inform teenagers. This lecture is based on biblical scripture and geared to give a real life understanding of the risks and possibilities that can and do come with teenage premarital sex.

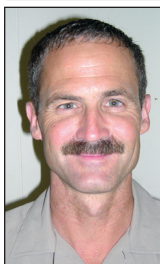
Let this be an opportunity to inform and educate your youth on a subject that is unfortunately not discussed in depth in society today.

Not only is this an excellent informative and educational opportunity for teenagers, but it is also an opportunity

for local youth to gather in Christian fellowship. This is not about religion, denomination or even gaining members. The ultimate goal is serving our one true God and equipping teenagers with the right tools to help them make favorable choices.

For more information or questions, please feel free to contact Cornerstone Covenant Church at (432) 264-0015.

—Ron Alton is the youth minister at Cornerstone Covenant Church.



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the 6th grade can join in Discipleship Junction. Wednesday evening classes for children include Benson Buddies for Pre-K and kindergarten; Caravan, a midweek scouting ministry for children Pre-K through fourth grade; Busy Bees News Gang, for fifth and sixth grade, includes producing a monthly church newsletter.

Youth, seventh through 12th grade enjoy Bible study, fun and fellowship in Youth Explosion with Pastor Cal.

Infants through 3 years old are cared

for in our nursery/toddler classroom Sundays and Wednesdays.

Hispanic opportunities include: Sunday at 5:30 p.m, Casa de Restauracion is brought to light by Pastor Felix.

A Community Easter Egg Hunt is planned Saturday, April 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 2-10 at the Old Settlers Pavilion in the Park. Activities include games, inflatable bounce house, face painting and prize eggs. Parents must be present. Free hot-dogs will be served. Sign up begins at 9:30 a.m.

Get your motorcycle washed and ready because Biker Sunday is coming back May 3 to First Church of the Nazarene.

If you have any questions, call or e-mail us at 267-7015 or Church@nazfamily.org.

First Baptist, Big Spring

Did you know that today is the first day of Spring? The rain last week was certainly an answer to all the prayers we have been praying, wasn't it?

We are going to be honored to have two of our church members bringing the messages Sunday prior to the arrival of our pastor March 29. David Spence will preach in the morning and Dennis Etheredge will be bringing the evening sermon.

After the morning worship, the girls from the Girl's Auxiliary will prepare lunch. They'll be serving lasagna, Caesar salad, French bread and dessert. The girls and their families are bringing all types of desserts to be auctioned at the end of the meal. Proceeds from this fund-raiser will go toward GA camp this summer. We'd love for you to come support these girls.

March 29 is the day. The Rev. Mark Lindsey will be here for his first Sunday at FBC. That evening at 5, we're going to have a talent fair in the Family Life Center. It's going to be a great evening of entertainment. Our new pastor may be joining the performers. Why don't you come and see for yourself?

Exciting days are ahead for First Baptist Church. Come and grow God's kingdom with us.

First Christian

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent. The message "God's Light" is based on the Epistle lesson Ephesians 2:1-10. Worship begins at 10:50 a.m. and will feature the baby dedication of Helen Kennedy Johnson, daughter of Brandon and Courtney Johnson.

The season of Lent is traditionally the time for preparing candidates for Holy Baptism, one of the most sacred acts in the Christen faith. As Disciples of Christ, we practice baptism by immersion, although we recognize, respect and honor other baptism tradition. Individuals interested in baptism are invited to attend a special class starting this Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at the church. Each class session will last about one hour and they are aimed at being baptized Easter Sunday morning.

Our youth has invited other youth groups to join them on Sunday evening, March 29, in an event called Meet@ the Spring. Teens are invited to come together for a community service project contest starting at 5:30 p.m.

In addition, there will be a light supper, along with singing and prayer for your community, the nation and the world.

We are also beginning the process of registering young people for church camp this year. Last year, we sent 12 young people to our various church camps at the Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center.

Please contact the church at 517-4812 for more information and registration forms.

We are delighted to be the next host of the Big Spring community Lenten Luncheon series. Join us on Wednesday, March 25, for an easy lunch and brief devotional by our pastor Ken McIntosh.

Finally, you are invited to our weekly 5:39 Sunday Night Camp Meeting, an informational time of singing, testimonies and prayer led by our elder Bob Rainwater.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood meeting and breakfast is this Saturday, March 21, beginning at 8 a.m.

Our evening Lenten soup supper and lesson will be Wednesday, March 25, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web-site at www.st.marysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

East Side Baptist

Come join us for a time of worship this Sunday. We begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Our family worship is at 10:45 a.m. and our afternoon service begins at 1:45 p.m.

This Sunday afternoon we will be showing the film "The Fly Wheel." Come be a part of a great and growing church.

A nursery is provided for regular services for those younger than 4 years old. "Kings Kids" ages 6-12 and teens meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday and Bible study is at 7 p.m. East Side Baptist is located at 1108 E. Sixth St. For more information, call 267-1915.

Chapel of Faith

Are you looking for a church where you can come and relax while hearing the word of God? If so, Chapel of Faith is the place for you. Our Sunday worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Joel Miller or Associate Pastor Scott Willis bring a message from the Bible and relate it to our daily living. It is an informal atmosphere where we welcome babies and children into the sanctuary or there is a nursery available, if the parents prefer. We have a coffee room usually stocked with cookies or donuts.

We are looking for a piano and/or organ player for Sunday services. This is for one hour each week with an occasional special program in the evening. If you are interested in finding out more, call 267-4082.

Chapel of Faith is located on the corner of E. 14th and Goliad. Services are each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with a time of fellowship before the service. So come early, have refreshments and visit with us.

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